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## Texas' grid operator told a power plant to delay repairs ahead of a May heat wave. It was among six that crashed.

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## FDA clears COVID booster shot for healthy kids ages 5 to 11

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

FILE - A nurse holds a vial of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, right, and a vial of the vaccine for adults, which has a different colored label, at a vaccination station in Jackson, Miss., Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis, File)

U.S. regulators on Tuesday authorized a COVID-19 booster shot for healthy 5- to 11-year-olds, hoping an extra vaccine dose will enhance their protection as infections once again creep upward. Everyone 12 and older already was supposed to get one booster dose for the best protection against the

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## Officials Release Names of those Killed in Racist Buffalo Massacre

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent



Among the victims in the Buffalo shooting was a former police officer, and 11 of the 13 killed or injured were Black.

The victims of the racist massacre at a Buffalo, New York supermarket have been identified and their ages range from 32 to 86.

Avowed white racist Payton Gendron allegedly put together a 180-page manifesto that revealed his

hatred for Black and Jewish people and the “replacement theory” ideology that Fox News often speaks of, notably hosts Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham.

Additionally, several Republican politicians have

spouted the racist “theory,” saying that Democrats’ immigration policies would “replace” GOP voters with individuals of color.

New York Republican Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and Ohio GOP hopeful JD Vance recently

have been outspoken in supporting “replacement theory.”

Stefanik used the concept in her 2021 campaign ads saying, “radical Democrats are planning their most

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## Mayor Johnson's statement on the Dallas Police Department's investigation of potential hate crimes

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson released the following statement Friday after Police Chief Eddie Garcia announced the investigation of potential hate crimes in the city:

“The possibility that we are dealing with a violent gunman who is motivated by hate is chilling and deeply disturbing. I am grateful to Police Chief Eddie Garcia and the Dallas Police Department for their work investigating these cases. And I want our city's Asian American community — which has appallingly faced increasing vitriol in recent years — to know that the City of Dallas and the people of Dallas stand with them. Hate has no place in our

city. This gunman must be arrested swiftly and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. I encourage anyone with any information on these crimes to contact the Dallas Police Department immediately and to work with us to stop these senseless acts of violence.”

In addition, the Mayor's Anti-Hate Advisory Council released the following statement:

“We offer our unwavering support to all the individuals impacted by this act of hate and stand in solidarity with the Asian American community. We will continue to work alongside Mayor Eric Johnson, the Dallas Police Department, the

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## Abortion Rights Activists Swarm National Mall, Other Locations

Written by Stacy M. Brown

Thousands of demonstrators gathered in Washington, D.C., and in cities around the country to rally for abortion rights in the wake of the

leaked U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

The groups at the National Mall and other



locations included men, women and children who

chanted, sang, and voiced their displeasure over the high court's draft opinion, and abortion bans and restrictions that have cropped up in many Republican-led states.

“Far-right Republicans have hijacked Washington, DC, and we need to elect leaders at the state level who will protect and defend abortion access,” Democratic Attorneys General Association co-chairs Aaron Ford of Nevada, and Kathy Jennings of Delaware wrote

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## Rental Assistance Program Application Period End and Portal Closure

DALLAS - The City of Dallas Rent Relief Program will be ending the current application period and closing its Rent Assistance Program application portal to new applications on May 22, 2022. The Rent Relief

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## Online diary: Buffalo gunman plotted attack for months

By CAROLYN THOMPSON, MICHAEL R. SISAK and ERIC TUCKER

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The white gunman accused of massacring 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket wrote as far back as November about staging a livestreamed attack on African Americans, practiced shooting from his car and traveled hours from his home in March to scout out the store, according to detailed diary entries he appears to have posted online.

The author of the diary posted hand-drawn maps of the grocery store along with tallies of the number of Black people he counted there, and recounted how a Black security guard at the supermarket confronted him that day to ask what he was up to. A Black security guard was among the dead in Saturday's shooting rampage.

The diary taken from the chat platform Discord came to light two days after 18-year-old Payton Gendron allegedly opened fire with an AR-15-style rifle at the Tops Friendly Market. He was wearing body armor and used a helmet camera to livestream the bloodbath on the internet, authorities said.

He surrendered inside the supermarket and was arraigned on a murder charge over the weekend. He pleaded not guilty and was jailed under a suicide watch. Federal authorities

are contemplating bringing hate crime charges.

Copies of the online materials were shared with The Associated Press by Marc-André Argentino, a research fellow at the London-based International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence.

A transcript of the diary entries was apparently posted publicly sometime ahead of the attack. It was not clear how many people might have seen the entries. Experts said it was possible but unlikely the diary could have been altered by someone other than the author.

The FBI's top agent in Buffalo, Stephen Belongia, indicated on a call with other officials Monday that investigators are looking at Gendron's Discord activity, citing posts last summer about body armor and guns and others last month in which he taunted federal authorities. Belongia gave no details in the call, a recording of which the AP obtained.

But in an April 17 post apparently by Gendron, he exhorted readers to kill agents from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Messages seeking comment were left with Gendron's lawyers. No one answered the door at his



Attorney Benjamin Crump, right, accompanied by the family of Ruth Whitfield, a victim of shooting at a supermarket. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

family's home.

The violence spread grief and anger in Buffalo and beyond.

Former Buffalo Fire Commissioner Garnell Whitfield Jr., who lost his 86-year-old mother, Ruth Whitfield, in the shooting, asked how the country could allow its history of racist killings to repeat itself.

"We're not just hurting. We're angry," Whitfield said at a news conference with civil rights attorney Ben Crump and others. "We treat people with decency, and we love even our enemies."

"And you expect us to keep doing this over and over and over again — over again, forgive and forget," he continued. "While people we elect and trust in offices around this country do their

best not to protect us, not to consider us equal."

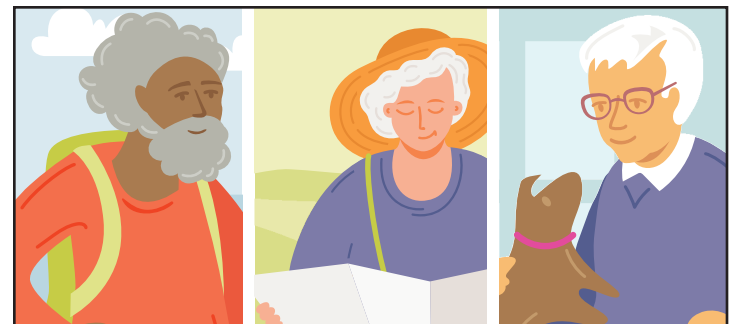
The victims also included a man buying a cake for his grandson; a church deacon helping people get home with their groceries; and a supermarket security guard.

The online diary details a March 8 reconnaissance visit the writer made to Buffalo, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) from Gendron's home in Conklin, New York.

Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia said at a news conference that there was information indicating Gendron was in Buffalo in March, but Gramaglia declined to say more.

The commissioner said numerous investigators are

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## "PETER'S AMAZING ENCOUNTER WITH CORNELIUS' HOUSEHOLD"

Acts 10: 28-48



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In our lesson today, I was so impressed with the Lord's sovereign movement in the affairs of men! God used the visions of both Cornelius, a Roman centurion of Caesarea, the Roman capital of Judea, and Simon Peter, a leading apostle of Jesus Christ, to set the stage for the Gospel to be shared in the household of Cornelius.

In verses 24-29, we are given the account of Peter's arrival to

Cornelius' house. Cornelius, a Gentile, had a large influence on his family and friends. Peter finally meets Cornelius and Cornelius must have felt that Peter was very important, for verse 25 states that Cornelius fell at Peter's feet and worshipped him. However, Peter being very straightforward, responded to Cornelius in this manner - "But Peter took him up, Saying, Stand up; I myself

also am a man" (v. 26). After going into Cornelius' house, Peter related that he understood well what his vision of the sheet meant: God had instructed him not to call any man unclean (v. 28)! It is also a great lesson for us in this dispensation of grace. We are all sinners and we are all savable. We are only saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). In answer to Peter's ques-

tion as to why he was called from Joppa to Cornelius' house in Caesarea (v. 29), Cornelius rehearsed his encounter that he had with an angel (vv. 30-33). In his vision, he was instructed by an angel to send for Peter who was lodging in the house of Simon by the seaside. Cornelius was definitely obedient to what was asked of him and now his household will be the recipients of Peter's mes-

sage to them (v. 33).

After Cornelius' rehearsal of his vision, we note that Peter will present his message to Cornelius' household (vv. 34-43). In sharing the general life of Christ, Peter's main focus was the Gospel, telling the household of Cornelius that Jesus died and was raised the third day (vv. 39-40). He went on to stress that those who believe the message, God would grant remission of sins (v. 43).

In verses 44-48, we see Peter's astonishment of God's work of salvation among the Gentiles. This incident is call the Gentile Pentecost! Peter was astonished that the Gentiles should receive the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the Holy Spirit

was seen by their speaking in tongues.

The tongues were evidence to Peter and his company that God would save the Gentiles and give to them the Holy Spirit just like He did to the Jews at Pentecost! This incident teaches a great lesson: any man or woman who places his or her faith in the finished work of Christ is saved and therefore is justified before God, for Romans 5:1 states: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Finally, it is to be noted that after these Gentiles were saved, they were baptized in water (Vv. 47-48)

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### Buffalo shooting leaves neighborhood without a grocery store

By PIA SARKAR and NOREEN NASIR

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Tops Friendly Market was more than a place to buy groceries. As the only supermarket for miles, it became a sort of community hub on Buffalo's East Side — where you chatted with neighbors and caught up on people's lives.

"It's where we go to buy bread and stay for 15, 20 minutes because if you just go in for a loaf of bread, you're going to find four or five people you know, we're going to have a couple of conversations before you leave," said Buffalo City Councilman Ulysees O. Wingo, who represents the struggling Black neighborhood, where he grew up. "You just feel good because this is your store."



## Racism Lives! Racism Kills!

Op-Ed Written by Dr. James Dixon, II

Our hearts are broken for the families of the thirteen people shot of which ten people were killed in the mass shooting in Buffalo, NY. According to his now public manifesto, entitled "The Great Replacement," the killer, Payton Grendon was inspired by recent hate crime incidents such as, the mass murder at Emmanuel A.M.E. Church in South Carolina, a synagogue attacked in Pittsburg, the Walmart massacre in El Paso, Texas, and a white man who targeted Mosques in New Zealand killing fifty-one people. Our prayers are with you!

The alarm sounds again. This time it is Buffalo, New York. The evil system of American racism continues to produce soldiers of mass death, like the 18-year-old killer, Payton Grendon. Hopefully, this is a resounding alarm to us, that in our cities, towns, states and nation, there is an unidentified rabid army of covert

cowards who threaten our national security. These are homegrown terrorists. Many of these demented disciples feel justified by perverted interpretations of the Bible that is preached in many churches. For them, hating and killing Black people, and others whom they deem less than human, is a demonstration of what I call, 'Perverved Patriotism.'

The Bible is the sacred Book of Christians. Similarly, the U.S. flag is the sacred banner of the Republic- United State of America. Both of these sacred items have been desecrated by white supremacists who raise them high in the spirit of hateful and extremist violent ideology. How long will a deaf ear be turned to the rhetoric of hate and fear mongering that fuels the movement of human degradation and oppression? According to their own admission, they are committed to preserving a "white only" power struc-

ture, by the elimination of Blacks, by any means necessary.

Parents, Faith leaders, Elected leaders and Media influencers have a definite responsibility. Not only should you condemn racist shootings, but racist sayings, racist policies, and racist propaganda must be confronted and condemned. Every American faith leader, whether a preacher, minister, or teacher, especially our white clergy colleagues, should vigorously condemn every expression of bigotry, discrimination, and racist ideology. Perpetuating and protecting racist systems indoctrinate misguided psychopaths who eventually carry out these missions of deadly force. Those who are silent are complicit, and complicity is consent. Consent gives confirmation to this wickedness. Shouldn't your voice be God's voice?

It is urgent that people of faith lead a movement of

love and mutual respect. Can't we see that our narrow political power agendas are incapable of producing a civil and safe society? Our collective aim and commitment should be creating what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the "Beloved Community." The question is, do we have the courage to love ALL our neighbors as ourselves. Whether it is in a pulpit, behind a desk, wearing a badge, holding a gavel, or waving a flag, racist rhetoric crates a culture of hate and undermines democracy.

"Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black, and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." If Payton Grendon had learned this song, ten people would still be alive.

Dr. James Dixon, II is Presiding Bishop Kingdom Builders Global Fellowship Houston NAACP President.

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newest coronavirus variants -- and some people, including those 50 and older, can choose a second booster.

The Food and Drug Administration's authorization now opens a third shot of Pfizer's vaccine to elementary-age kids, too — at least five months after their last dose.

There is one more hurdle: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must decide whether to formally recommend the booster for this age group. The CDC's scientific advisers are scheduled to meet on Thursday.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech make the only COVID-19 vaccine available for children of any age in the U.S. Those ages 5 to 11 receive one-third of the dose given to everyone 12 and older.

Whether elementary-age children need a booster has been overshadowed by parents' outcry to vaccinate even younger tots, those under 5 -- the only group not yet eligible in the U.S. Both Pfizer and rival Moderna have been studying their shots in the youngest children, and the FDA is expected to evaluate data from one or both companies sometime next month.

For the 5- to 11-year-olds, it's not clear how much demand there will be for boosters. Only about 30% of that age group have had the initial two Pfizer doses since vaccinations opened to them in November.

But Pfizer's vaccine "is effective in helping to prevent the most severe consequences of COVID-19 in individuals 5 years of age and older," said FDA vac-

cine chief Dr. Peter Marks "A booster dose can help provide continued protection against COVID-19 in this and older age groups."

In a small study, Pfizer found a booster revved up those kids' levels of virus-fighting antibodies -- including those able to fight the super-contagious omicron variant -- the same kind of jump adults get from an extra shot.

While the coronavirus is more dangerous to adults than to children, youngsters can get severely ill -- and more than 350 children ages 5 to 11 have died, according to CDC's count.

Adding to public confusion, the CDC estimates 3 out of every 4 U.S. children of all ages have been infected with the coronavirus since the pandemic's start -- many of them during the winter omicron wave. Still, health authorities urge vac-

cination even in people who've previously had COVID-19, to strengthen their protection.

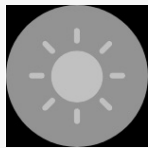
With subtypes of omicron now spreading, the U.S. is averaging about 91,000 cases reported a day, compared to about 57,000 just two weeks ago. That's a small fraction of the infections seen during the brutal winter surge -- but experts also say it's a vast undercount as testing has dropped and at-home tests often aren't reported.

Vaccination may not always prevent milder infections, especially as omicron and its siblings are better than some prior variants at slipping past those defenses. But health authorities agree the vaccinations continue to offer strong protection against the worst outcomes of COVID-19, including hospitalization and death.

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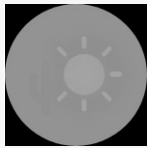
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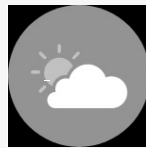
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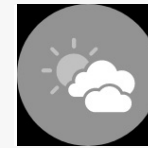
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## Curry, Thompson ready to lead Warriors vs surprising Mavs

By JANIE McCAULEY



Dallas Mavericks head coach Jason Kidd, left, talks with Mavericks guard Jalen Brunson during the second half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series against the Phoenix Suns Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in Phoenix. The Suns won 110-80. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Many months ago and well before he returned to the court from an injury absence of more than 2 1/2 years, Klay Thompson made a bold proclamation: “It’s championship or bust.” Thompson, Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors are one step closer to having a chance to make good on those words as they prepare to tip off Game 1 of the Western Conference finals against the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

“I love the moments. I love the pressure. I love playing basketball at the highest level,” Thompson said.

He certainly looks like his old self this postseason after returning in January. Thompson had been sidelined since the 2019 NBA Finals, when he tore the ACL in his left knee during the deciding Game 6 against

champion Toronto and had surgery. He was working his way back when he tore his right Achilles tendon and underwent another operation.

Thompson can’t wait to lead the Warriors into the best-of-seven series against the surprising fourth-seeded Mavericks, who took down top-seeded Phoenix 123-90 in the deciding seventh game of their series Sunday.

“They’re obviously playing at a really high level. They have a lot of guys that have shined this playoff run,” Curry said.

A year ago, Giannis Antetokounmpo had his breakthrough moment on the playoff stage leading Milwaukee to a title, and now this might be Luka Doncic’s time to do so for Dallas.

“Honestly, I never expected to be here. I’m living my best life. This is a dream,” Doncic said

Tuesday. “Before Game 7, I was thinking this might be my last game of the NBA season. But I wasn’t ready. I wanted to play basketball. Tomorrow, another basketball game that I will enjoy.”

Warriors coach Steve Kerr, whose Warriors reached five straight NBA Finals from 2015-19, knows what his team is up against.

“He’s a really unique player and clearly one of the very best players in the league. I think the ability to shoot the step-back 3 and also get to the rim and pass the ball so well makes him a really difficult cover,” Kerr said.

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The Dallas defense certainly presents a challenge for the Warriors’ high-powered offense.

The Suns shot at least 50% in their first eight playoff games before Dallas held Phoenix under that mark the final five games.

The Suns shot 24% in the first half of Game 7 while falling behind by 30.

The Mavericks also held Phoenix to its three lowest-scoring games, regular season included, in the series: 103-94 in Game 3, 113-86 in Game 6 and 123-90 in Game 7.

Dallas was second to Boston in fewest points allowed per game during the regular season, the highest finish in franchise history. The Celtics finished at 104.5 and the Mavs at 104.7.

### “WE BELIEVE” TEAM REMEMBERED

The teams haven’t met in the playoffs since coach Don Nelson’s “We Believe” Warriors team of 2007 led by Baron Davis upset the top-seeded Mavericks in six games — stunning Nowitzki and Co. in one of the biggest shockers in NBA history after Dallas had lost in the 2006 NBA Finals to the Heat.

Golden State ended a franchise-worst 12-year playoff drought that season and won a best-of-seven series for the first time in 31 years.

The Warriors became only the third eighth seed to upset the No. 1 and the first since the opening round went from best-of-five to the current format. The Denver Nuggets (1994) and the New York Knicks (1999) were the other teams.

“I just remember the energy, I didn’t really know much about Dub Nation at the time or what was going on out here in the Bay,” Curry said. “I was at Davidson. You could just tell how electric the building was coming through the TV.”

## Ringling Bros. announces comeback tour without animal acts

By FREIDA FRISARO

MIAMI (AP) — “The Greatest Show on Earth” is making a comeback featuring extraordinary humans and no animal acts five years after shutting down its three-ring circus, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey announced Wednesday.

Talent teams have already conducted auditions in Argentina, Mongolia, Ethiopia, France and the United States, with more than 1,000 performers applying to join a 50-city North American tour starting in September 2023, and international dates to follow, according to the owner of the historic circus, Feld Entertainment.

“For us, Ringling is about bringing the world’s talents to people’s hometowns,” the chief operating officer, Juliette Feld Grossman, told The Associated Press in an interview. “We are entertainment for everyone and it’s important that everyone who comes to the show finds something and someone that they can really connect and relate to.”

The company heard from many fans after ending its 146-year run five years ago following intense criticism over its use of circus animals, and has considered their comments while reimagining how to “keep the franchise fresh and alive,” she said.

In the new production, audiences will become “co-collaborators” with the performers, bringing them closer to the action and creating a different experience with every show, she said.

Ringling also wants to “tell the personal stories of

the performers,” she said.

“Our performers dedicate their lives to doing oftentimes risky, very technically challenging and athletic performances, and they do it because they are passionate about it,” she said. “And we want our audience to know more about them to understand how they trained, where they came from, what inspired them to create and develop this particular skill.”

The circus took down its tents after years of declining ticket sales as customers became conflicted about its treatment of circus animals. Costly court battles led to the end of elephant acts in 2016. People for Ethical Treatment of Animals praised the “animal-free revamp” in a statement Wednesday.

Since the closure, it became clear that the circus still “holds a special place in people’s hearts,” Feld Grossman said.

“Any time I meet someone and I tell them something about what I do, they tell me their personal story about Ringling and the first time they went, or the most memorable time that they went. That’s something that confirms to us, that validates that we have something special here,” she said.

“It’s going to be really special for parents to bring their children and to bring the grandparents as well, and to have that continuity across generations of enjoying a kind of entertainment that has been around for so long but still speaks to today.”

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working to obtain and review Gendron’s online postings.

“There’s a lot of social that’s being looked at, or that’s being verified, captured,” Gramaglia said. “Some of that takes warrants that have to be served on various social media platforms.”

The author of the diary talked about checking out targets including the Tops Friendly Market and said a security guard asked what he was doing after his second visit of the day. He gave an excuse about collecting data and soon left — “a close call,” he wrote.

A 180-page document

purportedly written by Gendron said the attack was intended to terrorize all non-white, non-Christian people and get them to leave the country. Federal authorities said they are working to confirm the document’s authenticity.

Gendron had briefly been on authorities’ radar last spring, when state police were called to his high school for a report that the then-17-year-old had made threatening statements.

Belongia, the FBI agent, said Gendron had responded to a question about future plans by saying that he wanted to commit a murder-suicide.

A December Discord post that Gendron apparently

made said he had given that answer to a question about retirement in an economics class and ended up spending “one of the worst nights of my life” in a hospital.

Gramaglia said Gendron had no further contact with law enforcement after a mental health evaluation that put him in a hospital for a day and a half. On the call with Belongia, Gramaglia said state police “did everything within the confines of the law” at that time.

It was unclear whether officials could have invoked New York’s “red flag” regulation, which lets law enforcement, school officials and families ask a court to order the seizure of guns from people consid-

ered dangerous.

Federal law bars people from owning guns if a judge has determined they have a “mental defect” or they have been forced into a mental institution. An evaluation alone would not trigger the prohibition.

At the White House, President Joe Biden, who planned a visit Tuesday to Buffalo, paid tribute to the slain security guard, retired police officer Aaron Salter.

Salter fired repeatedly at the attacker, striking his armor-plated vest at least once before being shot and killed. Biden said Salter “gave his life trying to save others.”

Authorities said that in addition to the 10 Black

people killed, three people were wounded: one Black, two white.

Zeneta Everhart said her son, supermarket employee Zaire Goodman, was helping a shopper outside when he saw a man get out of a car in military gear and point a gun at him. Then a bullet hit Goodman in the neck.

“Mom! Mom, get here now, get here now! I got shot!” he told his mother by phone. Goodman, 20, was out of the hospital and doing well Monday, his mother said.

In livestreamed video of the attack circulating online, the gunman trained his weapon on a white person cowering behind a checkout



Suspect Payton Gendron Photo Credit (Erie County D.A.’s. via AP)

counter, but said, “Sorry!” and didn’t shoot. Screenshots purporting to be from the broadcast appear to show a racial slur against Black people scrawled on his rifle.



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*Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums:*

## Appropriate Responses to Anger



Dr. Joyce Willard Teal

Parents: please be aware that your child will learn how to respond to anger by observing how you respond to your anger. When you become angry, how do you react? Do you become cynical and overreact? Do you yell? Do you hit your children? Think about how your parents responded to their anger when you were a child. Perhaps you have a hard time dealing with anger because your parents didn't know how to deal appropriately with it.

We all become angry at times. Anger is a natural human emotion, one of the numerous responses we can express when we are frustrated and prevented from doing something we want to do. Anger is a universal emotion and there is nothing

wrong with feeling angry. But it becomes a problem when we deal with feelings of anger in ineffective and/or destructive ways.

Childhood experiences and your inborn temperament will influence the way parents express anger and teach their children to manage anger. It is imperative to recognize anger as a signal, an indication that a goal or outcome is being blocked and that frustration is building. How you, the parent, learn to respond to this signal will determine ultimately whether you manage your anger or whether your anger manages you. The same holds true for your child.

In response to anger, some blame others for the source of their problem. Is this you? If you do this, your child will probably do this. Some use anger as fuel to drive and justify what they view as a necessary response. Is this you? Again, if this is you, this will also be your child's way of dealing with his or her anger. Recall that anger response is learned behavior, and since our children learn by observing what we do, it is a natural expecta-

tion that your child will model your anger responses.

Anger is best viewed as a signal to take action rather than a sign of unfair treatment. Since anger begins as an emotion of varying intensity, it can be experienced as a mild irritation or as an unbearable frustration. Children can be both impulsive and inflexible, and at the extreme end, anger often leads to fury and rage. As with other emotions, anger is accompanied by physical and biological changes in the body: increase in heart rate and blood pressure. Levels of some hormones increase, such as adrenaline. This leads to other physical changes in the body.

Some researchers have suggested that aggression in response to anger may be instinctual. They believe that anger may be a natural adaptive response to stress, allowing people to respond to a perceived threat and defend themselves. Consequently, a certain amount of anger is likely necessary for survival, even in our complex, civilized society. But when defense occurs in the absence of true

provocation, anger becomes a liability.

Some children are born more likely to be irritable and easily angered, and these symptoms are usually observed at an early age. Other children behave this way because they live in households in which the models to whom they are exposed are models of poor anger management. Some children experience both risks, leading to a significant probability that they will struggle to learn to manage anger effectively.

Your primary goal as a parent is to help your child express anger in an assertive rather than an aggressive manner. This means he is neither to be pushy or demanding, but learn to be a respectful advocate for himself. This also means that he learns to cope with, not simply suppress his anger. There are steps parents can take to help their children deal more comfortably, effectively and adaptively with anger, and the first step is to serve as appropriate models for your own children.

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## Texas' grid operator told a power plant to delay repairs ahead of a May heat wave. It was among six that crashed.

Climate change and other factors are shortening the window when aging Texas power plants can make repairs to run at full strength in hot summer months.

BY MITCHELL FERMAN

On Thursday, Texas' power grid operator told at least one power plant to delay its scheduled repairs and keep operating to help meet demand during hotter-than-expected May weather.

The next day, the plant went offline anyway when some of its equipment stopped working properly, according to energy giant Calpine, which owns the plant. Calpine declined to identify the plant.

By just after 5 p.m. Friday, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas announced that six power plants had gone down unexpectedly and asked Texans to turn up their thermostats to 78 degrees for the weekend and avoid using large appliances during the hottest

hours of the day to reduce strain on the power grid.

"We had a scheduled major maintenance outage beginning Friday, May 13, but it was cancelled by ERCOT on May 12," a Calpine spokesperson said in a statement, adding that May is a "shoulder month" during which power generators historically take power plants offline to do repairs and maintenance during cooler weather.

But this month has been warmer than most Mays of the past decade, leading to higher electricity demand and causing ERCOT to scramble to keep as many plants operating as possible.

Several other power plants broke down Friday and couldn't produce elec-

tricity after agreeing — at ERCOT's request — to postpone planned maintenance shutdowns, said Michele Richmond, who represents power plants across the state as executive director of the Texas Competitive Power Advocates.

That contradicts what the grid operator said Friday, when an ERCOT spokesperson told The Texas Tribune that maintenance delays did not cause any of the six power plant failures. On Tuesday, an ERCOT spokesperson said he was checking on whether power plant repair delays requested by ERCOT led to Friday's plant outages.

ERCOT's public statement said that "six power

generation facilities tripped offline resulting in the loss of approximately 2,900 MW of electricity" — enough to power more than 580,000 homes. "At this time, all reserve generation resources available are operating."

Texans can expect to see hotter temperatures in the coming decades because of climate change, which will put more pressure on the state's aging power plants.

"This story has been edited for length."

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aggressive move yet: a permanent election insurrection."

Vance, a Donald Trump-endorsed candidate, recently ratcheted up the rhetoric.

"You're talking about a shift in the democratic makeup of this country that would mean we never win, meaning Republicans would

never win a national election in this country ever again," he claimed at a campaign event last month.

Vance's defeated opponent, Josh Mandel, also ran on "replacement theory."

"This is about changing the face of America, figuratively and literally," Mandel stated in a published interview.

"They are trying to

change our culture, change our demographics and change our electorate. This is all about power," he said.

So far, the only Republican politician of note to call out the racist rhetoric is Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney.

"The House GOP leadership has enabled white nationalism, white suprema-

cy, and anti-semitism," Cheney wrote on Twitter. "History has taught us that what begins with words ends in far worse. @GOP leaders must renounce and reject these views and those who hold them."

Meanwhile, among the victims in the Buffalo shooting was a former police officer, and 11 of the 13 killed or injured were Black.

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**GARDEN TIPS**

# Gardening: A tomato lover's 7 tips for growing them big

By JESSICA DAMIANO

Tomatoes are not only my favorite backyard crop - they're also the most popular among American home gardeners. And it's no wonder: Have you ever compared a supermarket tomato to a backyard one? The homegrown scent alone will transport you straight to summer.

Another benefit of growing your own tomatoes is variety. Seeds for yellow, black, pear-shaped and even giant tomatoes -- which you won't typically find in the produce aisle -- are readily available in catalogs and many garden centers. And since my tomatoes-of-choice are large and lumpy, that's typically how I roll.

I'm so enamored with them that while writing a garden column for Newsday in New York, I created and for 13 years hosted The Great Long Island Tomato Challenge, a gathering of fellow tomaphiles in search of the biggest fruit of the season (yes, tomatoes are technically fruits).

Over the years, I came face-to-face with many beautiful, sweetly scented, giant tomatoes, including a 5 lb., 4 oz., beauty that was the largest ever entered into the competition -- not to mention heavier than some newborn humans.

I also got to meet and speak with the competitive tomato growers who raised those champions, and it didn't take long to notice some commonalities in practice among them.

But first things first: Although tomato plants can be a little fussy, they aren't difficult to grow. Give them consistent watering (deep and infrequent trumps a daily sprinkle), well-drain-



This Aug. 23, 2019, image provided by John Damiano shows a large tomato on a scale as it is entered into the Great Long Island Tomato Challenge competition in Farmingdale, N.Y. (John Damiano via AP)

ing soil (incorporate generous helpings of compost into beds or containers at planting time), plenty of heat and light (direct, unobstructed sunshine for a minimum of 6 hours daily is best) and a slow-release, balanced fertilizer formulated for tomatoes.

Keeping beds well-weeded will remove breeding grounds for pests and diseases while eliminating competition for nutrients and water.

Tomatoes thrive best in soil with a pH level between 6.0 and 6.8. Test kits are worth their \$10-\$20 cost and will last for many years. If the pH reading is lower than 6.0, incorporate about 2 cups of dolomitic lime into the soil for each plant, working it about 8-12 inches deep.

So, you want to grow a whopper? Follow these seven expert tips for success:

1. Select large, indeterminate varieties like Big Zac, Porterhouse, Rhode Island Giant or Bull's Heart, all genetically programmed to produce large fruit.
2. Start seeds early

indoors and transplant seedlings into larger containers several times before moving them outdoors. Plant them deeply each time, removing leaves from the bottom one-third of plants and burying stems up to the next set of leaves. This will produce stronger plants.

3. Remove new flowers that develop at the top of the plant when older fruits near the bottom begin to grow. This will force the plant's energy into producing fewer but larger tomatoes.

4. Be vigilant! Monitor plants daily for pests and diseases -- and react to problems quickly to keep plants from becoming stressed.

5. Remove suckers -- the small shoots that grow at the junction where the plant's stems and branches meet -- to prevent them from sapping the plant's energy and shading developing fruit beneath them.

6. Prune plants to retain only one main branch instead of allowing them to develop into shrubby forms.

7. Be diligent: Water, fertilize and weed regularly.

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in a statement.

"As Democratic Attorneys General, we will never back down when it comes to protecting abortion access. We are on the front lines of this fight, and we are already doing the work to defend reproductive health care."

"The importance of down ballot races this year cannot be overstated. This fight lies squarely in the states, and we need to show up at the ballot box and vote for Democratic Attorneys General who will never let up on the work to safeguard

people's right to abortion." Carrying signs that read, "Bans off our bodies," "Abortion is health care," and "Women are not livestock," demonstrators indicated that protests would continue until the court changes course.

"I think that women should have the right to choose what to do with their bodies and their lives. And I don't think banning abortion will stop abortion. It just makes it unsafe and can cost a woman her life," Caitlin Loehr told the Associated Press.

Loehr, 34, of Washington, wore a black T-shirt with an

image of the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's "dissent" collar on it and a necklace that spelled out "vote."

Kelley Robinson, executive director of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, counted among the speakers at the National Mall.

She declared that abortion rights are under attack.

"We are here because these folks are trying to kick us out of the constitution and take away a constitutional right we've had for the last 50 years," Robinson said. "We are here to show them that we are the majority."

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prioritization requirements.

The City of Dallas Rent Relief Program represents the local administration of the federal Emergency Rental Program, which provides assistance to households that have been impacted due to or during the COVID-19 pandemic and requires the prioritization of assistance for households that earn below 50% of the

Area Median Income, \$43,850 for a family of three, or in which one or more members of the household are unemployed and have been for 90 or more days.

Additionally, the City considers eviction status when assigning cases for processing. Applications submitted by May 22, 2022 will be prioritized according to these criteria and then in order of receipt. The City of

Dallas is working to expand partnerships to increase processing speed and capacity.

Applicants can visit <https://dallas.govtech.kinetchcloud.com/> and click "Check App Status" at the bottom of the page. Applicants will need their ERAP number in order to check status.

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