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Wanda Vincent sheds a tear on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, during an interview at the Mother's Heart Learning Center in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Martha Irvine)

In shadow of Texas gas drilling sites, health fears escalate

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ and MARTHA IRVINE

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — At a playground outside a North Texas day care, giggling preschoolers chase each other into a playhouse. Toddlers scoot by on tricycles.

Just uphill, Total Energies is pumping for natural gas. The French energy giant wants to drill three new wells on

the property next to Mother's Heart Learning Center, which serves mainly Black and Latino children. The wells would lie about 600 feet from where the children play.

The prospect is raising fears among families and the surrounding community. Living too close to drilling sites

has been linked to a range of health risks from asthma to neurological and developmental disorders. And while some states require energy companies to drill farther from day cares and homes, Texas has made it difficult for

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Freshman state Rep. Jasmine Crockett is running for Dallas congressional seat, with Eddie Bernice Johnson's backing

BY PATRICK SVITEK

State Rep. Jasmine Crockett announced Wednesday she is running to succeed U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a fellow Dallas Democrat who announced her retirement four days ago.

Crockett made the announcement during a news conference in Dallas, saying no other candidate is as "battle-tested" as she has been after this year's contentious legislative sessions.

"We are going to need a strong voice for District 30 in Washington," Crockett said. "It's not time to take a test and see if this person will work out. It's time to check people's record. My record is strong. My record has always been one of the people."

As Crockett announced her campaign, Johnson issued a statement endorsing Crockett.

"A vibrant congressional district like TX-30 needs a representative in Washington with high energy, a passion to fight for us, shrewd intelligence, leader-

ship, and an incessant drive," Johnson said. "After proudly serving the City of Dallas and Southern sector for 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, I firmly believe that Texas State Representative Jasmine Crockett is just the person we need in Congress at this critical time."

Crockett is a freshman who took office less than a year ago, but she has quickly made a name for herself. She was among the House Democrats who left for Washington, D.C., this summer in protest of Republicans' priority elections bill — and she was one of the group's most vocal advocates for holding firm on the quorum bust.

After the quorum was restored in the Texas House, leaving Crockett and some other Democrats frustrated with their colleagues, she helped form the Texas Progressive Caucus to provide an alternative voice to the House

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Dallas ISD to build new school campus in Southern Dallas

Author: Demond Fernandez/WFAA TV



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DALLAS — Plans for a brand new school building are in the works for a community in southern Dallas.

During a press conference outside O.W. Holmes Middle School, on Tuesday, Dallas Independent School District administrators announced The John Lewis Social Justice Academy at

O.W. Holmes will soon be a reality in the coming years.

The new campus is expected to be completed in 2024.

Students, administrators and community members gathered on campus for the announcement. The group marched outside the school, in symbolic fashion, and in

honor of former congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis.

The march and the announcement marked a major moment in southern Dallas.

"I'm happy to announce that O.W. Holmes will now be the John Lewis Social Justice Academy at O.W.

Holmes," Dallas ISD Trustee Maxie Johnson told the crowd.

The new John Lewis Social Justice Academy at O.W. Holmes will be the first new campus Dallas ISD is building in this community in years. It's part of

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Ahmaud Arbery's mom: Thankful for justice and son's legacy

By RODRIQUE NGOWI and JEFFREY COLLINS

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — Ahmaud Arbery's mother woke up Thursday with a new, very important blessing on Thanksgiving Day.

But there will still be an empty chair at the family's celebrations. It is a reminder that while she feels justice was served

when the three white men who helped shoot her son were convicted Wednesday for cornering and killing him as he ran through a coastal Georgia neighborhood, she will never be made whole again

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Wanda Cooper-Jones, mother of Ahmaud Arbery, holds her granddaughter, Aubrey Nicholson, on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at a residence on St. Simons Island, Ga., following the guilty verdict of the three men who killed her son. (AP Photo/Lewis Levine)

Mayor Johnson, Oncon, Conservancy announce 110-acre park donation in southeast Dallas

The 110-acre Parkdale Lake land acquisition is the largest park donation to the city since 1938

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By Dr. J. Ester Davis



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Preparing for Coming Changes

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint

While many are watching developing court cases and the treatment of Blacks and people of color as both victims and perpetrators in the judicial system, we must not lose sight of the coming changes around us designed to both distract and disable.

I speak specifically of the following: (1) the redistricting or redesigning of all the Electoral Districts in the United States, based on the 2020 Census; (2) the new Voter Suppression laws in over 22 states restricting voting hours, locations, and conduct while waiting to vote; (3) the local campaigns against Critical Race Theory resulting in the removal of books in school libraries and restrictions on how issues of race can be taught; and (4) a very close look at all people running for office in 2022

and where they actually stand on the issues just mentioned.

The Conservative Right, with all its Trump supporters, is counting on low voter turnout as a result of the above-mentioned restrictions. They are also putting those who are in agreement with them in key positions within each state's vote count and certification process. The greatest weapon we have is our ability to engage the process at every level. We must now start serious voter registration; we must now look very closely at the new electoral boundaries and changes in all districts, from Congressional Districts to State Legislative, County, Municipal, and School Board Districts.

We must start now and begin looking at the impact

of these proposed changes. In some cases, it is already too late to engage the Redistricting Commissions for final changes. Many of these commissions sought to use the internet as a substitute for outreach and citizen engagement in the process. Many of these commissions, both here and around the country, were appointing and stacking the commissions even before the Bureau of the Census released its report.

As a result of those activities, we must now engage in the five "P's" if we, as the potential victims, are to overcome the "changes". The "P's" are: Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance. We must start planning now how to make new friends and form new alliances where necessary to get the desired outcomes under



Dr. John E. Warren

changing district boundaries and practices. We must know who is in office, who is running for office and whether their interests are our interest before we rush to commit our votes while others are still bargaining for their agendas.

Changes are coming. The only issue is whether we will be prepared to meet and overcome the changes. Something to think about.

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Democratic Caucus.

Crockett joins a Democratic primary that already features several candidates. They include Jessica Mason, a Navy veteran and progressive organizer, and Jane Hope Hamilton, a former top staffer for President Joe Biden's 2020 campaign in Texas.

Johnson announced Saturday that she would not seek reelection in the 30th Congressional District after serving nearly three decades in

Congress. The seat is solidly Democratic and stretches from the city of Dallas to the southern edge of the county.

Crockett's decision to run for Congress opens up her seat next year in House District 100, which is also likely to remain in Democratic hands.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2021/11/24/jasmine-crockett-dallas-congress-eddie-bernice-johnson/>.



State Rep. Jasmine Crockett, D-Dallas, speaks at a Texas House Progressive Caucus press conference at the Capitol on Sept. 20, 2021. Photo/Credit: Eddie Gaspar/The Texas Tribune

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an \$80 million investment.

It's an investment Trustee Johnson calls long overdue.

"When you are talking about equity in the African American community, this is what this looks like," Johnson said.

Recent bond projects have supported renova-

tions at different schools across Southern Dallas. Yet, critics have long been crying for brand new education spaces in communities that often feel neglected.

"To actually have a state-of-the-art, a brand new secondary school, or middle school, here in the southern part of Dallas, it's phenomenal. It's huge. It's history being made,"

Johnson explained.

The current school building is named after Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. The legal scholar served as an associate Supreme Court Justice from 1902 to 1931. Holmes' name will remain part of the moniker of the new school that's adding John Lewis in its primary title. Lewis, who died in 2020, was nationally rec-

ognized for his lifetime commitment to social justice and civil rights.

Moving forward, Dallas ISD administrators say they are planning to make sure community members are part of the design process.

"It's going to be a beautiful building in a few years," Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said.

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because her son is gone.

"This is the second Thanksgiving we've had without Ahmaud. But at the same time I'm thankful. This is the first Thanksgiving we are saying we got justice for Ahmaud," Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday.

The three white men who chased and killed Arbery in Brunswick in February 2020 were all

convicted of murder Wednesday. They cornered Arbery after finding out he had been seen on a surveillance camera at a nearby house under construction and wanted to question him about recent burglaries in the area.

Arbery ran through the neighborhood and other areas near his home to clear his head. He had nothing in his hands and ran from the men for five minutes before one of them shot three times at him at close range with a

shotgun. The men face life in prison when they are sentenced later and a federal hate crimes trial for them is scheduled for February.

Cooper-Jones said after the verdicts were read Wednesday, she thought of her son's supporters at the Glynn County courthouse every day who shouted "Justice for Ahmaud!"

"I finally got a chance to come out of those courtroom doors and say, we did it, we did it together," Cooper-Jones said.

After Arbery's death, Georgia became the 47th state to pass a hate crimes law. The Legislature also repealed the citizen's arrest law that defense attorneys tried to use to justify chasing him, banning people who aren't officers from detaining people outside of shoplifting.

"When they hear my son's name. they will say, this young man, he lost his life but he did bring change," Cooper-Jones said.

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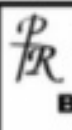
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"THE POWERFUL PREACHING OF PETER ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST"

ACTS 2:36-47

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



As you recall, a great multitude had gathered because they were so astonished by the phenomenon of tongues speaking among the Galilean. This phenomenon impressed them so much until they asked the question, "What meaneth this?" The unbelieving Jews at Pentecost could not believe the movement of the Holy Spirit and mocked what took place, for verse Acts 2:13 says, "Others mocking said, 'These men are full of new wine.'" These unbelieving Jews witnessed the event that took place at Pentecost, yet they did not believe! Their

reaction prompted Peter to stand boldly with the eleven and declare that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah as recorded in verses 14 through 40. Peter informed the crowd that, although they rejected Christ, the program of God included the death and resurrection of Christ because it was foretold in scripture. The basic theme of Peter's message is seen in verse 36 that says, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Peter wanted this

crowd to know that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah (Christ). He wanted the whole nation to know that the same Jesus that was crucified, God had appointed Him "both Lord and Christ." The message that Peter presented to this crowd brought deep conviction to some, for verse 37 states, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The crowd that heard Peter's message was under deep conviction because they were guilty of rejecting the

Messiah, whom God had sent. Having acknowledged their guilt in verse 36, Peter responded to their question with this answer, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Peter directs this audience to do two things: "repent and be baptized." When an unsaved person repents he or she is changing one's mind or one's purpose. The audience that Peter was preaching to needed to change their minds with respect to

Jesus, the Messiah, the Appointed One that God sent! This audience needed to view Jesus Christ as God viewed Him. They needed to not only feel sorrow for their sin of rejecting the Messiah, but they needed to change their minds and identify Him as the Messiah as God viewed Him. Not only was the audience directed by Peter to repent, they were also exhorted to be water baptized as a visible sign of an invisible change that would take place in their hearts. Through water baptism, those who accepted Christ were making a public acknowledgement that they were identified with Christ. Because their sins had been remitted, they were publicly baptized as a means of acknowledging that fact. As a result of genuine repentance, the gift of the Holy Ghost is promised (vv. 38b-40). Because the Jewish

people had been callous to the truth, Peter warned this audience to save themselves from having a rebellious attitude (v. 40). The overwhelming response is seen in verse 41 which states, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." The early church was characterized in four ways: "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine; they fellowshiped; they broke bread; and they prayed" (v. 42). As a result of their new found existence, four marvelous results took place among them: fear came upon them (v. 43); an unusual fellowship existed among them (vv. 44-46); the church was spiritually enriched by the Lord (v. 47).

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US reports 1st case of omicron variant in returning traveler

By ZEKE MILLER and OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The U.S. recorded its first confirmed case of the omicron variant Wednesday — in a vaccinated traveler who returned to California after a trip to South Africa — as scientists around the world race to establish whether the new, mutant version of the coronavirus is more dangerous than previous ones.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the United States' top infectious disease expert, made the announcement at the White House.

"We knew it was just a matter of time before the first case of omicron would be detected in the United States," he said.

The infected person was identified as a traveler who had returned from South Africa on Nov. 22, developed mild symptoms and tested positive Monday. Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco obtained a sample from the patient Tuesday evening and worked feverishly overnight to assemble the genetic sequence.

The person, who had had the two doses of the Moderna shot but had not been vaccinated long enough to receive a booster shot, is improving and agreed to remain in quarantine, California officials said.

All the individual's close contacts have been reached and have tested negative, officials said. The patient was identified only as being

between 18 and 49. At least 23 other countries have reported omicron infections since South African authorities first identified the variant a week ago — an announcement that led the U.S. and many other countries to almost immediately bar airline travelers arriving from southern Africa.

But the variant is still surrounded by many unknowns, among them: Is it more contagious than other versions, as some scientists are beginning to suspect? Does it make people more seriously ill? And can it evade the vaccine?

"Any declaration of what will or will not happen with this variant, I think it is too early to say," Fauci said.

He and other medical experts strongly emphasized that Americans should continue to follow public health advice to get vaccinated and get their booster shots.

"If you look at the things we have been recommending, they're just the same," Fauci said.

Genomic sequencing on the patient's virus from UCSF was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We will likely see this scenario play out multiple times across the country in the coming days or weeks," said Scott Becker, CEO of the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

"This particular case shows the system working as it was designed to work.

Star Athlete Quits Prestigious New York Prep School over Racist Remarks

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



Student protests have continued at one of New York's premier college preparatory schools after an assistant athletic director made a derogatory comment to a 16-year-old African American student-athlete that caused him to withdraw from the Roman Catholic-headed academy.

Tony Humphrey, a standout baseball player at Iona Preparatory School who already has committed to play collegiately at Boston College, said that now-former assistant athletic director Bernard Mahoney questioned why Humphrey decided to run on the track team.

"[Mahoney] said 'it never hurts to gain speed,'" Humphrey recalled. "But he said I was already fast enough because I gained that speed by running from the police."

When Humphrey told his mother, she immediately withdrew him from the school.

Alex Malecki, a spokesman for the school located in the New Rochelle section of Westchester County, said the assistant resigned.

Thomas R. Leto, the president of the private school run by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, said Iona doesn't condone the assistant's behavior.

Such comments "go against the very mission of the school to develop 'moral and ethical leaders, as well as the Essential Element of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education to celebrate the value and dignity of each person," Leto said in the statement.

"It is behavior that Iona Preparatory does not condone for its students and will not accept from its faculty and staff.

With about 750 students and a population breakdown of about 68 percent white and 12 percent African American, Leto asserted that one of the most critical aspects of Iona Prep remains the acceptance and respect of every student.

"[That aspect] has been infringed upon," Leto insisted in the statement. "On behalf of the administration and staff, I am deeply sorry to this student and those most offended and negatively impacted."

Leto said the school immediately began investigating the incident after it occurred.

He noted that he addressed friends and classmates of Humphrey who staged a walkout in protest of the racially insensitive remarks.

"Despite all we have undertaken, including a recent three-week respect campaign, there is much work to be done, as such conduct and comments cannot be tolerated any longer," Leto insisted.

"We remain fully committed to being an open, welcoming, embracing, and nurturing community, where every young man holds a special place in the brotherhood of Iona men."

Humphrey told reporters that it wasn't the first time he found himself on the receiving end of racist attacks at Iona Prep. "During my freshman year, I took it up with the deans, I took it up with the higher-ups, and nothing happened".

Black artist Josephine Baker honored at France's Pantheon

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PARIS (AP) — France is inducting U.S.-born entertainer, anti-Nazi spy and civil rights activist Josephine Baker into the Pantheon, the first Black woman to receive the nation's highest honor.

Baker's voice resonated Tuesday through streets of Paris' famed Left Bank as recordings from her extraordinary career kicked off an elaborate ceremony at the domed Pantheon monument. Baker was joining other French luminaries honored at the site, including philosopher Voltaire,

scientist Marie Curie and writer Victor Hugo.

Military officers carried her cenotaph along a red carpet that stretched for four blocks of cobblestoned streets from the Luxembourg Garden to the Pantheon. Baker's military medals lay atop the cenotaph, which was draped in the French tricolor flag and contained soils from her birthplace in Missouri, from France, and from her final resting place in Monaco. Her body will stay in Monaco at the request of her family.

French President Emmanuel Macron made the decision in August to honor the "exceptional figure" who "embodies the French spirit," and will speak at Tuesday's ceremony. Baker is also the first American-born citizen and the first performer to be immortalized into the Pantheon.

The move aims to pay tribute to "a woman whose whole life is looking towards the quest of both freedom and justice," Macron's office said.

Baker is not only praised

for her world-renowned artistic career but also for her active role in the French Resistance during World War II, her actions as a civil rights activist and her humanist values, which she displayed through the adoption of her 12 children from all over the world.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Baker became a megastar in the 1930s, especially in France, where she moved in 1925 as she was seeking to flee racism and segregation in the United States.

"The simple fact to have



FILE- Actress Josephine Baker in her apartment at the Hotel Forrester near Stockholm, Sweden on Dec. 7, 1957, with three of her adopted children. (AP Photo, File)

a Black woman entering the pantheon is historic," Black French scholar Pap Ndiaye, an expert on U.S. minority rights movements, told The Associated Press.

"When she arrived, she was first surprised like so many African Americans who settled in Paris at the

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localities to fight back. On Tuesday night, the Arlington City Council is scheduled to vote on Total's latest drilling request. Last year, the council denied Total's request at a time when Black Lives Matter protests after George Floyd's murder by police led many American communities to take a deeper look at racial disparities. But with some turnover on the City Council, many residents worry that this time Total will succeed.

"I'm trying to protect my little one," said Guerda Philemond, whose 2-year-old daughter attends the day care. "There's a lot of land, empty space they can drill. It doesn't have to be in the back yard of a day care."

Total declined a request for an interview, but in a statement said it has operated near Mother's Heart for more than a decade without any safety concerns expressed by the City of Arlington.

"We listen to and do understand the concerns of the local communities with whom we interact frequently to ensure we operate in harmony with them and the local authorities," the statement said.

The clash in Arlington comes as world leaders pledge to burn less fossil fuel and transition to cleaner energy. Yet the world's reliance on natural gas is growing, not declining. As a result, there will likely be more drilling in Arlington and other com-

munities. And children who spend time near drilling sites or natural gas distribution centers — in neighborhoods that critics call "sacrifice zones" — may face a growing risk of developing neurological or learning problems. Scientific studies have found that the public health risks associated with these sites include cancers, asthma, respiratory diseases, rashes, heart problems and mental health disorders.

Many of the wells Total has drilled in Arlington are near Latino and Black or low-income communities, often just a few hundred feet from homes. A statistical analysis by The Associated Press of the locations of wells Total operates in Arlington shows that their density is higher in neighborhoods that many people of color call home.

Asked about that finding, Total did not respond directly but said its "decisions on future drilling are driven by the geological data."

"America is segregated, and so is pollution," said Robert Bullard, director of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at Texas Southern University. "The dirty industries, and what planners call locally unwanted land uses, oftentimes followed the path of least resistance. Historically, that's been poor communities and communities of color."

At the day care, owner Wanda Vincent has been

gathering signatures to petition the City Council to reject Total's drilling request. She worries that the political winds in Arlington have shifted and the council will approve Total's new request.

"The world was dealing with what happened with George Floyd," she said. "The meeting was emotional, just listening to the speakers that were talking and then sharing their hearts and saying, 'Well, we want to do more. We want to, you know, racially do better.' And I was encouraged. But you know what? Nothing has really changed since then."

Some states have acted to force fracking away from residents. Colorado last year required new wells to be drilled at least 2,000 feet from homes and schools. California has proposed a limit of 3,200 feet.

In Arlington, drilling is supposed to occur no closer than 600 feet from day care centers or homes. But companies can apply for a waiver from the City Council to drill as close as 300 feet.

France, Total's home country, bans fracking, but it's largely symbolic because no meaningful oil or gas supplies exist there. So Total, one of the world's largest players in natural gas, drills in 27 other countries. It turns much of that gas into liquid, then ships it, trades it and re-gasifies it at LNG terminals worldwide.

The gas wells next to

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Image of U.S.-born entertainer, anti-Nazi spy and civil rights activist Josephine Baker is projected on the Pantheon monument during a ceremony in Paris, France, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021. (Thibault Camus/Pool Photo via AP)

same time ... at the absence of institutional racism. There was no segregation ... no lynching. (There was) the possibility to sit at a cafe and be served by a white waiter, the possibility to talk to white people, to (have a) romance with white people," Ndiaye said. "It does not mean that racism did not exist in France, but French racism has often been more subtle, not as brutal as the American forms of racism," he added.

Baker was among several prominent Black Americans, especially artists and writers, who found refuge in France after the two World Wars, including famed writer and intellectual James Baldwin.

They were "aware of the French empire and the brutalities of French colonization, for sure. But they were also having a better life overall than the one they had left behind in the United States," Ndiaye, who also directs France's state-run immigration museum, told The Associated Press.

Baker quickly became famous for her banana-skirt dance routines and wowed audiences at Paris theater halls.

Her shows were controversial, Ndiaye stressed, because many anti-colonial activists believed she was "the propaganda for colonization, singing the song

that the French wanted her to sing."

Baker knew well about "the stereotypes that Black women had to face," he said. "She also distanced herself from these stereotypes with her facial expressions ... a way for her to laugh in some ways at the people watching her."

"But let's not forget that when she arrived in France she was only 19, she was almost illiterate ... She had to build her political and racial consciousness," he said.

Baker became a French citizen after her marriage to industrialist Jean Lion in 1937. The same year, she settled in southwestern France, in the castle of Castelnaud-la-Chapelle.

"Josephine Baker can be considered to be the first Black superstar. She's like the Rihanna of the 1920s," said Rosemary Phillips, a Barbados-born performer and co-owner of Baker's park in southwestern France.

Phillips said one of the ladies who grew up in the castle and met with Baker said: "Can you imagine a Black woman in the 1930s in a chauffeur-driven car — a white chauffeur — who turns up and says, 'I'd like to buy the 1,000 acres here?'"

In 1938, Baker joined what is today called LICRA, a prominent antiracist league and long-

time advocate for her entry in the Pantheon.

The next year, she started to work for France's counter-intelligence services against Nazis, notably collecting information from German officials who she met at parties. She then joined the French Resistance, using her artistic performances as a cover for spying activities during World War II.

In 1944, Baker became second-lieutenant in a female group in the Air Force of the French Liberation Army of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

After the war, she got involved in anti-racist politics. A civil rights activist, she was the only woman to speak at the 1963 March on Washington before Martin Luther King's famed "I Have a Dream" speech.

Toward the end of her life, she ran into financial trouble, was evicted and lost her properties. She received support from Princess Grace of Monaco, the U.S.-born actress who offered Baker a place for her and her children to live.

Tuesday's ceremony has closely been prepared with her family, and several relatives will be present, the Elysee said. A coffin carrying soils from the U.S., France and Monaco will be deposited inside the Pantheon. Her body will stay in Monaco at the request of her family.



Rosalia Tejada, second from left, plays with her children, from left, son Juscianni Blackeller, 13; Adaliana Gray, 5, and Audrey Gray, 2, in their backyard in Arlington, Texas. As Tejada, 38, has learned more about health risks posed by fracking for natural gas, she has become a vocal opponent of a plan to add more natural gas wells at a site near her home. (AP Photo/Martha Irvine)

Mother's Heart represent a tiny fraction of Total's global operations. Yet the company holds tight to its plans to drill there despite the community's resistance.

In Arlington, companies that are rejected for a drilling permit may reapply after a year. Some Arlington council members have said they fear litigation if they don't allow the drilling, because a Texas law bars localities from banning, limiting or even regulating oil or gas operations except in limited circumstances.

"Nobody should have a production ban unless they have a consumption ban, because it has made places like Arlington extraction colonies for countries like France, and they have shifted the environmental toll, the human toll, to us," said Ranjana Bhandari, director of Liveable Arlington, the group leading the opposition to Total's drilling plans.

Total has drilled closer to population centers in the Barnett Shale than have other companies over the past eight years, according to S&P Global Platts.

Some in Arlington have benefited from drilling. "It's enabled us to do ministries that we might not have been able to do," said Jan Porter, a former elder at Cornerstone Baptist Church, which collects royalties by allowing Total to drill on its land.

Others fear the outcome.

"Why don't you be the one standing up for my children — for all these children that are going to suffer in the future?" said Rosalia Tejada, whose family lives near Mother's Heart.

*It isn't where you came from
It's where you're going
that counts.*
- Ella Fitzgerald -