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Pediatrician killed in fire leaves big voids to fill

Parents, former patients and colleagues mourn

By BARBARA O'BRIEN AND JON HARRIS
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It wasn't just the thousands of parents and children in his pediatric practice who looked up to Dr. Jonathan D. Daniels, although they did.

Daniels also was a mentor for medical students at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo.

"Students at the medical school were his legacy. He brought them in, he mentored them, he gave them strength to go on to wonderful careers in medicine," said Dr. Emekunla K. Nylander, who went to medical school with Daniels.

"He touched thousands and thousands of lives, and he is going to be missed."

Tributes, shock and social media posts came pouring in after Daniels, 53, and two of his daughters, Jordan A., 27, and Jensen A., 23, died early Monday in a fire at their Huntington Avenue home.

"He was an amazing man, he was a good friend and amazing father," Nylander said. "He loved his girls, he loved his wife—family meant everything to him."

Nylander, who as an obstetrician brought many of Daniels' patients into the world, started a GoFundMe page to raise money for his wife, Janessa Givens-Daniels, 53, and another daughter, Jillian, who was not home at the time.

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BUFFALO NEXT: BUSINESS OF SPORTS

By TIM O'SHEA

Wide range of upgrades are posted on idea board for new Bills stadium



Reserved seating: Among the most basic offerings is a season ticket for an end zone seat located on the upper level, with moderate protection from the roof overhang.

Club seating: Located along the sidelines on the lower level and mezzanine, these "wider, padded seats" offer "prime views" and access to private lounge spaces.

Small-group seating: The stadium will have two types of small-group seating options, Loge Boxes and Living Room Boxes, with "some of the best sightlines to the field."

Luxury suites: High-end options will likely include mini suites, executive suites and owner's suites with high-end furniture and a fully appointed service area.



Seating options: Offerings include seats in the sun or shade, seats covered by the roof overhang and seats with radiant heat from above.



Privacy: Some seats will offer access to private upscale lounge spaces, restrooms, stadium entrances and preferred parking.



Food and beverage: "Enhanced" food and beverage offerings will likely include more local food to provide hometown flavor.



Gathering spaces: Fans will notice the spaciousness of the concourse and see more bars and other spaces for social gathering.

Shaded seats, recliners and an 'ultra-exclusive club'

It's a stadium. You go there to watch a football game. That was true when Highmark Stadium was built in the early 1970s, and it remains the truth today. Part of the truth.

But the full experience of the next Buffalo Bills stadium, which is expected to open in 2026 at a projected cost of \$1.4 billion, is considerably more nuanced. Sure, you'll still head there to watch National Football League games, and yes, the sightlines from the seats to the field are still vital.

But so, too, are factors such as space, heating, fancier and easy-to-buy food and beverages and protection from rain, snow and sun.

Earlier this month, the Bills provided some early clues as to what the fan experience in the new stadium may be when the team distributed a survey to tens of thousands of ticket buyers.

With the caveat that all descriptions are "hypothetical and subject to change" and pricing "is for research purposes only," the team's survey asked fans to give feedback on a variety of season ticket and luxury seating options.

"The new stadium will improve the fan experience with new and enhanced seating options," the survey said, "as well as upgraded stadium amenities across concessions, concourse, technology, and merchandise, among others."

Here's a glimpse at what the survey revealed:

Plentiful seating options

One of the questions asks fans to identify factors that "are most important to you when considering the purchase of season tickets in a new stadium." These answers provide hints at what the Bills' priorities are as they develop the

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Police say gunman was firing randomly

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.—The man in custody after the death of seven people at a Fourth of July parade in suburban Chicago appeared to have spent weeks planning the attack and wore women's clothing during his getaway from a rooftop after firing more than 70 bullets from a high-powered rifle "similar to an AR-15," officials said Tuesday.

The gunman "exited the roof, he dropped his rifle, he blended in with the crowd, and he escaped," said Deputy Chief Christopher Covelli of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, who added that a rapid effort to trace the gun and review video evidence helped investigators identify a

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EQUIPMENT FAILURE FORCES CHANGES IN NEWS PRINTING SCHEDULE

Due to an equipment failure in our Buffalo facility, The News has shifted printing to Rochester.

We have worked to minimize the impact on readers. However, we adopted a smaller page format to match the printing requirements of the Rochester press, and have adjusted deadlines. You'll notice some regular features are missing as well.

Our team is working diligently to resume production in our facility. When that happens, we will return to our usual page dimensions and deadlines.

In the meantime, we are extremely grateful for your patience.

Police cleared in Falls, Buffalo shooting cases

By LEAH CLARK AND THAD GREEN
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Police officers in Buffalo and Niagara Falls who shot suspects allegedly shot at the two officers on June 17 after shooting to death Atlas Johnson, 63, outside a laundromat.

"We have come to a conclusion that the actions of the two Buffalo police officers were justified under the law," District

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Law enforcement officers search in downtown Highland Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb, after a mass shooting at the Highland Park Fourth of July parade on Monday.

Associated Press

After shooting, suspect had a second rifle with him as he tried to evade cops

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person of interest in the case. Covelli said the man, Robert E. Crimo III, who had not been charged as of midday Tuesday, had within the past year legally purchased in the Chicago area the rifle that was used in the attack. He had another rifle, apparently also bought legally, in the car with him when he was taken into custody Monday evening about 10 miles from the scene of the attack, the chief said.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O'Neill said the gunman apparently fired from a rooftop where he was "very difficult to see." He said the rifle was recovered at the scene. Police also found an address attached to the building.

Authorities initially said Crimo, whose father once ran for mayor of Highland Park, was 22, but an FBI bulletin and Crimo's social media said he was 21.

More than 30 people were wounded, including four members of a single family. Six died Monday, including one at a hospital, and a seventh died Tuesday. Covelli said that the shooting appeared to have been random, and that there was no indication that the victims had been targeted because of their race or religion. Victims ranged in age from 8 to 85, doctors who received the injured at local hospitals said.

Earlier in the day, FBI agents peeked into trash cans and under picnic blankets as they searched for more evidence at the site where the assailant opened fire. The shots were initially mistaken for fireworks before hundreds of revolvers fled in terror.

A day later, baby strollers, lawn chairs and other items left behind by panicked paradegoers remained inside a wide police perimeter. Outside the police tape, some residents drove up to collect blankets and chairs they abandoned.

David Shapiro, 47, said the spray of gunfire quickly turned the parade into chaos.

"People didn't know right away where the gunfire was coming from, whether the gunman was in front or behind you chasing you," he said Tuesday as he retrieved a stroller and lawn chairs.

The shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

"It definitely hits a lot harder when it's not only your hometown but it's also right in front of you," resident Ron Tuazon said as he and a friend returned to the parade route Monday evening to retrieve chairs, blankets and a child's bike that his family abandoned when the shooting began.

"It's commonplace now," Tuazon said.

"We don't blink any more. Until laws change, it's going to be more of the same."

The shooting brought outpourings of sympathy from across the state and country, and renewed pleas among Democrats for stricter gun laws. Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton called for additional gun restrictions. "There are too many guns on our streets," she said.

Still reeling from the violent attack, families and friends of the seven paradegoers killed in Highland Park began to share details Tuesday about the casualties of yet another mass shooting in the U.S.

The victims included a wheelchair-bound grandfather whose family had picked out a choice spot on the sidewalk.

A 63-year-old woman who was her synagogue's go-to person for special events. A beloved uncle who still went to work every day, even in his late 80s, his niece said.

Law enforcement authorities have not yet released the names of the victims. Here is what we know about some of those who died, based on interviews:

Nicolas Toledo, 76
Nicolas Toledo did not want to attend the Highland Park Fourth of July parade, but his disabilities required that he be around someone full time. And the family was not going to skip the parade — even going so far as positioning chairs for a choice viewing spot at midnight the night before.

Toledo, who was visiting his family in Illinois from Mexico, was sitting in his wheelchair along the parade route, between his son and a nephew, when the bullets started flying. "We realized our grandfather was hit," said Xochil Toledo, his granddaughter. "We saw blood and everything splattered onto us."

Toledo suffered three gunshot wounds, killing him. He had moved back to Highland Park a few months ago from Morelos, Mexico, at the urging of family members. He had been struck by a car while walking in Highland Park a few years ago in a prior stint living with family and had a range of medical issues resulting from that accident.

"We brought him over here so he could have a better life," Xochil Toledo, his granddaughter, said. "His sons wanted to take care of him and be more in his life, and then this tragedy happened."

Toledo's granddaughter told the SunTimes that Toledo had spent most of his life in Morelos. She said she remembers looking over at her grandfather, who was in his late 70s, as a band passed them.

"He was so happy," she said. "Happy to be living in the moment."

Xochil Toledo said her father tried to shield her grandfather and was shot in the arm. Her boyfriend also was shot in the back and taken to a hospital.

Jack Sundheim, 69
A smile and a hug. Those were the guarantees every time Jack Sundheim walked into Marieta Jayatilake's spice

shop in downtown Highland Park.

"She was such a beautiful human being, a beautiful ray of light," Jayatilake said. "So it's definitely a dark day."

Sundheim, a member of the North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, was among the people killed in Highland Park, according to the synagogue.

Sundheim worked at the synagogue coordinating events and doing a bit of everything else. Janet Grable, a friend, said she went far beyond her expectations in planning the bar mitzvahs for both her kids and arranging special seating for her mother when she joined services while in town.

Steve Straus, 88
A father of two, grandfather of four and a financial adviser who, at 88, still took the train every day from his Highland Park home to his office at a brokerage firm in Chicago, Steve Straus "should not have had to die this way," his niece, Cynthia Straus, said in a phone interview. "He was an honorable man who worked his whole life and looked out for his family and gave everyone the best he had," his niece said. "He was kind and gentle and had huge intelligence and humor and wit."

He was devoted to his wife, intensely close with his brother and extremely health-conscious, she said. "He exercised as if he were 50."

And, she added, he should have been better protected.

"There's kind of a mentality that this stuff doesn't touch us," she said. "And no one can think that way right now. We are in an internal war in this country. This country is turning on itself. And innocent people are dying."

The shooting came a week and a half after President Biden signed the most significant gun measures in decades, nearly three decades, but it was unclear whether any of the new regulations would have stopped the gunman. He carried out his attack in a state that already has some of the nation's toughest gun laws, but is bordered by states where firearms are much easier to come by.

The attack, a few minutes into the parade, sent police on a sprawling manhunt that forced residents to shelter in place for much of the day, and prompted neighboring cities to cancel their holiday events. About eight hours later, police in North Chicago spotted the car that Crimo was driving, attempted to pull him over and then took him into custody after a brief chase.

Even in a country battered from the constancy of mass violence — at grocery stores and elementary schools and on urban street corners — the carnage in Illinois proved shocking. According to the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit group, the shooting Monday was the 15th this year in which at least four people were fatally shot in the United States.

Officers had been on administrative leave after shootings

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Attorney John J. Flynn said Tuesday after Haynes pleaded not guilty in court to murder and attempted murder charges.

Meanwhile, a Niagara County grand jury chose not to indict Niagara Falls police officers who shot a man behind a Rite Aid in the city's LaSalle neighborhood, Niagara County District Attorney Brian Seaman announced Tuesday.

Lt. Joseph Scibilia and Officer Gregory Paul responded to a report of a suspicious person when they encountered Reginald D. Barnes, 29, of Niagara Falls, on June 3.

According to body camera footage, Barnes pulled away from an officer, was hit with a taser, then charged one of the officers with a knife. The officers then fired their service weapons at Barnes.

The grand jury determined that the officers were justified in their use of force.

"The body-cam footage captured in vivid detail what those officers were facing that day," Seaman said. "I believe the grand jury found it extremely helpful."

Buffalo case

Flynn announced the Buffalo officers will not be charged during a news conference Tuesday following the arraignment of Haynes on charges of murder, attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

At about 7:18 p.m. on June 17, Michienzi and Tran were on patrol when they came to a laundromat at 2057 Broadway. Outside the laundromat, Haynes allegedly shot and killed Johnson before fleeing on foot.

As the officers pursued him in their patrol vehicle, Haynes allegedly fired a shot through the windshield, striking Michienzi's gun holster, according to officials.

Haynes continued to fire shots at the officers, who returned 21 shots as they began pursuing him on foot. One

of the officers' shots struck Haynes, allowing them to detain him on Plover Street, as shown in body camera footage released by the Buffalo Police Department.

The officers administered first aid to Haynes until he was transferred to Erie County Medical Center for injuries. He has since been discharged.

Haynes pleaded not guilty to all charges before State Supreme Court Justice Debra Givens. He was denied bail and is scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 4.

In October 2021, Haynes was released on parole, according to state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. He faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison, if convicted.

Niagara County case

Seaman announced the Niagara Falls officers were cleared of wrongdoing Tuesday morning at the Niagara County Courthouse.

He said everyone involved in the case was given the opportunity to testify before the grand jury, though he said he would not reveal specifics about who testified or what they said.

Barnes was recently released from the intensive care unit at Erie County Medical Center. He is charged with two counts of attempted aggravated assault on a police officer for attempting to assault Paul and Officer Dominic Seneese. Each count carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Barnes is also charged with felony aggravated family offense, resisting arrest and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon. He was arraigned Tuesday morning and held without bail.

Both officers returned to duty after previously being on administrative leave.

"It's more than just stressful, it's overwhelming at times for them," said Niagara Falls Police Superintendent John Faso. "This is something that these officers will deal with for the rest of their lives."

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