

BROADCASTING AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS & TIPS

Cut all stories to 30 seconds and then write a one minute editorial with the designated editorial story.

- a) Introduction
 - i) Station names must begin with a “W” and be four letters long
 - ii) Use this station name to write up a brief intro that you can memorize and include at the beginning of your broadcast! (ex: I’m _____, with this W___’s news and more- up next on W___ News)
- b) Prepping your Broadcast:
 - i) Unlimited time to prepare your broadcast (besides your editorial!)
 - ii) Once your stories have been chosen, you can write effective transitions in between each one!
 - (1) Tie stories together based on content (ex: From one _____ to another)
 - (2) Use rhyming or other forms of literary devices to be catchy! (ex: From a highly contested race to a high speed chase)
 - (3) Shifts in time/place: (ex: Heading a little closer to home / We head to Brazil, where....)
 - (4) Some sort of pun based off of your station name
- c) Writing your Editorial: *THIS IS THE ONLY PART OF YOUR PREP TIME THAT WILL BE TIMED. YOU WILL BE GIVEN 15 MIN TO WRITE THIS EDITORIAL DURING COMPS AND SHOULD GET USED TO ONLY SPENDING 15 MINS DOING SO!*
- i) Your editorial should be about one minute in length
 - ii) You will be given an article that you must form an opinion on and write an editorial about in 15 min
 - iii) Cut this story to be approximately 30 seconds in length (time yourself reading it out loud!)
 - iv) Spend the rest of your prep time writing your editorial, which follows the format of an argumentative essay...
 - (1) Intro sentence
 - (2) Various arguments w/ evidence (cite your sources- ex: according to AP News) and and commentary on this evidence
 - (3) Closing statement that restates your argument
- d) Intro/Outro to your Editorial
 - i) After reading the story that your editorial is based on but BEFORE beginning your editorial, include a DISCLAIMER STATEMENT such as

“Welcome to *name of segment*, where I share my opinions on current issues. These views are my own and are not affiliated with *station name*

- ii) After finishing your editorial and BEFORE continuing with your broadcast, include an outro such as “That concludes today’s segment of *segment name*, but be sure to join me tomorrow to hear more of my opinions”

- e) Conclusion

STORIES FOR AUDITION

National:

Democratic Sen. Warnock wins Georgia runoff against Walker

By BILL BARROW and JEFF AMY

ATLANTA (AP) — Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock defeated Republican challenger Herschel Walker in a Georgia runoff election Tuesday, ensuring Democrats an outright majority in the Senate for the rest of President Joe Biden’s current term and capping an [underwhelming midterm cycle for the GOP](#) in the last major vote of the year.

With Warnock’s second runoff victory in as many years, Democrats will have a 51-49 Senate majority, gaining a seat from the current 50-50 split with [John Fetterman’s victory in Pennsylvania](#). There will be divided government, however, with [Republicans having narrowly flipped House control](#).

“After a hard-fought campaign — or, should I say, campaigns — it is my honor to utter the four most powerful words ever spoken in a democracy: The people have spoken,” Warnock, 53, told jubilant supporters who packed a downtown Atlanta hotel ballroom.

“I often say that a vote is a kind of prayer for the world we desire for ourselves and for our children,” declared Warnock, a Baptist pastor and his state’s first Black senator. “Georgia, you have been praying with your lips and your legs, your hands and your feet, your heads and your hearts. You have put in the hard work, and here we are standing together.”

EXPLAINING THE ELECTION

In last month’s election, [Warnock led Walker by 37,000 votes](#) out of almost 4 million cast, but fell short of the 50% threshold needed to avoid a runoff. The senator appeared to be headed for a

wider final margin in Tuesday's runoff, with Walker, a football legend at the University of Georgia and in the NFL, unable to overcome a bevy of damaging allegations, including claims that he paid for [two former girlfriends' abortions](#) despite [supporting a national ban](#) on the procedure.

"The numbers look like they're not going to add up," Walker, an ally and friend of former President Donald Trump, told supporters late Tuesday at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown Atlanta. "There's no excuses in life, and I'm not going to make any excuses now because we put up one heck of a fight."

Democrats' Georgia victory solidifies the state's place as a Deep South battleground two years after [Warnock and fellow Georgia Democrat Jon Ossoff won 2021 runoffs](#) that gave the party Senate control just months after [Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate in 30 years to win Georgia](#). Voters returned Warnock to the Senate in the same cycle they [reelected Republican Gov. Brian Kemp](#) by a comfortable margin and chose an all-GOP slate of statewide constitutional officers.

Walker's defeat bookends the GOP's struggles this year to win with [flawed candidates cast from Trump's mold](#), a blow to the former president as he builds his third White House bid ahead of 2024.

[Democrats' new outright majority in the Senate means](#) the party will no longer have to negotiate a power-sharing deal with Republicans and won't have to rely on Vice President Kamala Harris to break as many tie votes.

National Democrats celebrated Tuesday, with Biden tweeting a photo of his congratulatory phone call to the senator. "Georgia voters stood up for our democracy, rejected Ultra MAGAism, and ... sent a good man back to the Senate," Biden tweeted, referencing Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

About 1.9 million runoff votes were cast in Georgia by mail and during early voting. A robust Election Day turnout added about 1.4 million more, slightly more than the Election Day totals in November and in 2020.

Total turnout still trailed the 2021 runoff turnout of about 4.5 million. Voting rights groups pointed to [changes made by state lawmakers after the 2020 election](#) that shortened the period for runoffs, from nine weeks to four, as a reason for the decline in early and mail voting.

Warnock emphasized his willingness to work across the aisle and his personal values, buoyed by his status as senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. once preached.

Walker benefited during the campaign from nearly unmatched name recognition from his football career, yet was dogged by questions about his fitness for office.

A multimillionaire businessman, Walker faced questions about his past, including his exaggerations of his [business achievements, academic credentials and philanthropic activities](#).

In his personal life, Walker faced new attention on his ex-wife's previous accounts of domestic violence, including details that he once held a gun to her head and threatened to kill her. He has never denied those specifics and wrote of his violent tendencies in a 2008 memoir that attributed the behavior to mental illness.

Local:

Bloomfield Hills Marian volleyball earns third-straight state title

By: [Jonathan Szczepaniak](#)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — In a season of adversity and perseverance for Bloomfield Hills Marian volleyball, revenge would be the final step for the five-time state champions.

Marian suffered its only loss of the season to Northville en route to its 49-1 record this year, and on Nov. 19 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Marian would go head-to-head with Northville one more time for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 State Championship.

Northville bested Marian, who is ranked No. 7 nationally according to USA Today, at the Beast of the East Tournament Oct. 15 with Marian starters senior Ella Schomer and Reagan Sass both sidelined due to injury.

At full strength, Marian was ready to earn its third-straight title.

“I think going into that game, especially Ella (Schomer) and Reagan (Sass), who were the two starters who were out, we were fiery and lit up,” Marian senior setter Ava Sarafa said. “We knew we were ready.”

Northville came firing out the gate, winning the first set 25-22. Marian would respond with a 25-22 set win of its own, but the third set would prove to be the deciding factor for both sides.

Marian had its back against the wall with Northville jumping out to a 18-12 set lead, but Marian knew how to respond when the pressure was on.

“I called a timeout and gave them some words of wisdom and motivation, and they ran with it. I told them, ‘We’re gonna tie this up at 19-19,’ and it’s kind of funny, because we ended up tying it at 19,” Marian coach Mayssa Cook said. “I told them there’s no team in the state that can play with the pressure the way we play. We welcome it, we encourage it, and we love it.”

Pressure wasn’t unfamiliar territory for Marian in this year’s playoffs, as Clarskton took two of the first three sets in the MHSAA Quarterfinals.

Senior libero Lauren Heming, a Wofford College commit, tallied six service points and an ace to notch the contest up at 19, and senior Molly Banta added two aces for a 23-21 lead.

Sophomore outside hitter Izzy Busignani, who finished with 27 kills and 20 digs, recorded two kills to earn the 25-23 win in the third set.

The sophomore standout became a full-time contributor this year for Marian and said her game took the biggest leap forward when the team needed her most.

“I think my game took its jump when we had the most pressure on us,” Busignani said. “When we were down or needed help, I think that’s when my game took its jumps.”

The third-set win carried a significant momentum shift for Marian, who earned a dominant 25-11 fourth-set victory for the school’s third-straight state title.

Cook said this year’s title meant a little more with the program-defining senior class set to graduate this year.

“(With) this group, specifically these seniors and the five of them that were here before that were main contributors for the two championships, I felt the desire to win this title more than any other year,” Cook said.

Sarafa, Schomer, Sass, Heming and senior Evelynne Oegema were the five seniors this year who originally started on varsity as freshmen and were coined as Marian’s “fab-five.”

Sarafa, a University of Kentucky commit, tallied 45 assists and 10 digs, while Heming added 20 digs of her own in the win. Schomer contributed 14 kills and 17 digs.

Schomer (10th) and Sarafa (2nd) were both finalists for the Miss Volleyball honor this season, and have been key contributors to Marian becoming one of the best volleyball teams in the nation.

“It’s been really surreal just ending our seasons with a three-peat and everything,” Sarafa said. “Starting as a freshman now, you really watch everyone grow. It’s almost like you leave a legacy with all you’ve accomplished.”

While Sarafa and her senior class have left a legacy of their own, Sarafa said she owes a lot of praise to the seniors before her.

“The family-oriented culture has been there since day one,” Sarafa said. “The seniors really brought us in, and having the years with Ava (Brizard), Sophia (Treder), Sarah (Sylvester), and Janiah (Jones), and once they left I think it was left for our class to take it upon ourselves and make sure the culture stayed.”

Now it’s Busignani and junior Danielle Mertz who will lead the 2023 Marian team for a chance at four straight titles.

While the 2022 senior class had an impact on Sarafa, Busignani said this senior class was impactful for her growth as a player.

“They just have a lot of heart and passion for the game,” Busignani said. “Every point mattered to them, and every play mattered to them. They were always by your side to pick you up.”

Marian will graduate eight seniors this season, with senior contributor Mackenzie Jackson and Gabrielle Hock also departing.

With Marian’s family-oriented mindset, the seniors will always be remembered and welcomed for what they achieved.

“The relationship I had with these eight seniors, this is not goodbye,” Cook said. “These eight seniors and I will be in each other’s lives for as long as I live.”

International: Editorial

Germany: 25 arrested on suspicion of planning armed coup

By FRANK JORDANS

BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of police officers carried out raids across much of Germany on Wednesday against suspected far-right extremists who allegedly sought to overthrow the

government in an armed coup. Officials said 25 people were detained.

Federal prosecutors said some 3,000 officers conducted searches at 130 sites in 11 of Germany's 16 states. While police raids against the far right are **not uncommon in the country** — still sensitive to its grim Nazi past — the scale of the operation was unusual.

Justice Minister Marco Buschmann described the raids as an “anti-terrorism operation,” adding that the suspects may have planned an armed attack on institutions of the state.

Germany's top security official said the group was “driven by violent coup fantasies and conspiracy ideologies.”

Prosecutors said the suspects were linked to the so-called Reich Citizens movement, whose adherents reject Germany's postwar constitution and have called for bringing down the government.

Officers detained 22 German citizens on suspicion of “membership in a terrorist organization,” prosecutors said. Three other people, including a Russian citizen, were held on suspicion of supporting the organization, they said. Another 27 people were under investigation.

German media outlet Der Spiegel reported the searched locations included the barracks of Germany's special forces unit KSK in the southwestern town of Calw. The unit received **scrutiny in the past over alleged far-right involvement** by some soldiers.

Federal prosecutors declined to confirm or deny that the barracks was searched.

Along with detentions in Germany, prosecutors said one person was detained in the Austrian town of Kitzbuehel and another in the Italian city of Perugia.

Prosecutors said those detained are alleged to have last year formed a “terrorist organization with the goal of overturning the existing state order in Germany and replace it with their own form of state, which was already in the course of being founded.”

The suspects were aware their aim could only be achieved by military means and with force, prosecutors said.

Some of the group’s members had made “concrete preparations” to storm Germany’s federal parliament with a small armed group, according to prosecutors. “The details (of this plan) still need to be investigated” to determine whether any of the suspects can be charged with treason, they said.

The group is alleged to have believed in a “conglomerate of conspiracy theories consisting of narratives from the so-called Reich Citizens as well as [QAnon ideology](#),” according to the statement. Prosecutors added that members of the group also believe Germany is ruled by a so-called “deep state;” similar baseless claims about the United States were [made by former President Donald Trump](#).

Prosecutors identified the suspected ringleaders as Heinrich XIII P. R. and Ruediger v. P., in line with German privacy rules. Der Spiegel reported that the former was a well-known 71-year-old member of a minor German noble family, while the latter was a 69-year-old former paratrooper.

Federal prosecutors said Heinrich XIII P. R., whom the group planned to install as Germany’s new leader, had contacted Russian officials with the aim of negotiating a new order in the country once the German government was overthrown. He was allegedly assisted in this by a Russian woman, Vitalia B.

“According to current investigations there is no indication however that the persons contacted responded positively to his request,” prosecutors said.

Prosecutors identified another individual detained by police Wednesday as Birgit M.-W. Der Spiegel reported she is a judge and former lawmaker with the [far-right Alternative for Germany party](#).

The party, known by its German acronym AfD, has increasingly [come under scrutiny by German security services](#) due to its ties with extremists.

AfD's co-leaders, Tino Chrupalla and Alice Weidel, condemned the reported plans, which they said they had only learned of through the media.

"We have full confidence in the authorities involved and demand a swift and comprehensive investigation," they said in a statement.

Prosecutors said that apart from a council of leaders, or Rat, the group had tasked several members with the formation of an armed wing. Led by Ruediger v. P., they planned to obtain weapons and conduct firearms training.

Wednesday's raids showed that "we know how to defend ourselves with full force against the enemies of democracy," Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said.

"The investigation offers an insight into the depths of the terrorist threat within the Reich Citizens milieu," Faeser said. "Only the further investigation will provide a clear picture of how far the coup plans had come."

Sara Nanni, a Green party lawmaker, suggested the group may not have been very capable.

"More details keep coming to light that raise doubts about whether these people were even clever enough to plan and carry out such a coup," Nanni said in a post on the social network Mastodon. "The fact is: no matter how crude their ideas are and how hopeless their plans, even the attempt is dangerous!"

Officials have repeatedly warned that far-right extremists pose the biggest threat to Germany's domestic security. This threat was highlighted by **the killing of a regional politician** and the deadly attack on a synagogue in 2019. A year later, far-right extremists taking part in a protest against the country's pandemic restrictions **tried and failed to storm the Bundestag building** in Berlin.

Faeser announced earlier this year that the government planned to **disarm about 1,500 suspected extremists** and to tighten background checks for those wanting to acquire guns as part of a broader crackdown on the far right.

Germany's chief federal prosecutor planned to make a statement on the case later Wednesday.

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