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Ukraine Ends

Its Last Stand

At Steel Plant

This article is by Valerie Hopkins

KYIV, Ukraine — Hundreds of

steel mill faced an uncertain fu-

ure Tuesday under Kremlin cus

Even as Russia has struggled

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BIDEN CONDEMNS WHITE SUPREMACY AS 'POISON' IN U.S.

Tripled in 20 Years

By GLENN THRUSH

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WASHINGTON—The United
States is in the middle of a great
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has nearly tripled since 2000 and
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painted a vivid statistical portrait of a nation arming itself to the sth. Buyers capitalized on the osening of gun restrictions by e Supreme Court, Congress and

The data documented a drastic

rease since 2016. Law enforce-sent officials say that has con-

ed killings, especially in Califor-

with annual domestic gun produc-tion increasing from 3.9 million in 2000 to 11.3 million in 2020. A rela-

ccording to a 2018 survey con-ucted by the nonpartisan Small arms Survey, which monitors gun

The statistics, culled by A.T.F.'s research division from industry, academic and government ex-perts, offered few major sur-

HAT BEFORE ATTACK The suspect invited others into a private room

Justice Dept. Is Said to Request

Transcripts From Jan. 6 Inquiry

The numbers rele



or for white Americans, has be

serted that certain politicians and pundits were promoting the con-spiracy theory and stoking racism

vance racial justice. Biden, in his own telling, decid-

Margaret Sullivan: Murdochs are

BY SILVIA FOSTER-FRAU

'That's not the devil.

That's America. They made him.'

TWIN CITY MARKET

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after a gunman stormed the gro-cery store where Tony Marshall worked for years, killing 10, Mar-shall was back at the Tops.

He flipped hot dogs on a grill positioned just outside the caution-tape perimeter, handing them out to mourners and pass-ersby. As he worked, he wore a red shirt with a Tops Friendly Markets logo. "It's a community store," said Marshall, 59. "It's

many in this mostly Black ction of the city. For residents, the Tops was more than just a e of food and medicine. In a neighborhood with few stores or public spaces, the grocury store and givesways, a hangout spot and meeting place. "It was more than a store. It

"It was more than a store. It was a place where you could meet up with a friend, a relative, a girlfriend," said Jerome Bridg-es, another Tops employee who survived the attack by barricading himself and several others inside a conference room. "A place to hang out and shop and

like complete strangers

have a good conversation while you're doing it." Many East Side residents said

Children in Buffalo wait for their school bus Monday a few blocks from the Tops Friendly Markets store that was targeted by a gunman. Neighbors are mourning those who died in the shooting and missing their supermarket, which served as a community gathering spot.

they would sometimes spend their leisure hours in the Tops

guns, hiding plans from parents

young man who described him-self as isolated from family and as someone who had few friends

and found refuge in hate.

Gendron wrote that his parents were unaware of the powerful weapons he was acquiring and hiding in his bedroom, and Georgia: A top dog in raising cash did not know he was buying and selling silver coins to finance his unition purchases.

Facebook quietly funds proxies in

Social giant bankrolls

BY CAT ZAERZEWSKI

In early March, weeks after senators advanced a sweeping bill to expand competition in the tech industry, a regional news paper more than 2,000 miles from Silicon Valley ran a defen

sive op-ed. "Instead of attacking these dig-ital platforms, we need to work with these companies toward innovation and access for our busi nesses to survive." Clayton Stan ley, the president and CEO of The Alliance, an economic develop-

Biden vows in Buffalo: 'Hate will

Firearms Production | Calls Buffalo Attack Act of Terrorism

BUFFALO - President Bider animated a white man who gunned down Black shoppers in the latest eruption of violence tar

Declaring that "white suprempoison" coursing through ca, Mr. Biden flew to this urn the 10 peo

BUFFALD—President Biden delir-ered a defiant and at time emo-tional speech here on Tuesday, calling white supremacy "a poi-son" and urging all Americans to reject racist ideologies that some fear are gaining traction in the United States and that apparently personned States and that apparently prompted Saturday's massacre in prompted saturdays massacre in a Black neighborhood. "In America, evil will not win," Biden said. "I promise you, hate will not prevail. White supremacy will not have the last word."

Invoking the racist "great re-placement theory" that has been legitimized by some conservative commentators and GOP lawmak-ers and was embraced by the Buf-falo suspect, Biden said that more nao suspect, saien said that more leaders need to speak out against it and that tolerating it amounts to complicity. "I call on all Americans to reject the lie," the president said. "And I condemn those who

not prevail

In emotional speech, he

appeals for national unity against white supremacy

BY MAYY VISER

BUFFALO - President Biden deliv-

said. 'And I condemn those who spread the lie for power, political gain and for profit.'

For Biden, the speech marked perhaps his most forceful con-demnation of white supremacy since taking office, elevating an issue that he has in some way are it. issue that he has in some ways put at the center of his presid even as some activists charge that he has not done enough to ad-

ed to launch his president

The Critique: In a wave of hate, we

Live stream: First corson video of horrific attack circulates online. A10

meant everything to us.

That was a sentiment shared

Suspect wrote about acquiring

The Washington Post

Payton Gendron for plan to kill dozens of Black people in Buffalo, he worked to keep his racist plot a secret from his family, according to Gendron's

postings online.
"I literally can't wait any longer, my parents know something is wrong," he wrote on April 15, musing about when to carry out a planned shooting that took place Saturday, leaving 10 people dead at a Buffalo supermarket.

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The writings were uploaded to sternet file-sharing sites in two atches in recent weeks after ap-

dark not only about preparation for mass murder but also about the quotidian details of his life They help fill out a portrait of a

wrote that he repeatedly lied to

whose that he repeatedly seed to them about attending a local community college he had se-cretly quit this year. He fretted about the possibility that they

dorsed candidate who led an ef-fort to overturn the election in his state and attended the Stop the Steal raily on Jan. 6, 2021, the day a pro-Trump mob attacked U.S. Capitol, won the Republican momination for governor. He will face state Attorney General Josh Shapiro in November – a showembrace.

Rep. Ted Budd (R-N.C.), who was backed by Trump and among the 139 House members who sup-ported at least one objection to certifying the election, will be the

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TRUMP CANDIDATES

WIN 2 KEY PRIMARIES

Democrats set up historio

fall Senate race in N.C.

AND DAVID WEIGH

Republican candidates who

sought to overturn the 2020 elec-tion won statewide primaries in Pennsylvania and North Carolina

on Tuesday, reflecting the linger-ing influence in the GOP of for-mer president Donald Trump's false claims that the vote was

rigged against him. In Pennsylvania, state Sen. Doug Mastriano, a Trump-en-

is an underdog against Greene. C1

antitrust fight

firm that backs interest groups against regulation

ment organization in northeast-ern Mississippi, wrote in the Mis-sissippi Business Journal.

The argument echoed warn-

ings in op-ed pages throughout the country, from Orange County, Calif., to Nashua, N.H., and a national ad campaign starring

FDA authorizes Pfizer booster for ages 5 to 11

CDC advisers expected to recommend third shot for children as cases rise

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON AND LAURIE McGINLEY

Federal regulators authorized a coronavirus booster shot Tuesday for school-age children, a key step toward making a third shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine available to 5-to-11-year-olds as cases rise

nationally.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared the booster for use at least five months after children are fully vaccinated with the twoshot primary series.

FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf said in a statement that while covid-19 tends to be less severe in children, the wave of variant has resulted in "more kids getting sick with the disease and being hospitalized, and children may also experience longer term mild disease." He said the agency was authorizing the booster to provide continued protection.

Advisers to the Centers for Dis-ease Control and Prevention are

scheduled to meet Thursday and are expected to recommend the booster, which was shown in labo ratory tests to strengthen chil ularly against the omicron

The shot from Pfizer and its German partner, BioNTech, is the only vaccine available to children in this age group, and two shot have provided disappointing pro-tection to children in the age group in real-world studies. Pro-



Hundreds of fighters evacuated from steel plant Ukrainian service members who surrendered after weeks inside the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol are seen inside a bus driving away under escort of pro-Russian forces. Story, A17

on other battlefronts, the surren-der at Mariupol solidified one of Russia's few significant territorial achievements — the conquest of a once-driving southeast port. The surrender also gave Russla's state-run media the ingredient's for claiming lit side was winning. Still, Marinpel has been largely reduced to ruin, Ukraimin offi-cials say that more than 20,000 in-habitants were felled, and the city has come to symbolize the war's evitesome befores. By early Tuesday, many of the shelters under the Azovstal stee shelters under the Azovstal steel mill, a Soviet-era complex be-sieged by the Russians for weeks, had emerged and surrendered. They were transported to Russian-beld territory absorad bases emblazemed with '2" — the Russian emblem for what President Vladimir V. Putin has called his country's "mocial military onema-

ident Biden and the first lady. Jill Biden, on Tuesday in Buffalo, where they paid their respects to the victims of Saturday's attack

This article is by Peter S. Good- Calamitous Confluence

man, Ruth Muclean and Salman

about feeding his children. In his

and relied on their own cow for

fighting forced them to floe, their home has been a tent at a camp with 9,000 other families outside

the capital city of Sana. Mr. Al-Ah-

dal has struggled to buy adequate food with his wages as a janitor at

New another war - this one

metown near the Red Sea, his

Economic Forces Push World's Poorest to Brink

of Virus, Inflation.

War and Debt

25, has nothing to feed his 2-year-old daughter and his three boys,

ages 3, 5 and 6. He consoles them with tea and sends them to bed. "My heart hurts overy time my

"My heart hearts every time my come countries."

child looks for food that is not there," Mr. Al-Abdal said, "But are seen in the rising prices of

must can 1 do?*

The hunger grawing at families foods like wheat, disrupcing agricin war-torn countries like Yemen

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Public Schools Have Lost Over a Million Students in Two Years

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. - In

moved for generations to be part of the public school system, enroll-ORANGE COUNTY, Cail. — In New Yerk City, the nation's largest ment said for the second consecution of the path of the New Yerk City, the nation's largest extend of district has lost some 30,000 students over the past two year; statewide, more than a squarter-million public school store years. In Michigar, enrollment remains more than 50,000 below milk voids since 2019.

Dwindling Funds

Pandemic Exacerbates

nia'r rolls since 2019.

And because school funding is ted to enrollment, cities that have teachers or shutting down entire derway in the nation's public

fronting belions of people in the world's less-affluent economies as the consequences of Russia's as-

sault on Ukraine are compounded

by other challenges - the con-

tinuing pandemic, a global tight-

ning of credit and a slowdown in

chusetts Amherst. "This is much | ered at crime scenes.

lion students since 2020, accord-

The move is further evidence of the wide-ranging nature of the departisent's criminal inquiry into the events leading up to the as-sault on the Capitel and the role played by Mr. Trump and his allies

The House committee, which nature of the investigations has no power to pursue criminal Continued on Page Al:

WASHINGTON — The Justice charges, has interviewed more partment has asked the House mustice investigating the Jan. 6 transcripts could be used by the took for temperature of the second second to the second Justice Department as evidence in potential criminal cases, to pur sue new leads or as a baseline for

ting to a recently putationed na-tional survey. State enrollment fligures show no sign of a rebound to the previous national levels on the previous national levels anytime sea.

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