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# Dallas ISD has six of the 10 best public high schools in North Texas

**Texas officer charged with murder in shooting death of 15-year-old leaving party**



Roy Oliver faces a murder charge in the April 29, 2017, shooting of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. Oliver was fired from his job as a Balch Springs Police officer on May 2, following the review of video from a body camera. (Parker County Sheriff's Office)

By Claudia Lauer, Will Weissert  
Associated Press

A white Texas police officer faces a murder charge in the shooting of a black teenager after being fired earlier in the week over the incident, authorities said Friday.

Roy Oliver turned himself in Friday night, just hours after the Dallas County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest in the April 29 death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. Oliver, a former officer in the Dallas suburb of Balch Springs, was later released after posting bail at the Parker County Jail in Weatherford, about 95 miles west of Dallas. His bond had been set at \$300,000.

The sheriff's office said in a statement the warrant was issued based on evidence that suggested Oliver "intended to cause serious bodily injury and commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death."

Oliver fired a rifle at a car full of teenagers leaving a party, fatally shooting Edwards, who was a passenger in the vehicle. The teen's death led to protests calling for Oliver to be fired and charged. On Tuesday, the same day that the officer was fired, news broke of the Justice Department's decision not to charge two white police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the shooting death of a black man in 2016. And a white officer in North Charleston, South Carolina, pleaded guilty that day to federal civil rights charges in the fatal shooting of a black man in 2015.

Edwards and his two brothers and two other teenagers were leaving an unruly house party in Balch Springs when Oliver opened fire on their car with a rifle. The bullets shattered the front passenger-side window and struck Edwards. It took a few moments for Edwards' 16-year-old brother, who was driving, and other passengers to notice that he was slumped over in his seat.

Police had said the teenagers' car was backing up toward officers "in an aggressive manner," but later said body camera video showed the vehicle actually driving away from the officers.

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Photo courtesy Dallas ISD

Dallas ISD is home to six of the 10 best public high schools in North Texas, according to a new report from a Texas-based non-profit that researched and ranked 211 public high schools from nine area counties.

Additionally, the report from Children at Risk found that Dallas ISD is home to the best middle school in North Texas—William B. Travis Academy/Vanguard for the Academically Talented and Gifted.

Children at Risk measured schools by achievement indicators; performance indicators; growth indicators; and college readiness.

The Dallas ISD high schools ranked in the top 10 are:

- 1) School for the Talented and Gifted
- 2) Trinidad Garza Early College High School at Mountain View
- 3) School of Science and Engineering
- 4) Dr. Wright Lassiter Jr. Early College High School
- 5) Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
- 6) Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

The report also named three Dallas ISD schools as the three Gold Ribbon Neighborhood High Schools, which is a high school that is neither a charter nor magnet, has a high concentration of economically disadvan-

taged students, and ranks highest on specific math and science indicators. The Gold Ribbon neighborhood High Schools are

Moisés E. Molina High School

Sunset High School

W.H. Adamson High School

"North Texas has many schools that work hard to ensure they achieve success," said Dr. Bob Sanborn, president and CEO of Children at Risk. "We are excited for the schools that continue to be at the top of the list, and welcome all newcomers to this group of elite learning institutions."



Photo courtesy Dallas ISD

## Asthma Awareness Month: Children's Health Providing Asthma Management Resources

The Asthma Management Program is a 3-6 month education and care coordination program that works in partnership with the primary care physician's management plans. The program supports the physician-patient relationship and plan of care through environmental assessment, patient and family education, and ongoing family contact and reinforcement. The Asthma Management Program adheres to the asthma guidelines set forth by the National Heart and Blood Institute.

Awarded the Disease Specific Care Certification by the Joint Commission in 2003, our Asthma Management Program was the first in Texas and only one of three in the nation to receive this award for pediatric asthma.

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There might be a new sheriff in town. Shaquille O'Neal says he plans to run in 2020.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15



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# Trump ax falls on FBI's Comey in midst of Russia probe



AP PHOTO

(AP) — President Donald Trump abruptly fired FBI Director James Comey Tuesday, dramatically ousting the nation's top law enforcement official in the midst of an FBI investigation into whether Trump's campaign had ties to Russia's meddling in the election that sent him to the White House.

In a letter to Comey, Trump said the firing was necessary to restore "public trust and confidence" in the FBI. Comey has come under intense scrutiny in recent months for his public comments on an investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's email practices, including a pair of letters he sent to Congress on the matter in the closing days of last year's campaign.

Trump made no mention of Comey's role in the Clinton investigation, which she has blamed in part for the election result. But in announcing the firing, the White House circulated a scathing memo, written by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, criticizing Comey's handling of the Clinton probe, including the director's decision to hold a news conference announcing its findings and releasing "derogatory information" about Clinton.

Since Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from the bureau's Trump-Russia probe, Rosenstein has been in charge.

This is only the second firing of an FBI director in history. President Bill Clinton dismissed William Sessions amid allegations of ethical lapses in 1993.

Comey was speaking to agents at the FBI's field office in Los Angeles when the news of his firing flashed on TV screens, according to a law enforcement official who was there. Comey initially chuckled, then finished his speech, said the official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

Comey later left on a plane to return to Washington.

Democrats slammed Trump's action, comparing it to President Richard Nixon's "Saturday Night Massacre" decision to fire the independent special prosecutor overseeing the Watergate investigation in 1973, which prompted the

resignations of the Justice Department's top two officials.

The Democrats expressed deep skepticism about the stated reasons for Tuesday's firing, raising the prospect of a White House effort to stymie the investigations by the FBI and congressional panels.

"This is Nixonian," Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., declared on Twitter. "Outrageous," said Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, calling for Comey to immediately be summoned to testify to Congress about the status of the Trump-Russia investigation. Rep. Adam Schiff of California, top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, said the White House was "brazenly interfering" in the probe.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona said Congress must form a special committee to investigate Russia's interference in the election.

Trump will now appoint Comey's successor. The White House said the search for a replacement was beginning immediately. Comey's deputy, Andrew McCabe, takes over in the interim.

Trump has ridiculed the investigations as a "hoax" and has denied that his campaign was involved in Russia's meddling. In his letter to Comey, he asserted that the FBI director had informed him "on three separate occasions that I am not under investigation."

Tuesday's stunning announcement came shortly after the FBI corrected aspects of Comey's sworn testimony on Capitol Hill last week. Comey told lawmakers that Huma Abedin, a top aide to Hillary Clinton, had sent "hundreds and thousands" of emails to her husband's laptop, including some with classified information.

On Tuesday, the FBI told the Senate Judiciary Committee that only "a small number" of the thousands of emails found on the laptop had been forwarded there while most had simply been backed up from electronic devices. Most of the email chains on the laptop containing classified information were not the result of forwarding, the FBI said.

Some lawmakers did welcome news of the dismissal.

"Given the recent controversies surrounding the director, I believe a fresh start will serve the FBI and the nation well,"

said Republican Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, chairman of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee investigating the Russian campaign interference.

Comey, 56, was nominated by President Barack Obama for the FBI post in 2013 to a 10-year term, though that appointment does not ensure a director will serve the full term.

Praised frequently by both parties for his independence and integrity, Comey has spent three decades in law enforcement.

But his prominent role in the 2016 presidential campaign raised questions about his judgment and impartiality. Though the FBI did not recommend charges against Clinton for mishandling classified information, Comey was blisteringly critical of her decision to use a personal email account and private internet server during her four years as secretary of state.

Comey strongly defended his decisions during the hearing last week. He said he was "mildly nauseous" at the thought of having swayed the election but also said he would do the same again.

Clinton has partially blamed her loss on Comey's disclosure to Congress less than two weeks before Election Day that the email investigation would be revisited. Comey later said the FBI, again, had found no reason to bring any charges.

Trump disagreed with Clinton's assessment, tweeting that Comey actually "was the best thing that ever happened to Hillary Clinton in that he gave her a free pass for many bad deeds!"

Clinton's advisers were stunned by Trump's decision Tuesday. Former campaign spokesman Brian Fallon said that while he believed Comey had "inflicted severe damage" on the FBI, "the timing and manner of this firing suggest that it is the product of Donald Trump feeling the heat on the ongoing Russia investigation and not a well thought out response to the inappropriate handling of the Clinton investigation."

Though Comey was well-liked within the bureau, his independent streak occasionally rankled the Obama administration, including his repeated contention that a spike in violent crime might be linked to police officer anxiety over public scrutiny.

Before the past months' controversies, Comey, a former deputy attorney general in the George W. Bush administration, was perhaps best known for a remarkable 2004 stand-off with top officials over a federal domestic surveillance program.

In March of that year, Comey rushed to the hospital bed of Attorney General John Ashcroft to physically stop White House officials in their bid to get his ailing boss to reauthorize a secret no-warrant wiretapping program.

Comey described the incident in 2007 testimony to Congress, explaining that he believed the spy program put in place after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks was legally questionable.

When he learned that Andrew Card, the president's chief of staff, and Alberto Gonzales, the White House counsel, were heading to Ashcroft's hospital room despite Ashcroft's wife's instructions that there be no visitors, Comey told Congress, Comey beat them there and watched as Ashcroft turned them away.

"That night was probably the most difficult night of my professional life," Comey said.

## IN 2017 STATE OF BLACK AMERICA REPORT, BLACKS SHOW SLIGHT GAINS

**Equality Index for Blacks Inches Closer to Whites in the 2017 Report**

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

In their annual State of Black America report, called "Protect Our Progress," the National Urban League (NUL) suggested that the nation should invest in a "Main Street Marshall Plan" that would solidify gains made by Black Americans during the Obama Administration.

The plan includes many policy ideas the NUL has proposed in previous reports including funding for expanding pre-K, increased Pell grant funding, increasing the minimum wage, and funding for summer jobs.

"During the Obama era, the economy added 15 million new jobs, the Black unemployment rate dropped and the high school graduation rate for African Americans soared. Now that progress, and much more, is threatened," said Marc Morial, the president and CEO of the National Urban League, during a brief press conference about the release of the 2017 report.

By the metrics the report used to assemble their data, the 2017 State of Black America report concluded that:

- The overall equality index for African Americans is

72.3 percent, up from 72.2 percent the year before;

- The social justice index for Black Americans dipped from 60.9 percent to 57.4 percent;

- The health index for Black Americans grew from 79.4 percent in 2016 to 80 percent in the 2017 report.

Morial also suggested that recent activism against many of the Trump Administration's proposals, including massive cuts to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, have been delayed or blocked completely.

"Because of the vital work of the Urban League and other civil rights activists the administration has backed off of many of their first massive proposed cuts," said Morial. "These cuts would be a massive move backwards for African Americans."

Morial has a familiar ask: A \$4 trillion investment in education, infrastructure and job training. The "Main Street Marshall Plan" is one of the most detailed proposals impacting African Americans put forward by any civil rights organization in the U.S.

"These main streets are in big cities and in small towns...they are where this nation's poor and middle class live," said Morial. "We need action and not rhetoric."



Marc Morial, the president and CEO of the National Urban League, suggested that recent activism against many of the Trump Administration's proposals, caused the White House to change course. In this photo, Morial speaks during the "2016 State of Black America" launch event at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NPNA)

A special about the State of Black America will air on TV One on May 31.

Learn more about the 2017 State of Black America report at <http://stateofblackamerica.org>.

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Colleen White, Ed.D

Editorial Columnist

Sometimes life hits all of us like a ton of bricks. When that happens, we question ourselves and we question God. We may wonder why calamity was allowed to disrupt our lives. Many of us tend to forget to turn toward God, instead we may walk away. However, in the book of 2 Chronicles it reminds us to turn quickly toward God and call out to Him. It says, "If

A Little Bit of Faith:  
Call out to God

calamity comes...we will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us" (2 Chronicles 20:9).

Look at the scripture carefully. It doesn't say you might hear us when calamity comes, but you will hear us when calamity comes. What this tells us is that God is willing and waiting to hear from us and when we are in distress, He wants to respond

to us. This is a father caring for His children. A good parent doesn't turn away from a child in distress. No. A Good parent will turn toward the child and hear the child calling for them in distress and run to see what the child is in need of. This is the kind of father we have in our God!

When you are walking in your valley, God is with you.

You must believe He hears your cries and He sees your pain and anguish. He's not a God who does not care. He cares deeply for you and me. So, the next time you feel like you're in it all alone, call out to God because "...in our distress...you (God) will hear us" (2 Chronicles 20:9). Amen? Amen.

## Texas officer charged with murder in shooting death of 15-year-old leaving party

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The investigation into the shooting "will continue and does not conclude with the arrest," sheriff's spokeswoman Melinda Urbina said.

Attorneys for Oliver and the family of Edwards didn't respond to requests for comment.

Oliver's firing Tuesday was for violating department policies in the shooting.

Records show that Oliver was

briefly suspended in 2013 following a complaint about his conduct while serving as a witness in a drunken-driving case.

Personnel records from the Balch Springs Police Department obtained by The Associated Press show Oliver was suspended for 16 hours in December 2013 after the Dallas County District Attorney's Office filed the complaint.

Oliver also was ordered to take training courses in anger management and courtroom

demeanor and testimony.

The personnel records also included periodic evaluations that noted at least one instance when Oliver was reprimanded for being "disrespectful to a civilian on a call." That evaluation, dated Jan. 27, 2017, called the reprimand an isolated incident and urged Oliver to be mindful of his leadership role in the department.

The complaint from the prosecutor's office said the office had a hard time getting Oliver

to attend the trial, he was angry he had to be there, he used vulgar language that caused an assistant district attorney to send a female intern out of the room, and he used profanity during his testimony.

Oliver joined the Balch Springs department in 2011 after being an officer with the Dallas Police Department for almost a year.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF JORDAN EDWARDS

## Response to Dallas Protest

While we appreciate the passion and energy of individuals who just want to go out and do something in protest of the failures that culminated in Jordan's murder, and so many other unnecessary deaths, our family is not interested in just doing "something." We want to do the right thing. We are choosing to be patient and strategic and only engage in and support activities we believe will result in a specific outcome. The cycle of injustice followed by protest, tragedy and public outcry, with no measurable impact or outcome must be broken. We need to change the systems that stole our son. We look forward to working with anyone who shares these goals.

## Asthma Awareness Month: Children's Health Providing Asthma Management Resources

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Life Insurance Is One of the Keys to Black Wealth  
Eugene Mitchell and New York Life Are Creating \$50 Billion in Black WealthBy Stacy M. Brown (NNPA  
Newswire Contributor)

If Black lives matter, then Black wealth should certainly matter, too.

That's the motto that Eugene Mitchell, a corporate vice president and market manager in the African-American Market Unit for the New York Life Insurance Company, often shares.

Since 2011, Mitchell has been on a mission to create wealth—\$50 billion to be exact—in the Black community through an innovative and well-thought out insurance program backed by his employers and the 1,200 African-American insurance agents the company employs.

"We are on mission to create \$50 billion of tax-free future income in the Black community," Mitchell said. "I believe the issues in the Black community are not crime [or] drugs; those are symptoms of a greater and deeper rooted issue, which is about economics."

Mitchell continued: "Without economics, without college saving plans in place, without down payments for new homes, folks struggle to move to the next level. What we've put together is a community empowerment plan that's about financial literacy."

Mitchell said that leveraging financial tools to really make a

difference is what's important.

The equation is quite simple: multiply 200,000 families by \$250,000 in life insurance and that creates \$50 billion of tax-free income.

Instead of thinking of life insurance as just a means to cover funeral expenses, Mitchell urges Black families to consider life insurance as protection and an investment for future generations.

Mitchell based his plan on four principles: Protect what you own and those you love; prioritize financial goals; plan for major life events; and pass on assets to individuals and institutions you care about.

"We're not only trying to create wealth, but to spend it in the right place; to build upon it and protect it and leverage it for the future and pass it on, so that money is never an issue," said Mitchell. "Knowing collectively that we've created \$50 billion and changed the financial future of our community shows that Black wealth matters."

Each generation of African-Americans stands proudly on the legacy of everyday heroes and civil rights leaders, just as Mitchell said he happily stands on the legacy of Cirilo A. McSween, an African-American trailblazer in the insurance business who dedicated his life to strengthening the Black community.

McSween, who served as the treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was a close confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr., was adamant about helping his clients create estates and leave legacies to financially empower the next generation, using life insurance as the foundation, Mitchell said.

"I tell my agents that we have the responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who will come after us," said Mitchell, who holds a degree in finance from Florida International University and an MBA in finance from New York University.

Helping to create economic opportunity and building multi-generational wealth can ensure the stability and the future of the Black community, he said.

A revelation struck Mitchell when his employers explained that his value to the company was \$2.5 million. Mitchell said that was the current value of his future earnings at the company, just his salary alone, without bonuses.

"So, it made me think about valuing my life. If someone got on the bus and was acting up, it taught me to move to the other side, for example," he said. "You tend to take better care of yourself, your children and your

family and make better decisions, when you know you're worth a million dollars or more."

Other races, particularly Whites, inherit their wealth, most through life insurance payouts, he said.

"You really can't work your way to wealth, you have to invest your earnings somewhere," said Mitchell. "It's time to consider tools like life insurance, as well as, looking at places where we can find money to invest."

Mitchell continued: "We could empower ourselves, and send more kids to school, create endowments, lessen crime and create more home ownership, collectively."

Buying life insurance isn't a government handout, or someone else doing for the community, Mitchell said.

"It's us, getting ourselves together with what we have," explained Mitchell. "To teach our children better, to act better ourselves, and to use these tools that are readily available that have been underleveraged in our community, so that we can raise expectations and create a new legacy for generations to come."

Quite simply, life insurance isn't a lottery ticket, Mitchell stressed.

"We can insure our parents,

ourselves and our children to build this within our own fami-

lies. By getting our mindset and spending habits right, we can start setting up college savings plans and down payments for homes like others," he said.

Mitchell explained: "If you had inherited \$250,000 from big momma, would it have helped you put aside your nest egg, put a down payment on a home or have startup capital for a business?"

Already, after just six years, the plan is nearing its goal.

In 2016 alone, New York Life paid out \$5 billion in death claims, Mitchell said.

African-American agents at the company handled more than \$100 million in claims from Black Americans.

"The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA)

forthrightly salutes New York Life and Eugene Mitchell for this transformative initiative to undergird the building of wealth for Black families and communities," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA.

Mitchell and others, including New York Life agents, plan to celebrate reaching the \$50 billion milestone by taking a portrait on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in August.

"The \$50 billion is just a starting point," said Mitchell. "It could be used on top of the trillion dollars of earned income that Black people already have."

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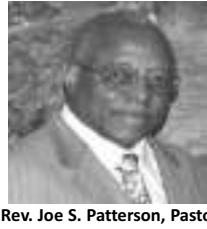
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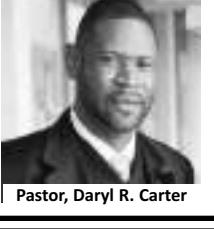
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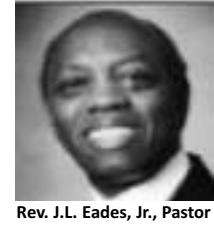
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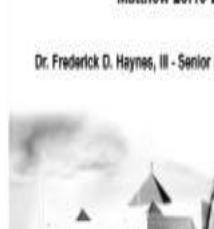
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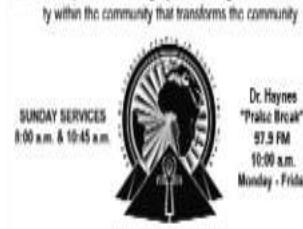
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Ten-time Grammy Award winner and multi-platinum-selling artist CeCe Winans will follow her recently released number one album "Let Them Fall In Love," with a national tour. The Fall In Love Tour presented by Medi-Share is Winans' first solo tour in a decade.

The Fall In Love Tour will kick off on May 31 in New Orleans with additional dates across the country. A full list of dates and venues is below. For tickets and show details go to: <http://cecewinans.com>

Winans is the best-selling and most-awarded female gospel artist of all time and is credited as one of the most accomplished and celebrated women in modern music history. Her current release 'Let Them Fall In Love' (released via Puresprings Gospel/Thirty Tigers last month) was both critically and consumer acclaimed. The album debuted at Number 1 on the Billboard Top Gospel Chart. In addition to heavy airplay across Urban Adult Contemporary, AAA, and Non Comm radio stations, the project's first single "Never Have To Be Alone," landed in the Top 5 on the Hot Gospel Songs

"I'm looking forward to my upcoming Falling In Love tour! I'm excited about sharing Love and Joy through my music. Hope to see you there!" said Winans.

"We are honored to partner with Grammy-award winning Christian artist, CeCe Winans. As the best-selling female gospel artist of all time, CeCe has touched hearts and changed lives with her soulful voice and heartfelt lyrics," said Christian Care Ministry CEO, Ted Squires. "What a privilege to stand beside her as she shares her heart and passion with audiences during her "Fall In Love" tour, featuring songs from her latest album."

**The Fall In Love Tour Presented by Medi-Share Dates & Venue:**  
Ticket info visit: [www.cecewinans.com](http://www.cecewinans.com)  
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May 31 New Orleans, LA. - The Orpheum Theatre  
June 1 Sugar Land, TX. - Smart Financial Centre  
June 2 Dallas, TX. - The Majestic Theatre  
June 16 Washington DC - Warner Theatre  
June 23 Atlanta, GA - Center Stage  
June 24 Bowling Green, KY - SkyPac Theatre  
July 13 Grand Rapids, MI - DeVos Performance Hall  
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\*\* CeCe will also be joining the famed Boston Pops as a guest performer for a concert in Boston, MA at the Boston Symphony Hall on June 17th

## About CeCe Winans

Winans has released a slew of duo and solo albums that crossed genres and boundaries and influenced a generation of gospel and secular vocalists. Her mantel today holds a staggering ten GRAMMY Awards, 20 Dove Awards, and seven Stellar Awards. She's been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Nashville Music City Walk of Fame, in addition to being named a Trailblazer of Soul by BMI and garnering multiple NAACP Image Awards, Soul Train Awards, Essence Awards, and more. She's sold in excess of five million albums in the U.S. alone, topping the Gospel charts repeatedly while managing to cross over with smashes like "Count On Me," her stunning duet with Whitney Houston from the multi-platinum 'Waiting To Exhale' soundtrack, which sold two million copies and cracked the Top 10 on the Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts. She touched millions more with inspirational performances everywhere from Oprah to The White House, and even showed off her acting chops on television series like '7th Heaven' and 'Doc.' In 2016, Winans became a member of the Artist Committee for the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors.



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**SPORTS PAGE****7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW**

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L-70°**Shareholders React to Wells Fargo Board at Annual Meeting**

**Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher  
San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper  
NNPAMember**

As if the stories of the sins and lawsuits of Wells Fargo were not enough, the shareholders vented their reactions at the annual shareholders meeting held in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida at the Sawgrass, Marriott, April 25, 2017. Angry shareholders wanted to know where the 15 member board of directors were when an estimated 5,300 employees were opening as many as 2 million fake accounts for customers.

The annual meeting was a lively one as some shareholders questioned board members and others spoke of replacing all 15 with new or fresh faces. Although Wells Fargo fired thousands of employees including the former CEO and the consumer banking chief - that was not enough. Even though the bank took back more than \$180 million in executive pay over the phony accounts scandal, angry shareholders still placed more of the blame on the banks board of directors.

Reports say a proxy adviser had earlier recommended that shareholders vote to replace at least 12 of the 15 board members of the Wells Fargo board. At one point during the board meeting, it was reported that the board members were fighting for their jobs. Although all were eventually re-elected, the vote was much lower than anticipated with four of the board members receiving less than 60 % of the vote. It is reported that New York City Comptroller, Scott Stringer, voted against 10 of the directors and called the results evidence that "investors had lost faith" in the board. It is also reported that CEO Sloan, who joined the board in October of last year, got 99% of the shares voted at this meeting to keep his job. At least one shareholder questioned who was speaking up for "the employees who were terminated and now live in fear."

In an action questioned by some, the same board approved KPMG's role as the bank's independent auditor, despite concerns over the firms handling of the scandal over the fake accounts and the oversight leading up to it. Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren wrote a letter on Tuesday complaining of "KPMG's failure to prevent or even publicly disclosed the fraud that affected hundreds of thousands of customers."

KPMG has said in its own defense that it takes its role as Wells Fargo auditor "very seriously" and its review of the bank's practices were appropriate".

In a separate story, CNN reported on April 10th in its money newsletter that a 2004 internal Wells Fargo report warned that employees had an "incentive to cheat" based upon fear of losing their jobs because they felt that they could not meet the bank's unrealistic sales goals.

Speaking of employee terminations, that same report found that "mass terminations for sales abuse went back at least to 2002, and continued sporadically over the next 10 years." Where some of those cases went to court, the records show judges commenting on the sales practices."

The one question remaining after this annual board meeting and the reinstatement of directors is will anything really change at Wells Fargo when one considers the consistent pattern of behavior or what might be called misbehavior through more than 10 years of government fines, lawsuits, losses and settlements?

**There might be a new sheriff in town.  
Shaquille O'Neal says he plans to run in 2020.**

(AP) — The Dallas Cowboys drafted for defense as expected, taking Michigan defensive end Taco Charlton with the 28th overall pick on Thursday night. Charlton, who led the Wolverines with 9 1/2 sacks in 2016, is the first defensive end taken in the first round by the Cowboys in 10 years. Pass-rushing is the biggest need for Dallas, which was the top seed in the NFC last season but struggled to pressure the quarterback.

It's the third time in four years that the Cowboys have taken a defensive end in the first two rounds, and both previous picks have fallen short of expectations.

DeMarcus Lawrence, a second-round pick in 2014, has been slowed by back injuries, although he led Dallas with eight sacks in his second season in 2015. Randy Gregory was a second-round choice two years ago, but his draft stock slid over off-field concerns. He is suspended for almost all of 2017 for multiple violations of the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

The 6-foot-6, 277-pound Charlton, whose given first name is Vidauntae, was a first-team All-Big Ten choice by The Associated Press. His senior season was the only one as a full-time starter for the Wolverines.

Dallas has been looking for a dominant pass rusher since cutting franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a salary cap move in 2014.

The last time pass rushing was a first-round focus for Dallas, they were two years removed from taking Ware out of Troy with the 11th overall pick in 2005 and Marcus Spears from LSU nine picks later. Anthony Spencer was the choice out of Purdue as the 26th choice in 2007, when the Cowboys were in the 3-4 defense. They're now in the 4-3.

Dallas also has needs in the secondary after losing cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne in



free agency along with safeties Barry Church and J.J. Wilcox. Church was perhaps the most significant of those departures because of his leadership role in the secondary. His absence was felt in 2016 when he missed four games with broken arm.

Anthony Brown is a promising young cornerback as a sixth-round pick from last year, and Orlando Scandrick being a year removed from a major knee injury should bolster a position that hasn't produced many interceptions the past two seasons.

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**Academic Signing Day for DHS**

**WHAT:** DeSoto HS Academic Signing Day

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** DHS Chris Dyer Gymnasium, 600 Eagle Drive

DeSoto High School will host college-bound students, their families, teachers, and peers on Thursday, May 11 at 9 a.m. in the Chris Dyer Gymnasium, 600 Eagle Drive, to accept their full-tuition scholarships to various colleges as well as several students will be signing their commitment to military branches.

"This is the sixth year we have hosted a special event for all our academic and non-athletic, full-scholarship recipients!" exclaimed Dr. David Harris, superintendent of schools. "DeSoto High School is sending students into the world prepared for college and a bright future – students are attending premier schools such as New York University,

scholarships for band, dean's scholarships, TCU Community Scholars, and academic full rides to pursue their dreams.

These young men and women have earned their 'free' education – and will no doubt make the most of this opportunity."

"For these students to earn a full-tuition scholarship based on their hard work over the past four or even 12 years, is truly an honor worth recognizing," said DeSoto High School Principal Arista Owens-McGowan. "We applaud all our students and give them their deserved time in the spotlight."

Combining the full-tuition academic scholarships with the student-athletes signing full scholarships and the multiple partial scholarships, DeSoto High School students will receive almost \$7 million in scholarship offers this year!

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## For Tuskegee Syphilis Study descendants, stigma hasn't faded

By JAY REEVES, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Decades later, it's still hard to grasp what the federal government did to hundreds of black men in rural Alabama — even if you're among their descendants, lighting candles in their memory.

For 40 years starting in 1932, medical workers in the segregated South withheld treatment for unsuspecting men infected with a sexually transmitted disease simply so doctors could track the ravages of the horrid illness and dissect their bodies afterward.

Finally exposed in 1972, the study ended and the men sued, resulting in a \$9 million settlement. Twenty years ago this May, President Bill Clinton apologized for the U.S. government. It seemed to mark the end of this ugly episode, once and for all.

Except it didn't.

Relatives of the men still struggle with the stigma of being linked to the experiment, commonly known today as the "Tuskegee Syphilis Study." For years they have met privately to share their pain and honor the victims.

And, amazingly, that class-action lawsuit filed by the men in 1973 has outlived them all. The litigation continues to this day, with a federal court currently considering a request that will help determine the study's final legacy.

A key, unanswered question: What should be done with unclaimed settlement money that still sits in court-controlled accounts?

Lille Tyson Head wants you to know that her father, Freddie Lee Tyson, wasn't just a man infected with syphilis.

Once a sharecropper in the fields of rural eastern Alabama, Tyson became a carpenter early in his marriage to Johnnie Mae Neal Tyson. He helped build Moton Field, where the famed "Tuskegee Airmen" learned to fly during World War II, he later worked as a firefighter there, his daughter said. He also worked for the government after it established the Tuskegee National Forest in eastern Alabama. Around 1960, he moved the family out of the Jim Crow South to Connecticut, where he worked in a factory.

"He was a wise man, very gentle. He was a disciplined man. Active in the church, loved his family and his extended family," said Head, of Wirtz, Virginia, one of the Tysons' eight children. "He was a good man. He had a sense of humor, he was a good dancer."

Though he displayed no symptoms, Tyson also was born with congenital syphilis inherited from his mother,

Head said. And that is how he became a participant in "The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male."

Located about 40 miles east of the state capital of Montgomery, Macon County is one of the poorest places in a poor state. In the early 1900s, the majority black county was a hotbed for syphilis, which affected about 35 percent of its residents of reproductive age.

In 1929, government doctors working in conjunction with a philanthropic fund began treating syphilis patients in the county with bismuth and mercury. Few people were cured, according to a summary from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and some died.

Three years later, the U.S. Public Health Service, working with state and local health agencies, began what was supposed to be a short-lived program in Tuskegee to record the progression of the illness, which begins with a small sore and can progress to open wounds, blindness, deafness, mental illness and death.

Workers initially recruited 600 black men into a health program with the promise of free medical checks, free food, free transportation and burial insurance in a county where many blacks had never even seen a doctor. The men were tested and sorted into groups — 399 with syphilis and another 201 who were not infected.

The disease-free men were used as a control group. Health workers told syphilitic fathers, grandfathers, sons, brothers and uncles only that they had "bad blood."

None of the men was asked to consent to take part in a medical study. They also weren't told that "bad blood" actually was a euphemism for syphilis. Instead, doctors purposely hid the study's purpose from the men, subjecting them during the study's early months to painful spinal taps and blood tests.

Medical workers periodically provided men with pills and tonic that made them believe they were being treated, but they weren't. And doctors never provided them with penicillin after it became the standard treatment for syphilis in the mid-1940s.

The government published occasional reports on the study, including findings which showed the men with syphilis were dying at a faster rate than the uninfected. But it's doubtful any of the men — or their wives, girlfriends or other sexual partners — had any idea what had happened until an Associated Press story was pub-

lished nationwide on July 26, 1972.

The next morning, farmer and community leader Charlie Pollard walked into Fred Gray's law office in Tuskegee. Gray already was a civil rights legend by that point: His clients included Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks following her arrest in Montgomery in 1955 for refusing to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man.

Pollard "came into my office and asked me if I had been reading in the newspaper about the men who were involved in the syphilis tests for 'bad blood,'" Gray wrote in a memoir.

Pollard was among the men in the study, and his visit with Gray led to the lawsuit, and the multimillion-dollar settlement reached with the government on Aug. 28, 1975. In all, Gray said in an interview, government documents showed 623 men were involved in the study.

Payments to men and their heirs differed based on whether men were infected or were in the control group, whether they were dead or alive. Living participants who had syphilis got \$37,500; heirs of deceased members of the control group received \$5,000. Women and children who were infected with syphilis got lifetime medical and health benefits, and a handful still survive, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For decades, the study has been widely blamed for distrust among U.S. blacks toward the medical community, particularly clinical trials and other tests. In medical and public health circles, it's known as the "Tuskegee

effect."

Freddie Lee Tyson quit the study during the 1950s after hearing rumors that "something was wrong," Lille Head said.

Unaffected by the disease despite years of being in the study's syphilitic group, Tyson learned the true nature of the program only when the rest of the country found out, his daughter said. His wife and children all tested negative for syphilis, but Tyson was traumatized and feared the disease would show up somewhere in his family.

"After he found out about it he had to live with it. That could bring a person down if he wasn't strong. He was angry and he was upset," she said.

The lawsuit settled years before, Tyson died in 1988 at age 82 after an automobile accident. Today, the 72-year-old Head chairs Voices of our Fathers Legacy Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in 2014 by the men's relatives to tell the story of

the victims of the Tuskegee study.

Through the decades, their loved ones have been portrayed both as unwitting victims of a horrid experiment and as ignorant hicks who brought trouble on themselves with promiscuous behavior. Many descendants are still steamed over a 1997 movie called "Miss Evers Boys," which they believe cast the men in a bad light. A big part of the foundation's purpose is rounding out the narrative of the men's lives by telling the story of people like Freddie Lee Tyson, Head said.

Descendants of the men began gathering a year or two after Clinton hosted five remaining test survivors in the White House. The meetings are held in conjunction with Tuskegee's National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, established in 1999 to address ethical and human rights issues in science, particularly concerning minorities.

The last man involved in the syphilis study died in 2004 and this year, for the first time, relatives both allowed The Associated Press into their annual gathering and invited the public to a ceremony where they lit candles for the men.

This year's ceremony included about 110 descendants, friends, community members, a gospel choir from Tuskegee University and public officials. There were speeches by Head and attorney Gray and others. The "community day of healing" was a big step for the families, Head said.

"It was important that the people of Macon County knew what the descendants were doing, and it gave them a chance to come out and be a part not only of the healing but also remembering of the men," she said. In the future, she hopes, more descendants "will come out of the shadows and be a voice for their fathers and grandfathers."

Retired public health nurse Amy Pack both visited with men of the study through her job in Macon County and had relatives who were among the test subjects, including great-uncle Seth Barrow. She said the foundation is still trying to find additional descendants; there's a small chance that syphilis dating back to the years of the study could still be in the bloodlines of families who are unaware of their connection to the study, she said.

The legal fallout from the Tuskegee syphilis study lives on at the federal courthouse in Montgomery.

Settlement funds were used for decades to compensate study participants and more than 9,000 of their

relatives. Court workers were unable to locate other descendants, and some never responded to letters from the clerk's office, which disbursed millions before the last payment was recorded in 2008.

Court officials will not say how much money is left, but documents indicate the balance is mostly interest earnings from money first paid by the government decades ago. Gray said he's heard it's less than \$100,000.

Some family members say the money should be used for additional funding for medical screenings for the men's families, and others want a long-discussed memorial at the old hospital where the study was run at Tuskegee University.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson is currently considering a request Gray filed in August to use the remaining money to fund operation of the Tuskegee Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center, a combination museum and town welcome center that includes a display about the syphilis study.

The center is located in an old bank building owned by the county, and it's operated by a nonprofit headed by Gray and his daughter; the organization had net assets of more than \$850,000 in 2015, with money coming from grants and donations, tax records show. The names of the men who were involved in the program are etched in a circle on the floor as a memorial.

In his address to descendants during the community service, Gray made what amounted to a closing argument for using the money for the museum, which is open only during the summer because of funding shortages. Gray told descendants that the men of the study — the people he represented after that meeting with Charlie Pollard — wanted a lasting memorial to their legacy, and he has worked for 20 years to make it happen at the center.

A judge refused a similar request from Gray to provide the leftover money to the museum in 2004 after the government insisted it should get the money, records show.

But Pollard's 92-year-old daughter, Ralphine Pollard Harper, said she likes the idea. People need to know what happened, she said, even if her father didn't like discussing the study.

"He'd get mad about it," she recalled. "He said, 'They just took us up here and made guinea pigs of us.'"

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## AKA President, Lawmakers Condemn Racist Act at American University



Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, gives remarks on Capitol Hill during a press conference about the recent suspected hate crime at American University in Washington, D.C. (Lauren Burke/NNPA)

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

A day after Taylor Dumpson, who is an African American woman, was elected to be student body president at American University, nooses and bananas (some with the words "AKA Free" on them) were found hanging in various places on the American University campus.

Dumpson is a member of the historically Black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA). On May 4th, as lawmakers were debating a repeal of the Affordable Care Act and protesters were chanting on Capitol Hill nearby, Dumpson received support from several sectors.

Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority, flew to Washington, D.C., to stand in support of the American University student. Other members of the AKA sorority stood alongside members of Congress to support Dumpson and to display a sense of strength and solidarity in the face of racism.

Reverend Barbara Skinner opened the Capitol Hill press

conference about the suspected hate crime on American University's campus with a prayer.

"We aren't in a post-racial society," Dumpson said. "I think the way to move towards a better society, and a more inclusive society, is to really focus on and appreciate the differences among us, because what makes us different is very important."

Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.) said that the attack has shaken the community to its core and vowed that, "we're not going to be stopped."

Later, in a written statement, Wilson said that no matter how high we go—whether it's being elected the nation's first Black president or AU's first African-American student government president—some people just can't help themselves from going low.

"Unfortunately, this is not even the first time in the past year that such a controversy has occurred on AU's campus," said Wilson. "Without the appropriate action, it will not be the last. Sadder still, American University is not the only campus on which white

students are expressing their prejudices against students of color."

Members called for a federal civil rights investigation of the racism displayed at American University. Students of all backgrounds marched in protest of the incident on May 3. In a statement last week, outgoing American University President Neil Kerwin said, "I regret this happened, apologize to everyone offended, and state emphatically that this incident does not reflect what American University truly is."

Members of Congress who attended the press conference included Reps. Alma Adams (D-N.C.), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) and Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas), who hosted the event.

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