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Six Dallas ISD Seniors Each Receive \$20,000 Deloitte/NTPGA Fairway to Success Scholarships

The Fairway to Success Program honors top performing students with banquet on May 1

Texas police chief says car was driving away from cop who fatally shot teen passenger



By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

A suburban Dallas police chief acknowledged Monday that an officer who fatally shot a black 15-year-old in a moving vehicle fired as the car was driving away — not as it reversed toward officers, as the department had previously asserted.

Balch Springs Police Chief Jonathan Haber told reporters that police video contradicted his department's original statement about the Saturday night shooting of Jordan Edwards. Edwards, a high school freshman, had gotten into a vehicle with four other teenagers to leave a house party as police were arriving to investigate an underage drinking complaint, according to his family's attorney, Lee Merritt.

Police first said the vehicle backed up toward police at the scene "in an aggressive manner." But Haber said Monday that police video shows the vehicle was instead "moving forward as the officers approached."

Before Haber's update, Merritt and the teen's family held their own news conference, during which Merritt accused police of "offering facts that they believe paint a picture that would justify the unjustifiable." He later told The Associated Press that Jordan's shooting brings to mind the high-profile deaths of other black people after police encounters that have sparked outrage and protest in recent years, but that this case stood out for its "sheer recklessness."

"This has happened far too often," Merritt said. "We are tired of making the same rhetorical demands, of having the same hashtags."

Indeed, thousands of Facebook and Twitter users have posted about the case in recent days with the hashtag "#jordanedwards," some comparing his death to other police shootings of young black men, such as 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland who was fatally shot in November 2014 as he held a pellet gun.

Merritt said Edwards' family wants to see the officer fired and criminally charged. The police chief called for time to let authorities complete their investigations. Haber wouldn't identify the officer and didn't release his race, but said he had been "removed from all duties" and placed on leave.

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From left to right – Keja Johnson, Craig Jackson, Maritza Aguilar, Tahania Sierra, Stephanie Vargas, Adriana Lopez
(Photo credit: Northern Texas PGA)

Deloitte LLP, The Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) and United Way have announced the recipients of the 2017 Deloitte/NTPGA Fairway to Success Scholarships. Six students will be awarded and join the 38 previous recipients. They are: Maritza Aguilar, Craig Jackson, Keja Johnson, Adriana Lopez, Tahania Sierra and Stephanie Vargas. Each student will receive a \$20,000 scholarship towards his or her continuing education. The recipients were honored at a breakfast on May 1 at Lakewood Country Club.

Established in 2007, the Fairway to Success Program annually awards scholarships to students based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, community involvement and financial need. Fairway to Success is helping to impact and change the lives of young people in our community. The program is conducted at three Dallas Independent School District (Dallas ISD) high schools – W.W. Samuell, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln high schools – and includes exposing students to golf and the life lessons of discipline, honor and integrity that are central to the game. These schools were originally selected by DISD for their level of need, lack of outside resources and by virtue of concurrent participation in the Destination: Graduation program offered through United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. During 2016-2017, the five-week after school golf program, conducted in the fall and spring, boasted high participation with 137 DISD high school students learning the basics of golf from PGA golf professionals. By completing the program, students earned the right to participate in a field trip to a local golf course, and graduating seniors who qualified by participating in the program had the opportunity to apply for a college scholarship.

Since its inception, the program has awarded \$880,000 to 44 DISD students through the individual contributions of Deloitte partners and professionals in North Texas who have raised more than \$1.7 million to date to an educational endowment.

For many of the students we work with through the Fairway to Success program, golf serves as a means to introduce and help instill some valuable life lessons," said Jason Downing, North Texas managing partner and Central region market leader, Deloitte LLP. "By learning the basics of the game from NTPGA professionals and being paired with a Deloitte mentor, these talented young people are receiving guidance and learning new skills that we hope will last for a lifetime."

Fairway to Success also includes a mentorship program designed to support scholarship recipients throughout their college careers. Recipients interact with Deloitte mentors who share their insights gained from working in a professional services environment. Deloitte mentors also help students explore potential career opportunities in the business and STEM-focused fields of study. Finally, the NTPGA employs two Fairway to Success recipients as interns each summer. It also furthers the intern's golf education and exposure that began on their high school campuses through Fairway to Success.

"As the program has developed, they have been adding components. One of the main components is the mentor program. The kids will be assigned a mentor who will guide them, not just getting into college, but all the way through. So, we have added a layer of support that the kids did not have beforehand. It's memorable, it's positive, it's supportive, and without these mentors in the kids' lives some of them may not of been successful," said Coach Matthew Summers, teacher and golf coach at Thomas Jefferson High School.

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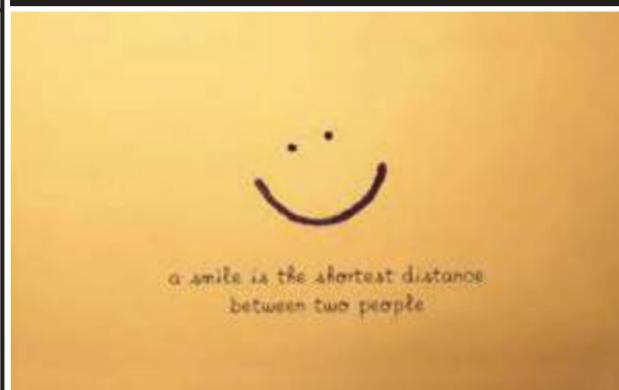
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"A Psalmist's Desire for Peace"

Psalm 120:1-7



Rev. Johnny C. Smith Editorial Columnist

Beginning with Psalm 120, we come to a cluster of psalms called songs of degrees (Psalms 120-134) because these psalms were sung during the time when the pilgrims were going up to Jerusalem to celebrate the three feasts of Israel: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacle. The city of Jerusalem today is not a place of peace; however, in the future, Jerusalem will be a place of peace because the "Prince of Peace" will be reigning in Jerusalem during the Millennium. Isaiah, that great prophet of Judah, wrote about the Lord's coming reign: "And it shall come to pass in the last

days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks:

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:2-4). Jerusalem is now a war-zone city, but one day Jerusalem will be peaceful! This psalm may be classified as a psalm of lament because the psalmist is praying that the Lord might rescue him from liars whose aim was to destroy him. He expresses his situation as follows in verses 1 and 2: "In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue." However, the psalmist was confident that the Lord was going to deliver him.

In addition, the psalmist affirmed that the Lord was going to judge his enemies (vv. 3-4). His enemies with deceitful tongues will be sharply judged by the Lord. In the midst of enemies who hated peace (vv. 5-6), the psalmist was a man of peace. In verse 6 he states: "My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace", but in verse 7, he makes known: "I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war." And being a man of peace, the psalmist was assured that the Lord would defend his cause.

May God Bless!

Dallas County leader found not guilty in corruption trial

(AP) — A Dallas County jury on Friday found a longtime county commissioner not guilty of bribery and mail fraud charges and failed to reach a verdict on other counts. Jurors told U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn that further deliberations would not yield a verdict on tax-fraud charges against Commissioner John Wiley Price so she dismissed the jury and ended the trial. Dapheny Fain, a top aide to Price and co-defendant, was acquitted of charges that included lying to the FBI. Price told The Dallas Morning News that he was "relieved" by the outcome. "We were prayed up and

therefore we didn't have to be preyed on," he said. Testimony in the trial began Feb. 27 and jurors began deliberating the case April 19. A conviction on all 11 charges against the longtime political leader and civic activist would have meant decades in prison. Three others earlier were convicted of charges related to the Price corruption probe. "We're of course very gratified at the finding by the jury of no bribery whatsoever, but we are not surprised," said Shirley Baccus-Lobel, an attorney for Price. Lynn has given federal prosecutors a month to determine whether they will retry Price on

the four tax-fraud charges that had hung up the jury. During the trial, Price was portrayed as a hardworking public servant who helped his close friends in need, but also as a greedy and corrupt man who enriched himself by selling his vote. He was first elected to his position in 1985. Federal officials accused him of taking almost \$1 million in bribes over a decade from a lobbyist to help her clients. They said he failed to report those bribes and other income in his tax fillings. Price's lawyers argued that money he received from Fain, his chief of staff, was repay-



ment of loans he made to her to launch a business and not evidence of a scheme to avoid paying taxes.

Texas police chief says car was driving away from cop who fatally shot teen passenger

Continues on Page 1 Haber also wouldn't release the police video or describe it in detail other than to acknowledge he erred in describing the encounter, but said he was troubled by what he saw. "I do have questions in relation to my observation on the video, and what is consistent with the policies and core values of the Balch Springs Police

Department," Haber said. Balch Springs' official use-of-force policy encourages officers facing an oncoming vehicle to "attempt to move out of its path, if possible, instead of discharging a firearm at it or any of its occupants." The policy was posted online by 'Point of Impact,' a series on police shootings reported by freelance journalist Eva Ruth Moravec. It echoes advice given

by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Haber did not return phone and email messages Monday seeking clarification about whether he believed the officer violated the policy on Saturday night. The Dallas County district attorney's and sheriff's offices are investigating the shooting. A spokeswoman for the sheriff said its probe was in the "preliminary stages."

The original police statement about the shooting said officers responded to a report of "several underage kids drunk walking around." It doesn't specify whether the passengers of the vehicle in which Jordan was riding were among them. Merritt said there was no alcohol found in the car and no evidence that the passengers had been drinking.

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Black Police In America

My Day By Dr. J. Ester Davis

"There is no better time than now for this electrifying, clear and much needed volume" writes

Robert B. Ingram, former President of the National Conference of Black Mayors. "Black Police in America" is a book written by W. Marvin Dulaney. Dulaney's book traces the growth, disappearance and resurgence of the African American presence in police forces combined with changes in black influence on the political front. Equally as interesting is "Challenges to Control" written by Atlanta's former Mayor Maynard Jackson on the politics of police reform.

This week I found my way over to the Black Police Association of Greater Dallas, 211 Centre Street, Dallas, 75208, looking for someone to talk to about the police pension, most definitely the number one "hot topic" in neighborhoods. In addition, the floodgates "runneth over" about the association's endorsements of select candidates that are creating a lot of synergy in all voting communities locally and beyond. Within a few hours a Sgt. Sheldon Smith, Chair, Political Action Committee (PAC) sent a text with his cell phone number. Huh, I thought, this is going much better than expected. I was

impressed that this group had a political action agenda and a working committee. WOW!!!

The sergeant, who has been a police officer for 23 years, was direct, in deliberate command with blunt truth. The cadence of his voice was one of genuine concern for a city he loves to serve and protect. "We are losing good officers" he said with backup statistics. More than one time he said 'we believe in the citizens'. We discussed the open recruitment for officers from the City of San Antonio and other municipalities. . . offering more money, respect and security. . . just "come to work for us". I agree with the

Sergeant, it is not ok to lose good officers and it is darn embarrassing for another city to come on your turf. . . put up a billboard for your officers, all because city elected officials will not find a solution or attempt to.

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Our conversation moved to the "bold-face" loud endorsement of former City Council Tunnel Adkins, who by the way received the endorsement of Chief David Brown, Dallas' former Police Chief. The Sergeant did not mince his words. "Some politicians you cannot talk to, some do not listen". He went on to explain that Mr. Adkins not only has the knowledge and experience, but long before the problem became a humiliating reality, Mr. Adkins had the courage to render a warning about the pension fund for fireman and police.

It fell on deaf ears. Now, former mayors are more concerned about their legacies than the future of public safety.

Remember. . . my brothers and sisters of Dallas, what the sergeant said. "We believe in the citizens."

Call your city council. Call the Mayor's office and voice your thoughts on the pension, adequate salaries for the police and fire rescue. Please vote. All politics are local. Please vote.

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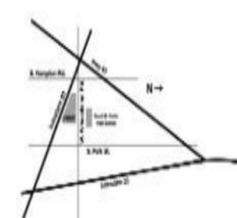
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Top U.S. Companies to Host Opportunity Youth Hiring Fair in Dallas

With an estimated 109,000 young men and women not in school or the workforce – nearly 13 percent of youth – the Dallas metro area has one of the highest rates of youth disengagement in the nation[1]. In response, a national coalition of more than 50 leading U.S. companies known as the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative™ will come together on Friday, May 19, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center to host the Dallas Opportunity Fair – an unprecedented, day-long hiring event aimed at Opportunity Youth – 16- to 24-year-olds who are not in school or working. The event will feature recruiters and resources from top U.S. companies including Starbucks, FedEx, JCPenney, Pizza Hut, Chipotle, Delaware North, Republic Services, Dominos, Sprinkles, Five Guys, Target, Hilton Worldwide, Teavana, HMSHost, T-Mobile, Ulta Beauty, Macy's, Villa, Papa John's, Walgreens and Walmart.

Together, they are offering more than 1,700 guaranteed job interviews throughout the day for local positions, as well as the opportunity to connect with more than 30 job-readiness and social services, including resume writing, interview skills and college and financial aid applications – making this the largest and most comprehensive opportunity youth hiring fair ever hosted in Texas. Based on past events in Chicago, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Seattle, the coalition expects to extend hundreds of immediate, on-the-spot job offers at the May 19 event. It will also look to sustain investment in Dallas over the next few years, partnering with local organizations to create ongoing impact.

"FedEx is dedicated to helping young people gain the skills and career connections necessary to find available jobs on the path to starting their careers," said Kim Dixon, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, FedEx Office. "We're proud to be a founding member of the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative coalition of leading companies and look forward to connecting with young talent in the Dallas area."

Launched in 2015, the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative™ reached its original goal of hiring and engaging 100,000 opportunity youth two years ahead of schedule. But with an estimated 4.9 million young Americans still left out of the U.S. economy[2], the coalition has since expanded its commitment to a new goal of 1 million hires by 2020. Each of the companies and organizations involved share a commitment to helping youth connect with employers and develop basic job skills. The goal is to get these young men and women into the workforce and on to a long-term pathway to success.

"Since joining the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative, Pizza Hut has successfully filled thousands of jobs including several manager-level positions," said Artie Starrs, President, Pizza Hut, U.S. "We are like-minded in the coalition's mission of empowering youth to reach their full potential. We look forward to engaging with the smart, talented and ambitious youth in the city in which we work and live."

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and around the country, youth unemployment still tops 12 percent[3], disproportionately impacting young people from underserved low-income communities. The coalition will work alongside Dallas' civic and community leaders including the City of Dallas, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, United Way of Metro Dallas, CitySquare and other key partners to build on existing opportunity youth hiring efforts and ensure the initiative is sustained in the long run.

"Our young people are the future of Dallas, and every one of them deserves an opportunity to achieve their full potential," said Mayor Mike Rawlings. "I'm grateful for the leaders of the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative and several Dallas-based companies and service providers that have stepped up. The May 19 Opportunity Fair will help launch a true employer-led, long-term effort to provide career and education pathways to thousands of opportunity youth in Dallas. I urge our local businesses to take part in this opportunity to strengthen our city, our local economy and the workforce of tomorrow by investing in our youth in the form of meaningful jobs and training opportunities."

"We believe it's our collective responsibility to invest in getting these disconnected youth into the types of jobs that are required for them to lead rewarding, productive lives," said Ashley Brundage, Senior Vice President, Community Impact, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. "Their future is our priority. We applaud the leaders of 100,000 Opportunities Initiative for bringing global leaders together to make a deep, lasting impact in our future. This partnership furthers our purpose of putting knowledge and opportunity at the forefront of so many eager minds. We are excited to collaborate on May 19 to empower, engage, and equip our next generation."

"We welcome the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative to Dallas. The event gives corporations with a Dallas presence access to a goldmine of entry-level trainable talent," said Laurie Bouillion Larrea, president at Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas. "The benefits of youth employment are staggering. Early employment translates to higher earning in adulthood and better financial inclusion. Dallas area companies need this talent and our Dallas youth need paid apprenticeship opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

Youth Can Register for Guaranteed Job Interviews at the Dallas Opportunity Fair

Interested candidates are invited to register for free and schedule an interview ahead of time for the May 19 hiring event at www.100kOpportunities.org/Dallas. Youth will also have access to more than 30 vital employment, educational and social services, including one-on-one resume and interview coaching; opportunities for civic engagement like voter registration and national service; the chance to build an online candidate profile; and more. The event will also feature informative and inspirational performances and activities throughout the day.

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Dallas Cowboys get defensive line help with Michigan's Taco Charlton



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(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 sea-

son 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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Bridging the Education Gap a Top Priority for Black American Parents

How Obama's Education Law Can Help Black Parents Bridge the Education Gap

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. (President and CEO, NNPA)

All parents want the best for their children. We all acknowledge that attaining a high-quality K-12 education is probably the single most important factor that will determine the future life success of a student in the public school systems throughout the United States.

Yet, the reality for millions of Black American parents in the U.S. is that there is a lingering educational achievement gap between Black students and White students. This is why I believe that raising awareness

about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) among all parents, especially Black parents, is vital.

This should be a national priority for all who stand for equality in effective high-quality public education for all students. Now that states have begun the tedious process to refine and submit their ESSA state plans to the U.S. Department of Education, Black parents should increase their input into these plans in each state.

Recent national studies have pointed to what some researchers have concluded as "low expectations" about the academic achieve-

ment levels of Black students being a major contributing factor to their underachievement in the classroom. Unfortunately, sometimes these predictions based on external research about Black America can become self-fulfilling prophecies and mere justifications for the current educational disparities and inequities between Black students and White students.

Black parents do not have low expectations about their children's academic potential to achieve excellence and scholarship. Most Black parents encourage and expect their children to do well in school. Black

parents do have, however, low expectations about the priorities that state boards of education, as well as county and city boards of education, have presented thus far in response to the inclusive accountability mandates of ESSA.

Inclusion presupposes involvement. Parental involvement is a key factor that determines the effectiveness of our public school system. The National Newspaper Publishers Association is, therefore, pleased to join and to support all efforts that will increase Black American parental involvement concerning ESSA and its imple-

mentation at both the state and federal levels.

Yes, Black student K-12 educational achievement gaps that now exist in too many school districts in the U.S. can be bridged going forward, if there is a substantial and measurable increase in the consistent involvement of Black parents at all levels of decision-making and public policy implementation of ESSA. Please pass this message to others that you may know who are likewise concerned about these issues.

The future of our families and communities is at stake. Our collective awareness and involvement can help to make

a positive difference in improving K-12 education in America. I have faith that Black American parents will once again rise to this challenge.

Learn more about how you can get involved with the Every Student Succeeds Act in your state at NNPA.org/essa.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. is the President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and can be reached at dr.bchavis@nnpa.org. You can follow Dr. Chavis on Twitter @drbenchavis.

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More information about the 2017 scholarship recipients is listed below:

Maritza Aguilar – W.W. Samuell High School

With a 3.8 GPA, Maritza is ranked seventh in her graduating class of 339 students. She is a part of W.W. Samuell's Early College Program, through which she has already earned 62 college credit hours and will graduate in June with her associate's degree from Eastfield College. Last summer, she worked at the Dallas World Aquarium as an ambassador and plans to do so again in summer 2017. Maritza is the secretary of student council at W.W. Samuell and a four-year member of the Book Club. Education is very important to her, and for that reason, she aspires to become a history teacher and return to Dallas ISD to give back to her community. In the future, she says she wants her children to know it is a goal to go to college, not just an option. Maritza will attend the University of North Texas in the fall.

Craig Jackson – Lincoln High School

College was never an option for Craig Jackson growing up, but his goal was to break the chain in order to be a positive role model for his younger siblings. Ranked seventh in his graduating class, Craig is always working towards his future goals. He participated in the Ernest & Young college prep program and has accrued over 80 hours of community service in high school through the Turner 12, a college prep and community service group that he has participated in since sixth grade. Coach Carter, the executive director of the Turner 12, has been a true mentor and inspiration to Craig throughout many of life's struggles he experienced growing up. Despite these obstacles, Craig will attend the University of North Texas this fall where he will be enrolled in a five-year accounting program working towards both his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. His dream job is to one day work for Deloitte.

Keja Johnson – Lincoln High School

Keja is the salutatorian of her graduating class at Lincoln High School. She has also been involved with the Girl Scouts organization since she was just a cadet at nine years old. She now serves as a Girl Scouts ambassador, doing various service projects for the organization. Keja is very goal-oriented and truly believes that failure is not an option. Because of this forward-thinking mindset, she held two internship positions during her time in high school: one with VNA Meals

on Wheels and another at KERA-TV / KXT 91.7. It is Keja's ultimate goal to have her own talk show, focusing on empowering women, as she aspires to be just like Oprah Winfrey. In the fall, she will attend Texas Christian University where she plans to major in mass communications with a double minor in Spanish and deaf habilitation.

Adriana Lopez – Thomas Jefferson High School

Adriana Lopez understands that hard work gets you where you want to go. This young woman maintained a 3.8 GPA while also balancing the responsibilities of being the drum major in her high school band, the senior captain for the girls golf team, a load of AP classes and working a 25 hour-per-week job at Chick-fil-a. She is also involved with her high school theatre and is an active member of the Patriot Ambassadors, a leadership organization that mentors incoming freshmen at Thomas Jefferson. This first generation college student applied, and was accepted to, 12 different universities. She ultimately decided to enroll at the University of Texas at Dallas this fall, where she will study speech pathology with the ultimate goal of helping people with special needs.

Tahania Sierra – Thomas Jefferson High School

Not many little girls grow up dreaming to be an app developer or computer analyst, but Tahania Sierra wants to show her younger sister that anything is possible if you put your mind to it. Tahania discovered her passion for mathematics and computers at a young age, more interested in finding out how computer games worked than actually playing the games themselves. After watching countless tutorial videos and doing lots of research, she eventually taught herself how to code. Tahania forwards her enthusiasm for math to others by tutoring middle school students in the subject in her spare time. During high school, she also participated in National Honor Society as the group's secretary and was an active member of the Art Club, all while balancing AP courses and dual-credit classes through Brookhaven Community College. Tahania will be studying computer science at University Texas at Dallas starting this fall and looks forward utilizing the relationship UTD has with Texas Instruments.

Stephanie Vargas – Thomas Jefferson High School

As a first generation high school graduate, Stephanie had to forge her own unique path to success. Growing up she was expected to help out around the house more than most kids her age, taking care of her younger brother

Bryan, who has down syndrome, while her parents were at work. Throughout high school, Stephanie committed herself to becoming a positive role model for her younger brother, niece and nephew. In May, she will graduate in the top ten percent of her class from Thomas Jefferson. While in high school, she was the captain of the dance drill team and member of the varsity dance ensemble, while also remaining very involved as a Patriot ambassador. This fall, Stephanie will enroll at Texas A&M University and plans to study wildlife and fisheries management with the goal of opening her own animal rescue ranch.

About the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation is committed to introducing, promoting and growing the game of golf to a diverse group of kids in North Texas and instilling in them the positive, character developing traits for which the game is so well known. Each year close to 10,000 children and their families are impacted by the game that lasts a lifetime through a full circle of programs and services including:

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Wells Fargo and the "Cherry Picking" of the Black community

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper Member, NNPA

Recently Wells Fargo bank's Office of Corporate Communications responded to our series of articles by stating that African American newspapers were included in their "Open Letter" ad campaign which was suppose to "rebuild trust". The inference was that because we used a "few" African American newspapers, in some communities, that should be sufficient for all members of the Black community. Perhaps Wells Fargo doesn't understand that our communities and our newspapers are in the very communities in

which their banks are located. Let's not forget the grocery stores where we shop and our predominantly Black college campuses with Wells Fargo ATM machines.

As a government regulated business, Wells Fargo is required to provide its services without discrimination as a matter of public policy. This is why the Office of The Comptroller of the Currency exercises oversight as well as the House and Senate Finance Committees in the U.S. Congress. This means that the bank should not be putting out fewer efforts to reach some areas of the community while professing to rebuild its trust with only parts of the banking community.

Perhaps it would be good

for someone at the Annual Shareholders Meeting next week to raise the question as to why Wells Fargo Bank engages in "cherry picking" it's outreach to our ethnic banking community; the same group of people who were among the victims of the fake accounts created by bank employees. For clarity, the term "cherry picking" means taking what one considers the best or necessary and making a conscious decision to ignore all the rest.

This April campaign season would be a good place to start correcting this process with an attitude of inclusion of all our communities since Wells Fargo does not use the same process in selecting customers.

Congress settles on \$1 trillion plan to avoid government shutdown

By Andrew Taylor, Associated Press

Lawmakers on Monday unveiled a huge \$1 trillion-plus spending bill that would fund most government operations through September but would deny President Donald Trump money for a border wall and rejects his proposed cuts to popular domestic programs.

The 1,665-page bill agreed to on Sunday is the product of weeks of negotiations. It was made public in the predawn hours Monday and is tentatively scheduled for a House vote on Wednesday.

The catchall spending bill

would be the first major piece of bipartisan legislation to advance during Trump's short tenure in the White House. While losing on funding for the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump won a \$15 billion down payment on his request to strengthen the military, though that too fell short of what he requested.

Vice President Mike Pence said the administration "couldn't be more pleased" and noted that it would include a boost in military spending, a "down payment" on border security and provide money for health benefits for coal miners.

"It will avert a government shutdown but more important than that, it's going to be a significant increase in military spending," Pence said in an interview with "CBS This Morning." He called it a "budget deal that's a bipartisan win for the American people."

The measure funds the remainder of the 2017 budget year, through Sept. 30, rejecting cuts to popular domestic programs targeted by Trump such as medical research, the Environmental Protection Agency, and infrastructure grants.



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