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America’s White Supremacist Murders of Black People



Tragedy struck as ten people were killed and many others injured in a racially motivated mass shooting in Buffalo, New York.

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Buffalo, New York Mayor Byron Brown called the massacre at a Buffalo supermarket an unimaginable nightmare, while Erie County Sheriff John Garcia

framed the onslaught as pure evil. Put plainly, the deadly shooting by a White 18-year-old whose manifesto revealed his desire to cleanse the country of Black people is another example of America’s lingering murderous racial hatred. It also shows how hateful rhetoric — spewed over conservative national news outlets and on social me-

dia and the dog whistles of rightwing politicians — has usurped some of the progress made in race relations since the Civil Rights Movement advances more than a half-century ago. “Law enforcement is proceeding with its investigation, but what is clear is that we are seeing an epidemic of hate across our country that has been evidenced by

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People pray outside the scene of a mass shooting at a supermarket, in Buffalo, New York, Sunday. Photograph: Matt Rourke/AP



acts of violence and intolerance. We must call it out and condemn it," Vice President Kamala Harris said.

"Racially-motivated hate crimes or acts of violent extremism are harms against all of us, and we must do everything we can to ensure that our communities are safe from such acts," she asserted.

Details of the shooter, Payton Gendron's 180-page manifesto, revealed troubling perceptions the self-avowed White supremacist possessed.

He complained of the dwindling size of the White population and included his fears of ethnic and cultural replacement of White people.

Gendron described himself as a fascist, a White supremacist, and an anti-Semite.

His live-streamed shooting spree has left at least ten dead and several more wounded. But, unlike the multitude of unarmed Black people killed during encounters with law enforcement, the young White racist is alive to plead not guilty or "insanity" in court.

"While past violent White supremacist attacks seem to have factored into this heinous act, we must acknowledge that extremist rhetoric espoused by some media and political leaders on the right promoting theories that vilify or dehumanize segments of our society like 'the great replacement theory' is a factor too," wrote U.S. House Homeland Security Chairman Ben Ray Lujan in a statement.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. speaking on behalf of the National

Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) emphasized, "We are outraged, angered, but we will not be silent again in the wake of more racist murders of Black people in America this time in Buffalo, New York."

"The patterns and rising tide of these White supremacists' attacks and murders of our people will not go without the unified and amplified voice of the Black Press of America to demand justice and an end to White supremacy in America."

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell added that the organization condemns both the White supremacist terrorist attack targeting Black men and women in Buffalo and the racist rhetoric that has sparked such violence.

"The constant repetition of White supremacist conspiracy theories on social media and even mainstream media outlets has led to horrific violence in places as distant as Christchurch, El Paso, Oslo, and Charleston," Mitchell asserted.

"Those who promote racism, White supremacy, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of bigotry must be held accountable for the violence they inspire."

Mitchell added that CAIR has often spoken out against those who promote the "great replacement" and other racist conspiracy theories.

Mayor Brown told reporters that Gendron surveilled both the community and the grocery store as



Flowers are left at a makeshift memorial outside of Tops Market in Buffalo, New York, after a gunman opened fire, killing 10 people and wounding another three, on Saturday. Photograph: Scott Olson/Getty Images

part of the attack's planning.

Brown said the teen surveilled the area for several days and targeted a busy place in an area predominantly populated by Black people.

His manifesto noted that "Zip code 14208 in Buffalo has the highest Black percentage that is close enough to where I live."

According to the U.S. Census, the zip code is 78 percent Black

and among the top 2 percent of zip codes nationwide with the highest concentration of Blacks as a percentage of the population.

It has the highest concentration of Blacks as a percentage of the population of any zip code in upstate New York.

"Well, this manifesto tells everything to us. And that is what's so bone chilling about it is that there is the ability for people to write and



Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown says former Buffalo Police Lieutenant Aaron Salter is a hero after exchanging gunfire with the suspect in the Buffalo supermarket shooting and lost his life as a result of his injuries.

subscribe to such philosophies filled with hate," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said.


"The White supremacist acts of terrorism that are being fermented on social media and to know that what this one individual did has been shared with the rest of the world as well as the live-streaming of this military-style execution that occurred in the streets of my hometown."

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Realize your true power and tap back into the joyful things

time because you are too busy making arrangements for everyone else's life.

Realize your true power and tap back

into the things that bring you joy and peace. Become your own muse and follow your heart. Find something you haven't

done and just go for it and do it! Make yourself a bucket list and say it so because you deserve happiness and freedom.

Start meditating, drink more water, take a walk or meet a friend for a snowball. There are so many things you can do as you maintain your happiness during a long hot summer. Try and improve your peace of mind, no matter your surroundings. Start journaling as you visualize a summer of ease and fulfillment.

Build your own sanctuary and let your creativity guide you. It's time you reconnect with self and start using your positive energy to empower you to do more for you this summer. Change your diet, clear your head, and set some new intentions as you boost your overall attitude knowing, this summer, you will love you more as you live your life to the fullest.

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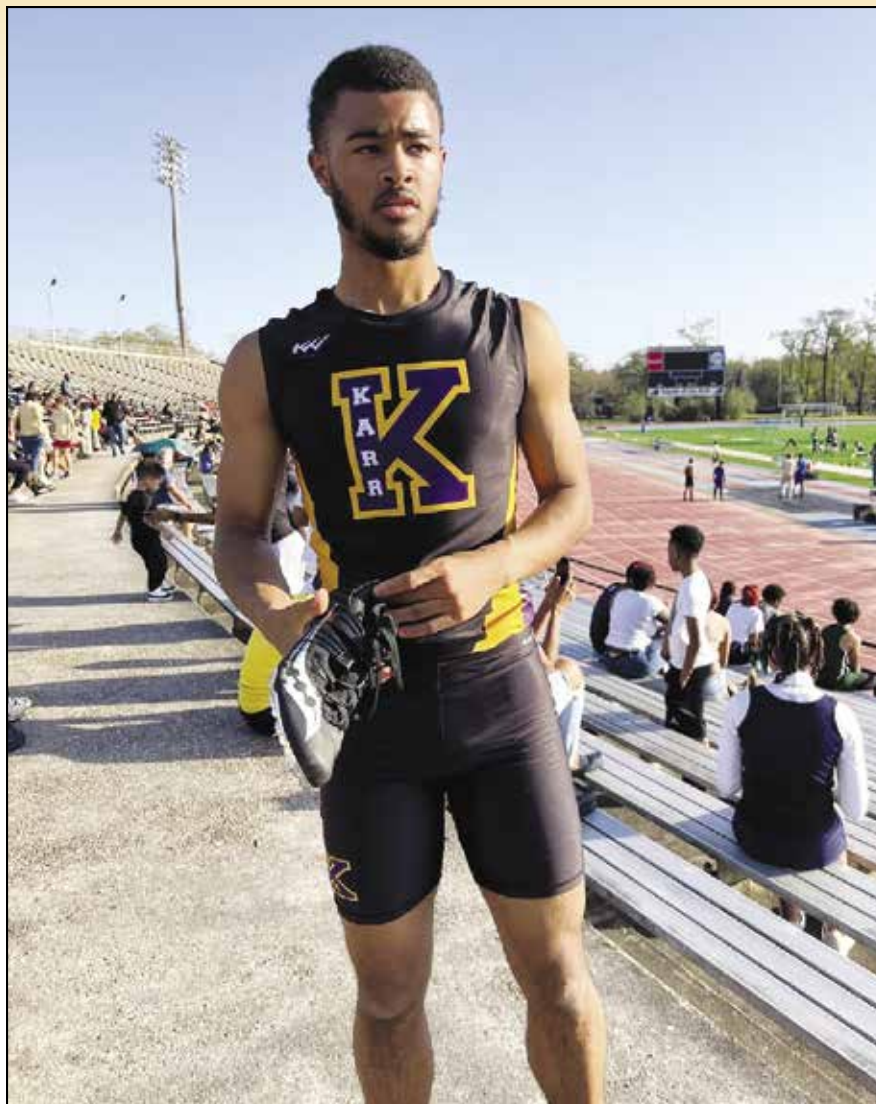
Edna Karr's Track Team Workhorse

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Gifted sprinter Bryson Osborne, II's lifelong dream was to win a State Championship in track. Bryson spent 11 years at the best school in the state, Lusher Charter School, as an honor student. While achieving academic excellence and becoming a standout athlete at Lusher, his goal of a State Championship in track and field eluded him.

So, when Bryson's father, Bryson Osborne I, and his mother, Tiffany Crusto, purchased a beautiful home 2 blocks from Edna Karr High School, Bryson soon realized he'd have a chance to win a track State Championship. With Edna Karr having a few talented sprinters, young Bryson believed he had what it would take to contribute to this team and reach his personal goal of being a champion. It is something that runs in his family, as Bryson's father, himself a top-notch high school sprinter for John Ehret High School, seized the opportunity to place Bryson in a position to fulfill his dream of winning a State Championship.

Bryson II, a former AAU All-American sprinter, became the workhorse of Karr's track team, led by Coach Errin Singleton, who's worked with Bryson bringing him to the next level of success. This track season Bryson



Bryson Osborne, II is a standout both in sports and academics. He is a state champion in track and field for Karr High School.

took on the all-important role of being the first leg on the 4x100 relay team, and the first leg on the 4x200 relay team. Additionally, he was the second leg on the 4x400 relay team. All three relay teams were undefeated going into the state finals. One relay team even won a state championship during the indoor track season, upsetting champions Westgate.

Heading into the state finals, the three relay teams were projected to be state runner ups in all three races to Westgate. Bryson, the workhorse of the team, was able to explode out the blocks and pass the baton off first in the 100 and 200 races. In the 400-yard relay, as the second leg runner, he opened up a 40-yard lead. As a result, Karr's relay teams won State Championships in the 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay and finished second by 0.07 of a second behind reigning champion Westgate in the 4x200 relay.

Bryson Osborne, II, a junior, will be teamed up with the entire relay team next year. He and his teammates will be looking forward to winning Gold in all three relays next year. His teammate Sophomore, Ra'hji Dennis, Karr's top sprinter, and 200-yard dash winner, came home with 4 medals, 2 golds and 2 silvers. Bryson Osborne returned home with 2 golds and 1 silver. Given all their accomplishment the future seems very bright for Karr's track team next year.

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Mayor Cantrell Issues Statement on Steady Rise of COVID-19 in Orleans Parish

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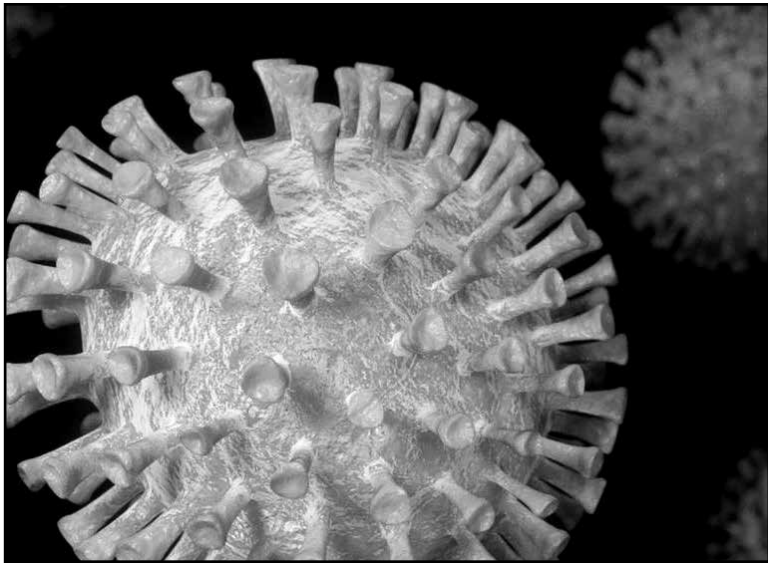
In the wake of a rise in COVID-19 cases in the City of New Orleans, Mayor LaToya Cantrell issued the following statement:

“The City of New Orleans remains vigilant in our response to COVID-19 and is taking the necessary steps to prevent seeing another surge of high infection levels in our city,” said Mayor Cantrell.

“As recommended by Dr. Jennifer Avegno, who has guided us through the ongoing pandemic since day one, wearing masks indoors, handwashing, vaccinations, boosters, and getting tested when not feeling well continue to be our most effective tools against COVID-19. These measures will help mitigate the rise of infections we are now seeing and have experienced



Mayor LaToya Cantrell



over the last couple years. The COVID-19 Pandemic is not over, and we will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Health Department and the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. I am urging residents to protect themselves and utilize the mitigation measures put in place to help prevent another significant surge.”

State & Local News

Local High School Hosted Community Clean Up Day

Data News Staff Edited Report

To combat the City of New Orleans’ trash problem, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School hosted “Let’s Give Back, NOLA,” a community clean-up day, on Saturday, May 14th

Tons of trash gets dumped in the streets of our city daily. The most common discarded items include plastic bottles, plastic bags, and food wrappers. This detracts from the natural beauty of our city. This initiative brought residents and partners together to improve public spaces by removing litter and unsightly objects. Participants took pride in their hard work and commitment to the contribution of a better society. It also brought awareness to the importance of recycling.

Students and chaperones were be divided up into groups with a designated area to clean. Each



Students at Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School, located in the Lower 9th Ward recently hosted Let’s Give Back Day. This initiative brought residents and partners together to improve their community.



team was responsible for clearing out storm drains, carrying large debris to corners for 311 pick up, using trash grabbers to gather glass for recycling, and disposing of any trash items.

“We would like to thank our partners for helping us create a more sustainable environment,” said Danielle Jenkins, senior sponsor. “A clean community is a proud community. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”

Women Find a Winning Solution in Dealing with Hair Loss

Sylvia Dunnivant Hines
NNPA Newswire Contributor

After Actor Will Smith slapped comedian Chris Rock during the Oscars for making a joke about Jada Pinkett Smith's shaved head, one word was echoed around the world – alopecia.

From break rooms to the morning talk shows, people were asking, "what is alopecia?"

Even though many people in the nation had no idea what this word meant, according to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation this condition affects both sexes and all ethnic groups can develop alopecia areata.

"The definition of alopecia is hair loss from any cause. There are 100 different categories of alopecia," said Dr. Linda Amerson, PhD, IIT, Tect, CCHHP/Scalp Doctor and Holistic Health Practitioner, who also is the owner of LA's Hair and Scalp in Arlington, Texas.

Although people of all ages can develop alopecia, studies have shown that many people start to experience symptoms of this disease by the age of 30.

"Some of my younger clients are more concerned with their physical image," said Dr. Amerson. "They may not be as conscious about trying to take care of their scalp. They tend to wear wigs or other things to cover up their hair loss."

"However, for those that are 40 or over, they are more concerned with the regrowth of their hair based on the damage that has been done. Their main concern tends to be if their hair loss is reversible or irreversible."

According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), "Telogen effluvium is a type of alopecia where hair sheds in excess. It can happen suddenly, or hair can thin over time. Causes of telogen effluvium include medications, stress, childbirth, physical trauma, restrictive dieting, and life changes."

According to Dr. Amerson there are over 300 medications that have a side effect that causes alopecia.

"My alopecia started after my father died. I was washing my hair when I was getting ready for his fu-



Although there is no cure for alopecia, some forms of the condition can be reversible.

neral, then I noticed a hand full of hair in the sink," said Sebran Ferrell.

Ferrell admits that she was dealing with a perfect storm in her life before she was diagnosed with Alopecia Areata. Prior to her diagnosis her mother was sick, her father died, and she was experiencing some personal health issues.

"After seeking help from several professionals, I finally chose to go to a holistic function management doctor. I knew that I needed help getting my insides under control as well. I was dealing with pre-diabetes, and a lot of other things that were going on with my body other than alopecia."

Alopecia Areata is a common autoimmune skin disease, causing hair loss on the scalp, face and sometimes on other areas of the body, according to AAD.

Carmen Anderson realized that she was dealing with hair loss after her beautician noticed some balding areas when she was washing her hair. This led Anderson to visit her doctor, who revealed that she had skin lupus.

After being diagnosed with lupus, Anderson experienced small bumps that began to itch. These bumps would show up anywhere on her body.

"When I first started dealing with my hair loss, I wore wigs. However, it took me a lot to get comfortable with wearing wigs, because they

could come off. In the beginning, I did experience a few embarrassing moments when my wig came off unexpectedly," she said.

After dealing with alopecia for three years, Anderson is currently having injections that are causing her to see some hair regrowth.

Ferrell who tends to experience hair loss during the Spring of year has learned some work around to cover her baldness.

"Fortunately my hair is long enough that when I am in an outbreak, I can pull my hair back in a ponytail. However, I recently took a leap of faith and cut my hair into a shoulder length bob cut. This allows me to style it in a way that the hair loss isn't obvious," said Ferrell.

Tiyiesha Morgan, a hair loss practitioner, services clients in California and Texas. With over 6.8

million Americans dealing with hair loss, Morgan believes that hair loss is a silent epidemic.

"The main difference is that hair loss is unlike some other conditions, it affects your outer appearance. Women can go into depression and experience anxiety after dealing with the effects of hair loss," said Morgan.

Morgan also believes that there should be more research done on the impact of hair loss in African American Women. She supports recent efforts like those of Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who has alopecia, advocating for Medicare to cover the cost of wigs for those who have lost their hair from disease and treatment.

After dealing with alopecia, Ferrell admits that she has had her own personal awakening, "I used to think that my hair was my best quality. I now realize that you are not defined by your hair."

Although there is no cure for alopecia, some forms of the condition can be reversible. Dr. Amerson recommends that women seek help as soon as they notice hair loss so that they can have the best possible outcome from the condition.

"Don't call your girlfriends or don't go to YouTube University. You need to go to someone with board certified credentials," stresses Dr. Amerson, adding that some of the warning signs that something is going on with your hair are: strains of hair on your vanity, substantial amounts of hair in your brush or strains of hair in the shower.

For so many, hair loss is no laughing matter.

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