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DUELING PROTESTS

Pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel activists argue while members of the Chicago Police Department stand between the two groups outside a pro-Palestinian encampment at DePaul University in Chicago on Sunday. A group organized by the Chicago Jewish Alliance had gathered in the morning to rally in response to the encampment, which was set up Tuesday at DePaul. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

WAR IN GAZA

Hamas says latest peace talks over

Outlook dims as Israel warns of military operation coming

By **Josef Federman and Kareem Chehayeb**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The latest round of Gaza cease-fire talks ended in Cairo after “in-depth and serious discussions,” the Hamas militant group said Sunday, reiterating key demands that Israel again rejected. After earlier signs of progress, the outlook appeared to dim as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to resist international pressure to halt the war.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant claimed that Hamas wasn’t serious

about a deal and warned of “a powerful operation in the very near future in Rafah and other places across all of Gaza” after Hamas attacked Israel’s main crossing point for delivering badly needed humanitarian aid, killing three soldiers.

But Israeli media reported that U.S. CIA Director William Burns, a main mediator in the talks, would meet with Netanyahu on Monday. An official familiar with the matter said Burns will travel to Israel after meeting with the prime minister.

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U. OF C. ENCAMPMENT

Jewish organizers explain significance of Shabbat service

By **Ahmed Ali Akbar**
Chicago Tribune

After a tense day of protests, counterprotests and increased university police presence on the University of Chicago’s Main Quadrangle, the sun began to fade Friday evening and the Jewish holy day of Sabbath began.

Within the encampment established by the University of Chicago United for Palestine coalition, about 50 Jewish students and

faculty and community members sat down on a blue tarp among tents and kaffiyehs to observe a planned prayer service. One challah was decorated with a Palestinian flag in seeds and herbs; the ceremonial “wine” (grape juice) was chosen because it was not made in Israel. Palestinian flags and hand-made posters with slogans protesting genocide hung from trees. As they prayed,

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Prairie Band gets win: ‘Fight was not in vain’

Feds’ recognition of tribal sovereignty marks milestone in push to regain land

By **Kate Armanini**
Chicago Tribune

When Potawatomi Chief Shab-eh-nay left his home in present-day DeKalb County to visit his family in Kansas, he returned just weeks later to seized lands. The U.S. government had illegally auctioned off the 1,280-acre reservation.

“They said he abandoned his land and sold it,” said Joseph Rupnick, the chairman of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

The generational trauma of the past 175 years weighed heavily on Rupnick, Shab-eh-nay’s fourth great-grandson. And it remained at the forefront of his mind April 19 when he signed a deed placing 130 acres of that land in trust — a bureaucratic process that grants Prairie Band sovereignty in the territory.

It means for the first

time in nearly two centuries, Illinois is home to a federally recognized tribal nation.

“All those years of fighting, and trying to get folks to see the injustice that was done, actually is starting to make change,” Rupnick said. “It’s kind of surreal.”

The designation marks a long-awaited victory in the tribal nation’s fight to recover its ancestral home. When the land is placed in trust, the legal title is transferred to the U.S. government, which will hold it on behalf of Prairie Band and establish tribal governance. It opens up a string of benefits including tax credits and land use exemptions.

Prairie Band first purchased a piece of the acreage in the small village of Shabbona in 2004 and another swath of farmland in

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INSIDE

City cancels Cinco de Mayo parade

The Cinco de Mayo Parade in Little Village was canceled out of an “abundance of caution” Sunday after Chicago officials responded to reports of shots fired along the parade route. **Page 5**

Trump trial spotlights scandals

Across nine witnesses and two weeks of testimony, jurors in former President Donald Trump’s trial have been treated to hours of mesmerizing courtroom theater. **Nation & World**

Bystanders’ new role: Chroniclers

A deadly shootout in North Carolina illustrated how smartphone-wielding bystanders don’t always run for cover when bullets start to fly. **Nation & World**



Naadia Beswick reads a book with her daughter, Eden, 6, while her husband, Aaron Beswick, reads a book with their son, Isaiah, 2, on Independent Bookstore Day on April 27 at 57th Street Books in Chicago. **VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago area’s independent bookstores bouncing back

Revival a boon to authors, readers

By **Rebecca Johnson**
Chicago Tribune

Renting out a Lincoln Park brownstone for \$200 may be considered unusual, but a 300-year-old vampire who wears three-piece suits and enjoys Taylor Swift music wouldn’t know

any better. After all, he has also been imprisoned in a vampire dungeon in Naperville.

The fantastical scenario is the brainchild of Jenna Levine, who wrote the part-romance, part-paranormal novel set in Chicago while stuck at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Levine watched “What We Do in the Shadows,” a documentary-style comedy

series chronicling the lives of four vampires in Staten Island, and thought it could use a touch of romance.

Last year, just in time for Halloween, her debut novel, “My Roommate Is a Vampire,” was published, fulfilling a lifelong dream, she said.

Lots of things helped get the book into readers’

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