

“There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish.”

— Michelle Obama



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Dallas County Democratic Party Dismisses Provisional Ballot Lawsuit, Cites Partisan Hostility of Court

DALLAS, TX — The Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) has dismissed its lawsuit regarding the counting of provisional ballots from the March 2026 primary. The Party has determined that the Texas Supreme Court is no longer a viable forum for seeking a fair and independent application of the law regarding this issue.

“The Texas GOP has held a thirty-year stranglehold on this state - and in

that time they have weaponized Texas law to disenfranchise millions of Texans - because they know if every eligible voter has access to the polls, they lose,” said Chair Kardal Coleman. “Furthermore, continuing to pursue this case in a hostile forum would incur massive legal costs, resources that are better spent on the ground protecting our voters. We will not allow a hyper-partisan, rigged system to

drain our resources while they validate the suppression of Dallas County citizens’ voting rights.”

From mid-cycle redistricting to laws designed to make the ballot box less accessible, the GOP has spent decades rigging the rules. While the DCDP is withdrawing from this specific judicial forum, it remains committed to protecting the vote. We remain focused on organizing and voter protection

efforts necessary to overcome these structural barriers ahead of the May Runoff and November General Elections.

The Dallas County Democratic Party stands with the election workers and citizens who navigated this primary’s state-mandated chaos and remains dedicated to ensuring every eligible voter has a reliable path to the polls. For additional information, please visit DallasDemocrats.org.



Photo Credit: The Bail Project

Falsely Accused: How Cash Bail Upended Nicole’s Life

The Black Press Reports

It was a chilly spring day in early April when Nicole Rodgers, a 31-year-old Black medical social worker in Tulsa, saw the letter sitting in her mailbox. It was an advertisement from a criminal defense attorney promoting his services. Nicole figured it was junk mail. After all, she never had any run-ins with the law, and she spent much of her free time helping people of color impacted by the criminal justice system.

But as she continued reading it, she came across a startling sentence: “...it has come to my attention that you have been recently charged with a felony criminal offense. This means that you may have a warrant for your arrest!”

The letter didn’t include any additional information about the alleged charge. Stunned and confused, the single mother of three children wondered if it was sent by mistake or was maybe a scam. Worst case scenario, she figured, was just a big misunderstanding that could easily be resolved.

She was wrong. Unbeknownst to Nicole, the state of Oklahoma had been building a case against her since September of 2021 after an eyewitness said she fit the description of a woman who allegedly robbed a store employee at knife point.

Less than seven months later, prosecutors charged Nicole with felony robbery with a dangerous weapon, and a judge issued a warrant for her arrest.

After she finished reading the letter, Nicole began tackling the issue head on. She realized her first step was to learn what the criminal felony charge was about. She reached out to people she knew within the justice system and courthouse for help. She hadn’t known criminal charges could be filed against someone without their knowledge. The first call she made was to a friend who happened to be an attorney.

“I can’t find the affidavit, and I don’t know

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What Texans need to know about upcoming SNAP restrictions

Starting April 1, Texans will no longer be allowed to use food stamps to buy sweetened beverages and candy.

By Riddhi Bora and Dan Keemahill



Candy bars and other sweets are displayed in the candy aisle of a convenience store in Austin on March 11, 2026. Beginning April 1, people will not be allowed to purchase candy and certain sweetened beverages using SNAP benefits. Photo Credit: Manoo Sirivelu/The Texas Tribune.

New food stamp restrictions prohibiting benefits to be used to purchase sweetened beverages and candy will affect millions of Texans starting April 1.

Senate Bill 379, one of three bills under Texas’ “Make America Healthy Again” initiative that Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law last year, prohibits the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, also informally called food stamps, to purchase those sugary items.

“Texas is leading the way in aligning SNAP benefits with healthier food options,” Abbott said in a news release this month. “By implementing these changes, we encourage better nutrition and ensure this program helps families access nutritional food. I

thank the Trump Administration and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for their work to strengthen this program and better serve Texans.”

While the bill passed with bipartisan support, some Democratic lawmakers raised concerns about its long-term effects. Sen. Borris Miles, D-Houston, supported the bill’s goal, but said there are people in urban and rural areas who don’t have access to nutritious foods and foods that are not as healthy may be the only options to fend off hunger. Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, said if the Legislature is really concerned about Texans getting proper nutrition, it should double the value of food stamps for things like fresh produce so

benefits could buy more of the health products and give retailers incentive to stock more of it.

SNAP is a federal program that helps low-income individuals or families buy food. An individual qualifies for SNAP if they make \$2,152 a month or less, and a family of four qualifies if they make \$4,421 a month or less. About 3.5 million Texans, including 1.7 million children, receive SNAP assistance every month. The recent restrictions on SNAP in Texas follows cuts the Trump administration has made to the program, including reducing funding by approximately \$186 billion over 10 years, as well as implementing stricter work requirements, and new restrictions on what enrollees can purchase with

benefits, impacting more than 40 million people using SNAP in the U.S.

Here’s a guide breaking down how to identify restricted items, expectations for retailer compliance, and changes to SNAP eligibility.

Starting April 1, what can’t I buy with my SNAP benefits?

SB 379 bans the purchase of any sweetened drinks that contain 5 grams or more of added sugar per serving or any amount of artificial sweetener, such as regular and most diet sodas or drinks made with less than 50% vegetable or fruit juice. Under the bill, candy is banned, including candy bars, gum, taffy, nuts, raisins or fruits that have been candied, crystalized, glazed

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EDITORIAL PAGE

The National Basketball Association Dribbled In To Stop The Atlanta Hawks Event

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

The National Basketball Association is a billion-dollar organization. "Oh, how it grows and grows and where it's gonna stop, I'm sure, nobody knows." Remember The Temptations song, entitled, It's Growing?

The NBA, in my opinion, is an iconic brand. It has changed with the times and is creating new platforms of success each year. They have successfully managed new innovations and creations to gain their continued popularity.

There are thirty NBA teams. Fans come to see the established stars, the new stars and the future stars. Quite honestly, even if you are sitting on the bench, you are a millionaire.

The NBA's marketing genius is stellar. Every team has its share of special days and nights with T-shirts, caps, and cups being given away. If you

can catch a T-shirt or leave with a towel draped over your seat, you will count the game as a success, especially if your team wins.

Each franchise can sponsor special events and promotions that will oftentimes highlight community organizations. They have always turned out to be grand occasions.

If you have attended an NBA game, you know the thrills and excitement that the games bring. If you haven't, put it on your bucket list.

Recently, the Atlanta Hawks were going to sponsor a Magic City Night. It is a club in the ATL that has been in business for many years. Succinctly put, it is a hot spot for adult entertainment. I had not heard of Magic City, but what do I know? I am in the 4th quarter of my life, so some things just slip by me.

My friend, Gary, and I were talking recently about all things NBA. He asked me if I had heard about what the Atlanta Hawks were trying to do with Magic City? I looked clueless.

Gary is an African American businessman, so he began giving me updates.

His response was not business-centered but was Black women-centered. It was boundary-driven, and he believed the Hawks had overstepped.

He said, "Black women must not and should not be disrespected. It is never ok for them to be played in public." I agreed with his heartfelt comments and he wasn't finished.

He added, "We are living in times where we must uphold and uplift our sisters. Black women have come too far and accomplished too much. Having the Atlanta Hawks sponsor this night would be wrong and inappropriate. This event must simply not happen".

Well, I think my friend, Gary's comments must have reached NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and players, too.

Commissioner Silver said in a prepared statement, "While we appreciate the team's perspective and their desire to move forward, we have heard significant concerns from a broad array of league stakeholders, including fans, partners, and employees."

Some of the stakeholders

he mentions are women with daughters, nieces, and sisters. Some of these stakeholders are men who have wives and daughters.

Luke Kornet, a player with the San Antonio Spurs, said, "Allowing the event would make the NBA complicit in the potential objectification and mistreatment of women."

However, there are those who feel different. Jami Gertz, part-owner of the Atlanta Hawks, said in a press release, "This collaboration and theme night is very meaningful to me after all the work we did to put together Magic City: An American Fantasy. The iconic Atlanta institution has made an incredible impact on our city and its unique culture."

I don't think people are discounting the work that went into planning it. The NBA's concern is how it portrays women.

The NBA will go on, and the Atlanta Hawks will too, just without the Magic City Night.

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how the charge happened," Nicole recalled saying.

What transpired in the days and months afterwards underscores the long-lasting and multifaceted ways a person's personal, professional and family life can be affected after a criminal charge is issued against them and even after it is dismissed in court.

"The system is set up in a way for people of color and women to be taken advantage of," she said. "People are sitting in jail away from their families."

Nicole's experience also illustrates how dizzying and confusing it can be to navigate the criminal justice system even for people who know how it works, are aware of available resources and have people advocating on their behalf.

"That advertisement in the mail saved me from the what ifs that could have happened," she said. "How is somebody charged with a crime like this and has no idea? I wish I was able to tell my side of the story to lead investigators and prosecutors before the charge was issued against me."

It took Nicole several days before she was able to receive

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Abiding in Christian Fellowship – Part I

I John 2:1-29



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

By way of review, the grand Apostle of love, John, has emphasized that he was an eyewitness of Christ's life (I John 1:1-2), that Jesus' blood cleanses sinners (v. 7) and that confession of sins is necessary for forgiveness (v. 9). Now, in this wonderful chapter, the Apostle John will discuss the essence of what abiding in Christian fellowship is all about.

I John 2:1-29 may be outlined as follows: I. The Ground for Genuine Christian Fellowship – I John 2:1-17; II. An Acknowledgment of a Strange Heresy – I John 2:18-29.

I. The Ground for Genuine Christian Fellowship – I John 2:1-17

As John continues to explore the essence of abiding in Christian fellowship in verse 1, he addressed his readers as "my little children"; thus, he was expressing his fatherly concern for those under his spiritual concern. He directed their attention to the fact that they are not to take sin carelessly. Although God has made provision for sin, and that we need to confess our sins, the intent of John's instruction was "that ye sin not" (v. 1).

John uttered, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (v. 1). The word advocate means one summoned to give assistance, especially as a legal advisor. Thank God, Jesus Christ represents us before the Father when we sin and pleads our case when the arch enemy, Satan, accuses us

(Romans 8:34; Revelation 12:10). As our representative, Jesus Christ is qualified for this task because He is "Jesus Christ the righteous". "Jesus" refers to His humanity, "Christ" relates to the fact that He is God's Anointed One, and the word "righteous" denotes His fitness to plead for sinners.

In verse 2, Christ is indeed the "propitiation" for our sins. Propitiation refers to the turning away of God's wrath. Through His awesome death on the cross, Christ has completely satisfied God's righteous wrath by taking on Himself our total guilt of sins. Christ not only made provision for our sins (Christians) on the cross, but Christ's propitiation is also for "the sins of the whole world" (v. 2). However, only those who place their faith in His finished work on Calvary have benefited.

In verses 3 and 4, the Apostle declared that one's knowledge of and union with God are tested by obedience. One cannot claim to have a super knowledge of God while living an inconsistent life contrary to the standards of God's word. John affirmed that the real proof of knowing God is keeping His commandments (v. 4). In verse 5, the one who knows God, keeps not only His specific commands (v. 4), but also the entire revelation of His will. When one obeys the revelation of God's will, then "the love of God is being perfected;" thus, one will convey the love of God to others.

In verse 6, the test for one who says he abides in union with God is whether he walks as Christ walked. In verse 7, one great test of true discipleship is Christian love. Thus, John encouraged his readers to love one another. For believers, the command to love was "an old commandment," one they had known from "the beginning." This "beginning" John had reference to was the beginning of the gospel message uttered by Christ during His public ministry (Mark 1:1; I John 1:1). Christ had also instructed His disciples to love one another (St. John 13:34-35).

In verse 8, a superior quality to love sacrificially was manifested in Christ, the incarnate Word of God. With Christ, a new era has risen: "the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth." Christ is the Way to escape sin's darkens and experience the true light of Christ shining in one's life! In verse 9, it is impossible for you as a child of God to walk in the light and hate your brother. In verse 10, those who love their brothers and sisters in the Lord are abiding in the light of Christ; and such a love will not draw others to stumble. The one who hates his Christian brother is walking in darkness, that is, living in sin apart from Christ's light (v. 11). The person who harbors hatred in his heart has been blinded by his own sin!

In verses 13-14, the Apostle John addressed three levels of his audience: the fathers, the young men, and little children.

The "fathers" no doubt refers to the saints who have known the Lord Jesus for years and has matured. The "young men" are not as mature as the fathers but have learned the secret of overcoming the enemy by the blood of Christ. The "little children" are the ones who know they are children of God but are still spiritually immature. As children of God, to remain spiritually mature and strong, we must abide by God's word. We need spiritual food to stay strong and vibrant spiritually just as we need physical food for our daily sustenance!

In verse 15, John's mention of the word "world" does not refer to the world of creation, but to the world system, the organized system headed by Satan which leaves God out and is in opposition to God. John mentioned three things that we are attracted to when we have been captivated by this world system: "lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (v. 16). These are temptations which we face and also temptations which Satan presented to Eve and the Lord (Genesis 3:6; Matthew 4:1-11). Many people are investing in this world system, only to find out that this world is passing away. The world is in a state of deterioration and will one day face God's awesome wrath (II Peter 3:10). Being obedient to God's word, one is doing the will of God (v. 17).

May God Bless!

Continued Defeat March 12 Edition

His campaign recruited 28,000 volunteers, contacted voters in all 254 counties in Texas and hosted more than 560 voter mobilization events in 75 cities throughout the race, according to a Saturday news release. In the four days before election day, his campaign and its volunteers blitzed 40 cities with 130 events.

He also had a clear-cut plan to win Latino voters in particular, running ads and social media content in Spanish, campaigning with Tejano music star Bobby Pulido in South Texas and closing his campaign with an ad featuring Latino influencer Carlos Eduardo Espina.

"He won because he showed up in communities, he ran advertising in those communities, he had an

amazing field team," Rocha said on social media Wednesday. "It's grassroots organizing combined with paid advertising in digital, TV, radio around sporting events, and a robust Latino advertising campaign."

Further into the campaign, Crockett suffered from relatively lackluster fundraising. She raised \$8.6 million over the course of her bid, more than half of which she transferred from

her House committee — a total haul dwarfed by Talarico's more than \$20 million take.

That drove a major spending deficit on advertising. Crockett spent \$4.8 million on advertising, which would have been an impressive spend for a Democratic primary candidate in Texas, if not for Talarico.

Starting in January, Talarico's campaign and his super PAC collectively unleashed

\$25.9 million on ads through election day, outspending Crockett and her super PAC nearly five-to-one. Talarico and his super PAC together raised more than \$27.2 million through the start of the year.

Crockett's team member recalled wondering how long Talarico could maintain his spending momentum. But as he continued to flood the airwaves, Crockett's internal polling began to show Talar-

ico narrowing the name recognition gap and winning some of her supporters, particularly white women, to his side.

"The fact that he did stay up at that level every week — you see the buy come in at a million dollars a week — all of a sudden, you're like, 'Okay, this is gonna make a big difference,'" the team member said.

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~ PLANTS

(Solution will appear in March 26 edition)

ACROSS

- 1. Canvas primer
- 6. Chlorofluorocarbon, acr.
- 9. Heroin, slang
- 13. Poetic although
- 14. Indochinese language
- 15. Part of a whole
- 16. Like certain suspects
- 17. Rainbow, e.g.
- 18. Not mainstream, as in art
- 19. *Coast ____, world's tallest tree
- 21. *Vanilla-producing plant
- 23. Classic film production company, acr.
- 24. ____ in the neck
- 25. ____ the season!
- 28. Ready and eager
- 30. "Reader's ____" magazine
- 35. "Do ____ others..."
- 37. Rubber bulb on an old bike
- 39. "Lord of the Flies" shell
- 40. Bear's den
- 41. *Colorful daisy-like bloom
- 43. *The corpse flower emits a foul one
- 44. Spouse's parent
- 46. EU money
- 47. Unadulterated
- 48. Fish food unit
- 50. Karl of politics
- 52. Between NE and E
- 53. Fat Man or Little Boy
- 55. Major time period
- 57. *Fastest-growing plant
- 60. *Coffea ____ a.k.a. coffee plant
- 64. Dam
- 65. Slovenly abode
- 67. More painful
- 68. Change the Constitution
- 69. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
- 70. Black tie one
- 71. Shakespeare, a.k.a. ____ of Avon
- 72. Kum Ba follower
- 73. What defense does, after presenting

DOWN

- 1. India's wild ox
- 2. Something ____
- 3. Poker variety
- 4. Medieval oboe
- 5. Study of bird eggs
- 6. Armor-____
- 7. Distant
- 8. Cold-weather drink
- 9. Hyperbolic sine
- 10. Ghana money
- 11. Battery fluid, e.g.
- 12. "Wow!"
- 15. Alfresco meal
- 20. Nebraska's largest city
- 22. Antonym of keep
- 24. Throw out of kilter
- 25. *It once was more valuable than gold
- 26. Absurd
- 27. Static picture
- 29. *U. S. national flower
- 31. Gwyneth Paltrow's brand
- 32. Empower
- 33. Open disrespect
- 34. *Leaves of ____, let them be
- 36. Non-written exam
- 38. Infamous Roman tyrant
- 42. Space exploration vehicle
- 45. Like duck's foot
- 49. Likewise
- 51. Pencil tip
- 54. *Covered with sphagnum
- 56. Beyond's partner
- 57. Pulpit predecessor
- 58. Affirm with confidence
- 59. Darn a sock, e.g.
- 60. Nursemaid, in India
- 61. Wraths
- 62. One-tenth of a dime
- 63. Liberal pursuits
- 64. Blood testing site
- 66. *Camellia sinensis drink

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Other items that Texans can't buy with their SNAP benefits have long included tobacco, alcohol, vitamins, medicine, and other non-food items. SNAP also cannot be used to purchase certain food items, such as ready-made or hot foods, including rotisserie chicken. In the past, the governor has lifted those restrictions during natural disasters.

What can I buy with my SNAP benefits?

Beverages with less than 5 grams of added sugars that are not artificial can be purchased. Stevia, stevia leaf extract and monk fruit are not considered artificial sweeteners. Products used exclusively for cooking such as chocolate bits and sprinkles, and sweet snack items, such as ice cream, sherbet, and frozen yogurt, ice pops, juice pops, sorbet, and other frozen fruit items containing not more than 50% percent fruit juice by volume, can be bought with benefits.

Texans can continue to use their SNAP benefits to purchase fruits; vegetables; garden seeds; plants that produce food; milk; milk substitutes and other dairy products; bread and cereal; meat; fish and poultry; and beverages that have more than 50% vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

How can I tell if my food falls under the new SNAP restrictions?

Customers can find the item's sugar content on the back of the product, where the nutrition label is attached. The amount of added sugar is typically found under the "Total Carbohydrate" category. The list of ingredients will also contain information about artificial sweeteners. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has provided language for retailers to use to produce signage in stores, according to the Texas Retailers Association.

SNAP will continue in the March 26 Edition.

When Adversity Becomes Opportunity

By: **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher
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Dr. John Warren

Black Americans in particular, has resulted in a pull-back by corporate America, while we continue to spend as if everything is alright.

Once again, here is a reminder that "We" spend over 4 trillion dollars a year in this country, and much of that is spent on what we want and not what we need. "We" should take a page out of the notes of some other ethnic groups, like the Jewish community, who in the past have suspended the use of their purchasing power with those who are not supportive of them and their causes. Recently, we have seen some of the very so-called leaders in the Black community do an about-face on spending with Target after the company gave money to some Black Pastors. They were not alone in

taking such dollars. Our National Newspaper Publishers Association also took monies from Target in the form of a \$200,000 grant with a promise of some future business.

But "We," the people with purchasing power, can change this attitude of withdrawal from doing business with us while still taking our purchases. This is an opportunity to walk with our dollars; to start purchasing only what we need from those who are not spending money with our businesses. This is not about DEI. Those letters just represent replacement words for the Affirmative Act and Jim Crow 2.0. We must start thinking about "us" collectively and not just "me".

Where do you stand?

The war actions of President Donald Trump against Iran and the takeover of Venezuela, are having a growing impact on the American economy. Prices are up on every front. Those who are able are spending less as everything costs more. But this can be a time of change and progress for many of us, in particular. The President, through his policies and actions against

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Quinn Minute

School recess was the best

By Rix Quinn

Do you remember elementary school recess?

At our school, we ate lunch right before playtime. We'd line up single file to walk through the food line.

The plate lunch often included gravy-laden mystery meat – beef or possibly bird – plus mashed potatoes and something green or yellow.

That lunchroom had only two major rules: throw away food trash, but don't throw away silverware. Once finished, we raced outside for random

acts of insanity.

In those precious playground minutes, we dreamed up outrageous stunts for the afternoon.

In third grade, a guy in our class created a bathroom trick that others quickly copied. He would go into a stall, and stand on the toilet.

He'd grab the stall wall, pull his head above it, and position his foot right just above the flusher. Then he'd yell, "Please, don't throw me in!" He would then hit the flusher, and start screaming as his head

sank slowly below the stall wall.

We laughed like crazy. Unfortunately, the principal didn't

A girl in our class could whistle bird calls. She'd start whistling, and some guy would shout, "Hey, do I hear a purple-tufted flutter foul?" Then we'd all run to the window.

The teacher wisened up, checked a reference book, and declared the purple-tufted flutter foul officially extinct.

Those days are long past. But sometimes, right

after lunch at my favorite diner, I get the urge to go outside and make wild birdie noises.

The restaurant doesn't like it...but some of the diners take videos.

In 30-plus years as an editor, I've found that a story's setting can be critical to better readership. So, here's a place to see a preview of "Setting Secrets: How to Improve (nearly) every story."

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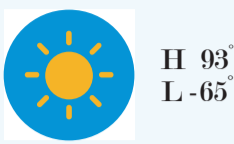
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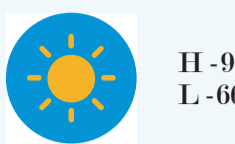
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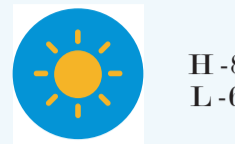
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Houston Native Natalie Greene, Deaf Basketball Standout at Gallaudet, Named United East Rookie of the Year

BLACKPRESSUSA NEWSWIRE: Houston native Natalie Greene, a Deaf basketball standout at Gallaudet University, has been named the United East Conference Rookie of the Year after a dominant freshman season on the court and a 4.0 GPA in the classroom.

By: N.L. Preston, Bayou Beat News



Natalie Greene, at Gallaudet University, named the United East Conference Rookie of the Year
PHOTO CREDIT: David Sinclair Photography/ Gallaudet University/Black Press USA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When the United East Conference released its postseason honors this year, one name quickly stood out among the league’s rising stars: Natalie Greene.

The Houston native and first-year forward for Gallaudet University has been named the 2025–26 United East Women’s Basketball Rookie of the Year, capping a breakout freshman season that has drawn attention far beyond the Bison campus in Washington, D.C.

Standing 6-foot-2, Greene quickly emerged as one of the most impactful newcomers in the conference, averaging 17 points and 9.4 rebounds per game and earning All-Conference Second Team honors.

Earlier in the season, Greene also captured United East Offensive Player of the Week after scoring a career-high 25 points against Randolph College — a performance that confirmed

what teammates and coaches had already begun to see: the arrival of a special talent.

But Greene’s influence on the court goes beyond scoring and rebounds.

“Natalie Greene’s recognition as United East Rookie of the Year transcends mere statistics,” said Gallaudet head coach Stephanie Stevens. “Although she missed the first nine conference games in January due to an injury, she showed remarkable leadership from the sidelines as she recovered. We consistently witness real growth in Natalie, and her passion for the game is evident in her eyes.”

Greene, who has single-sided deafness, chose Gallaudet not only for its basketball program but also for its role as the nation’s premier university for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students. New to the Deaf community, she has em-

braced learning American Sign Language while building connections with teammates and classmates.

A proud graduate of Willowridge High School in Houston, Texas, Greene built a reputation as one of the region’s most dynamic student-athletes. She served as student body president, was crowned homecoming queen, and captained the Lady Eagles’ varsity basketball team while earning district MVP honors for her dominance in the paint.

Those who coached her early say her success today is the result of a relentless work ethic.

“Natalie earning United East Rookie of the Year is a testament to her discipline, resilience, and love for the game,” said Willowridge assistant coach Joe Randolph. “I’ve watched her grow since middle school, and seeing her reach this level is incredibly special. This is only the beginning for her.”

The student-athlete’s achievements off the court have been just as impressive.

In May 2025, Greene graduated from Willowridge with a 4.3 GPA while simultaneously completing an Associate of Arts degree in Computer Programming with honors from Houston Community College through an early-college program.

Today at Gallaudet, she is pursuing a Bachelor of

Science in Information Technology with a minor in Black Deaf Studies, maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Her mother says Natalie’s journey has been full of unexpected turns.

“The first surprise was when doctors told me Natalie may experience some level of deafness when she was just one day old,” Nakia Cooper said. “I thought that would limit her, but she showed me otherwise. The second was when Natalie—who had been a ballerina from age 5—told me she wanted to play basketball. She was a teen then and I didn’t think that was possible because she had never dribbled a ball, but wow, was I wrong again. She became a force.”

At just 19 years old, Greene is on track to earn her bachelor’s degree in Spring 2027 — while still retaining two years of NCAA eligibility as she pursues graduate studies.

For now, she remains focused on continuing to grow as both a student and athlete while contributing to the success of the Bison program.

Still, her freshman breakout season has already made one thing clear:

From Houston to Washington, Natalie Greene is a name that college basketball fans are beginning to remember—and a player many believe is only just getting started.

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Meanwhile, Crockett’s only broadcast spot, the biggest avenue for campaigns to get their message out, came five days into early voting, according to media tracking firm AdImpact. The super PAC in her corner fizzled, dropping just under \$600,000 on ads supporting her and opposing Talarico.

Over the course of his campaign, Talarico invested \$5.7 million in digital fundraising, hiring Aisle 518, a firm whose clients have included California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Jon Ossoff of Georgia and Ruben Gallego of Arizona, to build out the operation.

Alcala, the former state party director, added that donors she spoke to in Texas, most of whom had backed Allred, did not express “any strong sense of enthusiasm” for Crockett’s candidacy.

“People related to James a lot more,” she said. “The donor class is not hyper progressive, as Jasmine presents herself.”

Talarico’s campaign also appealed to some donors who were backing Allred to stay on the sidelines or support his bid after the former Dallas congressman dropped out of the race, according to two Democratic strategists familiar with the conversations.

Beyond his campaign infrastructure, the race frequently broke Talarico’s way, such as when late night host Stephen Colbert accused CBS of nixing their interview together because of new guidance from the Trump administration, turning Talarico into a national headline and an instant foil to President Donald Trump — catnip in Democratic primary elections.

The interview, posted on the eve of the early voting period, garnered 9.1 million views on YouTube and

raised Talarico \$2.5 million in the 24 hours after.

Put up against Talarico’s populist message of a “politics of love” and his campaign operation, Crockett’s popularity and appeal as a partisan warrior ultimately came up short at the ballot box.

“Talarico’s apparent win shows that campaign fundamentals still matter and having the better ground game, especially in Hispanic areas, was crucial,” Jessica Taylor, an editor at The Cook Political Report, said on social media. “His \$\$ advantage on air mattered, and the Colbert bump in organic search didn’t hurt either clearly.”

Going into the general election, Talarico will have to win over Crockett’s base of mostly Black voters, while facing a barrage of attacks Republicans began unleashing even before the race was called.

Republican National Committee spokesperson Zach Kraft called Talarico a “woke nutjob” that Texans would reject. Incumbent Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Ken Paxton were headed to a May runoff election after neither won 50% of votes on Tuesday, though President Donald Trump shook up that possibility by dangling an endorsement and saying the candidate he does not pick should drop out of the race.

In a statement conceding the race Wednesday, Crockett offered a message of unity and said she would “continue working to elect Democrats up and down the ballot.”

“Texas is primed to turn blue and we must remain united because this is bigger than any one person,” she said. “With the primary behind us, Democrats must rally around our nominees and win.”

This article first appeared on The Texas Tribune.

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a copy of the affidavit. When she finally read it, she was taken aback by the severity of the crime she was accused of committing. But even more unbelievable, she said, was the evidence the lead investigator used to establish probable cause.

Investigators interviewed a man they alleged was an accomplice to the crime. That man, who Nicole says she never met, identified her as the suspect after investigators showed him a photo of Nicole’s driver’s license. The alleged accomplice also provided investigators with a phone number claiming it belonged to the suspect, whom he only knew as “Nikki,” according to the affidavit. That phone number happened to be an old number Nicole stopped using almost two years ago.

She gathered as much evidence to show that the number no longer belonged

to her and that she was nowhere near the location at the time the incident took place and made a call to a courthouse social worker from the public defender’s office to see if it would be possible to recall the warrant. Her request was denied, which meant that it was only a matter of time before she would have to voluntarily surrender herself to law enforcement. It was like a punch to the gut.

“I had to ensure my children were taken care of and that my employment would be secure. My children mean the world to me, and I needed to make sure they would be okay,” she said.

“If I lost my job, I wouldn’t have the capability to support my family. I also wanted to make sure bills to my house, care, and food were covered.”

But there was another problem: the judge set her

bail at \$50,000. Nicole was shocked and confused at the high amount. It was not affordable for her and she had no prior arrests.

Much was at stake if she couldn’t afford to post bond. Nicole risked losing the opportunity to complete an internship for her master’s degree program, the house she was trying to buy, her job and custody over her son. Languishing behind bars for an uncertain amount of time for a crime she did not commit was unfathomable. That her freedom was dependent on whether she could afford bail made it worse.

“The statistics of a Black woman being arrested and sent to prison made me afraid,” she said. Oklahoma has one of the highest female incarceration rates in the country. Tulsa County

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also has a history of high incarceration rates related to its pretrial population. Since 2010, prosecutors in the Tulsa County District Court have increasingly charged people with felonies and raised bail amounts, according to a report from the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit research group.

It took the courthouse social worker, The Bail Project and a public defender to successfully convince a judge to lower Nicole's bond from \$50,000 to \$10,000. This would allow The Bail Project to post her bail.

Nicole couldn't help but think of other women of color in similar situations who didn't have access to the type of resources as she did.

"The system is set up in a way for people of color and women to be taken advantage of," she said. "People are sitting in jail away from their families."

A few weeks later, on April 21, Nicole was arrested and taken to jail, where she was stripped naked and searched.

When she was released on bail a little over 24 hours later, she returned home to news that her ex had filed an emergency custody order for her son.

"My family didn't want to tell me because I was already traumatized by what happened when I was in jail that day," she said. "I broke down and cried because it felt like nobody was listening. I've never been separated from my son. I've never been put in a situation like that before."

Two days later, at her

first arraignment, she presented the judge with a "Pauper's Affidavit" – an application that asks a judge to waive court costs for those who have financial hardships. Nicole said the judge denied her request and asked her to pull more resources together to find a private attorney. Before she left the courtroom, the judge told her one more thing: "Don't go out and commit a crime trying to get the funds together," the judge said, according to Nicole.

"I was presumed guilty, rather than innocent," Nicole said.

Nicole didn't let the judge's comment bring her down. She didn't want to lose the life she worked so hard to build. She managed to find a lawyer who helped her regain custody of her son and a private attorney who helped fight her criminal felony charge.

At court, Nicole shared evidence that proved that she was not near the store at the time where the robbery at knife point took place. In fact, she had receipts that showed she was getting a COVID-19 test and was withdrawing money from an ATM around the same time the offense took place.

In late July, her charges were dismissed without prejudice. That prosecutors could choose to refile against her looms large over her head. She often thinks that if The Bail Project had not stepped in to help lower her bail and post her bond, that she would have likely spent three months behind bars while waiting for a resolution.

Her mental health has been impacted as a result. She attends weekly therapy

sessions to work on managing feelings of paranoia and has been prescribed anti-anxiety and antidepressant medications.

"I save all receipts, including grocery or gas receipts, not to manage money, but to have it just in case I have to prove my whereabouts. I now take a picture of the receipt, scan the copy, and email it to myself for additional storage," she said, adding: "I'm nervous when I see an unmarked police car, fearing they're watching me or there to arrest me again."

As tight as her grip was on the life she once had, things are different now. Up until recently, she was required to have a chaperone at work when she visited clients at hospice and home health. Her internship supervisors at school, meanwhile, told her they'd might revoke her participation in the program. After providing them with additional information regarding the outcome of her case, they ultimately allowed her to continue her internship, however, the uncertainty she faced took a toll on her wellbeing.

Nicole expects her struggles to continue until her charge is expunged. But doing so could be costly and time-consuming.

Despite it all, she says her experience has reaffirmed her passion for helping women impacted by the justice system, especially when it comes to issues related to probable cause and cash-bail reforms.

"No way you can fight for yourself when you're sitting in jail," she said. "Even if you're innocent."