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## Union journalists strike at Fort Worth Star-Telegram



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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Journalists with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper continued their strike Tuesday, claiming they've been pushed to the brink and that parent company McClatchy has refused to bargain in good faith over a new contract.

Union workers with the Fort Worth NewsGuild announced the strike Monday. The union said McClatchy, owned by hedge fund Chatham Asset Management, then revoked workers' health care benefits, said it would post their jobs online and encouraged other workers to cross the picket line.

The union is seeking a minimum wage of \$57,500 for workers living in Fort Worth. The NewsGuild alleges McClatchy countered with \$45,000.

"Low wages, hostile working conditions and a hemorrhaging industry have pushed journalists to the brink, including senior reporters with deep knowledge and connections in the community," the union said

in the strike announcement Monday.

In a story published Monday, Star-Telegram President and Editor Steve Coffman said the paper would continue "covering the news that matters to Tarrant County and North Texas."

"We look forward to reaching an agreement with our valued employees," Coffman said.

Coffman and union representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment from the Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear how many workers were on strike. The union has said more than 90% of its members voted to approve a strike.

The Star-Telegram strike comes as the newspaper industry continues to shrink after two decades of job losses and newspaper closures. Union journalists at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette have been on strike for several weeks in the first newspaper strike in the United States in decades.

### BREAKING NEWS

## Jeffries wins historic bid to lead House Dems after Pelosi

By LISA MASCARO



House Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., arrives for leadership elections at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened House Democrats ushered in a new generation of leaders on Wednesday with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries elected to be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress as long-serving Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her team step aside next year.

Showing rare party unity after their midterm election losses, the House Democrats moved seamlessly from one history-making leader to another, choosing the 52-year-old New Yorker, who has vowed to "get things done," even after Republicans won control of

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## A growing legacy for leadership education

"The idea with the Fellows Program was to bring in student leaders, let them help us create it and select 20-25 students a year who would really study, enhance leadership study," Chris Townsend said.

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ulty director for the Townsend Leadership Fellows Program and associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications.

"Field trips, guest speakers, service projects, creative projects and team development activities help Fellows connect leadership theory to practice," Strong said.

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New endowed chair established honoring leadership legacies of Dr. Joe Townsend '67 and Dr. Chris Townsend  
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## In Remembrance of Eddie Brice Cunningham



Sunrise: February 7, 1931  
Sunset: November 25, 2022

Eddie Brice Cunningham was born in Buffalo, Texas. The first born of Hattie and Tessie Cunningham. He enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War, where he had an opportunity to see the world. After serving his country he returned home and soon left to attend Howard University where upon graduation had decided that he wanted to practice law. He entered the Howard University School of Law where he developed a tenacity for the pursuit of justice and fairness for all people.

He returned to Fort Worth, Texas and shortly thereafter moved to Dallas to practice law. As a bright, promising attorney looking for an opportunity to help those most in need he joined

W.J. Durham in the pursuit of fairness and legal rights working with the NAACP. This was the beginning of a long and well documented legal career. He took part in several civil-rights cases involving school integration, voting rights, and prisoner rights. His legal career brought a number of victories, disappointments and moments of anger in the struggle for civil- rights in the Dallas area. He would say that every journey requires a first step forward. None of those steps were greater than *Estes v Metropolitan Branches, Dallas NAACP* which was argued before the United States Supreme Court, October 29, 1979.

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## E. Brice Cunningham An American Lawyer, Scholar, Genius, and Supreme Legacy dies at 91.

*“My Day”*

By Dr. J. Ester Davis  
[Esterdavis2000@gmail.com](mailto:Esterdavis2000@gmail.com)

The Thanksgiving Season 2022, marked the end of an era. I toyed with several titles in memory of Attorney E. Brice Cunningham who changed addresses this week. Back in 2016, I wrote for history sake, a five-part series entitled “Legal Genius” detailing the African American lawyers and their able-to-epic work ethic.

I went to work for E. Brice in the late 60’s when he was a partner at Finch Lockridge Cunningham in history, I call it now a powerful paradigm swift, transforming our minds to duty and purpose, a moment in America with worldview stories attached that will take a lifetime to announce. The ink was barely dry on Civil Rights Law #1, when Thurgood Marshall was appointed to the United States Supreme Court after his days with the NAACP’s Legal Defense Fund.

At this time in Texas History, there were self-made proclaimed pioneers ...six(6) lawyers in Dallas who met the “overwhelming” unscripted challenge they were confronted with ...managing grace, dignity and a righteous indignation. Fred Finch (Mollie Belt’s Dad), Joe Lockridge (law library at Golden Gate Baptist Church), who died in a plane crash in the late ‘60’s, Brice Cunningham

(also the legal architect for the new Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church), Louis Bedford, (Dallas’ first black judge), W. J. Durham, D. B. Mason, older jurists with grit. On the other side of the spectrum was SNCC, CORE, the Black Panther Party, SCLC, in the form of Peter Johnson, et al, a “force” all by himself, who was in jail on a very regular residuary basis with scores of ‘friends’. There were violent and non-violent black groups, and J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, had labeled Dr. King as a known documented Communist. In the middle of the good, bad and ugly, was the frontline makers-of-the -dream. With the passing of Civil Rights Law #2, the undisputed Sovereign Grand Commander of the Prince Hall Masons, I. H. Clayborn, put his carefully orchestrated housing plan into action. In concert with the Department of Housing, the Texas Masons, built several large low income projects in and across Texas. E. Brice Cunningham served as Attorney General for the United Supreme Council, Attorney for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Legal Counsel for other low income projects in Fort Worth, Houston and East Texas. But his forbidden “love” as an officer of the court was in the burning bushes-of-civil rights fighting racism, rage and injus-

tice. And...he was good at it! He was beautifully, shamelessly, a bold ruthless rebel-with-a cause.

Dr. Sharon Middlebrooks, the current Dallas NAACP President remembers those days vividly. She started her career with Dr. Clayborn and recalls that Brice “was known for his wit. His legal intellect was in high demand”. Huh! What irony!

Women like Camena Adams, Evelyn Johnson, Jean Freeland, Mollie Kellum, Sherry Washington, Gwen Tatum, and a school of other talented minded females, were a huge part of this legal world. We worked endless hours and had a complete grasp of the obvious. I recall when Durham hired the first ‘most brilliant’ female attorney in his office. She was most welcome with little fanfare and a boatload of cases.

On the job training was all we had. My mornings in the law office started early because I had to drop off my sons. Time to pick them up, if too busy, Brice or one of the office staff would help out. My sons had a ‘play’ area in Brice’s office. The phones started ringing early too. One particular morning I will never forget, Thurgood Marshall called. Behind that call was W. J. Durham, the attorney from North Dallas. They wanted Brice to go to Nacogdoches,



By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Texas, get a ‘bunch’ out of jail. Brice conferred with L. A. Bedford, as per usual, assigned cases and left. Brice could handle these times with ease, a non-sleep, non-stop agenda and a made up mind. Make no mistake about it, Brice could be difficult and rigid, but I had shorthand skills where he could easily dictate 20 letters at a time.

E. Brice Cunningham’s reach as a legal genius was wide and deep. He roamed from high profile murder cases to possibly one of the first class action suits against a major corporation, not to mention appearing before the United States Supreme Court on school desegregation. He was a consensus builder, a master strategist to the finish line.

End of an era! It most certainly is. Is there a second generation at bat? Are we repeating history? Thank you, Attorney Cunningham, for the way you spent your time here on earth with us.

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In addition to his work in civil-rights he was also a prominent criminal attorney, often taking on cases for families that could not afford to pay in full for his services. His professional

life only covers a portion of a life well lived. Many knew him from his exploits and victories in the courtroom but even more people knew him for his work within the community. He was a son, a brother, a father, a grandfather and a great grandfather.

These words reflect the man who did not like the name Eddie and preferred to be called “Brice”.

“Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right and forget about those who

don’t.

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of the chamber. The closed-door vote was unanimous, by acclamation.

“It’s a solemn responsibility that we are all inheriting,” Jeffries told reporters on the eve of the party meeting. “And the best thing that we can do as a result of the seriousness and solemnity of the moment is lean in hard and do the best damn job that we can for the people.”

It’s rare that a party that lost the midterm elections would so easily regroup and stands in stark contrast with the upheaval among Republicans, who are struggling to unite around GOP leader Kevin McCarthy as

the new House speaker as they prepare to take control when the new Congress convenes in January.

Wednesday’s internal Democratic caucus votes of Jeffries and the other top leaders came without challenges. Cheers broke out after the elections.

The trio led by Jeffries, who will become the Democratic minority leader in the new Congress, includes 59-year-old Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts as the Democratic whip and 43-year-old Rep. Pete Aguilar of California as caucus chairman. The new team of Democratic leaders is expected to slide into the

slots held by Pelosi and her top lieutenants — Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Democratic Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina — as the 80-something leaders make way for the next generation.

But in many ways, the trio has been transitioning in plain sight, as one aide put it — Jeffries, Clark and Aguilar working with Pelosi’s nod these past several years in lower-rung leadership roles as the first woman to have the speaker’s gavel prepared to step down. Pelosi, of California, has led the House Democrats for the past 20 years, and colleagues late Tuesday granted her the honorific title of “speaker

emerita.”

“It an important moment for the caucus — that there’s a new generation of leadership,” said Rep. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., ahead of voting.

Democratic Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri called the leadership election “historic” and a “time for change.”

While Democrats will be relegated to the House minority in the new year for the 118th Congress, they will have a certain amount of leverage because the Republican majority is expected to be so slim and McCarthy’s hold on his party fragile.

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### I CORINTHIANS 6:1-30

*BELIEVERS GOING TO COURT AGAINST ONE ANOTHER*



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

As we have observed, the Corinthian church was a highly gifted church; however, it was a church also beset with some glaring issues. Beginning in verse 1 of Chapter 6, we will observe the issue of Christians using the law against one another. As believers, we should not take up our differences in a secular court. We should address our issues from God's word! (Matthew 5:23-26; 18:15-

17). We definitely should not expose our church differences to a secular court! First and foremost, it would be extremely embarrassing, and it would tarnish our testimony before others! Christians are forbidden in going to court against Christians but, can go to court against unbelievers. Beginning in verse 2-3, Paul introduces the fact that Christians shall judge the world and angels.

Exposing the severity of their ignorance in verses 4-8, Paul reveals how shameful it was for brethren to go to court against one another, knowing that saints are spiritually qualified to handle their own differences. The church's spiritual matters must be handled by the church, not a secular court. The Holy Spirit, not a secular judge, is the One who helps us to make sound spiritual

decisions! In verses 9-10, Paul presents an apt description of the pre-salvation condition of the unrighteous. However, in verse 12, Paul describes a believer's life since salvation by stating that he or she has been "washed, sanctified and justified." We are washed, meaning that we have been "born again" (St. John 3:6); we have been "sanctified", or set apart for God's use

(Acts 20:32); and we have been "justified", declared righteous (Romans 5:1). From verses 12-18, Paul exhorts the Corinthians to utilize their Christian liberty to glorify the Lord, and not in the indulgence of the flesh. We cannot use our Christian freedom as a license to sin (Romans 6:1-3). Finally, two wonderful verses that tell us that our

bodies belong to the Lord are found in verses 19-20 which says: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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The House's two new potential leaders, Jeffries and McCarthy, are of the same generation but have almost no real relationship to speak of — in fact the Democrat is known for leveling political barbs at the Republican from afar, particularly over the GOP's embrace of former President Donald Trump. Jeffries served as a House manager during Trump's first impeachment.

"We're still working through the implications of Trumpism," Jeffries said, "and what it has meant, as a very destabilizing force for American democracy."

Jeffries said he hopes to find "common ground when possible" with Republicans but will "oppose their extremism when we must."

On the other side of the Capitol, Jeffries will have a partner in Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer as two New Yorkers are poised to helm the Democratic leadership in Congress. They live about a mile (1.6 kilometers) apart in Brooklyn.

"There are going to be a group, in my judgment, of mainstream Republicans who are not going to want to go in the MAGA direction, and Hakeem's the ideal type guy to work with them," Schumer said in an interview, referencing Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

Jeffries has sometimes been met with skepticism from party progressives, viewed as a more centrist figure among House Democrats.

But Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., a progressive and part of the "squad" of liberal lawmakers, said she has been heartened by the way Jeffries and his team are reaching out, even though they face no challengers.

"There's a genuine sense that he wants to develop relationships and working partnerships with many of us," she said.

Clark, in the No. 2 spot, is seen as a coalition builder on the leadership team, while Aguilar, as the third-ranking leader, is known as a behind-the-scenes conduit to centrists and even Republicans.

Clyburn, now the highest-ranking Black American in Congress, is seeking to become the assistant democratic leader, keeping a seat at the leadership table and helping the new generation to transition.

But Clyburn faces an unexpected challenge from Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., who is openly gay and argued Wednesday in a letter to colleagues that House Democrats should "fully respect the diversity of our caucus and the American people by including an LGBTQ+ member at the leadership table."

The election for the assistant leader post and several others is expected to be held Thursday.

Jeffries' ascent comes as a milestone for Black Americans, the Capitol built with the labor of enslaved people and its dome later expanded during Abraham Lincoln's presidency as a symbol the nation would stand during the Civil War.

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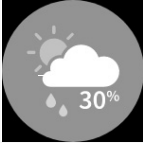
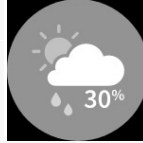

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FILE - Tiger Woods, of the United States, stands on the 11th hole during the first round of the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, on July 14, 2022. Woods was out before he was officially back, withdrawing Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, from his Hero World Challenge with plantar fasciitis in his right foot. (AP Photo/Alastair Grant, File)

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Tiger Woods painted an uncertain picture about how much golf he can play, saying Tuesday that “I don’t have much left in this leg.”

He also doesn’t have much hope the PGA Tour and the Saudi-funded rival league can get along unless Greg Norman is out as LIV Golf’s leader.

“Not right now. Not with their leadership. Not with Greg there and his animosity toward the tour itself,” Woods said. “I don’t see that happening.”

Rory McIlroy also said in Dubai two weeks ago that Norman needs to “exit stage

left” before there can be any meaningful discussions between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf.

Woods artfully skirted around other questions on Tuesday, such as details on two unexpected surgeries he had last year and whether the 20-man field at the Hero World Challenge should be getting points toward the world ranking.

He was forceful on the effect of LIV Golf, referring to friction the rival league has caused and how lawsuits stand in the way of any reconciliation.

“If one side has so much animosity — someone trying

## Tiger Woods doesn’t ‘have much left in this leg’ to compete

By DOUG FERGUSON

to destroy our tour — then how do we work with that?” Woods said.

Phil Mickelson was among 10 players who filed an antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour in August, a lawsuit since taken over by LIV Golf. Bryson DeChambeau, Peter Uihlein and Matt Jones are the only players still involved as plaintiffs. The PGA Tour since has filed a countersuit. A trial date is tentatively scheduled for January 2024.

Woods said the lawsuits would have to be settled — he used the word “stay” on more than one occasion — or there is no way forward.

Woods is at Albany Golf Club strictly as the tournament host. He had to withdraw on Monday because of plantar fasciitis in his right foot that makes it too difficult to walk over 72 holes, even on a relatively flat course for a holiday event.

Woods said he was posting low scores at home in Florida while riding in a cart. And his next two events — a made-for-TV match over 12 holes on Dec. 10, and the

PNC Championship with his son the following weekend — allow for carts.

“I can hit the golf ball and hit whatever shot you want,” he said. “I just can’t walk.”

He said the plantar fasciitis was related to injuries he suffered in the Los Angeles car crash in February 2021, which ended any hope of him playing on a regular basis.

A year ago, Woods was just starting to take full swings with the driver and his ambition was to make it to St. Andrews for the 150th edition of the British Open. He wound up playing the Masters and the PGA Championship, too.

That amounted to nine rounds — four at Augusta National, three at the PGA Championship (he withdrew after the third round) and two at St. Andrews.

Woods felt he was making progress in the months after the British Open, only to hurt his right foot while trying to prepare for a 72-hole event in the Bahamas.

“When you get plantar fasciitis, the worst thing you

can do is walk, and I was walking more and more and more, trying to get my legs ready for this event, and I just kept making it worse,” he said. “So had to shut it down.”

He said he would take a month or two to rest, which won’t affect his golf schedule because he wasn’t going to play that much, anyway.

This has been coming. Woods turns 47 on Dec. 30, and he has had roughly as many surgeries as majors he was won (15).

“The goal is to play just the major championships and maybe one or two more. That’s it. Physically, that’s all I can do. I told you that (at) the beginning of this year, too,” he said.

“I mean, I don’t have much left in this leg, so gear up for the biggest ones and hopefully, lightning catches in a bottle and I’m up there in contention with a chance to win, and hopefully, I remember how to do that.”

He said he did everything to prepare for St. Andrews, only for his leg to act up on him and lead to an early

departure packed with emotion. Woods does not anticipate returning to another Open at St. Andrews.

His health wasn’t great that week beyond his leg, though it wasn’t COVID-19.

McIlroy, in a wide-ranging interview with the Sunday Independent in Ireland, said he and Woods played a practice round at Ballyunion on the Thursday before the British Open and McIlroy was feeling ill afterward.

He said sweat was pouring off him and his temperature spiked. McIlroy called Woods, who reported he was feeling fine. But then Woods texted him that night and said he had chills and a fever.

“And I’m like, ‘(Expletive), I’ve just given Tiger COVID!’ This is horrendous!” McIlroy said. “So we both had COVID going into the Open.”

Woods said he tested for the coronavirus and it came back negative. “Was I feeling under the weather? Yes, wasn’t feeling great the whole week,” Woods said. “But I never got a positive test.”

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“Program graduates have been publicly celebrated for their leadership accomplishments by earning spots on the Aggie 100 as well as industry and civil awards, but it is their daily impact on their communities that makes the world a better place.”

Expanding Joe and Chris Townsend’s legacies of leadership through an endowment

Leroy “Shafe” Shafer ’67, chief operating officer emeritus of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and friend of Joe Townsend, said the Houston show is very familiar with students from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences after having employed “hundreds of interns” from Texas A&M over the years. He explained how “Dr. Joe and Dr. Chris” prepared students for their future professional careers.

“I’ve talked to so many corporate leaders, and they said if Joe Townsend said this student was good, then they knew they were good,” Shafer said. “Joe and Chris not only worked with their students, but they mentored those students to help them grow and become leaders, inside and outside the classroom.”

Today, inspired by the

momentum of an initial gift by Shafer and his wife Nancy, a \$2 million campaign goal has been established to fund an endowed chair in leadership education and student excellence through the Dr. Chris and Dr. Joe Townsend ’67 Chair in Leadership Education and Student Excellence.

This faculty member will continue the Townsend’s legacies of leadership complimenting the Leadership Fellows Program while expanding opportunities across the College.

The Townsends tirelessly sought ways to find the best in students and help those students reach excellence. The endowed chair is designed to continue that emphasis on student success and will be guided by an external advisory committee of former students recognizing and appreciating the positive influence of the Townsends.

In Townsend-style, the Chair holder will enhance student preparation for entry-level leadership position, mid-career enhancement and executive level development. Campaign contributions will help fund mentorship opportunities in the following areas that emulate the Townsends’ values of leadership education and student excellence:

- Faculty, staff and/or

former student leadership undergraduate mentorship program.

- Graduate student mentorship program for the next generation of academics.

- Early career Aggies wishing to advance into management or executive roles.

“The endowment allows us to say that leadership will have a legacy at Texas A&M in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences forever,” Chris Townsend said. “I am proud Joe and I can leave this legacy behind at Texas A&M. Not only did we have 25 amazing years at Texas A&M, but we now have something we can leave forever with students in the College.”

A friendly face to countless Aggies across the world Shafer first met Joe Townsend in 1963 during Texas 4-H Roundup, then became roommates during graduate school at Iowa State.

“Joe was an absolute in my life,” Shafer said. “He could always put people at ease, and everybody seemed to know him.”

Shafer said Townsend was known throughout the world. Shafer recalled coming in from flying a late-night combat mission in Vietnam, and the officer club’s dining room had closed.

“I was looking for food and a beer in the club’s bar area, and it was only me and one bartender—an enlisted soldier working extra duty,” Shafer said. “He looked at my hand and said, ‘Captain is that an Aggie ring? I taught in a high school back in Iowa with an A&M graduate. Do you know Joe Townsend?’”

Shafer said he will never forget his surprise at being nearly 9,000 miles away from home in a war zone and finding someone who knew Joe Townsend. “He said, ‘Captain, Guttenberg, Iowa, may be a little town, but Joe Townsend is known all over the world.’ Joe had that kind of impact.”

Paving the way for agricultural leadership and advocacy

Shafer said the “dynamic duo” of Chris and Joe Townsend have already cemented what the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications is all about.

“Chris was instrumental when she became department head because before she joined, it was just the department of agricultural education,” Shafer said. “She helped put agricultural leadership, agricultural education, and agriculture communications and journalism together.”

“Working alongside Dr. Chris, Dr. Joe saved so

many students’ academic careers with his mentoring and paved the way for their future in business and education. Ultimately, the successes of many of those former students can be attributed to Dr. Joe’s mentorship and leadership.”

As a result of their collaborative efforts, both Joe and Chris Townsend were honored with a proclamation from the 81st Texas Legislature for their agricultural advocacy and leadership. The proclamation recognized the couple “as role models for educators, mentors and advocates for young people across Texas and that they be extended our sincerest appreciation for their service to our state through their efforts.”

“The creation of this endowment will ensure their legacies are endured in perpetuity,” Shafer said. “Think back to when you were a student sitting across from Dr. Joe and Dr. Chris. It is your chance to say, ‘thank you.’”

To give in honor of the Townsends and strengthen their legacy, give online to the Dr. Chris and Dr. Joe Townsend ’67 Chair in Leadership Education and Student Excellence or contact Bailey Allison ’21 at ballison@txamfoundation.com.

## Racist Sentenced to Life in Prison for Buffalo Mass Killing of African Americans

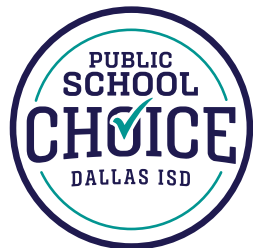
Prosecutors said Gendron acknowledged that he committed the heinous crimes “for the future of the white race.”

By **Stacy M. Brown**

A white man who traveled to a Buffalo grocery store in May and killed 10 African Americans, including Black Press writer Katherine Massey, pled guilty to 25 criminal counts on Monday and will spend the rest of his life in prison.

A grand jury previously indicted Payton Gendron, 19, on domestic terrorism, first-degree murder, attempted murder, hate crimes, and weapons possession.

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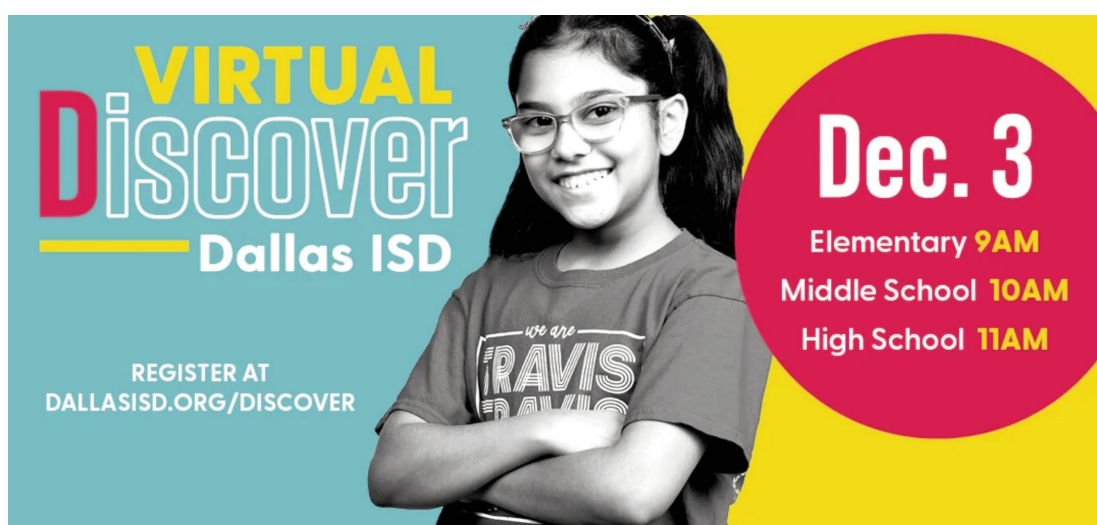
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dyslexia accommodations that are available in these choice schools and programs.

We will have three virtual meetings, one for each grade level—elementary, middle, high school. Register for one or more of them at [www.dallasisd.org/discover](http://www.dallasisd.org/discover).



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The Gala will take place January 14, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, located at 300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas, TX 75207.

Tickets are \$150. Tables are \$1,500. Purchase tickets via Eventbrite at [bit.ly/CODMLKGala](http://bit.ly/CODMLKGala).

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*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. · We must remember that intelligence is not enough." - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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A single domestic terrorism motivated by hate charge carries an automatic life sentence upon conviction.

Prosecutors said Gendron acknowledged that he committed the heinous crimes "for the future of the white race."

A lawyer for the victims indicated relief that the state's case didn't go to trial. "It avoids a lengthy trial

that they believe would be very difficult for the families," said Terrence Connors, an attorney representing the victims' families.

"I think it was pretty clear they had no real defense."

The self-described white supremacist, Gendron, previously pled not guilty to federal hate crime charges. Federal law allows for the death penalty in those cases.

He still faces 27 federal counts, including ten counts of hate crimes resulting in

deaths, three counts of hate crimes involving an attempt to kill, and 13 counts of using, carrying, or discharging a firearm related to a hate crime.

Prosecutors said Gendron possessed a 180-page manifesto that revealed troubling perceptions the self-avowed white supremacist had.

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.

Unlike the many unarmed Black people killed during encounters with law enforcement, the white racist is alive to plead not guilty 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 Bennie Thompson in an earlier statement.

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) National Deputy Director

Edward Ahmed Mitchell added that the organization condemns 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."