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## PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS



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# Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III Claims Historic Victory in Texas's 30th Congressional District

DALLAS, March 4, 2026 — In a night defined by high energy and a clear call for transformative leadership, Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, Ph.D., has emerged victorious as the Democratic nominee for Texas's 30th Congressional District. Addressing a capacity crowd of supporters

at The Reserve at Redbird, Dr. Haynes declared the win a "victory for the people" and a mandate to bring justice-centered leadership to Washington.

"I'm grateful that the people of District 30 have spoken resoundingly. I recognize this is halftime. At the same time, I am deeply

disappointed that the Republicans continue to play their fascist games of suppressing the vote because they don't believe in a democratic vision," said Rev. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, Ph.D.

The atmosphere at the election night watch party was electric as early returns

signaled a decisive lead. For many in attendance, the victory represents more than a political shift; it is the culmination of Dr. Haynes's forty-year legacy of advocacy, economic empowerment, and civil rights leadership in North Texas.

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## Kamala Harris endorses James Talarico for U.S. Senate after supporting his opponent in the primary

After endorsing U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett in the Democratic primary, the former vice president called for the party to unite behind Talarico.

by Alex Nguyen

Former Vice President Kamala Harris endorsed state Rep. James Talarico on Wednesday, hours after the Austin lawmaker won the widely watched Democratic primary for U.S. Senate, and called on the party to unite around the nominee after she previously backed his opponent U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett.

Talarico, who campaigned on a populist message rooted in his Christian faith, clinched the win early Wednesday. The competitive primary also brought a wave of voters to the polls during the early voting period.

"The results in the Texas Senate primary show that our party is energized like never before, and that we have an opportunity to achieve something historic

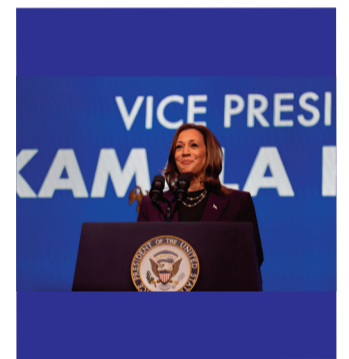


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this fall," Harris said in a statement.

"I congratulate James Talarico for his win, and the inspiring campaign he continues to build. I appreciate that he is making the case for the kind of civic renewal our country needs. I offer him my full support in

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## In Dallas County, frustration and confusion after GOP forces switch to precinct-based voting

Countywide vote centers weren't used for Election Day. The ensuing disorder spurred an unresolved legal battle.

By Camilo Diaz Jr., Dallas Free Press, and Jessica Huseman, Votebeat/Texas Tribune

DALLAS — Veronica Anderson walked 2 ½ miles Tuesday afternoon to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center because she wanted to vote.

When she arrived, election workers told her she was at the wrong polling place and would need to cast her ballot at a different precinct — one she said she had never heard of. Unsure where it was or how to get there, she stood outside trying to sort out her options.

"I walked up here because I want to vote so, so bad," she told a reporter for the Dallas Free Press and Votebeat, adding that it felt like "your self-esteem and everything is torn down."

Anderson was one of hundreds of voters across Dallas County on Tuesday who went to the wrong voting location as they tried to cast ballots in the state's high-turnout primaries, with closely watched contests for U.S. Senate at



A truck promoting 282nd Judicial District Court Judge candidate Amber Givens and campaign greeters sits outside of a voting center at Kessler Park United Methodist in Dallas. Photo Credit: Shelby Tauber for The Texas Tribune

the top of the ticket.

Under state law, political parties have wide authority to decide how to run county primaries. The confusion stemmed from a decision by the Dallas County Republican Party to abandon the use of countywide vote centers — which allow voters to cast a ballot at any location — and return to a system of precinct-based assigned polling places for Election Day. That decision forced Dallas Democrats to

do the same. Voters were still able to cast ballots at countywide sites during early voting.

Dallas County Democrats had objected to the decision and warned it would confuse voters. After reports of hundreds of confused voters being redirected away from the wrong polling places Tuesday, Democrats obtained a court order extending voting

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## Court documents reveal domestic violence history of Austin shooting suspect

By Sam Stark, Austin Current

Four days after the deadly shooting on West Sixth Street early Sunday morning, the Pflugerville neighborhood where suspected gunman Ndiaga Diagne once lived is quiet again, the shock of the attack now receding from view even as questions about his past grow sharper.

The news crews and police vehicles that filled the block as police executed a

search warrant in the hours after the shooting are long gone, and the home's driveway now sits empty. Neighbors told Austin Current that aside from the flashing lights and uniformed officers who arrived soon after the shooting, the home had never drawn attention.

"There were no cops ever," said Chris Finch,

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FBI and local law enforcement personnel collect evidence at the scene of the West Sixth Street shooting in Austin on March 1, 2026. Photo Credit: Joel Angel Juarez for The Texas Tribune



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## This Year's Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl Gave Fans Excitement and Players Memories

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.



Dr. James Ewers

The atmosphere at the 2026 Allstate Legacy Bowl was electric. Coaches and players alike understood the opportunity presented to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

It was a chance to showcase its football talent on a national stage. The game was televised on the NFL Network and was played at Yulman Stadium, home of the Tulane University Green Wave in New Orleans.

Leading up to the game were practices in front of NFL scouts. Their eyes were on several players who had made all-conference and some dark horses, too. We shouldn't be surprised to see them on a National Football League roster in the Fall.

Team Gaither had as its co-coaches Chennis Berry from South Carolina State University and Maurice Flowers from Johnson C. Smith University. Team Rob-

inson had as its co-coaches, Tremaine Jackson from Prairie View A&M University and Quinn Gray from Florida A&M University.

The Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl is much more than a football game. It is also a chance for alumni and friends of HBCUs to get together and swap stories about the good ole days. In addition, it is one last chance for the players to be introduced and to hear their names called in front of admiring fans.

Let's just say they'll never forget this one last shining moment in their football lives. Meeting the other college stars, to be seen by NFL scouts, and participating in the Annual Career Day will be forever etched in their hearts and minds.

If you were getting some popcorn and you heard cheers from the stands, it was because Team Robinson scored a touchdown. Bethune Cookman University quarterback, Cam'Ron Ransom tossed a touchdown pass to Alabama A&M University tight end Travaunta Abner for the first score of the game. The extra point was missed by Mississippi

Valley State University placekicker Marko Jovisic.

Not to be outdone, Team Gaither answered the touchdown call, too. JaQuan Kelly, running back from Winston-Salem State University, ran it in from 22 yards out for a touchdown. The extra point was good by North Carolina A&T State University placekicker Andrew Brown IV. That ended the 1st quarter with Team Gaither having a 1-point lead at 7-6.

Here are some other highlights:

**2nd Quarter**

Andrew Brown IV kicked a field. Team Gaither leads 10-6.

Jerrod Sims from Florida Memorial University scored a touchdown with a Marko Jovisic extra point. Team Robinson leads 13-10.

Andrew Brown IV kicked a field goal for Team Gaither. The score is tied 13-13.

**3rd Quarter**

Kelvin Durham, quarterback from Johnson C. Smith University, threw an 8-yard pass to his wide receiver and JCSU teammate DeAndre Proctor. Team Gaither leads 20-13

JaQuan Kelly scored his

second TD. Team Gaither leads 27-13.

Blake Davis, defensive back from Grambling State University, intercepted a pass for Team Robinson and ran it in for a touchdown. The extra point is good.

Team Gaither leads 27-20.

Marko Jovisic kicked a field goal for Team Robinson. Team Gaither leads 27-24.

A fumble by Team Robinson ended the game with 15 seconds to go. The referees made the decision to end it.

Final score- Team Gaither 27 and Team Robinson 23.

Offensive MVP- JaQuan Kelly\ Winston-Salem State University.

Defensive MVP- Michael Lutz II\ South Carolina State University.

The Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl continues to have a significant and defining imprint on the HBCU landscape. It is a win for everyone involved in the planning and implementation of it. Next year will be here before you know it. See you next year at the Allstate HBCU Legacy Bowl.

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## Let's Not Forget America While Bombing Iran

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

It seems like this President is forever pulling distractions out of his hat of illegalities and taking our attention away from the real issues, such as the failure of the U.S. Congress, with its Republican leadership, to exercise its War Powers responsibilities. The Entire Congress should have been

called into Special Session, if necessary, after Trump launched his unauthorized attack on Iran. And what about the case of the American people struggling with higher food and gas prices while armed men massed up citizens, regardless of immigration status, while murdering some U.S. citizens?

Where is the Congressional action challenging the abuse of the power to issue Executive Orders instead of seeking Congressional approval where required by law? How does even less than 35 percent of Americans continue to approve the actions of Donald Trump, even as they suffer personal losses in terms of illegal tariffs,

and misuse of Executive authority like renaming buildings, which he did not build, and no agency of government authorized? How do we let him get away with tearing down a portion of the White House, taking the voting records of the State of Georgia under false pretenses, while allowing millions of Americans to lose their healthcare, and allowing children to go hungry because of the cancellation of food subsidy programs?

While declaring war on Iran and threatening to take Cuba by force, this President seems more concerned about conquering countries with oil and his revenge tour than addressing the concerns of the

American people, which he and his Cabinet took an Oath of Office to serve.

We, the people, of all colors, as well as all Americans who believe in our Constitution, must rally together and make sure that the millions who came out for "No Kings Day" rally to prevent Trump's efforts to undermine and seek to control our midterm elections.

Let's not get so caught up in his war efforts that we lose sight of our very battle here at home. Our future is at greater risk than Iran, Cuba, or Venezuela. Let's not lose sight of ICE and every other illegal activity underway to remake America in the image of Project 2025.

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# RELIGIOUS/NEWS

## Believers Living in Expectancy of the Lord's Return



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

II Peter 3:10-18

In our text, the Apostle Peter is lovingly reminding believers to remain steadfast in the midst of the ungodly skepticism of the scoffers. He sincerely reminds believers to trust the promises of God, who has never failed! II Peter 3:10-18 may be outlined as follows: I. Believers Enlightened with regard to the Day of the Lord – II Peter 3:10-13; II. Believers Engaged in Living Sanctified Lives in view of the Lord's Coming – II Peter 3:14-18.

### I. Believers Enlightened with regard to the Day of the Lord – II Peter 3:10-13

The Day of the Lord is a phrase that appears frequently in the Old Testament and it designates end-time events or any judgment of God (Isaiah 13:9; Joel 1:15; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5). The Day of the Lord describes end-time events that begin after the rapture and culminate with the commencement of eternity. Like other biblical writers, Peter described the Day of the Lord as coming like a thief; in other words, His coming will be both surprising and catastrophic.

The simile "like a thief" was used by Jesus (Matthew 24:42-44) and repeated by others (I Thess. 5:2; Rev. 3:3; 16:15).

In verse 10, the Apostle Peter depicts the destruction of the present order of things (Mark 13:31; Heb. 1:10-11; Rev. 20:11). While some have speculated that the universe began with an enormous bang, it is clear that it will certainly end that way, for the heavens will disappear with a great roar, and the elements (basic components of matter) will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Just as God spoke the world into existence by His fiat, so He will also speak a word of judgment that will result in the destruction of this vast universe.

In light of the dissolution of the present order of things, piety should be cultivated by believers. The idea is that belief in the temporal nature of this vast universe should lead to believers living a life of dedicated piety in view of the Day of the Lord (v. 11). Even though the heavens will be destroyed by fire and the very elements will melt under an incredible heat

(v. 12), we are anticipating "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (v. 13). This new earth will be characterized by righteousness and there will be no death, sorrow crying or pain (Rev. 21:4).

In anticipation of the Day of the Lord, as pious believers, we should eagerly be watching for the Lord as we actively practice our faith!

Having discussed I. Believers Enlightened with regard to the Day of Lord – II Peter 3:10-13, let us now discuss II. Believers Engaged in Living Sanctified Lives in view of the Lord's Coming – II Peter 3:14-18.

### II. Believers Engaged in Living Sanctified Lives in view of the Lord's Coming – II Peter 3:14-18

In verses 14-15, believers anticipate a better world to come, knowing that this present universe will be dissolved. Such a glorious future should motivate and spur us to live in a manner that reflects peace with God and holy living. The fact that the Lord is long-suffering will result in the

salvation of some. His delay means that the unsaved are given another day to repent (II Cor. 6:2). In verse 16, Peter acknowledged that what Paul wrote was truth and that he wrote in depth. Peter is also writing on heavy or weighty truth in this grand epistle.

Finally, in verse 17-18, since the redeemed are aware of God's judgment, they must be careful that they are not "led away with the error of the wicked" and fall into disobedience. Instead, Christians need to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord." We are saved by grace (Romans 3:24), and God's grace also sustains us through trying times (II Cor. 12:7-10). Even in the midst of terrible apostasy, our Lord is able to keep us from moral declension, for Jude 24 says: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

May God Bless!

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Dr. Haynes' win marks a historic moment for the district. Known nationally as "a voice for the voiceless", his campaign was built on the pillars of criminal justice reform, expanding the models of community reinvestment he championed in South Dallas, and ensuring that the next generation inherits a district defined by opportunity rather than neglect.

"The same healthcare they get in Congress, you

should be able to get right here in District 30. I am going to D.C., hired by you and to serve you," said Haynes. "I still believe that we should have healthcare for everybody. I still believe we have to fight for environmental justice. I still believe District 30 can thrive. In the United States of America, we believe in liberty and justice for all, not just a few."

As the campaign looks toward the general election, Dr. Haynes emphasized a commitment to uniting the

diverse communities of District 30. His leadership, which has already impacted hundreds of thousands of lives across North Texas and the country, is now poised to influence the national stage.

The Haynes for Congress campaign will continue engaging voters through community conversations, faith-based outreach, and volunteer-driven organizing.

For more information or to get involved, visit [www.haynesforcongress.com](http://www.haynesforcongress.com).

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  - It has no staying power?
  - Auditioner's hope
  - Prevention measure?
  - Ill temper
  - Poetic although
  - Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
  - Downhill equipment
  - Beau
  - "What Was I Made For?" singer
  - "Fast Car" singer
  - Part of URL
  - Peephole glance
  - Morning drops
  - 1920s art style
  - Reduce, as in standing
  - Big Bang's original matter
  - Lad's counterpart
  - Connection
  - Milton Bradley's game
  - Tea from certain region of India
  - Some bent pipes
  - Rose oil
  - Zeus' wife
  - Remove from a manuscript
  - What bird did, homewise
  - Hyperbolic sine
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  - Prejudice
  - "Wow!"
  - "Song Sung Blue" singer
  - "I Just Called to Say I Love You" singer
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  - \_\_\_ Maria
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  - Not upright
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  - Food contaminant
  - W on a light bulb
  - Consume
  - Ayes

- DOWN**
- Former Portuguese colony in India
  - Deceptive maneuver
  - Naysayer's favorite prefix
  - Upbraid
  - 1/3rd of a hockey game
  - Phish homophone
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  - Actress Perlman
  - Tattered's partner
  - Rouse
  - Inscribed pillar
  - He had
  - Own
  - "Hurricane" singer
  - Like March Madness' eight
  - Hair extensions
  - "Folsom Prison Blues" singer
  - "Walk on the Wild Side" singer
  - Wheel shafts
  - Tutu fabric
  - English county
  - Source of protein
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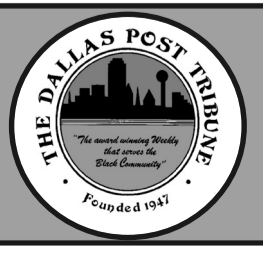
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the months ahead." Harris has also sent out an email asking for donations for Talarico's campaign.

In the days leading up to the primary election, Harris recorded a robocall in support of Crockett, who was a national co-chair of her presidential campaign. The Dallas Congressman on Wednesday conceded the race, while adding that she would work to boost Democrats in the general election.

"I want to salute my dear friend, Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett," Harris said in the same statement. "She has a bright future, and I am looking forward to the leadership she will bring to the fights ahead."

It remains to be seen who Talarico would face in November, as U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton are heading to a Republican primary runoff in May.

"Now is the time for Democrats to unite behind our nominee so that we can build on this wave of momentum, turn Texas blue and win victories up and down the ballot this November," Harris said.

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# Why I carry a business card

By Rix Quinn

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potential.

Educational titles on cards impress me. If you've got more degrees than a meat thermometer, a calling card is the place to display them. I've got a business card with both name and photo on it. It's not a good picture, because I look either surprised or confused. But I think that's a good way to get attention.

Pictures help people remember you better. Folks

tell me I look very much like their ex-husband. That can be either good or bad.

How else do you make your card stand out? How about a card that folds in half?

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# Former Cedar Hill Highstepper Performed at Last Two Super Bowls



One hundred and 128 million people tuned in to watch Bad Bunny perform at the Super Bowl LX halftime show in Santa Clara, California. Within the next 24 hours, the historic performance had four billion

views on social media. Kezia Kinchen, a Cedar Hill High School Class of 2017 Graduate and former Cedar Hill Highsteppers Captain, performed as a dancer – not only in last month’s Super Bowl, but

with R&B artist Sza (Solana Imani Rowe) in Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. Sza shared the Super Bowl stage with Kendrick Lamar last year. “I was grateful to be part of both performances – both

made huge statements in history,” Kinchen said. “I thank God for every opportunity that has come up. I used to watch these performances as a kid. I loved every aspect of it.”

She is featured prominently in the Bad Bunny video at the 3:51 mark. She’s on the right among the three dancers.

After high school, Kinchen enrolled at AMDA College of the Performing Arts in Los Angeles, graduating in 2021.

Shortly after graduation, she met a prominent choreographer Cortland “Fullout Cortland” Brown, who asked her to teach Sza some choreography.

Sza ended up deciding to hire Kinchen as a dancer in her music videos, and ultimately

for her tours in the United States, as well as England and Australia.

“Sza is super sweet and a very down to earth person,” Kinchen said. “She trusts me wholeheartedly with a lot of things. It’s allowed me to get to know her more and more.”

Kinchen, who performed with the Highsteppers from 2014-2017, still returns to Cedar Hill ISD to help the team. She is a lifelong Longhorn, attending Waterford Oaks Elementary School, Belt Line Intermediate School, and Bessie Coleman Middle School before CHHS.

In 2015-2016, Kinchen became the first junior to be named First Lieutenant of the Highsteppers. She was the team captain by the next

year. It was a position that her younger sister, CHHS Class of 2020 Salutatorian Hannah Ethridge, earned three years later.

“I performed at pep rallies at the Ninth-Grade Center,” Kinchen said. “I wasn’t on the Highsteppers yet, but people cheered for me. That gave me hope, and I made the team as a sophomore.”

Kinchen said the lessons she learned from Highsteppers coach Mila McQueen has prepared her to dance on television before tens of millions of viewers.

“I learned about leadership qualities, hard work and technique,” Kinchen said. “I love live performances and connecting with the crowd.”

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ours for Democrats in Dallas County until 9 p.m., with ballots cast after 7 p.m. counted provisionally.

The Texas Supreme Court later stayed the order, and said ballots cast by voters who weren’t in line by 7 p.m. should be separated pending a final ruling. For their part, Republicans did not request an extension of voting hours.

Dallas County has used countywide vote centers since 2019. Local Republican leaders said Tuesday’s shift would boost voter confidence. Williamson County also used precinct-based voting on Tuesday.

Dallas County and party officials said they had warned voters ahead of time

that election day rules would be different. The Dallas County Elections Department sent text messages, mailed notices, and ran social media and streaming ads urging voters to cast ballots early and reminding them they would need to vote at their assigned precinct if they waited until election day, according to Nicholas Sorlorzano, a spokesperson for the Dallas County Elections Department.

The county also stationed nonpartisan “election navigators” outside at least 75 polling locations to redirect voters who showed up at the wrong site. Dallas County Republican Party Chair Allen West said the party had publicized the changes as well and framed the return to precinct-based

voting as a matter of trust in the process. Kardal Coleman, chair of the Dallas County Democratic Party, told Votebeat that Democrats have “called, texted, we’ve sent mailpieces. We’ve run a full campaign.”

“There are a lot of infuriated voters”

At the Anita Martinez Recreation Center in West Dallas, election navigator Juston Marine stood outside with a county-issued tablet, stopping voters before they entered.

“Are you here to vote?” he asked. “Can I see your driver’s license? Can you choose your party? I’m just trying to make sure you’re in the right location.”

Marine said he was redirecting every second or third voter who approached. He lost count of how many

people he had sent elsewhere.

“There are a lot of infuriated voters,” he said.

Some cursed at him. Others had driven across the county only to learn they were in the wrong place — including one example of a voter who traveled from Balch Springs to West Dallas and was then redirected to Cedar Hill.

Ashley Feldt, who recently moved to West Dallas from East Dallas, arrived at the site with her fiancé. Marine told her she was actually assigned to vote at Hexter Elementary, miles away. Unsure she would have time to get there before polls closed, she told her fiancé — who was assigned to the recreation center — to go ahead and vote without her.

James Crolley, an Election Day inspector assigned to 12 locations ranging from downtown Dallas to Trinity Groves and West Dallas, said that voters were also surprised to find that voters assigned to the same precinct, but who vote in different parties, often weren’t voting at the same sites.

“If you had always voted at Mockingbird Elementary as a Republican, and you go there today, and you’re like, ‘Why am I not able to vote? This is my spot,’ that caused a little bit of conflict,” he said.

**The problems were not confined to Dallas.**

Williamson County Republicans also returned to precinct-based voting and adopted a different counting process for their primary. Instead of using precinct

scanners to tabulate votes throughout the day, Republican ballots were to be placed into separate boxes by precinct and scanned centrally after polls close, according to Connie Odom, a spokesperson for Williamson County.

Odom said in an email that reconciliation rules and manual review of some ballots mean few, if any, Election Day results are expected before midnight. The Democratic primary there is using the county’s traditional scanner system.

In Eastland County, which moved away from vote centers to enable hand-counting of ballots, election workers at the county courthouse said they had told about 68 voters by late morning that they were at the wrong location.

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# James Talarico defeats Jasmine Crockett in blockbuster Democratic primary for U.S. Senate

Kayla Guo and Joshua Fechter, The Texas Tribune



State Rep. James Talarico addresses his supporters at his primary election watch party in Austin on March 3, 2026. Photo Credit: Leila Saidane for The Texas Tribune

State Rep. James Talarico defeated U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate, emerging victorious over the well-known congresswoman in Texas' most hotly contested Democratic contest this century with a populist, "top-versus-bottom" message rooted in his Christian faith.

"This is a people-powered movement to take on this broken, corrupt political system," Talarico said in a brief address to his supporters in Austin before the race was called. "Tonight, the people of our state gave this country a little bit of hope, and a little bit of hope is a dangerous thing."

The Austin Democrat's victory comes after a bitterly fought primary consumed by the question of which Democrat's political and electoral strategy could take the party to its first statewide victory in over three decades. The Associated Press called the race for him shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Beginning with much lower name recognition than Crockett, Talarico made it a point to campaign in even the reddest parts of the state and work to build a big tent, putting forth a populist, faith-based message of a "politics of love" that he argued could counter the division stoked by billionaire political donors and form a winning coalition. That approach resonated with a majority of Democratic primary voters Tuesday, who chose his offering of a political reset over Crockett's promise to unapologetically wage partisan warfare against the GOP.

In a statement Wednesday morning, Crockett said she had called Talarico to congratulate him on winning the nomination, and she suggested she would remain involved to boost the party in November.

"Texas is primed to turn blue and we must remain united because this is bigger than any one person," Crockett said in her statement. "This is about

the future of all 30 million Texans and getting America back on track. With the primary behind us, Democrats must rally around our nominees and win. I'm committed to doing my part and will continue working to elect Democrats up and down the ballot."

Tuesday's fiercely competitive primary was widely watched as an indicator of the potential future of the Texas Democratic Party, with the two political heavyweights — both boasting national profiles, enormous social media presences and devotion from the party's base — putting forth vastly different visions of the kind of politics needed to win statewide, even as they largely aligned on policy.

A Democrat has not won a U.S. Senate seat in Texas since 1988. And while Texas is not on national Democrats' list of targets to retake the Senate, party leaders in the state see a prime opportunity this year to finally flip Texas, hoping that backlash to the Trump

administration, a brutal Senate primary on the Republican side and the possibility of facing hard-right, scandal-plagued Attorney General Ken Paxton will all set the stage for an upset.

The GOP nomination will be decided in a May runoff between Paxton and incumbent Sen. John Cornyn, after the two finished atop a field of eight candidates but failed to clear 50%.

The contest at the top of the Democratic ticket, meanwhile, drove over 1.5 million primary voters to the polls over the 11-day early voting period, more than doubling early turnout during the last midterm primary election in 2022, according to VoteHub.

The results began coming in Tuesday evening after a day of turmoil at the polls in Dallas County, Crockett's home base and the state's second most populous county. Confusion arose over a rule change — pushed by the Dallas County GOP — about where voters could cast ballots, which led to numerous voters being turned away at the polls.

A district judge earlier Tuesday granted the Dallas County Democratic Party's request to extend polling hours in the county to 9 p.m. Soon after, at the request of Paxton, the Texas Supreme Court temporarily ordered that votes cast by people who were not in line to vote by 7 p.m. — when polls were originally set to close — should be separated out, casting uncertainty over whether those ballots would be included

in the county's final tally.

Crockett told supporters at her election night watch party at Club VIVO in downtown Dallas shortly after 9 p.m. that she did not expect full election results until the following day.

"Every vote must be counted, every voice must be heard," Talarico said. "The voter suppression in my home county and in Congresswoman Crockett's home county underscores the gravity of this moment." Even before the race was called, Republicans were previewing the lines of attack they would wage against Talarico, highlighting past comments he's made saying "God is non-binary" and comparing him to New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

"By nominating James Talarico, Texas Democrats have once again chosen a far-left liberal who is wildly out of step with Lone Star voters," Alex Latcham, executive director of the Senate Leadership Fund, a super PAC connected to Senate GOP leadership, said in a statement. "Talarico represents everything wrong with the Democrat party, and Texas voters will reject him in November."

At a "victory party" Wednesday evening — organized by Talarico's campaign ostensibly to recreate his watch party that ended before the race was called — Talarico brushed off the incoming GOP attacks and added that it didn't matter how the Republican runoff shook out.

"We already know who we're running against: the billionaire megadonors and

their corrupt political system," he said. "They're scared of the movement we are building. They're going to throw everything they have at us."

Talarico also made an appeal to voters who backed Crockett, whom he called "a colleague and a friend."

"I am so grateful for her voice and her leadership," Talarico said. "To the congresswoman's supporters: I know I wasn't your first choice, but I hope to earn your trust and earn your support as your Democratic nominee. It's on me to ensure you feel welcomed in, represented by and proud of this campaign."

The competition tested Democrats' appetite for identity politics, with questions around race and gender inflaming the race as election day neared.

Crockett cast concerns about her electability in a red state as racist dog whistles, and she called a pro-Talarico super PAC's ad citing the apparent GOP preference for her nomination "straight up racist" and accused the ad of darkening her skin. The ad applied a dark filter throughout, including over other people pictured. Campaigns cannot legally coordinate with super PACs, and Talarico has repeatedly emphasized his respect for Crockett.

The racial tensions tearing the primary apart were amplified by political content creators from around the country, who waged a vicious online proxy war on behalf of their preferred candidates.

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who lives next door. "They kept to themselves."

To Finch and others on the street, Diagne appeared to live without incident until investigators came looking for evidence.

However, Bexar County court documents suggest not everything in Diagne's past was as innocuous as it seemed from the outside. Court documents show that years before the West Sixth Street shooting, Diagne had a far more troubled history than neighbors ever saw, one that unfolded years earlier inside a family courtroom. Court records show a judge found Diagne had a pattern of family violence, a civil ruling that didn't bar him from owning firearms under Texas law. The documents, obtained by The Texas Tribune and Austin Current, highlight how findings in family court can fail to trigger criminal penalties or gun restrictions, even as research links domestic violence histories to mass shootings.

Diagne's second wife, Aissatou Savare, filed for divorce in Bexar County, where the couple lived at the time, in March 2022. In September of that year, a judge found that Diagne had a "history or pattern of committing family violence" during their marriage. The ruling placed

Savare in sole custody of their two sons, a decision that reflected the court's concern about safety, while still permitting Diagne limited, supervised visitation.

Diagne replied to the divorce filings with a handwritten letter refuting some of Savare's claims.

"In our culture and religion, we do not need a marriage certificate to be husband and wife. The only reason we are here is because I applied for a marriage certificate to help her become a legal resident of the United States and later become a citizen," Diagne wrote. "I only object to her lying reason for divorce. Otherwise, I have no problem whatsoever having her out of my life."

The court nonetheless concluded there was a pattern of family violence.

Diagne legally obtained his firearms in San Antonio in 2017, years before the divorce ruling, a purchase legal experts say would have been allowed even after a court found he had been violent.

Hays County Assistant District Attorney Greg Cox said because Diagne had no criminal conviction for family violence, he was still legally allowed to own firearms. State law bars people convicted of family violence misdemeanors and felonies from possessing guns for five years

after the completion of their sentence and probation.

"Civil courts don't usually trigger those firearm restrictions," Cox said.

Despite a court determining there was a pattern of family violence, Cox said someone would have to initiate a criminal investigation that led to a conviction in order to trigger firearm restrictions. A search of criminal court records in Bexar and Travis counties revealed Diagne had no criminal domestic violence convictions, even as civil courts sounded alarms.

A person may also be barred from possessing firearms if a court issues a domestic violence protective order against them, even without a criminal conviction. However, according to court documents, it does not appear that Diagne had one issued against him, another factor that allowed him to remain armed under state law.

"There are definite gaps in the system that fail to protect not only the victims of domestic violence, but also protect the public, to be quite honest," Cox said.

In Diagne's case, those gaps meant a judge's finding of family violence did not prevent him from owning guns before the West Sixth shooting.

There is an established

link between mass shooters and perpetrators of family violence. A study from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health found that almost 70% of mass shootings in the United States from 2014 to 2019 involved a person who had either killed a family member or had a history of domestic violence, a pattern legal experts say surfaces again and again after attacks.

"We're never surprised," said Shelli Edgar Scott, a managing attorney at Texas Legal Services Center, where she assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.

"Almost everyone who perpetrates that kind of violence in public has been practicing it at home," she said.

Scott said the hope is always that if a civil court determines there is family violence a prosecutor will be notified, but that step often remains untaken, leaving cases stranded between civil and criminal systems.

"For whatever reason, the survivor doesn't want protective order or isn't aware that it's an option," Scott said. "Our hope is that survivors are aware of their options and can make that choice for themselves."