

The limitation of riots, moral questions aside, is that they cannot win and their participants know it. Hence, rioting is not revolutionary but reactionary because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, but it must be followed by a sense of futility. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Trump supporters storm US Capitol, lawmakers evacuated

By LISA MASCARO and MARY CLARE JALONICK



Police hold off Trump supporters who tried to break through a police barrier, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at the Capitol in Washington. As Congress prepares to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory, thousands of people have gathered to show their support for President Donald Trump and his claims of election fraud. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in a chaotic protest aimed at thwarting a peaceful transfer of power, forcing lawmakers to be rushed from the building and interrupting challenges to Joe Biden's Electoral College victory. Trump issued a restrained call for peace but did not call on his supporters to leave.

The ordinarily mundane procedure of certifying a new president was always going to be extraordinary, with Republican supporters of Trump vowing to

protest results of an election that they have baselessly insisted was reversed by fraud.

The deliberations inside were still in their early stages when they were overcome by raucous demonstrations outside, as protesters who clashed with police entered the building, shouting and waving Trump and American flags. They abruptly interrupted the proceedings in an out-of-control scene that featured eerie official warnings directing people to duck under their seats for cover and put on gas masks.

With the crowds show-

ing no signs of abating, Trump tweeted, "Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement. They are truly on the side of our Country. Stay peaceful!"

Senators were being evacuated. Some House lawmakers tweeted they were sheltering in place in their offices.

Demonstrators fought with Capitol Police and then forced their way into the building, not long after a huge rally near the White House during which Trump egged them on to march to Capitol

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Warnock, Ossoff win in Georgia, handing Dems Senate control

By STEVE PEOPLES, BILL BARROW and RUSS BYNUM

ATLANTA (AP) — Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats — and with them, the U.S. Senate majority — as final votes were counted Wednesday, serving President Donald Trump a

stunning defeat in his last days in office while dramatically improving the fate of President-elect Joe Biden's progressive agenda.

Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, Democratic

challengers who represented the diversity of their party's evolving coalition, defeated Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler two months after Biden became the first

Democratic presidential candidate to carry the state since 1992.

Warnock, who served as pastor for the same Atlanta church where civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. preached, becomes the first African American from Georgia elected to the Senate. And Ossoff becomes the state's first Jewish senator and, at 33 years old, the Senate's youngest member.

Their success is a symbol of a striking shift in Georgia's politics as the swelling number of diverse, college-educated

voters flex their power in the heart of the Deep South.

This week's elections mark the formal finale to the turbulent 2020 election season. The unusually high stakes transformed Georgia, once a solidly Republican state, into one of the nation's premier battlegrounds for the final days of Trump's presidency — and likely beyond.

In an emotional address early Wednesday, Warnock vowed to work for all Georgians whether they voted for him or not, citing his personal experi-

ence with the American dream. His mother, he said, used to pick "somebody else's cotton" as a teenager.

"The other day, because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton picked her youngest son to be a United States senator," he said. "Tonight, we proved with hope, hard work and the people by our side, anything is possible."

In an interview with ABC's "Good Morning

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Sunrise, March 19, 1924
Sunset, January 1, 2021

Clarence C. Russeau, Jr., 96, passed away on January 1, 2021. He was born on March 19, 1924, to Clarence C. Russeau, Sr. and Sara Johnson in Terrell, Texas. He retired from Dallas Independent School District.

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He received his B.S. degree from Wiley College and a Master's degree from the University of North Texas. During his years of service in DISD, he served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at various schools. His career also includes service in the U.S. Army and years at the U.S. Post Office.

One of his most significant accomplishments was his initiation into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at the Alpha Sigma Chapter, Wiley College. He was a Life Member and a devoted

member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter since 1949. While a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter, Clarence served as chapter president and treasurer. He also served as Chairman of the Alpha Merit Group Committee and Chairman of Alpha VII. He received the chapter's meritorious Outstanding Brother of the Year award.

Clarence was an early member of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, which he attended for 63 years.

He leaves behind his wife

of sixty-eight years, Odetta S. Russeau; one son, Clarence Keith Russeau, Dallas, Texas; a grandchild and a host of family and friends.

Clarence lived his life as a kind and humble son, husband, father, grandfather, and child of God. We will forever cherish his laughter, his ability to listen, his sincere counsel, and his willingness to serve. He always enjoyed being in the presence of others and finding ways to help. He was an avid fisherman who looked for every opportunity to put a

hook in the water. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Due to Covid-19, the family will not be receiving any visitors.

Services are pending.

In lieu of flowers, the Russeau family requests memorials be made payable: the Alpha Merit Group Committee.

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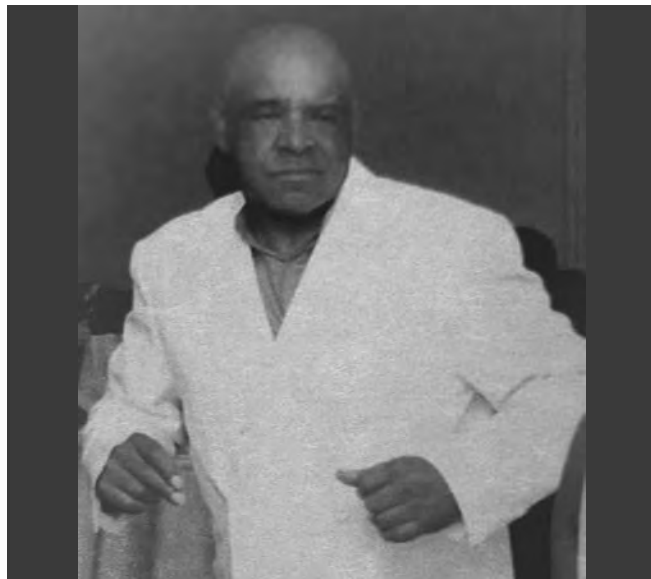
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EDITORIAL PAGE

IN MEMORIAM: "He Took A Bullet for Me," Famed Wilmington 10 Leader Remembers Comrade, Marvin "Chilly" Patrick

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



Marvin "Chilly" Patrick, who was born in Wilmington, NC in 1952, died Saturday, December 19, at the age of 68 from complications of COVID-19 and heart problems.

It is a story that, until now, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., had reserved only for a forthcoming memoir, *Freedom's Constant Struggle*, about the true story of the legendary Wilmington 10.

The group of U.S. political prisoners, whose fight for freedom, justice, and equality, led to an unjust and racially-motivated decade-long prison stint because of trumped-up charges that were meant to quash the ongoing battle for civil rights in the 1970's.

But Dr. Chavis, the leader and perhaps most well-known member of those freedom fighters, asserted that the recent death of his good friend and comrade Marvin "Chilly" Patrick warranted immediate mention of one of many heroic acts of the freedom movement decades ago in America.

"Chilly took a bullet for me," Chavis, the President, and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), somberly recalled as he stood outside at Evergreen Church Cemetery in Columbus County, North Carolina, where his friend Patrick was laid to rest on December 26, 2020.

Patrick, who was born in Wilmington, NC in 1952, died Saturday, December 19, at the age of 68 from complications of COVID-19 and heart problems.

His legacy and that of the others forever are tied to the continued struggle for freedom, civil rights, and human rights in the United States and throughout the world.

The Wilmington Ten mission for justice began on the cold wintry week of February 1, 1971 when Mike's Grocery, a white-owned business, was fire-bombed on Saturday, February 6, 1971, in Wilmington.

Dr. Chavis, Patrick, and several students barricaded inside Gregory Congregational Church.

White supremacist snipers were embedded on the roof of buildings and began aiming at the Black activists and firefighters who arrived to put the flames out at Mike's Grocery.

"They aimed right at me, but Chilly took the bullet," Dr. Chavis said as his voice trembled from both the emotion of losing his dear friend and the brisk North Carolina breeze that swirled throughout the morning for

the outdoor graveside funeral service.

"I am writing a book about the Wilmington Ten, and that's in the book," Dr. Chavis continued. "Because my friend is gone, I decided to tell this first to the Black Press of America instead of waiting for my book to come out. If it were not for the NNPA, NAACP, NAARPR, and the United Church of Christ, the Wilmington Ten would not have eventually received a full Pardon of Innocence from the state of North Carolina in 2012."

Later, Dr. Chavis offered touching remarks at Patrick's funeral.

"We mourn the death but celebrate the life. But it's in the tradition of the African people that, when a warrior passes away, when a freedom fighter passes away, the village, the family, and the community rededicate and reaffirm the life that Marvin 'Chilly' Patrick represents," Dr. Chavis eulogized.

"My mother had five children – four girls and one boy," Dr. Chavis asserted.

"I grew up not having a brother until I met the Wilmington Ten. I had heard the term brother, but I learned what brotherhood meant as a result of the Wilmington Ten."

He continued: "If there ever was a real brother that lived on this earth, it was Marvin 'Chilly' Patrick. After serving in the military, this brother came back to Wilmington and, at the age of 19, put his life on the line so children in Wilmington could get a decent, fair, and quality education."

Dr. Chavis, Patrick, and eight others were unjustly arrested, tried, and, in 1972, convicted of Mike's Grocery's firebombing and sentenced to a combined

282 years in prison. Their sentences ranged from 15 years in prison to 34 years each.

The Wilmington 10, which comprised nine Black men and one white woman, spent nearly a decade in prison before federal appellate courts overturned their convictions because of prosecutorial misconduct.

By the time Amnesty International took the case in 1976, the group was already considered political prisoners, and, in December 1980, their convictions were overturned.

Timothy Tyson, a North Carolina historian and a visiting professor at Duke University, told CNN he was given the handwritten notes of the Wilmington Ten prosecutor prior to 2012 when the NNPA and NAACP called again for pardons of innocence for the Wilmington 10.

"It was pretty shocking stuff," Tyson remarked.

There were at least six potential jurors with "KKK Good!!!" written next to them, he said. Next to a woman's name it said, "NO, she associates with Negroes."

On the back of the legal pad, the prosecutor, Jay Stroud, had apparently written the advantages and disadvantages of a mistrial, Tyson said. One of the advantages was a fresh start with a new jury.

In 2012, 40 years after they were unjustly convicted, North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue pardoned the Wilmington 10.

"These convictions were tainted by naked racism and represent an ugly stain on North Carolina's criminal justice system that cannot be allowed to stand any longer," Gov. Perdue said at the time. "Justice demands that this stain finally be removed."

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Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rev. Raphael Warnock waves to supporters during a drive-in rally, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, in Savannah, Ga. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris made a campaign stop for Georgia candidates Warnock and Jon Ossoff before the runoff election Tuesday. (AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The Rev. Raphael Warnock's roots showed little promise of a future that led to the U.S. Senate. He grew up in Savannah in the Kayton Homes public housing project, the second youngest of 12 children. His mother as a teenager had worked as a share-cropper picking cotton and tobacco. His father was a preacher who also made money hauling old cars to

'Only in America': Warnock's rise from poverty to US senator

By RUSS BYNUM

a local scrapper.

"My daddy used to wake me up every morning at dawn," Warnock told a hometown crowd at a drive-in rally two days before his election Tuesday. "He said, 'Boy, you can't sleep late in my house. Get up, get dressed, put your shoes on. Get ready.'"

Pushed by his parents to work hard, Warnock left Savannah and became the first member of his family to graduate from college, helped by Pell grants and low-interest student loans. He earned a Ph.D. in theology that led to a career in the pulpit, eventually as head pastor of the Atlanta church where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached.

Now Warnock, 51, will go to Washington as the first Black senator elected from Georgia, a Southern state still grappling with its painful history of slavery, segregation and racial injustice.

"Only in America is my story even possible," Warnock told the cheering drive-in crowd Sunday.


Warnock defeated Republican Sen. Kelly Loeffler, a wealthy businesswoman who spent more than \$20 million of her own money to try to keep the Senate seat to which Georgia's Republican governor appointed her a year ago.

His election followed a year scarred not only by a pandemic that disproportionately killed African Americans and left many jobless and struggling to pay rent, but also marked by the volatile outcry over the killings of Black Americans, including George Floyd in Minneapolis, and Ahmaud Arbery and Rayshard Brooks in Georgia.

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UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Jay Phelps

Clerk

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 Hill.

Lawmakers had convened for an extraordinary joint session to confirm the Electoral College results.

Though fellow Republicans were behind the challenge to Biden's 306-232 Electoral College victory, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell sought to lower tensions and argued against it. He warned the country "cannot keep drifting apart into two separate tribes" with "separate facts."

McConnell declared, "The voters, the courts and the states all have spoken."

But other Republicans, including House GOP leaders among Trump's allies were acting out the

pleas of supporters at his huge Wednesday rally up Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House to "fight for Trump."

"We have to fix this," said Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the GOP whip.

The last-gasp effort is all but certain to fail, defeated by bipartisan majorities in Congress prepared to accept the November results. Biden is to be inaugurated Jan. 20.

Still, Trump vowed to he would "never concede" and urged the massive crowd to march to the Capitol where hundreds had already gathered under tight security.

"We will never give up," Trump told his noon-time rally.

Vice President Mike Pence was closely

watched as he stepped onto the dais to preside over the joint session in the House chamber.

Pence has a largely ceremonial role, opening the sealed envelopes from the states after they are carried in mahogany boxes used for the occasion, and reading the results aloud. But he was under growing pressure from Trump to overturn the will of the voters and tip the results in the president's favor, despite having no legal power to affect the outcome.

"Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!" Trump tweeted Wednesday.

But Pence, in a statement shortly before presiding, defied Trump, saying he could not claim "unilateral authority" to

reject the electoral votes that make Biden president.

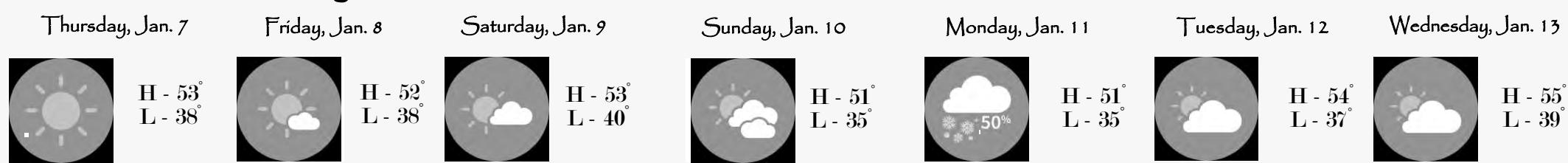
Despite Trump's repeated claims of voter fraud, election officials and his own former attorney general have said there were no problems on a scale that would change the outcome. All the states have certified their results as fair and accurate, by Republican and Democratic officials alike.

Arizona was the first of several states facing objections from the Republicans as Congress took an alphabetical reading of the election results. Then the chaos erupted.

Associated Press writers Andrew Taylor, Jill Colvin and Kevin Freking in Washington and Bill Barrow in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW



McCarthy defends key decisions as loss eliminates Cowboys

By SCHUYLER DIXON



Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott runs the ball during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, in East Rutherford, N.J. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

Mike McCarthy will take lingering questions about game management into the offseason rather than the momentum of a four-game winning streak to finish a difficult first season as coach of the Dallas Cowboys. McCarthy didn't challenge a catch that set up a 50-yard field goal by New York's Graham Gano when it appeared the ground aided Dante Pettis' 10-yard grab in the Giants' 23-19 victory Sunday. Dallas (6-10) was eliminated from

the playoffs with the loss. A reversal would have forced New York to punt, and the Cowboys could have gone ahead with a field goal in the final two minutes. Instead, Dallas was down four points when Andy Dalton forced a throw into the end zone on third-and-goal from the 17 after a sack. The Giants (6-10) ran out the clock after Xavier McKinney's interception. "We just felt it was too close," McCarthy said. "We felt it was kind of a

bang-bang-type situation. We were in a tight game. And the three timeouts was obviously of high value there. We just didn't think it was enough information to overturn it." McCarthy, who made some questionable decisions when the Cowboys were in the midst of six losses in seven games after quarterback Dak Prescott's season-ending ankle injury, chose not to go for a 2-point conversion trailing by five after Ezekiel Elliott's 1-yard touchdown plunge with 8:39 left in the third quarter. "It was too early in the game to go for 2 in my opinion there," said McCarthy, who settled for a 20-16 deficit that was cut to a point early in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard field goal from Greg Zuerlein, who made four to tie the club season record of 34. As it turned out, a finishing four-game winning streak wouldn't have been enough to get Dallas in the playoffs. Washington (7-9) clinched the NFC East with

a 20-14 win over Philadelphia on Sunday night. The Cowboys would have lost the tiebreaker because Washington swept the season series. "We're upset that we didn't do what we needed to put ourselves in a situation to get in," said Ezekiel Elliott, who fell short of 1,000 yards rushing when playing at least 15 games for the first time in his five-year career. "Just disappointing." One of the NFL's worst teams at converting touchdowns inside the 20-yard line had trouble again. Dallas had to settle for Zuerlein's first field goal after recovering a fumble at the New York 27 and quickly getting a first down at the 16. On the final possession, the Cowboys had a first down at the New York 7 when Leonard Williams was unblocked and dropped Dalton for a 10-yard loss. Rookie receiver CeeDee Lamb had a drop that kept Dallas from a more manageable situation on third or fourth down.

For non-playoff teams, important NFL offseason is underway

By ROB MAADDI

While 14 teams are focused on their pursuit of the Vince Lombardi Trophy with the expanded NFL playoffs set to kick off this weekend, the offseason is underway for 18 other clubs. Six teams are searching for new head coaches. Seven are looking for general managers. Quarterbacks and other star players will surely be on the move. Everyone hopes normalcy returns by the start of the new season. The league already pulled off a difficult task by completing its 256-game regular season on time during the coronavirus pandemic. The goal now is playing the Super Bowl in Tampa on Feb. 7. Getting an opportunity to win a championship begins with a strong off-season. Here are some things to look for this off-season:

Texans, Falcons, Jets and Lions need new coaches. Much attention is given to minority candidates because the league strengthened its Rooney Rule. In November, the NFL implemented a seven-point mobility plan that it projects will enhance opportunities for minorities in coaching and front-office positions. The firing of Anthony Lynn by the Chargers leaves only three minority coaches. Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy and 49ers defensive coordinator Robert Saleh are expected to interview for multiple open spots and would increase the total if they get jobs. Whoever replaces Lynn in Los Angeles inherits a solid nucleus led by quarterback Justin Herbert. The opening in Houston is also attractive because of quarterback Deshaun Watson. Jacksonville has the No. 1 overall pick so the new coach should get a franchise QB.

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America," he described his win as a "reversal of the old Southern strategy that sought to divide people," Warnock told ABC's "Good Morning America." Loeffler remains a Georgia senator until the results of Tuesday's election are finalized, returned to Washington on Wednesday morning to join a small group of sen-

ators planning to challenge Congress' vote to certify Biden's victory. Georgia's other runoff election pitted Perdue, a 71-year-old former business executive who held his Senate seat until his term expired on Sunday, against Ossoff, a former congressional aide and journalist. "This campaign has been about health and jobs and justice for the people of this state — for

all the people of this state," Ossoff said in a speech broadcast on social media Wednesday morning. "Whether you were for me, or against me, I'll be for you in the U.S. Senate. I will serve all the people of the state." Trump's false claims of voter fraud cast a dark shadow over the runoff elections, which were held only because no candidate hit the 50% thresh-

old in the general election. He attacked the state's election chief on the eve of the election and raised the prospect that some votes might not be counted even as votes were being cast Tuesday afternoon. Republican state officials on the ground reported no significant problems. Both contests tested whether the political coalition that fueled Biden's November victory was an anti-Trump anomaly or part of a new electoral landscape. To win in Tuesday's elections — and in the future — Democrats needed strong African American support. Drawing on his popularity with Black voters, among other groups, Biden won Georgia's 16 electoral votes by about 12,000 votes out of 5 million cast in November. Trump's claims about voter fraud in the 2020 election, while meritless, resonated with Republican voters in Georgia. About 7 in 10 agreed with his false assertion that Biden was not the legitimately elect-

ed president, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 3,600 voters in the runoff elections. Election officials across the country, including the Republican governors in Arizona and Georgia, as well as Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, have confirmed that there was no widespread fraud in the November election. Nearly all the legal challenges from Trump and his allies have been dismissed by judges, including two tossed by the Supreme Court, where three Trump-nominated justices preside. Publicly and privately, some Republicans acknowledged that Trump's monthslong push to undermine the integrity of the nation's electoral system may have contributed to the GOP's losses in Georgia. "It turns out that telling the voters that the election was rigged is not a great way to turn out your voters," said Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, a Republican and a frequent Trump critic. Even with Trump's claims, voters in both par-

ties were drawn to the polls because of the high stakes. AP VoteCast found that 6 in 10 Georgia voters say Senate party control was the most important factor in their vote. Turnout exceeded both sides' expectations. Even before Tuesday, Georgia had shattered its turnout record for a runoff with more than 3 million votes by mail or during in-person advance voting in December. Including Tuesday's vote, more people ultimately cast ballots in the runoffs than voted in Georgia's 2016 presidential election. Many in Georgia's large African American community were ecstatic when they awoke to news of Warnock's win on Wednesday. Tracey Bailey, a 58-year-old assistant community manager at an apartment complex in downtown Atlanta, said she jumped for joy. "It's going to be great for Georgia, and it's going to be great for our Black community as a whole," she said. "I think he's going to be a fair guy for the people, and that's for all people."

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2232	Triple 777 Overall Odds are 1 in 4.84	\$1	2/17/21	8/16/21
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Dallas ISD is partnering with an HBCU to open a new secondary IB school

BY THE HUB

A partnership with Paul Quinn College will provide rigorous programs and more school choice options for Southern Dallas students.

The Dallas ISD Board of Trustees approved an agreement on Nov. 19 to open a new 6th-to-12th campus, which will operate under the International Baccalaureate model (IB), at Paul Quinn College. The school will work toward becoming an IB school authorization process.

“As we think about the opportunities for our students, one of the things that we talk about all the time is the need for our students who oftentimes need the most, to get more,” Dallas ISD Chief of Strategic Initiatives Brian Lusk said during the October board briefing. “This fits right into that space. We believe that it’s the right thing and a good fit for the community. It adds to all the great offerings that we already have in Southern Dallas.”

Paul Quinn College is a private, faith-based, four-

year, liberal arts-inspired university that has stood in Southern Dallas since 1872. This is the only institution that has received the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) accreditation within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

The U.S. Department of Education grants HBCU status to universities and colleges that were established prior to 1964, and its principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans. HBCUs offer all students, regardless of race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents. These institutions train young people who go on to serve domestically and internationally in the professions as entrepreneurs and in the public and private sectors.

“We at Paul Quinn College are absolutely thrilled to be partnering with Dallas ISD on this project,” said Michael J. Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College, at the October board briefing. “I had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Lusk, and I was

blown away. It had exceeded what I dreamed about. And to have the opportunity to bring something of this caliber to a community, which quite frankly has been adrift of these kinds of opportunities for far too long, is just incredible.”

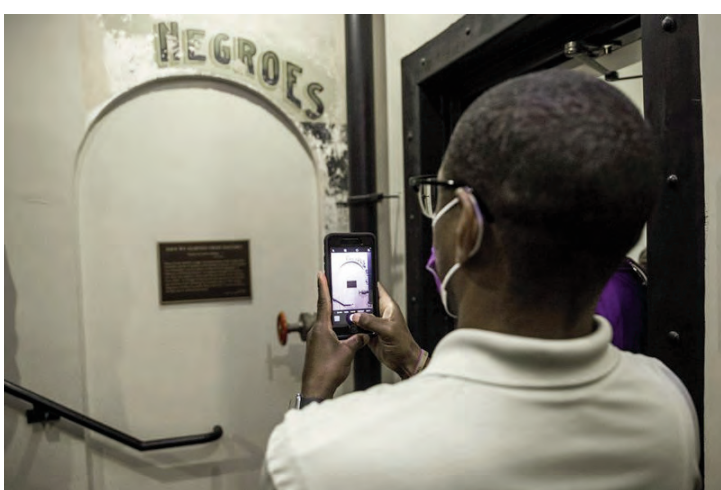
The school will be located within the Paul Quinn College campus.

“We’re talking about impacting kids in low-income households,” said Dallas ISD Trustee Maxie Johnson, who represents District 5, the area that covers the proposed school. “Some of them in our community feel like they’re not going to be able to go to college, or they are excited about college, but they can’t afford the tuition. This is a step forward, partnering with an HBCU. When you talk about doing great things for kids, this is what it looks like.”

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The school will be a 6-12 Transformation School, operated under the International Baccalaureate model (IB).

Texas county official suspect in defacing old ‘Negroes’ sign



FILE - In this Monday, Nov. 17, 2020 file photo, Dannon McLendon takes a photo of the historical marker placed and sign that reads "NEGROES" at the Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie, Texas. Controversy over a segregation-era “Negroes” sign in a Texas courthouse has taken an unusual turn after Ellis County Judge Todd Little, a top county official was identified as a suspect in a criminal investigation into the historical sign being vandalized. (Lynda M. Gonzalez/The Dallas Morning News via AP, File)

WAXAHACHIE, Texas (AP) — Controversy over a segregation-era “Negroes” sign in a Texas courthouse has taken an unusual turn after a top county official was identified as a suspect in a criminal investigation into the historical sign being vandalized. The sign in a courthouse in Waxahachie, a city of 36,000 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Dallas, drew attention in November when a Black constable spoke out over being moved to a shared office near it. That issue was resolved amicably when Ellis County Judge

Todd Little gave Constable Curtis Polk Jr. another office. But Little, who is the county’s top executive, not a judicial official, has now been identified as a suspect in an investigation into the sign being partially painted over, The Dallas Morning News reports. No one has been charged with any crime and the incident remains under investigation. The sign, which is near what used to be a water fountain in the courthouse basement, was uncovered during renovations two decades ago. It was marked with a placard as a

reminder of the evil of segregation, Little said in November.

Later that month, the sign was painted over. A video was posted online showing Little urging another man to take spray paint to it, according to the Morning News. It was not immediately known why Little asked the man to paint the sign.

The Ellis County sheriff and district attorney reportedly opened an investigation into the incident. But the district attorney then recused himself because he knows Little, handing the case off to prosecutors in Dallas, the Morning News reports.

Little is identified as a suspect in court records but it’s unclear how the case will proceed. The Morning News could not reach Little or Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot for comment Thursday.

Lane Grayson, an Ellis County commissioner, told the paper the county intends to restore the sign. “Any defacing of government property is an absolute insult,” Grayson said. “That sign was left as a historical reminder of a place we should never go again.”

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