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Homes in the Thorngate subdivision in Riverwoods are across Saunders Road from the Baxter Deerfield campus. Residents from Thorngate banded together this year to combat the sale of Baxter to Bridge Industrial, which planned an industrial complex on the site with perhaps hundreds of trucks coming and going each day. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Logistics sprawl gets met with opposition

Neighbors pushing back over concerns about noise, pollution

By Brian J. Rogal  
Chicago Tribune

North suburban resident Jeremy Baker was alarmed when he heard that an industrial developer wanted to transform an office campus next to his Riverwoods subdivision into a warehouse and logistics center with hundreds of

trucks coming and going each day. “It was going to be a freight complex,” said Baker, who lives in the Thorngate community with his family. “Like many other people, I became concerned, and showed up at a homeowners association meeting for the first time in 13 years of living here.”

Opposition from Baker and other residents, who packed a local high school gym in May when site designs for the project were shown at a public meeting, ultimately quashed the plan. In September,

health care giant Baxter International withdrew its plan to sell the site to Bridge Industrial for redevelopment. Baxter decided instead to keep using the 101-acre office campus between Riverwoods and Deerfield as its headquarters.

With redevelopment no longer moving forward, debate over the future of the site has subsided. But the controversy offers a glimpse into the types of battles that could take shape in the future as sites are

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## Palestinians flee offensive in Gaza Strip

Israeli forces widen lethal assault, issue Hezbollah warning

By Wafaa Shurafa,  
Samy Magdy and Lee Keath  
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Palestinian families fled Wednesday from the brunt of Israel’s expanding ground offensive into Gaza’s few remaining, overcrowded refuges, as the military launched heavy strikes across the center and south of the territory, killing dozens, Palestinian health officials said.

On foot or riding donkey carts loaded with belongings, a stream of people flowed into Deir al-Balah — a city that normally has a population of around 75,000. It has been overwhelmed by several hundred thousand people driven from northern Gaza as the region was pounded to rubble.

Because U.N. shelters are packed many times over capacity, the new arrivals set up tents on sidewalks for the cold winter night. Most crowded onto streets around the town’s main hospital, Al-Aqsa Martyrs, hoping it would be safer from Israeli strikes.

Still, no place is safe in Gaza.

Israeli offensives are crowding most of the population into Deir al-Balah and Rafah at the territory’s southern edge as well as a tiny rural area by the southern coastline. Those areas continue to be hit by Israeli strikes that regularly crush homes full of people.

Israel has said its campaign in Gaza is likely to last for months, vowing to dismantle Hamas across the territory and prevent a repeat of its Oct. 7 attack into southern Israel.

Benny Gantz, a member of the country’s three-man War Cabinet, said the fighting “will be expanded, according to need, to additional centers and additional fronts.”

He and other Israeli officials

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## Man survives 6 days in wrecked truck

Matthew R. Reum, of Mishawaka, Indiana, had been trapped in his truck since Dec. 20, when he went off the road and survived on rainwater until he was rescued, Indiana State Police said.

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## Michigan court hands Trump a win

The state’s Supreme Court will allow Donald Trump to appear on the state’s ballot in February, giving the former president an important victory in the legal battle over his eligibility to return to the White House.

**Nation & World**



Juan, a 7-year-old migrant from San Juan del Rio, Mexico, pushes a cart outside a shelter near the 2300 block of South Halsted Street where 5-year-old Jean Carlos Martinez Rivero died Dec. 17 after a medical emergency. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Johnson, fellow mayors press feds for assistance

Leaders of Chicago, New York, Denver join to say cities at ‘breaking point’ in migrant crisis

By Caroline Kubzansky  
Chicago Tribune

Amid a recent uptick in asylum-seekers from the southern border arriving in Chicago, New York and Denver, the mayors of the three cities Wednesday renewed their collective call for the federal government to step up resources as the cities near a “breaking point” in coping with the crisis.

In a first-time joint appearance Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, New York City Mayor Eric Adams and Denver Mayor Mike Johnston repeated a set of requests all three have been making for months.

They asked the U.S. government to boost funding to cities and states receiving newcomers and to expedite their permits. They said border states needed

■ Migrants arrived on two buses at a Naperville Metra station and then boarded trains to downtown Chicago, officials say. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

to increase communication with receiving cities and called for a “coordinated entry system” among destination municipalities and states.

The repeated requests from

the mayors, directed in part at President Joe Biden, a fellow Democrat, have so far been met with minimal success. But the mayors re-upped their request as 2023 was coming to a close and the number of migrants arriving in the three cities has increased in recent weeks, so much so that Johnson said Chicago is once

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## Creating a community to tackle growing climate anxiety



Auburn Gresham neighborhood resident Carolyn Vazquez calls on a child as she teaches kids about things they can do to help fight climate change, during a presentation at Lawndale Christian Community Learning Center on Friday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Mental health, environmental experts host ‘Climate Cafés’

By Adriana Pérez | Chicago Tribune

Ten years ago Beth Beyer’s youngest child walked out to Lake Michigan on a mild winter day and cried.

The Lincoln Park resident thought her son would be excited about spending time outdoors, but the seventh grader was distraught thinking about what the unseasonably warm weather meant for the world and its climate.

“I was like, ‘Wow, you’re taking this in a way that I had no idea,’ ” Beyer remembers saying.

Since, Beyer’s advocacy and nonprofit work has allowed her to keep her “ear to the ground” and share what she learns from other environmentalists with her two sons to ease their eco-conscious minds.

Beyer is the executive director of The Technology Alliance, which makes new

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