

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

National Edition Upper Midwest: Mostly cloudy. A few showers or thunderstorms. Highs in 60s to lower 70s. Turning out partly cloudy tonight. Lows in 30s. Weather map is on Page B6.



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

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

### Firearms Production Tripled in 20 Years

WASHINGTON — The United States is in the middle of a great gun-buying boom that shows no sign of letting up as the annual number of firearms manufactured has nearly tripled since 2000 and spiked sharply in the past three years, according to the first comprehensive federal tally of gun commerce in two decades.

## Biden vows in Buffalo: 'Hate will not prevail'

### In emotional speech, he appeals for national unity against white supremacy

BUFFALO — President Biden delivered a defiant and at times emotional speech here on Tuesday, calling white supremacy "a poison" and urging all Americans to reject racist ideologies that some far are gaining traction in the United States and that apparently prompted Saturday's massacre in a Black neighborhood.

## Ukraine Ends Its Last Stand At Steel Plant

KYIV, Ukraine — Hundreds of die-hard Ukrainian soldiers who had made a last stand against Russian forces at a Mariupol steel mill faced an uncertain future Tuesday under Kremlin custody.

## Economic Forces Push World's Poorest to Brink

WASHINGTON — The world's poorest nations are being pushed to the brink of economic collapse by a combination of factors, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the effects of climate change.



A market in Cameroon. Across Africa, people are increasingly getting less food for their money.

## Public Schools Have Lost Over a Million Students in Two Years

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — In New York City, the nation's largest school district has lost some 50,000 students over the past two years. In Michigan, enrollment remains more than 50,000 below prepandemic levels from big cities to the rural Upper Peninsula.

## Calamitous Confluence of Virus, Inflation, War and Debt

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## Justice Dept. Is Said to Request Transcripts From Jan. 6 Inquiry

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has asked the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack for transcripts of interviews it is conducting behind closed doors, including some with associates of former President Donald J. Trump, according to people with knowledge of the situation.

## FDA authorizes Pfizer booster for ages 5 to 11

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine available to 5- to 11-year-olds as cases rise nationally.

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

WASHINGTON — 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.



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.

## 'That's not the devil. That's America. They made him.'

BUFFALO — Less than 24 hours after a gunman stormed the grocery store where Tony Marshall worked for years, killing 10, Marshall was back at the Tops.

## Suspect wrote about acquiring guns, hiding plans from parents

For months, as 18-year-old Payton Gendron formulated a 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.

## At polls, a MAGA moment of truth

### TRUMP CANDIDATES WIN 2 KEY PRIMARIES

Democrats set up historic fall Senate race in N.C.

BY ANNIE LENISKEY AND DAVID WIEGEL

Republican candidates who sought to overturn the 2020 election won statewide primaries in Pennsylvania and North Carolina on Tuesday, reflecting the lingering influence in the GOP of former president Donald Trump's false claims that the vote was rigged against him.

In Pennsylvania, state Sen. Doug Mastriano, a Trump-endorsed candidate who led an effort to overturn the election in his state and attended the Stop the Steal rally on Jan. 6, 2021, the day a pro-Trump mob attacked U.S. Capitol, won the Republican nomination for governor. He will face state Attorney General Josh Shapiro in November — a showdown Democrats were eager to embrace.

Rep. Ted Budd (R-N.C.), who was backed by Trump and among the 125 House members who reported at least one objection to certifying the election, will be the SEE PRIMAEROS ON A4

Georgia's top dog in raising cash in an underdog against Greene. CA

## Facebook quietly funds proxies in antitrust fight

Social giant bankrolls firm that backs interest groups against regulation

BY CAT ZAKREWSKI AND ELIZABETH DWOSKIN

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 defensive op-ed.

Hundreds of fighters evacuated from steel plant