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Arizona lawmakers undo 1864 abortion ban

In state Legislature, two GOP senators join Democrats to OK repeal

By Anita Snow and Morgan Lee
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona Legislature approved a repeal of a long-dormant ban on nearly all abortions Wednesday, advancing the bill to Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs, who is expected to sign it.

Two Republicans joined with Democrats in the Senate on the 16-14 vote in favor of repealing a Civil War-era ban on abortions that the state's highest court recently allowed to take effect. The repeal bill narrowly cleared the Arizona House last week.

Hobbs said in a statement that she looks forward to quickly signing the repeal into law.

"The devastating consequences of this archaic ban are why I've called for it to be repealed since day one of my administration," she said.

"Arizona women should not have to live in a state where politicians make decisions that should be between a woman and her doctor," Hobbs continued. "While this repeal is essential for protecting women's lives, it is just the beginning of our fight to protect reproductive health care in Arizona."

The action in Arizona came the same day as a ban on most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women even know they are pregnant, went into effect in Florida.

The new Florida ban has an

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Looking toward a May to remember

A busy May in Chicago includes Craig Counsell's return to Milwaukee, two draft lotteries — and no break from the Bears.

Paul Sullivan in Chicago Sports

Pritzker's office still skeptical of stadium

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office called the Bears' \$4.7 billion stadium proposal "non-starter" after Wednesday meeting. **Chicagoland, Page 3**



University of Chicago police watch from a short distance as students and community members gather at an encampment on campus Wednesday in support of Gaza and the Palestinian people. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago campuses stay peaceful amid protests

City's Jewish community calls for action on hate speech

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

After weeks of area college students protesting the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza as part of a nationwide movement, leaders of Chicago's Jewish community responded Wednesday by demanding action against hate speech as a group of Northwestern students filed suit against their school for allowing protests there to become "increasingly hostile to Jews."

Meanwhile, seven members of Northwestern's President's Advisory Committee on Preventing Antisemitism and Hate stepped down to protest the university's agreement with protesters. The agreement outlined a plan intended to allow demonstrations to continue while preventing the chaos and occasional violence that has engulfed other campuses across the country.

"These encampments are not intended to support peace or even peaceful dialogue," Rebecca Weininger, assistant regional director of advocacy for the ADL Midwest said at a downtown news conference



Chicago Jewish leaders and community members gather Wednesday at the Chicago Loop Synagogue to demand informed debate and protections for students at sit-ins and protests at local universities and CPS schools. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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INSIDE: Counter-protesters "forcefully" attacked pro-Palestinian encampment at UCLA early Wednesday and activists clashed with police at University of Wisconsin. **Nation & World**

with other Jewish leaders Wednesday afternoon. "They are platforms for antisemitism and their participants threaten and harass Jewish students." The unnamed plaintiffs

in the lawsuit filed in Cook County Circuit Court accused Northwestern of fostering a "dystopic cesspool of hate" by

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Several US pro-Palestinian gatherings have turned violent

By Rebecca Johnson, Zareen Syed, Sarah Macaraeg and Jeremy Gerner
Chicago Tribune

Surrounded by a makeshift food center stocked with hot meals, a donation table and an arts and crafts corner on the University of Chicago's Hyde Park campus, Andrew Basta said the school's pro-Palestine protest has been a "beautiful" and "peaceful" part of nationwide campus activism.

The fourth-year student has been inside the encampment at the U. of C.'s Main Quadrangle for more than two days.

That doesn't mean Basta isn't worried about police intervention or repression of the sort he said he's recently seen at other college campuses. In fact, he expects it.

"This university has, for its entire history, been last to change, and has refused to support students and workers," Basta said. "There's definitely a high chance they repress students and bring in a violent

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Construction equipment near the area of the former Graue Mill dam on April 11 in Oak Brook, as part of the Fullersburg Woods and Salt Creek Restoration projects. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Historical, environmental interests clash at Graue Mill

Removal of dam part of effort to improve river ecosystems across state

By Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

Hydrologist Stephen McCracken has dedicated his career to conserving river ecosystems. But no project would consume more of his life than the historic Graue Mill dam.

In 2007, he surveyed the murky waters surrounding the Oak Brook structure. Within a few years, he was certain that the dam — adjacent to the 172-year-old mill — was the culprit of the river's deteriorating ecosystem.

"It was pretty clear that the dam had a significant impact on both water chemistry and on aquatic

biodiversity," McCracken said. It should have been a relatively simple project: Dozens of dams have been quietly removed across Illinois amid environmental and safety concerns. Instead, it took over a decade.

A group of determined community members believed the dam was an integral piece of the Graue Mill. To remove it was to strip away a historic hallmark in the village, they argued.

Meanwhile, McCracken and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County were determined to remove the impoundment. Both sides were unrelenting.

"It's a benchmark in the landscape," said Erik Neidy, director of natural resources for the Forest Preserve District. "But we also

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