

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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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNION MAN

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the picket line at the Scripto plant in Atlanta, Ga., December, 1964.

If Martin Luther King Jr. still lived, he'd probably tell people to join unions.

King understood racial equality was inextricably linked to economics. He asked, "What good does it do to be able to eat at a lunch counter if you can't buy a hamburger?"

Those disadvantages have persisted. Today, for instance, the wealth of the average white family is

more than 20 times that of a black one.

King's solution was unionism.

Convergence of needs

In 1961, King spoke before the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest and most powerful labor organization, to explain why he felt unions were essential to civil rights progress.

"Negroes are almost entirely a working people," he said. "Our needs

are identical with labor's needs — decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children and respect in the community."

My new book, "Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,"

chronicles King's relationship with a labor union that was, perhaps, the most racially progressive in the country. That was Local 10 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, or ILWU.

ILWU Local 10 represented workers who loaded and unloaded cargo from ships throughout San Francisco Bay's

waterfront. Its members' commitment to racial equality may be as surprising as it is unknown.

In 1967, the year before his murder, King visited ILWU Local 10 to see what interracial unionism looked like. King met with these unionists at their hall in a then-thriving, portside neighborhood — now a gentrified tourist area best known for Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39.

While King knew about this union, ILWU history isn't widely known off the waterfront.

Civil rights on the waterfront

Dockworkers had suffered for decades from a hiring system compared to a "slave auction." Once hired, they routinely worked 24 to 36 hour shifts, experienced among

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TRUMP IMPEACHED AFTER CAPITOL RIOT IN HISTORIC SECOND CHARGE

By LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK, JONATHAN LEMIRE and ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S.

Capitol after the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached. It was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in modern times, more so than against Bill Clinton in



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., leads the final vote of the impeachment of President Donald Trump, for his role in inciting an angry mob to storm the Congress last week, at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

1998.

The Capitol insurrection stunned and angered lawmakers, who were sent scrambling for safety as the mob descended, and it revealed the fragility of the nation's history of peaceful transfers of power. The riot also forced a reckoning among some Republicans, who have stood by Trump throughout his presidency and largely allowed him to spread false attacks against the integrity of the 2020 election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invoked Abraham Lincoln and the Bible,

imploping lawmakers to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign "and domestic."

She said of Trump: "He must go, he is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love." Holed up at the White House, watching the proceedings on TV, Trump took no responsibility for the bloody riot seen around the world, but issued a statement urging "NO violence, NO law-breaking and NO vandalism of any kind" to disrupt Biden's ascension to the White House.



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Capitol assault a more sinister attack than first appeared

By JAY REEVES, LISA MASCARO and CALVIN WOODWARD



Supporters of President Donald Trump climb the west wall of the the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under battle flags bearing Donald Trump’s name, [the Capitol’s attackers](#) pinned a bloodied police officer in a doorway, his twisted face and screams captured on video. They mortally wounded another officer with a blunt weapon and body-slammed a third over a railing into the crowd.

“Hang Mike Pence!” the insurrectionists chanted as they pressed inside, beating police with pipes. They demanded House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s whereabouts, too. They

hunted any and all lawmakers: “Where are they?” Outside, makeshift gallows stood, complete with sturdy wooden steps and the noose. Guns and pipe bombs had been stashed in the vicinity.

Only days later is the extent of the danger from one of the darkest episodes in American democracy coming into focus. The sinister nature of the assault has become evident, betraying the crowd as a force determined to occupy the inner sanctums of Congress and run down leaders — Trump’s vice president

and the Democratic House speaker among them.

This was not just a collection of Trump supporters with MAGA bling caught up in a wave.

That revelation came in real time to Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., who briefly took over proceedings in the House chamber as the mob closed in Wednesday and Pelosi was spirited to safer quarters moments before everything went haywire.

“I saw this crowd of people banging on that glass screaming,” McGovern told The Associated Press on

Sunday. “Looking at their faces, it occurred to me, these aren’t protesters. These are people who want to do harm.”

“What I saw in front of me,” he said, “was basically home-grown fascism, out of control.”

Pelosi said Sunday “the evidence is that it was a well-planned, organized group with leadership and guidance and direction. And the direction was to go get people.” She did not elaborate on that point in a “60 Minutes” interview on CBS.

The scenes of rage, violence and agony are so vast that the whole of it may still be beyond comprehension. But with countless smartphone videos emerging from the scene, much of it from gloating insurrectionists themselves, and more lawmakers recounting the chaos that was around them, the contours of the uprising are increasingly coming into relief.

THE STAGING

The mob got stirring encouragement from Trump and more explicit marching orders from the president’s men.

“Fight like hell,” Trump exhorted his partisans at the staging rally. “Let’s have trial by combat,” implored his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, whose attempt to throw out election results in trial by courtroom failed. It’s time to “start taking down names and kicking ass,” said Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama.

Criminals pardoned by Trump, among them

Roger Stone and Michael Flynn, came forward at rallies on the eve of the attack to tell the crowds they were fighting a battle between good and evil. On Capitol Hill, Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri gave a clenched-fist salute to the hordes outside the Capitol as he pulled up to press his challenge of the election results.

The crowd was pumped. Until a little after 2 p.m., Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was at the helm for the final minutes of decorum in partnership with Pence, who was serving his ceremonial role presiding over the process.

Both men had backed Trump’s agenda and excused or ignored his provocations for four years, but now had no mechanism or will to subvert the election won by Biden. That placed them high among the insurrectionists’ targets, no different in the minds of the mob from the “socialists.”

“If this election were overturned by mere allegations from the losing side, our democracy would enter a death spiral,” McConnell told his chamber, not long before things spiraled out of control in what lawmakers call the “People’s House.” Far-right social media users had openly hinted for weeks that chaos would erupt at the Capitol when Congress convened to certify the election results. As the attack unfolded, they urged followers to “trust the plan”

and “hold the line.” Just what the plan might have been is central to the investigation.

The FBI is investigating whether some of the attackers intended to kidnap members of Congress and hold them hostage. Authorities are particularly focused on why some in the mob were seen carrying plastic zip-tie handcuffs and had apparently accessed areas of the Capitol generally difficult for the public to locate.

THE ASSAULT

Thousands had swarmed the Capitol. They charged into police and metal barricades outside the building, shoving and hitting officers in their way. The assault quickly pushed through the vastly outnumbered police line; officers ran down one man and pummeled him.

In the melee outside, near the structure built for Joe Biden’s inauguration on Jan. 20, a man threw a fire extinguisher at the helmeted head of a police officer. Then he picked up a bullhorn and threw it at officers, too.

The identity of the officer could not immediately be confirmed. But Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who was wounded in the chaos, died the next night; officials say he had been hit in the head with a fire extinguisher.

Shortly after 2 p.m., Capitol Police sent an alert telling workers in a House office building to head to underground transporta-

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“What Did You Expect?”

My Day

By: Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J Ester Davis

Were you really surprised about the mob attacks on Capitol Hill last Tuesday? What do you think would have been the final death toll had the “mob” been black? Were you actually “shocked” at the mannerisms of these domestic terrorists? How much of the action, destruction and abuse of federal property did you watch in utter horror? In a word for me it was sincerely heartbreaking. My opinion sense, as that of many, many Americans, was sure that the “madness” and venom piling up on the shelf over the last 48 months, would finally explode and all would come towering down. The thought of Capitol Hill as a “crime scene” lingers as a nightmare and will enter the

history books as a red white and blue stain on all Americans.

My simply question is what did you expect? Admittedly, I did not like Number 45. He was none of what this country promises. Putting that aside, for the past four(4)years, Number 45 has had ‘abuse over here’ . . . abuse over there’, cutting corners down there, evading, avoiding, erasing, executive quibbling, recklessness and absence-in-action. He was overwhelmingly inducted into the Embarrassment Hall of Fame. We lived with ‘alternative facts’ before acknowledging everyday lying from the President of the United States. We lived with outrage overload over his ever ending callous nonsense . The daily dose of “tweets” became the chief communique replacing press conferences, civil answers, common decency and respect. Can you imagine, he hired and fired via tweet. He openly, unabashedly represented a

portion of the American public with purpose. The attack on Capitol Hill was bound to happen in my opinion and we should have been prepared for an upheaval.

Number 45 had a sub-standard reputation long before the presidency. A bit of history. . . back in 1989 and the Central Park Seven. Five young black and brown teenagers were arrested for a crime they did not commit. Number 45 paid \$25,000 for a full-page ad in a New York newspaper announcing their crime and conviction before the trial. In 1991, he filed his first recorded bankruptcy after accumulating over three(\$3) billion dollars in debt. In 1992, he has a very public affair with a twenty(20)year-old-something actress and divorced the mother of his three(3)young children. Why did the American voting population invest in a character with so many flaws? What did you expect?

President #45 filed

bankruptcy a total of six(6)times citing debts of 1.8 billion dollars plus. After his series of bankruptcies in 2010 he manufactured a charge that President Obama was an illegitimate commander-in-chief, because he was not born in America. That grass fire lie spread like a range war around the world over many months until finally President Obama stopped running the country and appeared with an official copy of his birth certificate.

Now, here we are with an attempt to overturn a legitimate lawful election and a Texas Senator wanna-be in charge. Texas is now a purple state and moving on. Ted Cruz is not a viable candidate for election in Texas and stands in the line with those charged. Do sign the petition for Ted Cruz to be fired. We MUST remember all these elected “lawless criminals” and their actions. America deserves a future.

We must remember.

America Is Choking

By: Oscar H. Blayton



Oscar H. Blayton

Two weeks after Donald Trump’s 2016 inauguration as president of the United States, I wrote a commentary titled "America Chose Donald Trump, Now It Will Choke on Him." It has been four years in coming, but America has finally choked.

On Jan. 6, 2021, as the U. S. Congress was on the verge of ceremoniously certifying Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 election and attesting that he would become the 46th president of the United States, Trump incited a violent mob of thugs to riot and attack the U.S. Capitol for the purpose of effecting a coup that he hoped would allow him to remain in office.

There is no question that Trump sought to void a lawful election using violence and intimidation when he whipped this mob into a destructive frenzy that resulted in an insurrection.

But while Trump lit the match that ignited the flames of insurgency, it must be kept in mind that the rioting mob was comprised of Americans who claimed to be aggrieved for one imagined reason or

another.

It is no surprise that a majority of white voters wanted to give this human dumpster fire another four years in order to drive this country further into rack and ruin. But it should be surprising that a large percentage of white voters who did not vote for Trump enabled him to rise to the highest seat of power in America.

While our white friends did not vote for this dangerous bigot, too few of them said anything or did anything to try to dissuade their mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, neighbors and co-workers from voting for him.

It is time for our white friends to stop standing on the sidelines with sad faces as their loved ones and neighbors cheer Trump as he spews his most hateful and racist rhetoric. It is time for those white friends to confront these bigoted people and demand that they be better citizens and better people.

It is also time for people of color to stop tiptoeing around those of our white friends who give their friends and relatives a pass when it comes to bigoted behavior.

This is an uncomfortable conversation that no one wants to have because it lays bare the failure our friends to support our right to be treated equally as human beings while indict-

ing ourselves for enabling them to ignore our mistreatment in America.

Once we begin this pushing, if our white friends are willing to allow people of color to be abused by acts of white supremacy for the sake of harmonious relations with their white friends and family members, then it will be clear their friendship with us has limitations. It is as clear as when the white friends of our Southern childhood would play with us in their yards but not dare to allow us to enter their homes.

There are those who may try to normalize what happened during the Trump years as “just politics.” They may try to tell us that the Muslim ban was not really a ban against any one religion or even that locking children in cages was not as bad as it appeared to be. They may try to convince us that they did not know that Trump was as bad as he was. They may try to explain that Trump’s calling NFL players “sons of b*tch***” for taking a knee during the playing of the National Anthem was just his reaction to what he saw as an attack against our national symbol. But that does not square with his calling the insurrectionists who vandalized the U.S. Capitol while attempting to carry out a coup against our government “very special peo-

ple” and telling them that he loved them. On Jan. 6, we got a good hard look at the enemies of America, and the enemies are us. The enemies are certainly those who attacked democracy by assaulting the seat of our national government. But the enemies are also those of us willing to give a pass to their loved ones who are the haters and killers that go berserk at the thought of racial equality. And the enemies are those of us people of color who subsume our best interest for the sake of harmonious friendships with people who are willing to allow us to be hung from the gnarled tree of white supremacy.

As Ibram X. Kendi points out in his book How To Be An Antiracist, “The opposite of ‘racist’ isn’t ‘not racist,’ it’s ‘antiracist.’” And we are choking as a nation because Donald Trump has shoved racism down America’s throat and America will continue to choke on it until we all become antiracists.

It is time for people of color to put our white friends on the spot and call out their complacency with the bigotry and racial hatred of their loved ones. We cannot move forward as a nation if we are content to stay tucked away in our separate comfort zones. This country will move forward only when each one of us steps forward.

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the highest rates of injury and death of any job, and endured abusive bosses. And they did so for incredibly low wages.

In 1934, San Francisco longshoremen – who were non-union since employers had crushed their union in 1919 – reorganized and led a coast-wide "Big Strike."

In the throes of the Great Depression, these increasingly militant and radicalized dockworkers walked off the job. After 83 days on strike, they won a huge victory: wage increases, a coast-wide contract and union-

controlled hiring halls. Soon, these "wharf rats," among the region's poorest and most exploited workers, became "lords of the docks," commanding the highest wages and best conditions of any blue-collar worker in the region.

At its inception, Local 10's membership was 99 percent white. But Harry Bridges, the union's charismatic leader, joined with fellow union radicals to commit to racial equality in its ranks.

Originally from Australia, Bridges started working on the San Francisco waterfront in

the early 1920s. It was during the Big Strike that he emerged as a leader.

Bridges coordinated during the strike with C.L. Dellums, the leading black unionist in the Bay Area, and made sure the handful of black dockworkers would not cross picket lines as replacement workers. Bridges promised they would get a fair deal in the new union. One of the union's first moves after the strike was integrating work gangs that previously had been segregated.

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tion tunnels that crisscross the complex. Minutes later, Pence was taken from the Senate chamber to a secret location and police announced the lockdown of the Capitol. "You may move throughout the building(s) but stay away from exterior windows and doors," said the email blast. "If you are outside, seek cover."

At 2:15 p.m., the Senate recessed its Electoral College debate and a voice was heard over the chamber's audio system: "The protesters are in the building." The

doors of the House chamber were barricaded and lawmakers inside it were told they may need to duck under their chairs or relocate to cloakrooms off the House floor because the mob has breached the Capitol Rotunda.

Even before the mob reached sealed doors of the House chamber, Capitol Police pulled Pelosi away from the podium, she told "60 Minutes."

"I said, 'No, I want to be here,'" she said. "And they said, 'Well, no, you have to leave.' I said, 'No, I'm not leaving.' They said, 'No, you must leave.'" So she did.

At 2:44 p.m., as lawmakers inside the House chamber prepared to be evacuated, a gunshot was heard from right outside, in the Speaker's Lobby on the other side of the barricaded doors. That's when Ashli Babbit, wearing a Trump flag like a cape, was shot to death on camera as insurrectionists railed, her blood pooling on the white marble floor.

The Air Force veteran from California had climbed through a broken window into the Speaker's Lobby before a police officer's gunshot felled her.

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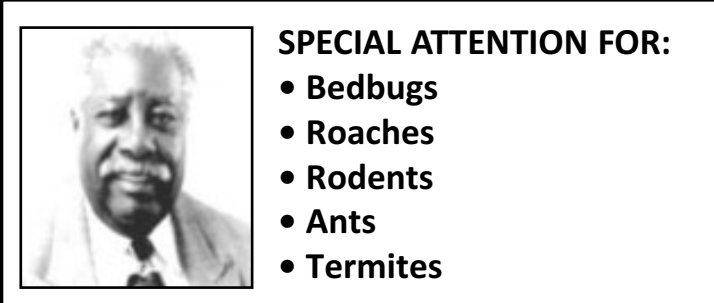


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City of Dallas celebrates 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week virtually

DALLAS – The City of Dallas, led by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, will officially kick off a week’s long celebration of virtual events to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme of this year’s celebration is “The fierce urgency of now”, transpiring January 15 to January 23. This year’s events are presented by Reliant.

“The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is a longstanding Dallas tradition that the MLK Community Center and Office of Community Care is proud to support,” said Office of Community Care Director Jessica Galleghaw. “This year’s events will be very different, taking place entirely in a virtual platform and amidst the backdrop of a global pandemic and its economic and human impacts, but our team has been intentional in moving forward with these important events and conversations, and honoring the legacy of Dr. King.”

The official celebration kicks off Friday, January 15, Dr. King’s birthday, with a Candle Lighting Ceremony. This virtual event will be hosted by community partner, the Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

The celebration will include a series of events that reiterate the fierce urgency of now. Whether jobseekers are excited to experience live hiring, students desire help sparking dialogue against racial injustices in their schools, or communities want to contribute to the strategy of depleting disparities in the city, then inclusivity is available for all residents.

City of Dallas will close this year’s celebration with the 39th Annual MLK Scholarship and Awards Gala featuring keynote speaker Cynthia “Cynt” Marshall, CEO of the Dallas Mavericks, a welcome from the Honorable Mayor Eric Johnson, Master of Ceremony Demond Fernandez, WFAA and Mistress of Ceremony Tashara Parker, WFAA. The gala is a cornerstone for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and is a long-standing tradition of the city of Dallas that includes a series of education and impact-oriented events to honor Dr. King.

The City of Dallas, thanks Reliant for being the 2021 presenting sponsor of the first ever virtual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week. Reliant powers, protects and simplifies life by bringing electricity, security and related services to homes and businesses across Texas.

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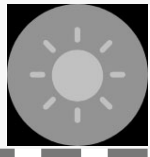


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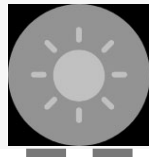
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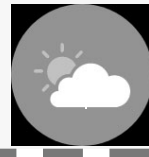
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'Uncharted waters': More NBA games off as virus issues grow

By: Tim Reynolds

The NBA called off two more games because of COVID-related and contact-tracing issues on Monday, and the Miami Heat were preparing to be without eight players — including All-Stars Jimmy Butler and Bam Adebayo — for several days because of possible exposure to the coronavirus.

Monday's game in Dallas between the Mavericks and the New Orleans Pelicans was postponed by the league, as well as Tuesday's matchup in Chicago between the Bulls and the Boston Celtics. The league's general managers met Monday to discuss the virus situation, with involvement from the National Basketball Players Association. The NBA's board of governors will meet Tuesday.

The latest postponements came one day after Miami's game in Boston was called off because of contact-tracing issues within the Heat. The Celtics would have been without seven players for virus-related issues for that game. Miami's Avery Bradley, who did not play in the NBA's restart bubble last season out of concern about exposure to the virus, was also ruled out of that game because of the protocols.



Dallas Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle and Josh Richardson (0) argue with referees after Richardson was called for a foul during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Paul Beaty)

"We're in uncharted waters," Philadelphia coach Doc Rivers said.

Added to the Heat list following contact tracing: Butler, Adebayo, Goran Dragic, Moe Harkless, Udonis Haslem, Kendrick Nunn and KZ Okpala. That does not mean any tested positive, but that tracing showed they may have been exposed to a positive person. Some may be back in time for Miami's home game Saturday against Detroit.

Another three Heat players are on the injury list, raising the question if they will have the eight

required players to start games. NBA GMs, according to a person familiar with the discussion who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the conversations were private, talked about increasing roster sizes Monday, along with stiffening protocols about player interaction such as postgame handshakes and hugs — as well as even more of a commitment to social distancing and mask wearing.

Rivers said he's not in favor of adding to the roster size, but suggested a

nine-player minimum instead of the current eight might be a prudent change "to have a healthy chance of playing an NBA game."

The Heat were flying from Boston to Philadelphia on Monday night in advance of a game there Tuesday, while another flight was bringing those who needed to be quarantined back to Miami, said a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because those details were not publicly released.

"I think the general sentiment is that everyone wants to play but also everyone wants to be safe first," Heat guard Duncan Robinson said during an appearance on Reddit.

Dallas — which was without starters Josh Richardson and Dorian Finney-Smith and backup Jalen Brunson on Saturday because of virus issues — did not have enough players cleared to play Monday because the contact-tracing process was still ongoing, said a person with knowledge of that situation who spoke with AP on condition of anonymity because it had not been disclosed publicly.

Contact tracing within the NBA has gotten much more high-tech in recent days, with a new requirement that everyone within the travel parties wear an electronic device that tracks their proximity to one another. The data from those devices is part of the determination as to whether a player needs to quarantine because of possible exposure.

The two new postponements means four games so far have been called off due to virus-related matters. Philadelphia played at home against Denver on Saturday with seven players — eight were

available — because of a combination of virus issues and injuries. The NBA also fined the 76ers \$25,000 on Monday for not properly disclosing ahead of time that Ben Simmons would miss that game with an injury.

"The league is doing a very good job trying to adjust to the situation," 76ers guard Isaiah Joe said.

The first game postponed this season was the Dec. 23 matchup between Oklahoma City and Houston. The NBA said Sunday night that the league anticipated there would be issues and has no plans to pause the season because of the current issues some teams are facing.

"It is an awful world right now," Brooklyn coach Steve Nash said. "We're all facing this, whether you're an NBA team player, organization, front office or you're somebody that doesn't work in the industry. It's an awful world, a scary world. We're losing lives every single day in big numbers. So, I think the league's doing the best we can. I think we're trying our best to get through the season, but I think we have to be ready for everything and I think we're all concerned."

PGA Championship leaving Trump National in '22 tournament

By: Doug Ferguson



FILE - In this Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, file photo, golfers play golf at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. T.Jan. 6. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File)

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — The PGA of America cut ties to President Donald Trump when it voted Sunday to take the PGA Championship event away from his New Jersey golf course next year.

The vote comes four days after the Trump-fueled riot at the nation's Capitol as Congress was certifying the election victory of President-elect Joe Biden. This is the second time in just over five years

the PGA of America removed one of its events from a Trump course.

PGA President Jim Richerson says the board voted to exercise its right to "terminate the agreement" with Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey.

"We find ourselves in a political situation not of our making," Seth Waugh, the CEO of the PGA of America, said in a telephone interview. "We're fiduciaries for our mem-

bers, for the game, for our mission and for our brand. And how do we best protect that? Our feeling was given the tragic events of Wednesday that we could no longer hold it at Bedminster. The damage could have been irreparable. The only real course of action was to leave."

It canceled the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in 2015 at Trump National Los Angeles Golf Club after Trump's disparaging remarks about Mexican immigrants when he announced he was seeking the Republican nomination for president. The event was canceled for good the following spring.

The shocking insurrection Wednesday rattled the country, and in golf circles, attention quickly focused on whether the PGA of America would keep its premier championship — and one of

golf's four major championships — at Trump's course in 2022.

"Our decision wasn't about speed and timing," Waugh said. "What matters most to our board and leadership is protecting our brand and reputation, and the ability for our members to lead the growth of the game, which they do through so many powerful programs in their communities."

The Trump Organization said in a statement it has "a beautiful partnership with the PGA of America and are incredibly disappointed with their decision."

"This is a breach of a binding contract and they have no right to terminate the agreement," the statement said. "As an organization we have invested many, many millions of dollars in the 2022 PGA Championship at Trump

National Golf Club, Bedminster. We will continue to promote the game of golf on every level and remain focused on operating the finest golf courses anywhere in the world."

Trump had delivered a speech to his supporters in which he repeatedly made baseless claims that the election was stolen from him and urged them to "fight."

They stormed the U.S. Capitol as lawmakers were in the process of certifying President-elect Joe Biden's victory. After forcing their way inside, the violent crowd ransacked the building and sent terrified staff and lawmakers into hiding. Five people, including a Capitol police officer, died.

A new ABC News/Ipsos poll released Sunday found that 67% of respondents said Trump deserves a "good amount" or a

"great deal" of blame for the insurrection.

"This is not because of any pressures we feel. We're not being forced into a decision," Waugh said. "We had to make a business decision. It's a perpetual institution. My job is to hand it off better than when I found it. One hundred years from now, we still want to be vibrant."

Trump also owns Turnberry in Scotland, one of the most picturesque links in the British Open rotation most famous for the "Duel in Sun" between Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus in 1977, and most recently Stewart Cink beating a 59-year-old Watson in a playoff in 2009.

The R&A, which determines the British Open rotation, has not returned to Turnberry since Trump bought the resort in 2014.

Impeachment Shame for Donald Trump — Presidency Concludes on Lowest Note in History

First came the testimony and closing arguments – Congress members laid out a four-year reign of terror that was Donald Trump’s presidency. Then came the verdict – Congress voted to impeach Trump, and in the process, placed an exclamation stamp at the end of perhaps the most divisive presidency in American history. It also marked the first time that a president was impeached twice – in Trump’s case, it is the second consecutive January that House members agreed to the strongest rebuke it could provide a sitting president. Trump was impeached in 2020 for obstruction of Congress and abuse of power. This time, Congress nailed him for “incitement of insurrection,” a shameful charge – probably the most dishonorable of any president. The Senate must now host a trial and decide whether to remove Trump, who has just one week remaining in his term. “For years, we have been asked to turn a blind eye to the criminality, corruption, and blatant disregard to the rule of law by the tyrant president we have in the White House. We as a nation can no longer look away,” Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) declared. Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern, the Chairman of the House Rules Committee, blasted: “President Donald Trump and his allies were stoking the anger of a violent mob.” “A member of this very body proclaimed on that stage, today is the day American patriots start taking down names and kicking ass,” McGovern, of Massachusetts stated.



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American patriots start taking down names and kicking ass,” McGovern, of Massachusetts stated. “Trump’s personal attorney Rudy Giuliani called for trial by combat. Then Donald Trump told the crowd, ‘we’re going to have to fight much harder. You’ll never take back our country with weakness.’” Despite some pushback from die-hard Trump supporters in Congress, the House voted to impeach the 45th president. Unlike the first time the House impeached, Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), the Senate Republican leader, has declared support for impeachment. At least seven other Republicans have voiced that they too favor impeaching Trump.

If convicted in the Senate, Trump would no longer be eligible to hold public office, lose his \$200,000 pension for the rest of his life, and forfeit a \$1 million per year travel allowance. Trump would still maintain eligibility for secret service protection. The House impeachment resolution that passed on Wednesday cited “incitement and insurrection” for the President’s role in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Before introducing impeachment legislation, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) attempted to pass a resolution to ask Vice President Mike Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove the President from office. The law has only been

used a handful of times, most recently when, on Jun. 8, 2002, President George W. Bush’s powers were transferred to Vice President Dick Cheney for about an hour because Bush was under sedation for a medical procedure. Section 4 of the Amendment strips power from the President. It states that the Vice President and a majority of Cabinet can deem the President unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.” If the 25th Amendment were invoked, Pence would assume the presidency and serve out what remains in Trump’s term. However, Pence declined to invoke the measure. “[Trump] needs to be removed. He’s dangerous,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi stated,

echoing the sentiments of more than 200 members of Congress. “The president not only incited an insurrection against our government – but has in word and in deed led a rebellion,” Congresswoman Omar declared on the House floor. “We cannot simply move past this or turn the page for us to be able to survive as a functioning democracy.” Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-Calif.) also railed against the Pro-Trump insurrectionists as “terrorists radicalized by Donald Trump.” “We were attacked by terrorists, but this time the terrorists were radicalized right here in the United States,” Congresswoman Chu said. “Worse, they were radicalized by the President,

who intentionally lied to his supporters that the election was stolen, and then told them when to come to D.C., where to protest and who to direct their anger at. “The need to remove Trump from office could not be more urgent. He is too dangerous to remain in office. Donald Trump must be held accountable. He must be impeached.” In the impeachment legislation, Congress members wrote that the “President demonstrated that he would remain a threat to national security, democracy, and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law.” Further, the resolution states, “President Trump warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.” Specifically, the resolution identifies Trump’s Jan. 2 phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger urging him to “find” enough votes to overturn the state’s election results. “We cannot allow this unprecedented provocation to go unanswered,” House members said in a statement. “Everyone involved in this assault must be held accountable, beginning with the man most responsible for it – President Donald Trump. We cannot begin to heal the soul of this country without first delivering swift justice to all its enemies — foreign and domestic.”



‘Wildly silly,’ perceptive Amber Ruffin earns TV spotlight

By LYNN ELBER
Photo (Virginia Sherwood/Peacock via AP)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you’re someday in need of a plus-one to liven an unpromising party, consider Amber Ruffin. In fact, skip the party and just hang with Ruffin, whose weekly comedy show is proving her to be

an excellent company. Ruffin’s exuberant charm can and should lure you in to Peacock’s weekly “The Amber Ruffin Show,” but expect humor that’s incisive and impressively deft, including on race, politics and the

sunny side of life, such as it is. A memorable moment from Ruffin’s show last fall was a lullaby she sang oh-so-sweetly: “The sun has set, it’s time to go to bed. Brush your teeth and rest your sleepy head. When you wake in the morning, you’ll rise and do your best. Then in November, your vote will be suppressed.” Trained in improv and a writer on NBC’s “Late Night with Seth Meyers” since 2014, Ruffin was

ready for her star turn on Peacock: The streaming service ordered 10 additional episodes of the weekly show that debuted last fall, with new half-hours released on Fridays. Ruffin easily shifts from “wildly silly to incredibly insightful and moving,” Meyers said. “There are very few people that can swing back and forth as ably as Amber can, and that’s been on full display on our show and even more so on hers.” Tarik Davis, her long-

time comedy partner and an actor and singer, is Ruffin’s game sidekick through jokes, skits and duets. The Omaha, Nebraska, native spoke with The Associated Press about her start in entertainment, how she and other Black women are making their mark, and the book Ruffin wrote with her sister, Lacey Lamar, about routine brushes with racism — and yes, “You’ll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey” is funny as well

as eye-opening. The interview has been edited for clarity and length. AP: Amid demands for diversity, a number of Black women are coming into their own as successful writers, producers and performers, including you, Robin Thede and Issa Rae. Why do you think that’s the case? Ruffin: I hope they look back at what society is and what workplaces are and go, ‘I’ve helped create a place where stories like these aren’t welcome.’

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Kourtlan: From charter school to thriving in Dallas ISD

DALLAS — As she watched her son help lead the David W. Carter High School swim team to a district championship last school year, Kathlyn Freeman thought about how much Dallas ISD has benefited her family.



Kourtlan and Kathlyn Freeman / Photo Courtesy of the HUB

Her son, Kourtlan Freeman, transferred from a charter school to attend the Innovation Design Entrepreneurship Academy at James W. Fannin, a personalized learning high school that is one of more than 100 choice school options offered in Dallas ISD. Students enrolled at a Dallas ISD choice school or program can participate in sports and extracurricular activities at their home school. In Kourtlan's case, he joined David W. Carter High School's swim team as a freshman last year.

Kourtlan grow academically and socially," said Freeman. "We did not know what to expect when I decided to transfer him for the first time to a public school after attending charter schools all his life. It's been such a great experience Freeman wanted to transfer Kourtlan from a charter to public school so he could experience a more diverse school community that would help him learn about different cultures. She has been very pleased because not only is Kourtlan sur-

rounded by a broader diversity of students and staff, but he is also receiving a personalized education tailored to his needs and interests, which is what choice school options offer students in Dallas ISD.

"IDEA has given us an experience that we would not have found in a charter school," Freeman said of Kourtlan's school. "Dallas ISD offers many programs and inclusive environments for families, and there are a lot of opportunities for parents to get involved."

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Back in the House chamber, a woman in the balcony was seen and heard screaming. Why she was doing that only became clear later when video circulated. She was screaming a prayer.

Within about 10 minutes of the shooting, House lawmakers and staff members who had been covering during the onslaught, terror etched into their faces, had been taken from the chamber and gallery to a secure room. The mob broke into Pelosi's offices while members of her staff hid in one of the rooms of her suite.

"The staff went under the table, barricaded the door, turned out the lights

and were silent in the dark," she said. "Under the table for two and a half hours."

On the Senate side, Capitol Police had circled the chamber and ordered all staff and reporters and any nearby senators into the chamber and locked it down. At one point about 200 people were inside; an officer armed with what appeared to be a semi-automatic weapon stood between McConnell and the Democratic leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer.

Authorities then ordered an evacuation and rushed everyone inside to a secure location, the Senate parliamentary staff scooping up the boxes holding the Electoral College certificates.

Although the Capitol's attackers had been sent with Trump's exhortation to fight, they appeared in some cases to be surprised that they had actually made it in.

When they breached the abandoned Senate chamber, they milled around, rummaged through papers, sat at desks and took videos and pictures. One of them climbed to the dais and yelled, "Trump won that election!" Two others were photographed carrying flex cuffs typically used for mass arrests.

But outside the chamber, the mob's hunt was still on for lawmakers. "Where are they?" people could be heard yelling.

That question could have also applied to rein-

forcements — where were they?

At about 5:30 p.m., once the National Guard had arrived to supplement the overwhelmed Capitol Police force, a full-on effort began to get the attackers out.

Heavily armed officers brought in as reinforcements started using tear gas in a coordinated fashion to get people moving

toward the door, then combed the halls for stragglers. As darkness fell, they pushed the mob farther out onto the plaza and lawn, using officers in riot gear in full shields and clouds of tear gas, flashbangs and percussion grenades.

At 7:23 p.m., officials announced that people hunkered down in two nearby congressional

office buildings could leave "if anyone must."

Within the hour, the Senate had resumed its work and the House followed, returning the People's House to the control of the people's representatives. Lawmakers affirmed Biden's election victory early the next morning, shell-shocked by the catastrophic failure of security.