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Dallas ISD announces 2022 Valedictorians and Salutatorians



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DALLAS — Dallas ISD is proud to announce the valedictorians and salutatorians for the Class of 2022 at each high school. These hardworking and tenacious seniors earned the prestigious honor of holding the highest and second-highest ranks, respectively, among their graduating class. Proving there is no achievement beyond reach, those holding this year's coveted No. 1 and No. 2 spots embody an impressive breadth of knowledge and have shown exceptional academic prowess.

Dallas ISD celebrated its Class of

2022 graduates with the return of in-person high school commencement ceremonies. Congratulations are extended to the honorees as they mark this important milestone in their lives. The students who received top honors from their respective schools are listed below.

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Judge delays trial of 2 ex-cops in Floyd killing until 2023

By STEVE KARNOWSKI and AMY FORLITI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The judge overseeing the remaining case against two former Minneapolis police officers charged in George Floyd's killing ordered Monday that the trial be delayed until January in hopes that some additional time will improve prospects for a fair trial.

Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were due to go on trial next week on charges of aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the May 2020 death of Floyd. But Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill ordered Monday that the trial be delayed until Jan. 5.

Cahill denied a defense motion for a change of venue, which was requested because of the extensive publicity in the case. But he said media reports and recent events surrounding connected cases have created "a reasonable likelihood of an unfair trial" if it were to begin next week.

Cahill cited the May 18 guilty plea by Thao and Kueng's co-defendant, former Officer Thomas Lane. He also cited the February convictions of Thao, Kueng and Lane on federal charges of violating Floyd's civil rights.

The judge said those two events and the publicity surrounding them are significant enough to make it difficult for jurors to presume that Thao and Kueng are innocent of the state charges. So, he ordered the delay, just shy of seven months, to diminish the effects of that publicity.

Cahill also presided over last year's trial of former Officer Derek Chauvin, which ended with a second-degree murder conviction and a 22 1/2-year sentence for the white officer who knelt on the Black man's neck for 9 1/2 minutes despite Floyd's fading pleas of "I can't breathe." The killing led to protests worldwide and a national reckoning on racial injustice.

The judge also denied a motion by a coalition of media organizations, including The Associated Press, to reconsider his April decision to prohibit live audiovisual coverage of the proceedings from gavel to gavel. But he said he may reconsider if the Minnesota state court system revises its rules on cameras in the courts by Jan. 4.

Bob Paule, an attorney for Thao, said he thought the decision "was a thoughtful and

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A History of Hate: 'If Emancipation Came in Lincoln's America, why was it Necessary to March in King's America?'

By Stacy M. Brown
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Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. has long examined America's hatred toward African Americans, recently noting a profound new rendering of the struggle by African

Americans for equality after the Civil War and the violent counterrevolution that re-subjugated them, as seen through the prism of the war of images and ideas that have left an enduring stain

on the American mind.

"The story of the abolition of slavery in the aftermath of the Civil War is familiar, as is the civil rights revolution that transformed the nation after World

War II," Gates wrote in a white paper.

"But the century in between remains a mystery," he noted.

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Decades after Texas took part of its historic farm, a family fights again to save its land from a highway expansion

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Daniel Alexander was enslaved when he founded a farm before the Civil War. 175 years later, his family is fighting to keep it intact as Texas plans to expand U.S. Highway 183. - BY TIMIA COBB/Texas Tribune



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“Why Schools Can No Longer Ignore Anti-Black Hate”

By K. Hasan Hamilton, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Contributing Writer



K. Hasan Hamilton

As we head into summer wrapping up the 2021-22 school year, our nation is faced with yet another anti-Black hate tragedy. This time, the gunman is an 18-year-old White male who drove nearly 3.5 hours to murder 10 people and injure 3 additional victims while racially traumatizing countless others. Among the deceased are retired Buffalo police lieutenant Mr. Aaron Salter who risked his life as a security guard to prevent further deaths from occurring.

What we know is that last year, this 18-year-old, Payton Gendron, previously threatened to shoot up his predominantly White high school, where approximately 2.7% of the student body is Black and 3.2% are two or more races. Although he received a psychiatric evaluation, the

former student was allowed to continue school and graduated without incident. Interestingly, Black students are continually suspended and expelled for willful defiance like not putting away their cell phones fast enough in class and other acts of “disruption.” In contrast, non-Black students, in particular, receive passes for the most egregious acts that are verbal or physical in nature.

In 2016 alone, school hate crimes rose 25%. From racial slurs of the n-word to all-out assaults, Black students are saying that they no longer feel safe in school. Take into consideration that 35% of all racial bullying and harassment reports come from Black students who make up roughly 15% of public school enrollment. In other words, Black students make up the highest incidents of school-based racial bullying and harassment nationwide (CRDC, 2018).

School is a microcosm of society, so whether acts of anti-Black racism occur on or off campus grounds, they should always be taken seriously and acted upon by school administrators and staff. Just last

month, right here in San Diego County’s Lakeside community, a 16-year old African American female was stabbed outside of her apartment complex by a White male neighbor and schoolmate. Both this 16-year-old and his 15-year-old girlfriend are believed to have ties with White ‘supremacist’ groups.

Lakeside, which neighbors Santee and its local high school, El Capitan, shares similar school demographics to gunman Payton Gendron’s Susquehanna Valley High School in New York. Schools can no longer turn a color blind eye to what is happening to Black children and adolescents across the country, no matter how small the Black student population may be, as we see in these two tragic incidents. Anti-Black hate is real and we call on schools to protect our youth at every level, including from being harmed by their own peers when they are trying to learn like everyone else. Just imagine how differently the national headlines and local headlines would be if both Susquehanna Valley High School in New York and El Capitan High School in

San Diego would have addressed anti-Black hate at schools head on. The time is now for us to take action at the local, state, and federal levels.

Locally, we are calling on San Diego County DA Summer Stephens, San Diego County Board of Supervisor Joel Anderson (District 2), the Grossmont Union High School District, and Lakeside Sheriff’s Department Substation to continue to work with the San Diego Community at large to address anti-Black hate and racism head on in communities and in schools. State and federal wide, to Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber, Rep. Scott Peters, and President Biden: we are grateful for the recent passage of the anti-lynching bill in honor of the late Emmitt Till but we need more. On this day, we call for specific legislation that will denounce anti-Black hate in schools and communities. Our students matter. When schools and our nation address anti-Black racism as soon as threats of violence first happen in schools, we can keep our families and communities safe by preventing mass shootings in the first place.

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“HEROD TROUBLES THE CHURCH”

Acts 12:1-25

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



As we move into chapter 12 of Acts, particularly verse 1, we are introduced to Herod Agrippa I, the grandson of Herod the Great, who ruled at the birth of Jesus. The family of Herod was ruthless, a family at enmity against God. Persecution that had been mainly against the church stemmed from the religious rulers, the Sadducees in particular; however, now we discover that it moved to the realm of government. Herod

vexed the church in a brutal way to gain favor no doubt with certain influential groups. The evidence of his cruel action against the church is seen in that James, the apostle, was killed (v. 2). God, in His Sovereignty, will miraculously preserve the life of Peter, but James is slain (v. 3). With the execution of James pleasing the Jews, Herod apprehended and incarcerated Peter on the feast of Unleavened Bread

(Pentecost). Herod made sure that Peter’s imprisonment was secure, for Peter was guarded by four squads of four soldiers each (v. 4). While Peter was in prison, the church was earnestly in prayer! (v. 5). Sleeping between two soldiers, Peter was confidently trusting in the Lord as he was sound asleep the night before his trial. He did not fear for his life because Christ had uttered that Peter would live to an old age (v. 6; St. John 21:8).

In verses 7-10, Peter was aided in his escape by an angel. This was the second time an angel helped Peter escape (Acts 5:17-20). God was indeed bringing about the escape of His child, Peter! In verse 11, Peter was assured that the Lord delivered him from Herod. The church that met at John Mark’s mother’s home was astonished to hear of Peter’s release, although the church had prayed for his release (vv. 12-17). Peter’s escape

prompted the ruthless Herod to order the execution of the prison guards (vv. 18-19). After executing all of the guards who guarded Peter, Herod goes to Caesarea. In verses 20-23, we are introduced to the fact that the Lord judged Herod with death because he was willing to let people deify him after Herod delivered a speech. In conclusion, in spite of opposition and persecution, the Lord continued to prosper the work of

His church (Acts 2:47; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:30-31). After taking the gift to the Jerusalem church, John Mark goes back to Antioch with Barnabas and Saul. The gospel has gone into Judea and Samaria (chapters 8-12). Beginning with chapter 13, we will see the movement of the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth (chapters 13-28).

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"If emancipation came in Lincoln's America, why was it necessary to march in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s America?"

Further, 54 years after King's assassination, white supremacy remains on the rise with the merciless Tops supermarket murders of 10 African Americans and even the heartless killings of 19 predominantly Latino students at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

HIT Strategies, Washington D.C.'s leading millennial and minority-owned public opinion research company, issued its latest survey of Black Americans, "Reducing Racism and Discrimination."

The company said reducing racism and discrimination counts as the "number two" issue for Black voters, behind only inflation and previously COVID-19.

HIT officials noted that reducing racism consistently ranks among the top three priorities. Black voters want their elected leaders to address this.

"[The Tops Supermarket] shooting represented racism in its most violent and craven form," added Terrance Woodbury, founding partner at HIT Strategies.

"However, Black voters have long recognized how the culture-war politics and its racist rhetoric fuels animus toward Black Americans. Black voters want their elected leaders to respond to racism head-on, not just in reaction to tragedies. This is a political and moral imperative."

One African American male told HIT researchers that "underneath the insurrection, which was the actual event, it was just white backlash. This was the same as the burning of Tulsa. This was the same as all the things."

An unidentified Black woman added: "I think with Donald Trump coming in and leaving, it woke up a lot of things that were buried, like racism, it's still alive."

Jeremy Clifford, founder, and CEO of Router CTRL, a fast-growing website in the technology market, insisted that America's hate problem remains deep-rooted and complex.

"Several factors contribute to it, including our history, culture, and politics," Clifford stated. "America has a long history of hate. From the days of slavery to the Jim Crow era, from the Civil Rights Movement to today, America has seen its fair share of hate. And while we like to think that we've come a long way since then, the truth is that much of our history is still with us today."

Clifford continued, noting that "we live in a culture that is built on competition and individualism. We are a nation of winners and losers, and we often see others as threats to our success. This can lead to fear and suspicion, which can turn into hate."

"Finally, our politics also contribute to our hate problem. Our political system is based on a winner-take-all. We are a country divided between red and blue, and we often see those on the other side as our enemies.

This division can lead to anger and hate."

TEDx speaker Milagros Phillips said she believes America repeatedly looks in the wrong areas to solve its hate history.

"Whenever something racially charged happens, everyone turns to people of color to solve it. Racism is a problem for people of color. It is not the problem of people of color," Phillips asserted.

"Hundreds of years of racial conditioning, through violence, scapegoating, and the dehumanization of Black and Brown people have led to the anger, hatred, and dysfunction we experience today.

"But don't be fooled. That hatred is not today. It's hundreds of years in the making and practice. Proof of that is the lynching and burnings that have continued."

Author and human rights activist Tara Teng suggested that America has not solved its hate problem because the nation hasn't learned how to reconnect with humanity.

"We crave power more than we crave connection to our fellow humans, and this same misalignment of priorities is what America was built upon," Teng determined.

"It is our origin story. From colonization and genocide to slavery, segregation, and Jim Crow, America has taken every opportunity to use the body as justification for oppression and cruelty."

Teng continued:
 "In the name of power and supremacy, we look to 'the good old days,' an idealized past in which tradition and nostalgia were built on the backs of body-based

oppression – legislating racism, ableism, and homophobia against anyone who was not powerful and white.

"These power struggles are why Critical Race Theory is banned in schools, legislation is debated in the halls, and bodies are targeted by gun violence in the streets. Our hate has become embodied within us and because some benefit from it, we refuse to spit the poison out of our mouths."

What can America do to ease its fears?

Phillips, the TEDx speaker, said treating the trauma would help.

"These horrific things happen to people of color, but no one moves in with the cadre of psychiatrists to treat the trauma," Phillips remarked.

"We should also treat for justice. White perpetrators of violence are treated differently than perpetrators of color. A white mass shooter can be captured alive and not even handcuffed. Soon after they are captured, the news quickly announces they have a mental health condition.

"Meanwhile, a perpetrator of color is more likely to end up shot dead in a confrontation, and rarely is their mental health part of their defense."

Phillips concluded that self-care could help Black Americans in particular.

"Because there is very little treatment for Black people's continual trauma, we will have to learn to self-care," Phillips maintained.

"There are some wonderful exercises to help with anxiety, fear, and coming down from trauma."

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well-reasoned decision by Judge Cahill."

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office is prosecuting the case, said in a statement: "It's unfortunate for the victims, the witnesses, and community that the oppor-

tunity to seek justice has been delayed. The State was ready for trial next week and will be ready next January."

A message left for Kueng's attorney was not immediately returned Monday.

The new trial schedule says pretrial motions will be

held Jan. 5 and Jan. 6, with jury selection beginning Jan. 9. Questionnaires will be mailed to a new pool of "several hundred" potential jurors around Sept. 1. Opening statements are set for Jan. 30.

In denying a change of venue, Cahill wrote that he is satisfied that a fair and

impartial trial can be held in Hennepin County "eventually," noting that it's the most populous and diverse county in the state. He said attorneys will get to select jurors from a panel "that will surely exceed 200" after the lengthy questionnaires designed to screen out bias are returned.

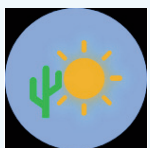
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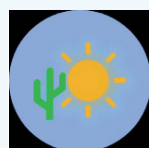
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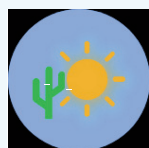
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Road Warriors draw on experience as Finals move to Boston

By KYLE HIGHOWER



AP Photo/John Hefti)

BOSTON (AP) — Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors have no problem playing on the road. The Celtics, meanwhile, haven't been lights-out in Boston during these playoffs.

As the NBA Finals shift to TD Garden for Wednesday's Game 3 with the series tied at 1, the Celtics ought to have the advantage, but recent numbers suggest otherwise.

Boston is 5-4 at home and 8-3 on the road this postseason.

The Warriors, meanwhile, have won at least one away game in 26 consecutive playoff series.

"We always know how to find a way to win games no matter what style it is, high scoring, low scoring, defensive battle, shootout, whatever it is," Golden State guard Stephen Curry said. "We find another level of

grit and determination, just an ability to find a way to get it done. Being in hostile environments, you get tested, you get pushed. Our experience kind of shows at the right time."

The previous 39 times teams have split the first two games of the Finals, the winner of Game 3 has gone on to win the series 82.1% of the time (32-7).

"I think just our playoff experience, our guys under-

stand the importance of making sure you don't let your guard down in that first (road) playoff game," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "We know they're going to bring a level of physicality that we brought last game. We got to be prepared for that."

The Warriors rediscovered their defensive toughness in their Game 2 win, limiting Boston to a playoff-low 88 points. They also forced the Celtics into 19 turnovers. Boston is 1-5 in these playoffs when it's had 16 turnovers or more; with 15 or fewer giveaways, the Celtics are 12-2.

"Unforced at times, but also over-penetrating. Have to have carryover and consistency in that area," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "That kind of tells a story."

Boston guard Marcus Smart said the Celtics need to match the intensity of Golden State's Draymond Green, who got into a pair of skirmishes — first with Grant Williams and then with Jaylen Brown — that seemed to fuel his team.



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Decades after Texas took part of its historic farm, a family fights again to save its land from a highway expansion

Losing in 1968

By the middle of the 20th century — more than 100 years after Daniel Alexander founded the family farm — Milton Everett Alexander ran the farm. The property's dairy farm thrived and serviced various establishments in the area, such as Superior Dairies, according to Alexander-Kasparik. In 1967, the farm transitioned to primarily raising cattle for beef. The farm completely stopped milk production in 1970, when a fire burned down the dairy barn. The family has always speculated the fire was intentionally set by local Ku Klux Klan members.

Alexander-Kasparik said her grandfather was a kind, stoic yet stern and incredibly sweet man. Though he tried, Milton was unsuccessful at stopping TxDOT from building U.S. Highway 183 through the family's property in 1968. There's a piece of Alexander land east of the cemetery that relatives called "the bottom," due to the land being a low-lying parcel connected to Cottonmouth Creek. Before the road came through, the Alexander descendants would use "the bottom" as a planting area for corn, melons and cucumbers and to grow food for cows.

But the highway separated that piece of land from the farm and the cemetery. It now sits isolated on the other side of U.S. 183.

Alexander-Kasparik grew up in the oldest house on the farm, which sits front and center, directly off the highway. She and her relatives sat on its wraparound porch and watched as TxDOT built the highway next to their front door.

The family is unable to locate documents stating how much TxDOT paid them in 1968 for their 5 acres of land. Neither is TxDOT. But according to the Texas Real Estate Research Center, in 1971, the earliest year listed, the median value of rural land in Central Texas was estimated to be \$170 per acre.

Two years after the highway was first built, Alexander-Kasparik said the family suffered another degradation. A street on either side of the highway — that also runs directly in front of the farm — was paved and renamed Colton Road, after a nearby tiny town whose prime crop in the 1800s was cotton.

"It has an undeniable connection to slavery," Alexander-Kasparik said.

Her grandfather died a few years after that road's

renaming. And even though she was a child, Alexander-Kasparik promised her mother she would fight to get the name of the road changed.

"I'm just speaking personally — it was a slap in the face," she said.

Trying isn't enough

Alexander-Kasparik still lives on the farm in the house closest to the highway. She spends her days caring for her calf longhorn — Rosie, Too — and overseeing repairs to the three main houses on the land, which are connected to U.S. Highway 183 by a driveway.

The home sitting closest to Colton Road was the home of Alexander-Kasparik's great-great-grandmother Ceny Alexander. A brick house, the farthest home from the highway, was built in 1990 for Alexander-Kasparik's parents to live in as they grew older.

Alexander-Kasparik's brothers, Marc and Gerald Alexander are the main caretakers of the animals on the land.

The two men start the day early, often greeted by the smell of manure and wet grass as the cows wait to be fed. Rosie, Too has to be separated from the other ani-

mals in order to get her fair share of food due to her small size. They feed the cows quality grain to increase their worth as beef cattle, preparing them to be sold.

The two brothers are usually accompanied by three fellow farmworkers who tend to goats on the farm, assuring they are eating enough shrubbery to keep the farm maintained. They also check if the farm is safe from predatory animals like wildcats and tend to construction work on a barn.

"My brothers are extremely loving human beings — they were raised to love animals," Alexander-Kasparik said. "They were raised to continue the traditions of my ancestors who understood the importance of farm animals to life."

That's how it's been on the farm in recent years. Then, in November 2019, Alexander-Kasparik received a postcard in the mail, notifying her of a TxDOT meeting about plans to expand U.S. Highway 183.

At the meeting, the family learned the four-lane highway was projected to widen to 12 lanes. With the road already bordering the farm — and in close proximity to the cemetery and



Rosalind Alexander-Kasparik recalls stories about her family farm as she sits in a rocking chair on the porch of the house she grew up in. Photo Credit: Lauren Witte/The Texas Tribune

houses near the eastern edge of the property — Alexander-Kasparik realized that any expansion put the family legacy at risk.

In February 2020, family members met with TxDOT staffers to dissuade the agency from taking anymore of the Alexander Farm. It did little to eliminate their fears.

"TxDOT said it would prey," Alexander-Kasparik said. "Try if it was possible to prevent another taking from us. 'Try if it's possible' — that has to be the weakest, least committal statement I have ever heard."

An uncertain future

Alexander-Kasparik quickly adopted a new life mission: convincing state and regional officials that her family's land, rich with

almost two centuries of history, is important enough to be saved.

She is also working with organizations to guarantee that the farm and cemetery Daniel Alexander founded and left behind will continue to be around for years to come.

The Hill County Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust that helps preserve natural areas and cultural sites throughout Central Texas. Frank Davis, its chief conservation officer, has connected the Alexander descendants to financial resources, including those from the federal government, to help with farm infrastructure upkeep and improving soil health.

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