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Family of slain Dunbar student calls for action

Alfred Hale III, 18, was killed downtown while on his way to school.

By Eileen McClory
Staff Writer

The family of Alfred Hale III, an 18-year-old Dunbar High School student who was killed on his way to school April 4 on Jefferson Street near the downtown RTA hub, says local groups need to work together

to make sure students are safe on their way to school.

"I want people to change, man, because this violence is not it, man," said Alfred Hale II, Hale's father.

"We losing kids left and right every day. Some type of change has got to happen."

Dayton Public Schools, the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, the city of Dayton and several state representatives have weighed in on the situation and held several

meetings, including at least one so far this week.

"Briefly, we've been in conversations with community partners about transportation," said Jocelyn Rhynard, a DPS school board member, during a board meeting Monday.

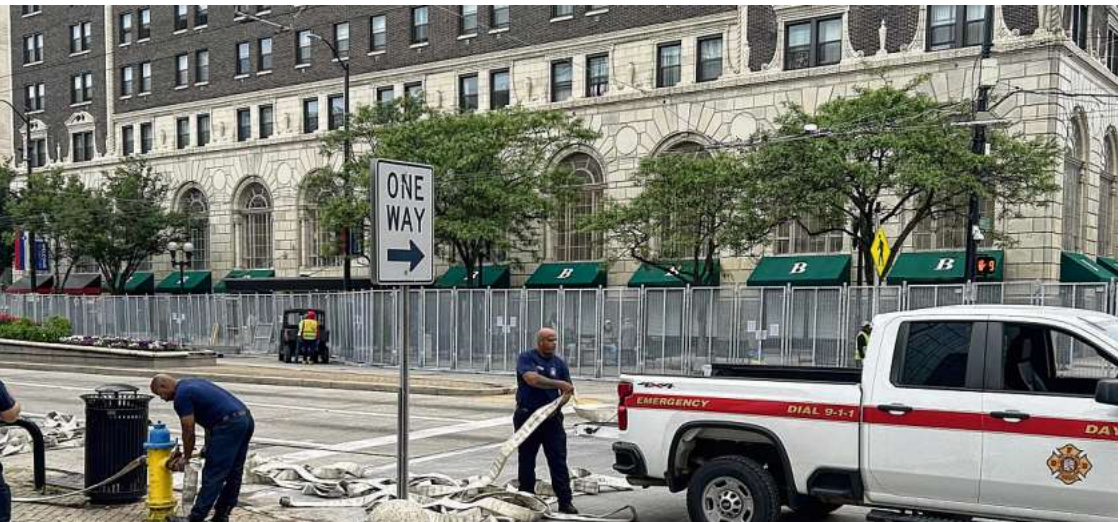
"There's not much we can update you with quite yet. ... Rest assured, it is a topic of conversation that we are having very

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Nellie Bailey, the mother of Alfred Hale III, an 18-year-old Dunbar High School student who was killed on his way to school, speaks about her son's death, in Dayton on Tuesday. NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

SPECIAL COVERAGE



The awnings of the Biltmore Towers building are partially hidden behind metal fencing Wednesday as crews prepare downtown Dayton for the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. JEREMY P. KELLEY / STAFF

Downtown Dayton transformed for safety ahead of NATO event

Rails, fencing surround security zone, roads closed to vehicles.

By Jeremy P. Kelley, Thomas Gnaou and Cornelius Frolik
Staff Writers

Downtown Dayton has been transformed for the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Spring Session to provide safety measures for visitors from around the world.

Today, Congressman Mike Turner, R-Dayton, will join NATO Parliamentary Assembly President Marcos Perestrello, NATO Parliamentary Assembly Secretary General Ruxandra Popa and Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims to host an event in the afternoon at the Schuster Center to mark the official kickoff of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



Flags adorn the historic Old Montgomery County Courthouse for the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Dayton Spring Session on Tuesday. NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

The majority of events surrounding the NATO PA are closed to the public, but public forums will take place Thursday through Sunday at the University of Dayton's Roger Glass Center for the Arts. Titled "The Dayton Dialogue: Conversations about Peace & Security in the Balkans," the public forums

will feature three panels per day. Themes for each day include:

- Thursday: NATO's Role in the Transatlantic Relationship
- Friday: Dayton Accords 30 Years Later – A Historical Look Back

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TOP NATIONAL STORY

Big changes are underway with how vaccines are approved

RFK Jr.'s changes could slow down the process.

By Matthew Perrone and Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Robert F. Kennedy Jr. clinched the political support needed to become the nation's top health official by pledging to work within the decades-old federal system for approval and use of vaccines. Yet his regulators are promis-

ing big changes that cloud the outlook for what shots might even be available.

The Food and Drug Administration will soon "unleash a massive framework" for how vaccines are tested and approved, according to Commissioner Marty Makary. Details aren't yet public but the plan is being overseen by the agency's new vaccine chief, Dr. Vinay Prasad, an outspoken critic of the FDA's handling of COVID-19 boosters.

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CLOSER LOOK

Some VA programs could see funding increases next year

\$5B boost would pay for system upgrades, housing assistance.

By Linda F. Hersey
Stars and Stripes

The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing a 4% increase for program funding in fiscal 2026, representing a \$5 billion jump in spending as many other federal agencies brace for steep spending cuts.

An overview of budget priorities by the VA for the next fiscal year was revealed in the \$1.7 trillion "skinny budget" that the White House released for non-defense agencies.

The preliminary spending plan also shows large year-over-year cuts planned at other federal agencies, including a 30% budget decrease at the Interior Department and 35% at the Labor Department, according to budget documents.

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THE LATEST

Israel says more aid is entering Gaza; strikes kill at least 85. **B1**

Maintenance worker charged in connection with La. jailbreak. **B2**

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