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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

Some ignore revoked gun licenses

State says it doesn't know if up to 84K who had to surrender firearms did so

By Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

More than 112,000 Illinois residents have been deemed too dangerous to own guns, but the state doesn't know if 84,000 of those people still

have them, according to a new analysis by the Cook County sheriff's department. The number lays bare a public safety risk that authorities have warned about for years, as the state remains unable to ensure

that people surrender their weapons after their firearm owner's identification cards have been suspended. And despite several deaths at the hands of gunmen with revoked FOID cards, the number of unchecked revokees continues to grow. Between October 2023 and March 2024, the state's total number of

noncompliant revoked gun licenses grew by more than 1,000, according to the study. Felony indictments are the most common reason for a resident's card to be revoked, followed by mental health concerns and domestic violence-related infractions.

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Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office displays some of the weapons confiscated from revoked firearm owner's identification cardholders in the last year, but thousands more could still have access to guns, he says. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



A Chicago police officer tells a pro-Palestinian protester to move while guarding the entrance to the quad at DePaul University on Thursday. VINCENT ALBAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Police dismantle DePaul camp



Workers take down tents as protesters continue to chant after police cleared a pro-Palestinian encampment on DePaul University's Lincoln Park quad. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Relief in Gaza: The Pentagon said Thursday that humanitarian aid will soon flow into Gaza through a new pier, and it will reach those in need almost immediately. **Nation & World**

Pro-Palestinian protesters cleared on college's order

By Kate Armanini, Nell Salzman and Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police dismantled DePaul University's pro-Palestine encampment Thursday morning after administrators signed a complaint alleging trespassing by the protesters, officials said. On Saturday, university leaders said they had reached an impasse in negotiations with protest organizers but did not intervene. The encampment, erected April 30, had been Chicago's last-standing university demonstration against the ongoing war in Gaza. Around 100 tents were on the university's main quad in Lincoln Park. Encampments were previously erected at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

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Gaza-focused DNC march won't apply for city permit

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

The organizers of many of Chicago's biggest pro-Palestinian rallies are planning a march during this summer's Democratic National Convention — and vowed Thursday not to apply for a city protest permit. Leaders of the Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine held aloft their permit application and ripped it in half outside City Hall, hours after Chicago police cleared a Gaza protest encampment at DePaul University in a confrontation with students there. Organizers said they had planned to seek approval to hold their march, but the DePaul clash convinced them it was pointless to try to cooperate with city officials. “CPD messed it up today. So because

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At Trump hush money trial, defense presses Cohen on past lies

By Michael R. Sisak, Jennifer Peltz and Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's lawyers accused the prosecution's star witness in his hush money trial of lying to jurors,

portraying Trump fixer-turned-foe Michael Cohen on Thursday as a serial fabulist who is bent on seeing the presumptive Republican presidential nominee behind bars. As Trump looked on, defense attorney Todd Blanche pressed Cohen for

hours with questions that focused as much on his misdeeds as on the case's specific allegations and tried to sow doubt in jurors' minds about Cohen's crucial testimony implicating the former president. Blanche's voice rose as he interrogated Cohen

with phone records and text messages over Cohen's claim that he spoke by phone to Trump about the hush money payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels that is at the heart of the case, days before wiring her lawyer \$130,000. Blanche said that was a

lie, confronting Cohen with texts indicating that what was on his mind, at least initially, during the phone call were harassing calls he was getting from an apparent 14-year-old prankster. Cohen said he believed he also spoke to Trump about the Daniels deal.

“We are not asking for your belief. This jury does not want to hear what you think happened,” Blanche said, his voice growing even louder, prompting an objection from the prosecutor. The heated moment was

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