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### ELECTION 2024

# Harris Dominates First Presidential Debate as Trump Struggles to Defend Record

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent  
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Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris during their first presidential debate Philadelphia on Tuesday night. Photo Credit: Screen capture from ABC News feed of the debate.

Vice President Kamala Harris decisively took control of the first presidential debate against former President Donald Trump in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, delivering a performance that put Trump on the defensive for much of the evening. Moderators David Muir and Linsey Davis of ABC News kept a tight handle on the debate, significantly improving from CNN's June handling of Trump and President Joe Biden.

The debate began with a surprise as Harris approached Trump to shake his hand and introduced herself as "Kamala Harris," an unusual move that set the tone for the night.

Trump's trademark scowl stayed in place throughout the debate, as Harris pressed him on his legal woes and diminished his record. Displaying her prosecutorial skills, Harris consistently turned the conversation toward Trump's convictions, his business fraud case, and his role in the January 6 insurrection.

Harris positioned herself as a problem-solver, taking on issues like housing, childcare, and the economy. In her opening statement, she outlined her "opportunity economy" plan, which focuses on bolstering the middle class.

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## Dallas juvenile detention center isolated kids and falsified documents, state investigation says

*A Texas Juvenile Justice Department report says Dallas County officers kept kids in their sleeping quarters for days at a time and faked school attendance logs.*

By Xiomara Moore

Detainees are moved from location to location within a Texas juvenile detention center in 2013. Credit: Jennifer Whitney for The Texas Tribune

Officers at a juvenile detention center in Dallas kept kids isolated for days and falsified logs of observation checks and school attendance, an investigation from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department found.

State investigators say that staffers at the Dr. Jerome McNeil Jr. Detention Center used the Special Needs Unit to circumvent state law and essentially keep juveniles in their sleeping quarters for extended periods of time.

"They spent the vast majority of their days inside their cells, sometimes up to 24 hours a day, without regular access to education, large muscle exercise, outdoor recreation, or showers," state investigators wrote in a

report released Monday. The full investigation was not made public, though TJJD provided the investigation's executive summary.

The agency's Office of the Inspector General said that they will continue to monitor the situation. Also, a division of the agency will continue to have oversight duties and responsibilities related to allegations of wrongdoing at Dallas County's juvenile facilities. The superintendent of the detention center did not respond to requests for comment.

Officers also falsified documents meant to record observation checks and school attendance in order to conceal the actual practices occurring in the detention facility, the investigation found. OIG investigators collected over 18,000 pages of observation checks from

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Frankie Beverly (2002).

Photo: William Henderson / Wikimedia Commons

Frankie Beverly, the iconic frontman of the soul, R&B, and funk band Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly, has died at the age of 76. His family confirmed the news in a devastating post on social media. "Grieving the loss of a loved one is a deeply personal and emotional experience," the family wrote. "During this time, as we are navigating feelings of sorrow, reflection, and remembrance, we kindly ask for privacy and understanding, allowing us the space to grieve in our own way."

The statement continued, "Howard Stanley

## IN MEMORIAM: Legendary Soul Icon Frankie Beverly Passes Away at 76

By Stacy M. Brown

Beverly, known to the world as Frankie Beverly, lived his life with pure soul. He lived for his music, family, and friends. For us, no one did it better. Love one another as he would want that for us all."

Beverly, born Howard Stanley Beverly on December 6, 1946, in Phila-

delphia, Pennsylvania, rose to prominence as one of the most influential figures in the music industry. Growing up in the East Germantown section of Philadelphia, he began his musical journey singing gospel in local churches

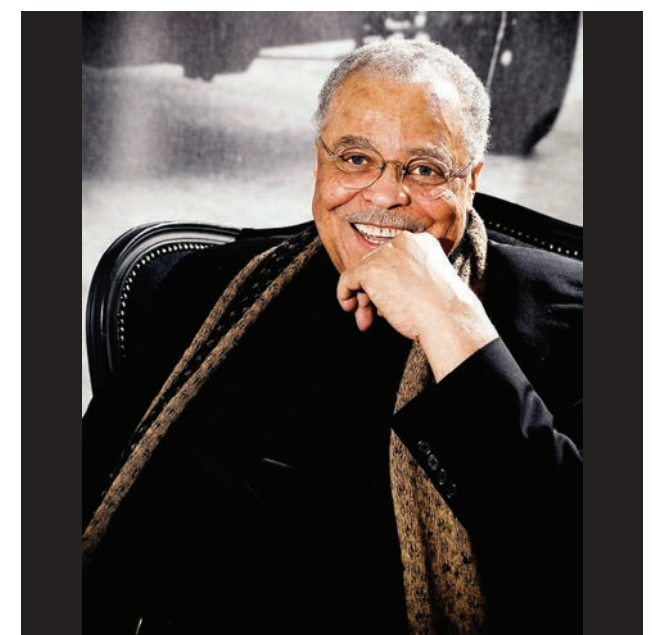
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## James Earl Jones, Iconic Voice of Darth Vader and EGOT Winner, Dies at 93

By Stacy M. Brown

James Earl Jones, the legendary actor whose deep, resonant voice became synonymous with some of the most iconic characters in film history,

passed away today at his home in Dutchess County, New York. He was 93. His representatives at Independent Artist Group first confirmed the actor's



death to Deadline. Over a remarkable career that spanned six decades, Jones earned an indelible place in both Hollywood and Broadway. He be-

came one of only a few entertainers to achieve the prestigious EGOT, winning an Emmy, Grammy,

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"I was raised as a middle-class kid, and I am actually the only person on this stage who has a plan that is about lifting up the middle class and working people of America," Harris said. She detailed a \$6,000 child tax credit as part of her plan to support young families.

Trump, by contrast, criticized the Biden-Harris economy, calling it "the worst period of time" he had seen. He defended his tariff policies and took aim at Harris, labeling her a "Marxist" while also accusing her of copying his economic policies. "I was going to send her a MAGA hat," Trump quipped.

Abortion rights were another major focus of the night. Trump, when asked if he would veto a federal abortion ban, declined to answer directly, stating, "I won't have to," and arguing that the end of Roe v. Wade had satisfied everyone. Harris, in turn, vowed to restore Roe's protections through federal legislation if elected.

"I pledge to you: when Congress passes a bill to put back in place the protections of Roe v. Wade as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law," she said.

As the debate went on, Trump repeated several conspiracy theories, including a claim that migrants were eating pets in U.S. cities, which Muir quickly fact-checked. Trump doubled down,

citing "people on television" as his source. Harris largely let Trump's more outlandish statements pass, opting to stay on policy while allowing the moderators to address his factually inaccurate remarks.

In one of the most heated moments, Harris invited viewers to attend a Trump rally for themselves, commenting, "He talks about fictional characters like Hannibal Lecter and windmills causing cancer. You'll notice people start leaving his rallies early—out of exhaustion and boredom."

Trump, visibly irritated, retorted that he holds "the most incredible rallies in the history of politics," but the debate soon returned to more substantive issues like crime and inflation.

The night clearly contrasted Biden's earlier debate with Trump, as Harris managed to keep Trump on the defensive. Trump continued to fixate on conspiracy theories and past grievances, while Harris stayed focused on presenting her vision for the future.

With fewer than 60 days until the election, the debate sets the tone for what will likely be a hard-fought campaign. As the debate ended, Harris closed with a message to the American people: "This is about who we are as a country. The choice is clear—between chaos and leadership, fear and hope."

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## A Survey of II Timothy



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Referring to our previous article, we discussed the fact that I & II Timothy and Titus are books called the "Pastoral Epistles," and that Paul is writing these books from a Roman prison. Facing the prospect of being martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ, Paul exudes with confident assurance, for one of the great statements that he made is found in the latter part of II Timothy 1:12 when he said: "for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

As members of the household of God, when facing perilous times, we can learn from this valiant apostle, for contin-

ual faith in Jesus Christ will help us to overcome any circumstance with joy unspeakable. Instead of Paul allowing his circumstance to cause him to be bitter, it made him better! In that Roman prison cell, Paul is writing to his son in the ministry, alerting him to the challenges of the ministry, imparting to him the wisdom and the encouragement needed in view of the fact of the oppositions and hardships that Timothy will face as he ministers in Ephesus. Paul will stress the significance of Timothy living godly among the people, so that his ministry might be an asset, and not a liability. Great importance is given as Paul exhorts Timothy "to preach the

word in season and out of season" (II Timothy 4:2).

Timothy was to remain steadfast in dispensing God's truth even when people "will not endure sound doctrine" (v.3). Timothy was well trained in the scriptures, having been taught by his mother Eunice and his grandmother, Lois, and further schooled by the Apostle himself. Now Timothy must use his spiritual arsenal to counteract the prevalence of false teachings. The theme of this wonderful pastoral manual is Paul's exhortation to Timothy to remain strong and to be encouraged as he faces the assaults of the enemies to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of the key verses

of this grand pastoral manual are found in II Timothy 2:3-4 and II Timothy 3:14-17, which read - "you therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier" (2:3-4).

"But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are about to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. "All Scriptures is given by in-

spiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (3:14-17). As we conclude this article, isn't it wonderful to know that our continual faith in Jesus Christ, will safeguard us from becoming bitter when we face adverse circumstances of this life, having the blessed assurance that Jesus will be with us even in the midst of facing death itself.

May God truly prosper your ministry as you serve Him!

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## GOP bid to remove polling sites from Tarrant County college campuses fails

By **Juan Salinas II**, The Texas Tribune

"GOP bid to remove polling sites from Tarrant County college campuses fails" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and

statewide issues. An effort by some Republican officials to curb access to early voting on college campuses in Tarrant County failed Thursday, after Tarrant County Commissioners Court voted to keep the polling sites in place.

The push to limit the

voting locations was led by Judge Tim O'Hare, a Republican and the chief elected official of the county. He said the measure was intended to save money because those poll locations had low voter turnout. Democrats on the

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January 2023 to June 2023. However, there were 176 of the 191 observation sheets missing for multiple dates and shifts.

"In some instances, inspectors found that all of the logs for a particular section and shift had the exact same times and observation codes for each juvenile resident on the section," the report found.

Other allegations reported and investigated by OIG included children not being fed sufficiently and phone and visitation rights taken away due to behavior issues, although the investigation could not find these to be true or false.

The Special Needs Unit was created in 2009 to help children with mental health diagnoses who are also on probation. The program closed in 2023, the same year the OIG investigation took place, but the exact reasons for the closure are unknown.

This week's report comes after the U.S. Department of Justice found unconstitutional conditions at all of Texas' five juvenile detention facilities last month. They noted abusive and poor conditions and listed many remedial measures including limiting periods of isolation. Investigators found other wrongdoings such as pepper spray use on children and failure to apply sexual abuse reduction measures.

The state's report says former Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center Executive Director Darryl Beatty should have been aware of what was happening within the special needs unit.

"While he may not have had an active role in creating the policies and procedure that allowed for neglect of juvenile residents, he had ample opportunity to take corrective action," the OIG report said.

Beatty earlier this year denied the allegations, but resigned after media re-

ports about conditions inside the juvenile facility, WFAA reported.

Barbara Kessler, spokesperson for TJJD, said Dallas officials are taking corrective actions and the state investigation is now closed.

"Investigators will continue to monitor the situation and can open new abuse, neglect, or exploitation investigations if warranted," Kessler wrote in an email.

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commissioners' court and local voting rights advocates called the effort an attempt at voter suppression targeted at people of color and younger voters who tend to be more liberal. O'Hare has said it isn't the county's job to make it easier for specific groups to vote.

The two-week debate culminated in a 4-1 vote in favor of a list of polling locations that instead added a new site. O'Hare, who as county judge gets a vote on the commission, was the only vote against.

Tarrant County GOP Chair Bo French condemned the vote in a social media post and promised that grassroots GOP voters and activists would not "forget which of our elected officials stood with them and which of them chose to side with the Leftist mob." The voter access debate in Tarrant County — Texas' largest swing county — comes as top GOP leaders have tried to block county efforts to increase voter

registration and spread unproven claims of illegal voting for the past few weeks. Election experts say they're worried those efforts could undermine trust in state elections and lead to voter suppression.

Texas House Democrats, students and community leaders spoke out against the effort at a news conference Wednesday at UT-Arlington, calling it a conservative power grab. "[Republicans] see Tarrant County and Texas slipping away from them," said State Rep. Chris Turner, a Democrat from Grand Prairie. "They're desperately trying to cling to power."

About 10% of the ballots in Tarrant County during early voting in the 2020 presidential election were cast on college campuses, according to the county's data. The UT-Arlington early voting location had 9,754 votes cast in that election, in which President Joe Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate to win Tarrant County since Lyndon

B. Johnson.

Beto O'Rourke won the county in his failed 2018 bid to unseat U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

Texas has the second youngest median age of any state other than Utah. Vice President Kamala Harris' entry into the presidential race has helped activate Texas' young voters, which political experts say could help close the enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans in the state.

Rogelio Meixuerio, a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, said he's glad O'Hare's effort failed, but he still worried what's happening in Tarrant County could embolden Republican leaders in other counties.

"O'Hare is working to keep Tarrant County under Republican control," Meixuerio said.

Derek Tisler, senior counsel at the Brennan Center's Voting Rights Program, said removing early voting locations and having fewer of them could significantly increase wait times on

Election Day.

"Election administration involves a lot of careful planning, and disruptions like this have unintended consequences and spillover effects on all voters throughout the community," he said.

This isn't the first time Republicans have had issues with college voting locations. During the last legislative session, Republican state lawmakers tried to pass a bill that banned counties from putting any polling locations on college campuses.

Amber Mills, an organizer with MOVE Texas, a non-partisan voting advocacy group, said removing campus sites would negatively affect students with disabilities or without reliable transportation. Arlington is the largest city in the state without public transit.

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<https://www.texastribune.org/2024/09/12/tarrant-county-college-voting-location/>.

Quinn Minute

# Goldilocks and the Bears Bears

By Rix Quinn

What's the real meaning of the fairy tale about Goldilocks?

To be frank (although Frank is not my name), "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" is more confusing than a stop sign on a roller coaster track.

First, you gotta accept that a bear family owns a fancy two-story deep in the woods. These beasts wake one morning, choose porridge instead of other ani-

mals, then go for a walk while it cools.

Obviously, rich bears buy quality products like silver claw clips, and expensive fur shampoos. So, why would they leave an unlocked door to tempt intruders?

In walks Goldilocks, possibly a destructive truant with great curiosity, a huge appetite, and narcolepsy.

First, she samples some mismatched chairs. She finds one too hard, one too soft,

and the third just right...so she breaks it. What is that about?

Next, she tastes the first porridge, and finds it too hot. The second bowl's too cold. Why? Who cooked this stuff, anyway?

But the third bowl's just right, so she devours it faster than a hyperactive cannibal gulps ladyfingers at a tea party.

Bloated and sluggish, she wanders upstairs. She tries Mom's and Pop's

twin beds (they sleep separately, like on old black-and-white TV shows), then passes out in Junior's bunk.

About this time, the bears return. They find her asleep, shake her awake, and scare heck out of her. She races out. The bears forget to get a name and address, so they can send a bill for the busted furniture.

This story is too scary for me, because I fear any beast that considers me part of a food group.



# SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

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# Jake Ferguson details terrifying moment in Cleveland, gives outlook for Cowboys vs. Saints

**Patrik Walker**  
DallasCowboys.com Staff Writer

FRISCO, Texas — The victory over the Cleveland Browns was a convincing one for the Dallas Cowboys and they nearly left the game whole, health-wise, their only scare coming by way of tight end Jake Ferguson; but it was a terrible initial outlook that has since given way to a very promising and positive prognosis.

The Pro Bowl tight end suffered a mild MCL sprain in his knee and is in the return work rehab group leading into the Week 2 matchup against the New Orleans Saints, a game that he's not been ruled out of quite yet if he will be at all.

Speaking from the locker room following Wednesday's practice, the Pro Bowler detailed everything from the terror of the moment in Cleveland to how he's currently feeling and what his availability might look going forward.

Considering Ferguson's value to the team as both a locker room leader and one of the top producers for All-Pro quarterback Dak Prescott and head coach Mike McCarthy, it's all smiles right now in Dallas.

**On the moment it happened:**  
"The [initial thought]

was ACL, and I think I was told that and I kind of was like, 'Oh my God.' It kind of hit me and a couple tears [fell], and then went through a bunch of stuff, looked at it, did a couple more tests, and they were like, 'It's not ACL.'

**On the eventual diagnosis:**

"Thankfully, just a little bone bruise and MCL, but I think you got the grades. I don't even think it's a Grade 1."

**On why the initial thought was a torn ACL:**

"Just the way it looked. The way it looked. I did hear a pop and I think that, I mean,

that's the first time I've ever had anything pop, and just kind of talking to [the training staff] and all the specialists, we have all the guys with their knowledge. They were kind of like, 'Hey, we're worried about it the way it looked, looking back at the film.' Thankfully, the man upstairs had a different plan, and I'm just lucky to not have that happen."

Is this something he could potentially play through?

"Yeah, I think my only thought was ACL, and if my ACL's good, I'm fine. There's some stuff you can play through and I'm one of

those guys who if I can play through it, I'm going to go. But at the same time, if I can't give this team my best and I can't live up to the standard, and play at that standard that we hold, then there's no point in me hurting the team.

"... If I go out there and I'm working with the trainers on stuff and it doesn't feel right or I can't do one thing or the other that is going to lead to me not being able to do my job, then it's going to probably be a no-go. But if it's all good and I'm feeling great, then I'm not going to be the one who pulls back."

*Does this scare*

*change the approach to the game?*

"I've known [the risk] from the jump. This game isn't loyal. It's never going to be loyal to you. You can give this game your all and it can still hurt you and bite you in the butt.

And so I try to come in here every day as each day is a blessing. Each day, I've got to come in here and do this. Someone wishes they were in my spot, and God giving me that blessing of not having a season-ending injury. I've got to come in here and take every day by the horns and appreciate every day.

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Oscar, and Tony.

Best known to many as the commanding voice behind Darth Vader in Star Wars, Jones brought depth and gravitas to the villainous character, making him one of cinema's most unforgettable antagonists. He reprised the role in Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith (2005) and Rogue

One: A Star Wars Story (2016), further cementing his legacy in the galaxy far, far away.

Born on January 17, 1931, in Arkabutla, Mississippi, Jones's contributions to the arts extended far beyond Star Wars. He voiced the beloved character Mufasa in Disney's animated classic The Lion King (1994) and again in the 2019 live-action remake.

His unmistakable voice was also a signature of CNN's "This is CNN" campaign.

Jones's acting career began on the stage and in film with his breakout role in Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove (1964). His powerful on-screen presence led to roles in a variety of acclaimed films including Conan the Barbarian (1982), Coming to America

(1988), The Hunt for Red October (1990), and The Sandlot (1990). He earned an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Jack Jefferson in The Great White Hope (1970), a role that also won him his first Tony Award.

On Broadway, Jones was a force to be reckoned with. He earned four Tony nominations and took home two wins

for The Great White Hope in 1969 and August Wilson's Fences in 1987. His contribution to the stage was celebrated with a Special Tony Award in 2017.

Jones's talents were equally recognized on television, where he won two Primetime Emmys in 1991 for Gabriel's Fire and Heat Wave. His voice and presence on-screen were magnetic, a

testament to his versatility as an actor who could excel in drama, comedy, and everything in between.

A recipient of the Kennedy Center Honors in 2002, Jones's lifetime of achievements earned him accolades from SAG-AFTRA and the National Board of Review and a Grammy for Best Spoken Word Recording in 1977.

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Session 1	The Good Work of Sacrifice	Felita Smotherman
Session 2	The Good Work of Service	Tanya Johnson
Session 3	The Good Work of Support	Shawnell Bradshaw

Please note: The Ladies' Workshop will not be streamed and childcare will not be provided.

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At just 13 years old, he joined the ensemble The Silhouettes and later formed his own group, The Blenders, inspired by doo-wop icons like Frankie Lymon. In a nod to his musical idol, Beverly changed his first name to Frankie, setting the stage for his future legacy.

In 1970, Beverly founded the band Maze in Philadelphia, originally named Raw Soul. The group's big break came when R&B legend Marvin Gaye, impressed by their talent, suggested they change their name to Maze. Beverly relocated to San Francisco in 1971, and the rest is history.

Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly debuted its self-titled album in 1976, which went on to sell more than 500,000 copies and earned gold status.

The album featured timeless tracks like "While I'm Alone," which climbed the Billboard charts, reaching No. 21 on the R&B chart and No. 89 on the Hot 100. Over the next decade,

Beverly and Maze released a string of hits, including "Feel That You're Feelin'" from their 1979 album Inspiration, which reached No. 7 on the R&B chart, and "Southern Girl" from the 1980 album Joy and Pain, which peaked at No. 9 on the R&B chart.

The group's live performances, particularly their 1981 album Live in New Orleans, showcased their musical brilliance, with standout tracks like "Running Away" and "Before I Let Go," the latter of which became an enduring classic in R&B and funk circles, reaching No. 13 on the R&B chart. In the mid-1980s, the group continued their success with hits like "Too Many Games" and "Back In Stride" from their album Can't Stop the Love, cementing their place in music history.

Throughout his career, Beverly demonstrated a unique ability to craft timeless music that resonated with generations of fans. His contributions to soundtracks, including the 2005 film Get Rich or

Die Tryin', further solidified his impact. His song "Hustler's Ambition" earned a nomination for "Outstanding Original Song" at the Satellite Awards that year.

Frankie Beverly's influence didn't go unnoticed. In 2012, he was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the BET Awards. In 2019, at the age of 72, he delivered a powerful performance at the Essence Festival in New Orleans, proving that his music still moved the masses.

Beyond his musical accolades, Beverly's family said he was a devoted father to his son, Anthony Beverly, and a loving grandfather to three grandchildren. They said his legacy, marked by five gold albums and countless unforgettable songs, will continue to inspire and resonate with fans for years to come.

"He lived for his music, family, and friends. For us, no one did it better," the family stated.





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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Out of evil, make good Let's create permanent honor for Officer Darron Burks

By Norma Adams-Wade  
 Texas Metro News Correspondent

*For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, That it will sprout again, And that the tender branch thereof will not cease. ...yet ...it will bud, and...bring forth boughs like a plant.  
 Job 14:7, 9 KJV*



Norma Adams-Wade

The “premeditated execution” -- as Dallas police chief Eddie Garcia termed it -- is one of the one million times when your soul asks... “Why?!” If you are a pragmatist who does not believe in evil, this travesty surely has to make you reconsider. By now -- out of the tsunami of media coverage -- you surely know that Dallas police officer Darron Lee Burks, 46, was fatally shot on Aug. 29 while taking a break between assignments, sitting in his marked patrol car, in the parking lot of the non-profit For Oak Cliff.

The building on Ledbetter Drive previously was the longtime location of Moorland Branch YMCA before the Y moved to its current location on Hampton Road in Oak Cliff. The on-duty death of any police officer

is prime-time news. However, Burks’ demise has an added quality because of how the community has almost lionized him for his admirable character and public service.

The 17-year former math teacher at Texans Can Academies in Dallas was a graduate of Lake Highland H. S. in Richardson and Paul Quinn College in southeast Dallas who stood out as a moral role model, sports figure, and leader in areas including being president of his Omega Psi Phi fraternity chapter. He was a member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and served in the parking ministry. Two other officers dispatched to aid him also were injured. One, Sr. Cpl. Jamie Farmer has been released from the hospital.

The other, Cpl. Karissa David, at the last report still was in critical but stable condition and is expected to recover. The suspect, Corey CobbBey, 30, was fatally shot by police after he led them on a 30-minute car chase, stopped the car in Lewisville, then approached the officers pointing a long gun at them before police fired fatal shots at him, police reports state.

Officials on different levels of government are investigating Officer Burks’ death which so far still is seen as a senseless murder of a good man by an apparently misguided stranger. No evidence has turned up that the two men knew each other. An avalanche of praise for Officer Burks’ good character and public service continues days after his death and likely will continue through his funeral service on Saturday, September 7.

And by the time you read this report, many more details likely will have surfaced. I was just thinking... the impressive, positive feedback about Officer Burks further prompts the question of why such a meritorious humanitarian would be cut down in such a pointless way. Again, “Why?!” It’s an answer too beyond our human pay grade to figure that one out. But, ... let’s resolve to help his life have meaning.

Let’s help influence others to live with tangible, meaningful purpose as was his goal -- cut short too soon. So, how to make that goal happen for the sake of this martyr? And yes, Burks has become a

martyr who died because he chose to serve others through upholding law enforcement to keep the community safe. Those who knew him say he felt his choice was a calling, and, yes, that calling led to his untimely demise.

It seems clear that his decision deserves honor. Our question is how to best fulfill that honor. See suggestions in the attached two sidebars. The first attachment suggests tangible ways to give meaning to Officer Burks’ sacrifice. The second chronicles comments various people made about his stellar life. I request that you store this report in an important place and use it to help you recall Burks’ impact and perhaps to guide your own.

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**Yvonne Davis**  
 DISTRICT 111

#### Representative Yvonne Davis to host Legislative Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Yvonne Davis will hold a Legislative Town Hall Meeting to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session as well as other issues facing the community.

The Legislative Town Hall meeting will be held at the following location and date:

**Methodist Charlton Medical Center - (Auditorium)**  
 3500 W. Wheatland Road  
 Dallas, Texas 75237

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**  
**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**\*Parking is available in parking Lot A or the garage.**

For more information contact Representative Davis's District office at (214) 941-3895.



# HBCUS In Texas

*There are currently nine HBCUS in Texas with all of them on the east side of the state.*

- **Huston-Tillotson University (HTU)**, located in Austin, Texas, was founded in 1875. Prior to being named Huston-Tillotson University it was named Huston-Tillotson College, Samuel Houston College and Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute. Huston-Tillotson has a \$1.5 million endowment and has 1,160 students enrolled.

**Contact Admissions**  
Phone: 512.505.3160  
Fax: 512.505.3192

Location: Agard-Lovinggood Building, 2nd Floor

- **Jarvis Christian College** is nestled in the heart of the Piney Woods of East Texas. Jarvis Christian College (JCC) is a small, private, historically black college that has been making a big impact since its founding in 1912. With a mission to provide a transformative educational experience that empowers students to become leaders and change-makers in their communities, JCC offers a diverse range of academic programs in fields such as education, business, natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. Through its commitment to service, JCC prepares its students to make a positive impact on the world, with a focus on social justice, sustainability, and civic engagement. With a tight-knit community and a supportive learning environment, JCC is a hidden gem in the world of higher education, producing graduates who go on to make a difference in their fields and in the world at large.

**Contact Admissions**  
Phone: 903-730-4890

- **Paul Quinn College (PQC)** is a private, liberal arts institution located in Dallas, Texas. Founded in 1872 by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers, PQC is the oldest HBCU west of the Mississippi River. Paul Quinn College is one of only ten colleges in the United States that operates on a work college model. This means that all students are required to work at least ten hours a week in various campus jobs to help cover their tuition and other expenses. In 2010, Paul Quinn College transformed its football field into a working farm. The program was initiated by the school's president, Michael Sorrell, as a way to address issues of food insecurity in the surrounding community. The farm now produces fresh produce that is sold to local residents, restaurants, and grocery stores. Paul Quinn College is committed to promoting entrepreneurship among its students. The school's business program offers a unique "Edu-preneurship®" curriculum that combines classroom instruction with hands-on experience in starting and running a business. PQC is a member of the National Col-

legiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and offers intercollegiate sports programs in basketball, cross-country, track and field, and volleyball.

**Office of Enrollment Management**  
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Email: admissions@pqc.edu  
Hours: Monday through Friday,  
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- **Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU)** is located in Prairie View, Texas. PVAMU was founded in 1876 as the Alta Vista Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youth. Prairie View A&M University is a land-grant institution, which means it was established under the Morrill Act of 1862 to provide education in agriculture, science, and engineering. PVAMU is home to the world-renowned "Marching Storm" marching band, which has performed at prestigious events such as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Rose Bowl Parade, and the Super Bowl. Prairie View has a partnership with NASA and is the only HBCU in the country to have a research center located on a NASA facility. The university's Cooperative Research Center for Minorities in Engineering and Sciences conducts research in areas such as renewable energy, materials science, and aerospace engineering.

**Physical Address:**  
700 University Drive, Prairie View, Texas 77446  
**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 519 - Prairie View, Texas 77446

- **Southwestern Christian College (SWCC)** was established in 1948 in Terrell, Texas. SWCC is a private HBCU that was originally named Southern Bible Institute. SWCC became accredited in 1973. SWCC participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. The mascot is the Ram and the colors are white and blue.

**Address**  
200 Bowser Circle,  
Terrell, TX 75160-4812 |  
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- **St. Phillip's College** is the only HBCU in San Antonio, Texas. Established in 1898, St. Phillip's is the westernmost HBCU in the United States. St. Phillip's is open admission and offers over 200 internet classes.

**MLK Campus**  
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- **Texas College** was founded in 1894. Their model is 'Give The People Light, and They Will Find Their Way.' They have a \$3.2 million endowment, 972 students and their mascot is the Steers. Texas College's official colors are purple and gold. Texas College has all of the divine nine organizations except for Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

**Location:**  
2404 North Grand Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75702  
800-306-6299

- **Texas Southern University (TSU)** is the alma mater of Barbara Jordan, Megan Thee Stallion and Michael Strahan. Texas Southern University became famous in 1976 when it hosted the first televised debate between Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. The debate was moderated by Barbara Walters and drew a record-breaking audience of over 90 million viewers. TSU is home to one of the best law schools in the state, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The school is named after the first African American Supreme Court Justice and produces top-notch lawyers who go on to fight for justice in all corners of the country.

**Location:**  
3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, TX 77004  
Phone: 713-313-7011

- **Wiley College** is a private HBCU located in Marshall, Texas. It was established in 1873. One of the most notable accomplishments of Wiley College is its debate team, which became famous for defeating the University of Southern California's debate team in 1935. The story of the team was depicted in the movie "The Great Debaters," which starred Denzel Washington. Wiley College's campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with several buildings dating back to the 19th century. The campus is a beautiful example of late Victorian architecture and includes buildings such as the Administration Building and the Chapel.

**Location:**  
711 Wiley Ave. Marshall, TX 75670.  
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## Dallas ISD hosts first credit catch-up event

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Falling behind in classes can significantly impact a high schooler's path to graduation, so the district is hosting a GrA<sup>2</sup>D Fair with the theme "Credit Catch-up," aimed at students who may have fallen behind in their studies, dropped out, or faced truancy.

The event provides a crucial opportunity to get back on track for graduation in 2025. Parents/guardians, educators, and community stakeholders are also encouraged to attend and gain valuable knowledge and resources to help students.

Hosted by Graduation, Recovery, Attendance, Advocacy, & Dropout Intervention Department, the event takes place from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 14 at the Sprague Athletic Complex, 3701

Boulder Dr., Dallas, TX.

Designed to inspire, educate, and empower students, the fair shows students how to prioritize their education through a showcase of credit recovery programs such as Reconnection, Reconnection Plus, Evening Academy, Freshman On-Track Initiative, Grad Lab, and Phoenix. The fair will also feature attendance improvement programs, a Q&A session, and student success stories.

The fair will also offer resources like personalized "blueprint" plans for graduation, success coaches, and detailed information on various credit recovery programs to attendees. In addition to the educational resources, there will be prizes, food, and student performances.





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