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Loeffler, Warnock head to runoff in Georgia Senate race

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U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler and challenger Rev. Raphael Warnock appear headed for a runoff in one of two hotly contested Senate seats in Georgia.

U.S. Rep. Doug Collins, the firebrand Republican challenging Loeffler for her seat in a free-for-all election, called Loeffler to concede and support her campaign around 10:30 p.m. on Election Day after results indicated she will advance to the runoff. His campaign confirmed the call.

Warnock, who has mustered a staunch coalition of Democratic support in Georgia and nationwide, was likewise well on his way to gathering enough votes to face Loeffler in what will be a closely watched runoff race in January.

“We’re going to be successful, but we’ve got a long road ahead,” Loeffler said late Tuesday night. “So we’ve got to come together.”

Rallying with supporters Tuesday hours before results arrived, Warnock cast the special election for Loeffler’s seat and others Democrats are trying to claim as something of a spiritual as well as political quest.

“I know it’s been a long, dark night,” Warnock said. “But joy comes in the morning. And we are on the verge of morning in Georgia and in the United States of America.”

In a Twitter post just after 10:30 p.m., Collins said he will back Loeffler in her runoff campaign against Warnock.

“She has my support and endorsement,” Collins said. “I look forward to all Republicans coming together.”

The race for one of Georgia’s two Senate seats has been dominated for almost a year by the fierce intra-party battle between Loeffler and Collins, who repeatedly scorched each other in television attack ads and social-media posts.

All the while, Warnock has sought to take advantage of the Republican spat that has largely shielded him from direct campaign attacks and allowed him to broadcast consistent messaging on health care, voting rights, criminal justice and workers’ rights issues.

Speaking Tuesday, Warnock said he plans to stick with that campaign strategy while incorporating more ways to “draw a contrast between my record” and his runoff opponent.

Loeffler was appointed in January by Gov. Brian Kemp

to hold the seat vacated by retired Sen. Johnny Isakson, who stepped down due to health concerns with three years remaining in his term.

Whoever wins the runoff in January and claims Isakson’s old seat will need to run again in 2022 for a full six-year Senate term.

The special election held Tuesday involved around 20 candidates including Loeffler all on the same ballot, marking a free-for-all ballot format that prompted the intense campaigning between Loeffler and Collins.

For months, the two Republicans opened fire on their personal and political records, each seeking to portray the other as the less conservative candidate while trumpeting loud support for President Donald Trump.

Loeffler, a wealthy Atlanta businesswoman, has touted legislation she filed on protecting local police budgets, prohibiting COVID-19 aid for abortion providers and barring transgender girls from playing in public-school girls’ or women’s sports.

She faced controversy in April amid allegations she made stock trades to isolate her and her husband’s assets from damage from the COVID-19 pandemic, shortly after she and other senators received a private briefing on the virus.

Though a federal investigation found no evidence of wrongdoing, Collins and Democratic leaders frequently used the incident to bludgeon Loeffler as an out-of-touch elitist concerned more about her own financial interests than public service.

Loeffler, who has pumped \$23 million of her own money into her campaign, embraced her wealth by portraying herself as a self-made political outsider in the mold of Trump who would not be shackled to any campaign donors.

Collins, a four-term congressman and U.S. Air Force Reserve chaplain, pushed to chisel his image as the more grassroots conservative candidate compared to Loeffler, who he accused of being too cozy with the oft-vilified Planned Parenthood and Georgia Democratic star Stacey Abrams in her role as co-owner of the Atlanta Dream women’s professional basketball team.

But aside from sniping at each other’s personal backgrounds, Collins and Loeffler largely shared similar conservative views on key issues like abortion, gun rights and economic security from China.

President Donald Trump’s closest allies, supporting the president’s tax cut legislation in 2017, Trump’s get-tough trade policy with China, and, more recently, the president’s much-criticized handling of the coronavirus outbreak.

Ossoff, 33, an investigative journalist who runs a documentary production firm, entered elective politics three years ago, losing a special election for a congressional seat in Atlanta’s northern suburbs. This year marked his first run at statewide office.

In what turned into a brutal campaign during the final weeks, Perdue portrayed Ossoff as backing the national Democrats’ “radical socialist” agenda including a government takeover of health care, defunding the police and abolishing ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

For his part, Ossoff has slammed Perdue for following Trump’s lead in downplaying the threat posed by coronavirus during the pandemic’s early days.

Butch Harris

Clifford "Butch" Harris, 76, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, at Harborview Nursing Home in Jesup, Ga.

 Born and raised in Brunswick, Butch was a Vietnam veteran of the United States Army and retired from Marine Port Terminals Inc. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dillie and Ethel Harris; sister, Faye Harris Enke; and great-granddaughter, Penelope Dru Begnaud.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Johnson Harris of Brunswick; daughter, Stacie Harris Taylor (Mike) of Brunswick; son, Steven Harris (Melissa) of Statesboro; stepchildren, Bo and Angie Wilkes of Brunswick siblings, Harley Harris (Billie Jean) of Brunswick, Margie Seleski of Cas-sadaga, N.Y. and Susan Horne (Wayne) of Brunswick; three grandchildren, Steven Harris (Megan), Justin Harris (Rachel) and Shelby Taylor Begnaud (Kody); five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced.

Brunswick Memorial Park Funeral Home and Golden Isles Cremation Center are honored to serve the Harris family.

Family-placed obituary
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Henry Alvarado

Henry Lauro Urgiles Alvarado, 43, of Brunswick, died Friday at UF Health Shands Hospital, in Jacksonville, Fla.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. today at Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home, 3321 Glynn Ave.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home.

Cremation will follow the service.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home and Oglethorpe Crematorium, www.edomillerandsons.com, are in charge of the arrangements.

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Area deaths


Eddie Johnson, the two-time All-Star for the Atlanta Hawks whose career was shortened by arrests which led to a ban from the NBA and life sentence in prison, has died. He was 65.

Johnson passed away on Oct. 26. His death was confirmed Tuesday by Rocker-Cusack Mortuary in Leesburg, Florida. Johnson was a third-round pick from Auburn by the Hawks in the 1977 NBA draft. He became an immediate contributor and then starter for the Hawks.

Due to his explosive first step, Johnson earned the nickname “Fast Eddie” and averaged 15.1 points in 10 NBA seasons. He set a career high by averaging 19.1 points for the Hawks in the 1980-81 season.

— Associated Press

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H. E. Taylor Schoettle

Henry Evan Taylor Schoettle of Darien, Ga., died peacefully at home on Oct. 30, 2020. Taylor was 84, born on Dec. 28, 1935, in Philadelphia, Pa. He was the middle child of three sons to Edwin James Schoettle Jr. and Murray McIlvane Taylor Schoettle.

Taylor grew up with a love of nature and animals that became a lifelong passion and journey for him. He attended The Haverford School in Haverford, Pa., and then graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in biology and subsequently earned a master's degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1963. Taylor married Marie Lemoine Davis on Aug. 18, 1962, and they went on to have four sons.

Early in his career, Taylor became a biology teacher at his alma mater Haverford, where he was known for keeping his classroom full of interesting animals (including snakes, guinea pigs, an owl, a toucan, and a capybara) and large exotic plants much to the enjoyment of his students and sometimes a surprise to fellow educators. After initiating student school summer trips to the Virgin Islands, Taylor explored a career change and landed the job of curator for the Safari Park Zoo near San Juan, P.R. Thus began a bit of an odyssey for Taylor (and his family) with subsequent moves to zoos in Oklahoma City, Okla., and El Paso, Texas, and then returning to teaching biology in high schools in Waycross, Ga., and St. Simons Island, Ga. He then became an educator for the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service, forming a recognized coastal education docent program.

Throughout their travels, a menagerie of animals accompanied Taylor and his family, with new neighbors often looking on curiously.

Taylor and Marie settled in Darien, Ga., which they made their home for 25 years and where Taylor wrote six well-regarded naturalist books and field guides on Georgia's barrier islands and the Okefenokee Swamp. As he had always been challenged with dyslexia, Taylor worked meticulously on his writing ensuring his communication had clarity and approachability. Marie was also a lifelong teacher with a passion for education, and she partnered with Taylor by taking a principle editing role for his books. Taylor and Marie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2012 before Marie died on Feb. 8, 2013, following a battle with cancer.

Taylor came from a family of sailing heritage in Island Heights, N.J., and along with Marie who was an accomplished sailor in Cape May, N.J., they built their own Penguin sailboat "Cricket" early in their marriage. Taylor and Marie trailed a sailboat with them to all the places they lived. Taylor's final sailboat was a Laser which he sailed through the marsh rivers of Darien, navigating the tides, tricky winds and the occasional shrimp boat.

Taylor was always musical, known for playing piano, bongo drums and guitar. He was a self-made musician, playing more by ear than reading music and known for playing some boogie-woogie, a genre of blues music, to bring a gathering to life.

Ministry was a big part of Taylor and Marie's life. They established prayer meetings and gave their time and talent to their many church communities.

Taylor loved being part of the music ministry at their churches.

Taylor continued his passion for exotic plants, growing orchids in his greenhouse and placing them in the lobby of the Hospice of the Golden Isles, where they were appreciated by so many in their time of loss.

Taylor and Marie were never far in their minds from family and friends in the Philadelphia area, taking their sons on a pilgrimage trip "north" each year, resulting in family bonds with cousins that remain strong today. Up until his last year, Taylor continued his regular trips to Philadelphia.

Taylor is survived by three sons, Chris (Sarah) of Boston, Mass., John of Savannah, Ga., and Steve (Sandy) of St. Simons Island, Ga.; and five grandchildren. Taylor is predeceased by his wife, Marie; a son, David; and his two brothers, Edwin and David.

We are grateful to J.W. Hutcherson and the team of caregivers who warmly supported Taylor in his final year, enabling him to stay in his beloved home overlooking the marsh.

The family will have private remembrances for Taylor. His ashes will be placed in a niche next to those of his wife Marie at Brunswick Memorial Park Funeral Home, 4407 U.S. Highway 17 North. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Golden Isles, 1692 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525. The family will be grateful for memories of Taylor at www.brunswickmemorial-park.com/obituaries/

Brunswick Memorial Park Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Announces the Issuance of the Record of Decision for Operable Unit 3 of the LCP Chemicals Superfund Site in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a Record of Decision (ROD) on September 16, 2020, for OU3 of the LCP Chemicals Superfund Site located in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division concurred with the EPA remedial decision.

The LCP Chemicals Site property occupies approximately 813 acres immediately northwest of the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. The Site was divided into three Operable Units (OUs): OU1 – marsh; OU2 – groundwater and cell building area; OU3 – Uplands. This ROD focuses on OU3 – Uplands.

Between 1994 and 1997, removal response actions were performed by Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), with EPA oversight, in the marsh, around the mercury cell buildings, and on the Upland portion of the Site. The removal actions included the excavation of contaminated soil and industrial process waste. A total of approximately 130,000 cubic yards of soil and waste were removed during these actions. The removal areas contained material contaminated with constituents including petroleum hydrocarbons (volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds), mercury alkaline sludges, polychlorinated biphenyls, and lead. After excavation, the areas were backfilled to original grade.

Based on the human and ecological risk assessments and relying on current zoning and the removal actions performed to date, the EPA recommends no further remedial action for the Uplands portion of the Site. However, the EPA does plan to require Institutional Controls (ICs) under its removal authority in accordance with a 1995 Action Memorandum and the associated settlement agreement with the PRPs who performed the removal action. ICs are generally administrative and legal tools that do not involve construction or physically changing the site. In many site cleanups, ICs help reduce the possibility that people will come in contact with contamination and/or protect the integrity of the remedy. For the LCP Site, ICs will prevent residential development and will be recorded in the land records for Glynn County. The EPA will conduct Five-Year Reviews to ensure that the land use remains protective of human health and the environment.

THE ROD IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW ONLINE AT <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/lcp-chemicals-georgia>. The public may view the ROD using the computers at the local site information repository at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library, 208 Gloucester Street in Brunswick. The ROD will also be available to the public using computers at the EPA Region 4's Superfund Records Center located at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

For further information please contact Angela Miller, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator (678) 575-8132 or via email miller.angela@epa.gov or Pam Scully, EPA Remedial Project Manager, (404) 562-8953, via email scully.pam@epa.gov.

Sen. Perdue leads challenger Ossoff

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ATLANTA — U.S. Sen. David Perdue appeared on his way Tuesday night to winning a second term representing Georgia on Capitol Hill.

Perdue, a Republican, was leading Democratic challenger Jon Ossoff 54% to 44% late on Election Night with 2,071 of Georgia's 2,656 precincts reporting, according to unofficial results. Libertarian Shane Hazel had received only 2% of the vote.

With few Georgia voters splitting their tickets, the Perdue-Ossoff contest was mirroring closely the presidential results in the Peach State. GOP President Donald Trump was well ahead of Democratic challenger Joe Biden in Georgia late Tuesday night, 54% to 45%.

Perdue, 70, was elected to the Senate in 2014 after a 40-year career in business that included serving as CEO of Reebok and Dollar General.

He spent his first term in the Senate as one of