



If you would like to share news or information with our readers, please send the unique stories, business

news organization events, and school news to us including your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

For news and information consideration, please send to News@scdaily.com or contact

John Robbins 281-965-6390
Jun Gai 281-498-4310

Publisher: Wea H. Lee
President: Catherine Lee
Editor: John Robbins

Address: 11122 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072
E-mail: News@scdaily.com



Inside C2

Southern DAILY

Make Today Different

Southern Daily News is published by Southern News Group Daily

Thursday, May 27 2021

Gunman kills 8 co-workers at California rail yard; attacker also dead

A transit employee shot eight co-workers to death and was himself killed at a commuter rail yard in San Jose, California, on Wednesday, authorities said, in the latest burst of deadly mass gun violence to grip the United States.

Authorities did not immediately offer many details or a possible motive for the shooting, which unfolded about 6:30 a.m. Pacific Time (1330 GMT) at a light-rail yard of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

A bomb squad was searching the yard after at least one explosive device was found, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputy Russell Davis said at a news conference.

Davis did not say how the assailant died or whether police officers called to the scene had fired their weapons.

San Jose's mayor, Sam Liccardo, said authorities also had responded to a fire at the home of the suspect, though no one was found inside.

The gunman and all eight of his victims were employees of the transit agency situated near the city's airport, officials said. Authorities did not give the gunman's name or age or offer a motive.

But the San Jose Mercury News and other media outlets identified him as Samuel Cassidy, 57, a maintenance worker at the yard.

"A horrible tragedy has happened today and our thoughts and love go out to the VTA family," Glenn Hendricks, chairman of the VTA board, said at the news conference.

He said the shooting took place in a section of the rail yard where workers perform maintenance on vehicles, and was not in the facility's operations and control center.

San Jose, a city of about 1 million residents, lies at the heart of Silicon Valley, a global technology hub and home to some of America's biggest high-tech companies.

Police secure the scene of a mass shooting at a rail yard run by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in San Jose, California, U.S. May 26, 2021. REUTERS/Peter DaSi

"These are, and were, essential workers," Liccardo said of the victims.

"These VTA employees helped us get through this horrific pandemic. They were showing up everyday to operate light rail and buses to ensure people could still go about their lives in



the middle of the challenge of the pandemic. And they were taking risks with their own lives in doing so," the mayor said.

He said he was aware of news reports of a fire at the house of the man the authorities believed to be the



shooter.

"That is certainly the information that I have, is that there was a fire at the shooter's home, there was nobody found inside the home, thank God," Liccardo told CNN affiliate KGO in an interview. "This is every mayor's worst nightmare."

Multiple fire department, police and bomb squad vehicles were still parked outside the suspect's house, along a cul-de-sac in southeastern San Jose, hours after the

shooting.

An explosives-detecting robot sat in the street near the home while two bomb squad technicians entered the ranch-style house. Arson investigators along with agents of the FBI and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also present.

U.S. President Joe Biden's staff were monitoring the situation, the White House said.

"Our hearts go out to the victims and their families," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters.

Mass gun violence, commonplace in a country with one of the highest rates of firearm ownership in the world, have escalated consider-

ably following a yearlong lull as the United States emerged from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic this spring.

Wednesday's incident was the latest of at least eight deadly U.S. mass shootings in the past three months, including a string of attacks at Atlanta-area day spas in mid-March and a rampage days later that left 10 people dead at a Colorado supermarket. Last month, a former employee of an Indianapolis FedEx center shot eight workers to death and then took his own life.

高科技快速數位快印來臨! MEET ALL YOUR PROMOTIONAL NEEDS
為您提供各類廣告宣傳產品, 設計製作一站式服務! UNDER ONE ROOF

美南印刷 USA PRINTING
A Southern Chinese Daily Company



專業設計 ✓ 全彩印刷 ✓ 數碼快印 ✓ 大幅噴繪

TEL: 281-983-8152 (CHINESE) 281-983-8154 (ENGLISH) WE'LL HELP YOU GET THE STAND OUT
11122 BELLAIRE BLVD., HOUSTON, TX 77072 E-MAIL: JENNIFERITC@GMAIL.COM

WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

CORONAVIRUS DIARY 05/26/2021

Houston Celebrates Africa Day With A Series Of Events



The City of Houston marks its 4th Annual Houston Africa Day celebration today by hosting the continent of Africa and the African Union Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Ambassador Hilda Suka-Mafudze, and 13 Ambassadors from African nations to Houston.

Africa Day, also known as African Unity Day, commemorates the founding of the Organization of African Unity in 1963.

Houston Africa Day, held an-

nually by Mayor Sylvester Turner, showcases the diversity of the nation's 4th most populous city and its global presence.

Africa Day will begin with a business forum. Houston is Africa's 3rd largest trade partner and speakers will discuss opportunities for future business.

During the evening celebration, Houston will showcase the different regions of the continent through arts, culture, food and heritage cele-

brations including 'A taste of Africa,' in keeping with the African Union 2021 Africa Day theme of Arts, Culture and Heritage.

We are so proud as Houstonians that we take great pride in our rich diversity and today is a chance to showcase Houston's ties to the African continent.

As Honorary Consul of Guinea In Houston, we will also host a reception and business forum for Guinea Ambassador Yansane at ITC on Friday, May 28th. Many invited

guests will attend and talk about how to invest in Guinea.

The countries on the African continent are facing very difficult challenges these days, especially due to the coronavirus pandemic. We really need to help them to overcome their challenges.

Guinea is a West African country with abundant natural resources. Under the leadership of President Alpha Conde the government is working on many investment projects and is waiting to meet with new investors.



Wea H. Lee
Wealee@scdaily.com

Chairman of International District Houston Texas
Publisher Southern Daily Wea H. Lee
Southern News Group Chairman / CEO
Chairman of International Trade & Culture Center
Republic of Guiana Honorary consul at Houston Texas



Southern DAILY Make Today Different

Editor's Choice



Community organizer Tommy McBrayer leads a chant in solidarity with George Floyd on the first anniversary of his death, at George Floyd Square, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. REUTERS/Nicholas Pfosi



A supermoon, the biggest and brightest full moon of the year, coincides with a total lunar eclipse making the Moon appear red over the skies of Honolulu, Hawaii. REUTERS/Marco Garcia



Smoke rises from a fire onboard the MV X-Press Pearl container ship off the Colombo Harbour, in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Airforce Media/via REUTERS



A demonstrator smokes a cigarette near a fire site during an anti-government protest in Baghdad, Iraq. REUTERS/Thaier Al-Sudani



Pope Francis greets people as he arrives at the San Damaso courtyard for the weekly general audience at the Vatican. REUTERS/Remo Casilli



Lemurs are seen as Seenlada Supat, 11, plays keyboard for animals at a zoo in Chonburi, Thailand. REUTERS/Soe Zeya Tun

Southern DAILY Make Today Different

BUSINESS

Are Mass Shootings Now An American Epidemic?



Police stand near the scene where multiple people were shot at the FedEx Ground facility on April 16, 2021, in Indianapolis. (AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

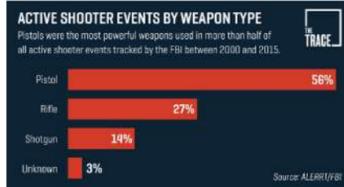
Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

The U.S. has suffered yet another mass shooting, with a deadly attack in a FedEx facility in Indianapolis. This was the fifth mass shooting in five weeks...

compared with other forms of gun violence in the U.S. According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 470,840 people were victims of crimes that involved a firearm in 2018...

violence or armed robbery, as well as shootings that occurred in public or in private homes, as many domestic violence shootings do. A Mother Jones magazine database that defines mass shootings more restrictively lists only 10 for 2019.

more generally. In any case, some researchers have found that mass shootings are becoming more deadly, with more victims in recent attacks.



Most firearm deaths are by suicide. Suicide is the leading form of gun death In 2019, the 417 mass shootings tallied by the Gun Violence Archive resulted in 465 deaths.

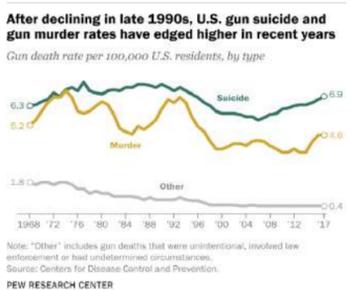
By contrast, 14,414 people were killed by someone else with a gun in 2019. And 23,941 people intentionally killed themselves with a gun in 2019, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Active shooters are more common now than they used to be Each year, the FBI releases data on what it classifies as "active shooter incidents" - in which one or more attackers continue to shoot people over time...

The most recent research on frequency of mass shootings indicates they are becoming more common, though the exact number each year can vary widely. But not all experts agree. Some argue that mass shootings have not increased and that reports of an increase are due to differences in research methods...

In addition, cases with higher death counts or unusual characteristics, such as a shooter manifesto or video footage, are more likely to get press attention and extended coverage.



Americans' opinions are split on whether

mass shootings are isolated incidents or part of a broader societal problem. And Americans are divided about how to reduce their frequency. A 2017 poll found that 47% of adults believed that reducing the number of guns in the U.S. would reduce the number of mass shootings.

With those diverging views, it will be hard to develop solutions that will be effective nationwide. That doesn't mean nothing will change, but it does mean the political debates will likely continue.



Every 8 minutes, we respond to a disaster. Your donation can help impact lives.



HELP NOW redcross.org

Southern DAILY Make Today Different

COMMUNITY

Another Time, Another Vaccine

'Can't Help Falling In Love' With A Vaccine: '50's Polio Campaign Beat Vaccine Resistance



Elvis Presley got his polio vaccination from Dr. Harold Fuerst and Dr. Leona Baumgartner at CBS' Studio 50 in New York City on Oct. 28, 1956. The chart-topping singer took part in a March of Dimes campaign to convince teens to get vaccinated.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

The mass inoculation of millions of American children against polio in 1955, like the vaccinations of millions of American adults against COVID-19 in 2021, was a triumph of science.

"If you had to pick a moment as the high point of respect for scientific discovery, it would have been then," says David M. Oshinsky, a medical historian at New York University and the author of Polio: An American Story.

Today, the unprecedented speed of the COVID-19 vaccines' development, along with a flood of disinformation on the internet about all vaccines, has led to a lingering hesitancy among some Americans to receive the increasingly available COVID-19 shots.



Dr. Jonas Salk, Developer of the polio vaccine. "In hindsight, Operation Warp Speed wasn't the best name," says Oshinsky. "It sounds like the project prioritized speed over everything else. They did roll it out quickly, but the FDA and CDC have done an amazing job of testing the vaccines and ensuring their safety and efficacy."

home and away from community gathering spots like movie theaters, roller rinks and beaches. "Back then, it affected business and travel," says Stacey D. Stewart, current president and CEO of the March of Dimes.



"Roosevelt's passion for finding a solution - a cure, a vaccine - made polio a priority coming from the very top leader of this country," says Stewart. "People across the country felt like they were called to duty. It was a call to action, like the war effort."

When the results of those studies showed the vaccine to be safe and effective in 1955, church bells rang. Loudspeakers in stores, offices and factories blared the news. People crowded around radios. "There was jubilation," says Stewart. People couldn't wait to sign their kids up for a shot.

Then tragedy struck. One of the six labs manufacturing the vaccine, Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, Calif., made a terrible mistake. The correct list of ingredients for the Salk vaccine called for polio virus that had been inactivated, but in the Cutter facility, the process of killing the virus proved defective.



In April, the U.S. campaign against COVID-19 suffered a blow too. Reports that an extremely rare but serious blood-clotting disorder might have resulted from Johnson & Johnson's vaccine - one of the three authorized for use against COVID-19 in the U.S. - once again raised the question of whether possible harms caused by a vaccine might derail people's confidence in a public health campaign at a crucial time.

Ten days later, after a careful review of those cases and others, the pause was lifted and immunization with the vaccine resumed, with new guidance for recipients and doctors about what to look for in the way of symptoms and how to treat these extremely rare events.

Polio vaccinations were temporarily halted in 1955 following the Cutter error as well. In both incidents, health officials followed the science. After Cutter's manufacturing error was pinpointed as the problem, vaccinations restarted within weeks, with renewed quality control efforts and minus any involvement from Cutter Laboratories.

"I think back then, people were so personally invested in the vaccine," Stewart says. "They listened to what happened in the Cutter case, and they understood. They continued to trust."

says Oshinsky, that people born after the mass vaccination effort don't have memories of how bad the disease could be.

"Vaccines have been a job done so well they have obliterated evidence of what the disease can cause: kids on crutches, in wheelchairs, in iron lungs," Oshinsky says. "I remember seeing the occasional empty desk in school because a child had died. People had seen polio every summer, and they wanted kids vaccinated as soon as possible."



The polio vaccine effort offers some lessons for today, says Stewart. First, volunteers from local communities are trusted and invaluable in providing education on disease, research and vaccines. To get people's attention, add to that numerous high-profile advocates - individuals recognized and esteemed by various parts of the population.

Vaccine efforts at the time did have to contend with racism. Oshinsky writes, for example, about some areas in the Jim Crow South where Black children lined up for shots on the front lawns of white schools, while white children got their shots indoors. The Black children, he notes, weren't allowed inside those white schools, even to use the bathrooms.

The strong, consistent message during the polio years was "We're all in this together." The same message, says Stewart, must come across loud and clear today.