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Supporters of President Trump storm the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. What started as a protest turned into an insurrection with the mob eventually growing into the thousands, bashing through Capitol doors and windows and forcing their way past police officers.

Congress confirms Electoral College victory after pro-Trump insurrection at U.S. Capitol

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK, ANDREW TAYLOR and CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress confirmed Democrat Joe Biden as the presidential election winner early Thursday after a violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in a stunning attempt to overturn America's presidential election, undercut the nation's democracy and keep Trump in the White House.

Lawmakers were resolved to complete the Electoral College tally in a display to the country, and the world, of the nation's enduring commitment to uphold the will of the voters and the peaceful transfer of power. They pushed through the night with tensions high and the nation's capital on alert.

Before dawn Thursday, lawmakers finished their work, confirming Biden won the election.

Vice President Mike Pence, presiding over the joint session, announced the electoral vote tally, 306-232.

Trump, who had repeatedly refused to concede the election, said in a statement immediately after the vote that there will be a smooth transition of power on Inauguration Day.



Bloomberg/Erin Scott

Vice President Mike Pence walks through the U.S. Capitol early this morning in Washington D.C. After the Capitol was secured Wednesday, Pence presided over a session that stretched well past midnight and resulted in the certification of President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory.

"Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th," Trump said in a statement posted to Twitter by an aide.

The Capitol was under siege Wednesday, as the nation's elected representatives scrambled to crouch under desks and don gas masks while police futilely tried to barricade the

building, one of the most jarring scenes ever to unfold in a seat of American political power.

"Where are they?" a Trump supporter demanded in a crowd of dozens roaming the halls of the Capitol, bearing Trump flags and pounding on doors.

Guns were drawn. A woman was shot and killed by police, and three others died in apparent medical emergencies. A Trump flag hung on the Capi-

tol. The Rotunda reeked of tear gas. Glass shattered.

The rioters were egged on by Trump, who has spent weeks falsely attacking the integrity of the election and had urged his supporters to descend on Washington to protest Congress' formal approval of Biden's victory.

Trump told his morning crowd at the Ellipse that he would go with them to the Capitol, but he didn't. Instead he sent them off with incendiary rhetoric.

"If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore," he said. "Let the weak ones get out," he went on. "This is a time for strength."

His lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, told the crowd, "Let's have trial by combat."

Some Republican lawmakers were in the midst of raising objections to the results on his behalf when the proceedings were abruptly halted by the mob. Trump supporters clashed with police who blasted pepper spray in an attempt to hold them back.

It didn't work. Throngs of maskless MAGA-hatted demonstrators tore down metal barricades at the bottom of the Capitol's steps. Some in the crowd were shouting "traitors" as officers tried to keep them back. They broke into the building.

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County moves back to orange

Jay spent one week at yellow in metrics

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

We're orange again. Indiana State Department of Health's updated county metrics today moved Jay County back to "orange" (high risk for the spread of coronavirus). The county had been "yellow" (moderate risk) last week when it was the only county in the state to reach that status.

County metrics are based on Sunday numbers, with updates released on Wednesdays.

Jay County's indicators — cases per 100,000 residents and seven-day positivity rate — that are used in the metrics both bumped up this week. Its case number, which had dropped to 190 per 100,000 residents last week, is now back up to 264. Its positivity rate moved up to 10.5% from 9.5% a week earlier.

The state department of health's metrics continued to show greater risk statewide. Fifty-seven of Indiana's 92 counties were "red" (severe risk) this week. The other 35, including Jay and each of its adjacent counties, were "orange."

"Across the state of Indiana if you look at all the counties and the state in general, we call kind of rebounded after the holidays," said Jay County Health Department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz. "I believe we're seeing that increase after people got together we're seeing some instances of transmission from those type of gatherings."

Jay County has seen its numbers come down since their November peak when the county recorded 684 cases for an average of 22.8 per day. It averaged 18.9 cases per day through the first 16 days of December and then 7 per day for the rest of that month. It is averaging 6.6 cases per day through the first five days of January.

The county finished 2020 with 1,511 total cases, with nearly 1,100 of those in November and December. It had 21 deaths, including one on New Year's Eve.

Butz re-emphasized the importance of continuing to follow safety measures to help slow the spread of coronavirus.

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Committee passes school funding bill

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill passed Wednesday through committee in the Indiana House of Representatives would ensure annual funding for Jay Schools wouldn't decrease because of its virtual students.

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City), who represents Jay County as well as Randolph County and part of Delaware

County, was among 24 to unanimously pass House Bill 1003 through the Ways and Means Committee in its first meeting of the legislative session.

"I'm very happy to see it has passed the House Ways and Means committee," Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley said Wednesday afternoon, noting it's one of the bills he's had his eye on early in the session.

The bill would redefine how many in-person students a traditional brick-and-mortar school needs in order to qualify for 15% of its funding for the 2020-21 school year.

Jay Schools, like most other districts in the state, have allowed students to choose whether they want to attend school virtually or in-person. The bill, if signed into law, would ensure corporations wouldn't be classified as a "virtu-

al institution" for having students attend school online in the midst of a pandemic.

Gulley said he has been in discussion with Prescott and State Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), who represents northeast Indiana including Jay County, on this provision as well as maintaining school funding in the upcoming budget bill, which will appropriate state funds for two years beginning July 1.

"We're in hopes that we can see our revenues not be cut as a result of the COVID impact," Gulley said.

Gulley said he hopes House Bill 1003 becomes law prior to the biannual enrollment count at the beginning of February. Speaker of the House Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said Monday that the provision will be fast-tracked through the legislative process.

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Deaths

Randy Ingram, 62, Ridgeville
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County ranged between 32 and 36 degrees Wednesday. Tonight's low will be 27. Friday's forecast calls for a high of 32 under mostly cloudy skies.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Funding for a new animal control shelter in Jay County has been a key topic of discussion locally over the last few months. What are your thoughts on the issue?
Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS swim meet against Celina.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



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Police said they recovered two pipe bombs, one outside the Democratic National Committee and one outside the Republican National Committee and a cooler from a vehicle that had a long gun and Molotov cocktail on Capitol grounds.

Yet Trump, in a video posted 90 minutes after lawmakers were evacuated, told the insurrectionists "We love you. You're very special," while asking them to go home.

Heavily armed officers brought in as reinforcements started using tear gas in a coordinated effort to get people moving toward the door, then combed the halls for stragglers, pushing the mob farther out onto the plaza and lawn, in clouds of tear gas, flash-bangs and percussion grenades. Authorities eventually regained control as night fell.

Congress reconvened in the

evening, with lawmakers decrying the protests that defaced the Capitol and vowing to finish confirming the Electoral College vote for Biden's election, even if it took all night.

Pence reopened the Senate and directly addressed the demonstrators: "You did not win."

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the "failed insurrection" underscored lawmakers' duty to finish the count. Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Congress would show the world "what America is made of" with the outcome.

Twitter for the first time time locked Trump's account, demanded that he remove tweets excusing violence and threatened "permanent suspension."

A somber President-elect Biden, two weeks away from being inaugurated, said American democracy was "under

unprecedented assault, " a sentiment echoed by many in Congress, including some Republicans. Former President George W. Bush said he watched the events in "disbelief and dismay."

Tensions were already running high when lawmakers gathered early Wednesday afternoon for the constitutionally mandated counting of the Electoral College results.

Trump spent the lead-up to the proceedings publicly hectoring Pence, who had a largely ceremonial role, to aid the effort to throw out the results. He tweeted, "Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!"

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.

In the aftermath, several Republicans announced they

would drop their objections to the election, including Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Georgia, who lost her bid for reelection Tuesday.

The woman who was killed was part of a crowd that was breaking down the doors to a barricaded room where armed officers stood on the other side, police said. She was shot in the chest by Capitol Police and taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. City police said three other people died from medical emergencies during the long protest on and around the Capitol grounds.

The mob's storming of Congress prompted outrage, mostly from Democrats but from Republicans as well, as lawmakers accused Trump of fomenting the violence with his relentless falsehoods about election fraud.

"Count me out," said Trump ally Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina. "Enough is enough."

Obituaries

Randy Ingram

Randy W. Ingram, 62, of Ridgeville, Indiana, died Monday at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Ridgeville Chapel.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Friday 1/8	Saturday 1/9	Sunday 1/10	Monday 1/11	Tuesday 1/12
34/23	33/22	35/24	34/22	34/25
Cooler under cloudy skies with temperatures expected at or below freezing all day. 10 mph wind.	Temperatures will stay about the same as Friday under mostly cloudy sunny. No snow.	Slightly warmer under mostly sunny skies with no snow projected. Above freezing parts of the day.	Slightly cooler under mostly cloudy skies. The clouds will stay at night, when it will be cool	Temperatures about the same during the day though it will be warmer at night.

Lotteries

Powerball
1-20-22-60-66
Power Ball: 3
Power Play: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$470 million

52-57-64-65-66-68-71-78
Cash 5: 13-20-21-34-45
Hoosier Lotto: 5-17-29-40-42-46
Estimated jackpot: \$3.4 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$490 million

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 8-2-8
Pick 4: 2-2-2-0
Pick 5: 5-5-3-1-6
Evening
Pick 3: 7-2-3
Pick 4: 6-3-4-4
Pick 5: 3-5-8-4-6
Rolling Cash: 1-9-15-34-39
Classic Lotto: 2-16-17-23-44-45
Kicker: 3-3-7-8-4-9
Estimated jackpot: \$2.9 million

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 4-3-9
Daily Four: 9-3-3-2
Quick Draw: 4-6-10-13-23-25-27-28-41-44-45-46-49-56-61-63-66-67-74-80
Evening
Daily Three: 7-4-6
Daily Four: 8-2-8-2
Quick Draw: 11-15-18-19-21-23-24-29-38-39-40-47

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery	Central States Montpelier
Corn.....4.94	Corn.....4.89
Wheat6.28	Feb. corn4.91
	Beans13.55
	Feb. beans13.55
	Wheat6.34
	July wheat 6.04

The Andersons Richland Township	Sunrise St. Anthony
Corn.....4.94	Corn.....4.81
Feb. corn4.94	Feb. corn4.84
Beans13.65	Beans13.41
Feb. beans13.65	Feb. beans13.46
Wheat 6.44	Wheat6.19
Feb. wheat 6.44	Feb. wheat6.19

Today in history

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, Japanese forces began besieging American and Filipino troops in Bataan during World War II.

In 1971, the Bryant High School boys basketball team emerged from three weeks off to defeat South Whitley 73-69 in the opening round of a four-team tournament at North Manchester.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Orange ...

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"It's still very important that we still wear our masks, socially distance, sanitize our hands, avoid crowds and do all those things we've been talking about," said Butz. "We need to keep doing those even if we're in 'yellow,' that's still a significant amount of community spread going on. To get a reduction in transmission, we need to keep doing those things."

The bump back up to "orange" came just hours after health officer Dr. Jerry Whetzel noted at the Jay County Board of Health meeting that Jay County Health Department is expected to receive its first delivery of coronavirus vaccine this week.

Doses are planned to be administered next week with a likely focus on first responders.

Sign-ups to start Friday

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The platform to schedule appointments for coronavirus vaccinations will become available to Indiana residents 80 and older starting Friday as state health officials start expanding access to those shots.

The next vaccination steps announced Wednesday come after vaccinations of Indiana health care workers began Dec. 16 and extended to nursing home residents and staffers last week.

State health officials said that they plan to start offering vaccinations in the coming weeks next to those 70 and older and then 60 and older. Those age groups make up 93% of Indiana's more than 8,700 coronavirus-related deaths since March.

"We are really concentrating on saving lives and reducing hospitalizations," said Dr. Lindsay Weaver, the state health department's chief medical officer.

"If we vaccinate every Hoosier that's 60 and older, that's 1.5 million people and so it'll be quite some time before we get that vaccine in order to do it."

Notification postcards about scheduling vaccination appointments will be sent out to some 250,000 people ages 80 and older, State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said. Appointments will be available in all 92 counties and can be made starting Friday for those 80 and older at the website ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said he believed the vaccinations plan was appropriate as two-thirds of Indiana's COVID-19 hospitalizations are of those ages 60 and older.

"Taking this by age eligibility, will keep this not just methodical, but it will eat into where we have the most vulnerable Hoosiers at risk," Holcomb said.

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An almost-identical bill was discussed but not voted on in the state Senate's Education and Career Development committee Wednesday. Huston earlier this week said he was unsure if the House or Senate bill would be the one to ultimately be sent to Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

During the Ways and Means committee meeting, Rep. Edward DeLaney (D-Indianapolis) proposed an amendment extending the bill through the 2021-22 school year in anticipation that students may still be attending school virtually next school year.

That amendment was later withdrawn after committee chair Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville) said that extension is planned to be discussed during the deliberations over the budget bill as it would have implications on other funding matters for schools.

Gulley said it's too early to anticipate if students will still attend school virtually in the 2021-22 school year but that funding should be whole as long as they do so as a result of the pandemic.

"If virtual is in demand, (those students) should be funded. ... Until the pandemic is over," Gulley said.

This was the first Ways and Means committee meeting for Prescott as a member. He said earlier this week that he was excited for the opportunity to serve on the committee and added it's good for House District 33 to have a representative on the committee, especially in a budget year.

To make room for the assignment, Prescott will no longer serve on the House Agriculture and Rural Development committee, as he did for the previous two legislative sessions. He will continue to serve on the committee regarding environmental affairs.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Officers found a Ridgeville woman with arrest warrants from nearly two years ago hiding in a Portland home Wednesday.

Jay County Sheriff's Department officers were inspecting a house at 2883 S. Boundary Pike for parole when they noticed some ceiling tile had fallen on the ground. While inspecting the upstairs, they found Jamie R. Heaps.

Heaps, 30, had four warrants out for her arrest with at least three dating back to November 2019. Her charges include two counts of possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and one count of unlawful possession of a

syringe, all Level 6 felonies. She was also charged a Level 5 felony for failing to appear in court for a final pretrial and a Class A misdemeanor for resisting an officer. She was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held without bond.

Three Portland residents were also arrested Wednesday for alleged drug-related charges.

James L. Weaver, 36, 2883 Boundary Pike, was preliminarily charged a Level 3 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. His bond from Jay County Jail is \$31,000.

Kelsey M. Vore, 21, 827 E. Water St., was preliminarily charged a Level 2 felony for dealing cocaine, methamphetamine or nar-

cotic drugs and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Vore is being held in Jay County Jail on \$41,000 bond.

Jesse W. Steed, 29, 119 E. North St., was preliminarily charged a Level 5 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. His bond is set at \$10,000.

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Saturday

Bichsel, Dustin: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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JCC blood drive had 57 donors

Fifty-seven donors gave blood Tuesday during a blood drive at the Jay Community Center.

Donors include Paula Barron, Marlene Runyon, Phillip Laux, Ernie Schoenlein, Kaya DeVoss, John Janak, Charles Bentz, Jane Switzer, Mark Tillman and Michael D. Schmit.

Also Franklin L. Hogle, Nancy Monroe, John Hart, Jack Chowing, Denise Glentzer, Jill Hemmelgarn, Teresa Burgess, Lori Schilling, Billy Steinbunner and Linda Steinbunner.

Also Ruthann Brockman, David Osenbaugh, Jerry Zicht, Lindy Upp, Ana Minnich, Earliiss Linder, Pam Rogers, Eric Rogers, Gary Schmiesing and Janice Wendel.

Also John Roessner,

Jayce Eldridge, Jason Minnich, Michael Zimmerman, Bethany Smith, Michael Williamson, Constance Ronald, Joseph Reinhard and Donna Bruggeman.

Also Doris Muhlenkamp, Rose Lowell, Stephen McBride, Kendra Thomas, Michael Werling, Ella Rockwell, Richard Johnston, Pamala Ray, Nichole Parks and Ronald Laux.

Also Stenson Myers, Deborah Smith, Kathlenn Wood, Josh Miller, Amy DeVoss and Dana Sparks.

Volunteering at the blood drive were Dee Humblen, Dee Dennis, Rose Snow, Julia Schwomeyer, Shirley Bennett, Edith Dickey, Roxie Zurcher, Emily Steveson, Pat Brockman, John Moore and Cleatus Rines.



Photo provided

Optimist donation

Portland Breakfast Optimist Club President Jeff Bowen presented Executive Director PJ Corwin (left) with a donation of \$300 for the Youth Service Bureau.

Hawaiian pressured to teach native language

DEAR ABBY: I came to this country 30 years ago, at 16. My parents were very abusive and neglectful, so my uncle in the U.S. took me in. I have worked with therapists, and my mind is clear about my past.

I now have a 14-year-old daughter. I do not speak to her in my native language. It is not very good at expressing love and caring, and has more emphasis on strict hierarchy and obedience.

There are many things I cannot convey in my native language. One must understand the huge cultural difference between my native country and the U.S. In addition, I do not want to force my daughter to learn something because someone else insisted. I prefer to spend my resources helping her learn something she is interested in.

If she says she wants to learn my native language, I'll teach

Dear Abby



mother, because her answer might surprise you.

That said, because your friends' comments bother you, tell them that because you don't tell them how to raise their children, you prefer they not tell you how to raise yours.

DEAR ABBY: I have a unique problem, and if it isn't resolved, I'm afraid my marriage is going to end in divorce. Ten years ago, at my brother-in-law's wedding, I was left in charge of the bar. I got drunk and made a fool of myself. This included overtly flirting with one of the bridesmaids. I'm incredibly sorry about the embarrassment it caused my wife.

Fast-forward to today: My wife has accused me of inappropriate behavior and hundreds of affairs that never happened. I have been faithful to

her since we started dating. She goes through my business phone and accuses me and my professional contacts of sexual behavior. I have offered to take a polygraph exam, but she continues to accuse me of infidelity. I'm at my wits' end, and marriage counseling isn't an option. — NOT FOOLING AROUND IN MAINE

DEAR NOT FOOLING: Marriage counseling may not be an option for you and your wife, but YOU should definitely consult a licensed psychotherapist. Something is not right with your wife. Is it possible that the wedding incident so severely unbalanced her that she has never recovered?

What you have described is a miserable existence for both of you. That it has gone unresolved for a decade is tragic. Where you need to go from here I cannot decide

for you, but a therapist may be able to guide you.

DEAR ABBY: We have a friend who often comes to us for advice, but never seems to take it. She keeps making the same mistake over and over again. How do we get through to her? — FRIENDS WHO CARE IN UTAH

DEAR FRIENDS: Candidly? Realize you can't get through to her because she's not really seeking advice. Rather than listening, she's venting. Because of the friendship, listen when she "dumps," but refrain from offering wisdom you know will be disregarded.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at Asbury United Methodist

Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Kevin Culy at (260) 251-2843.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

WEST JAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUP — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Sudoku

	8				3			
1						2	6	
		9	6		7		1	
	7	3						
				3	4			5
			9		1	2	6	
			8					
				4			7	
		2				5		1

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

6	1	5	3	7	4	2	8	9
8	4	2	9	5	1	7	6	3
9	7	3	2	6	8	5	1	4
4	3	8	5	2	7	6	9	1
7	2	6	4	1	9	8	3	5
1	5	9	8	3	6	4	7	2
2	8	1	7	9	5	3	4	6
3	9	4	6	8	2	1	5	7
5	6	7	1	4	3	9	2	8

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Glen Priest was a cherished friend

To the editor:
Jack Ronald's Dec. 30 tribute to friends lost in 2020 stirred strong emotions. His writings about Peter Coates had made him seem like someone I'd known. The column was a reminder to accept the death of friends as a price of reaching senior citizen status. Yet, one such loss in 2020 struck hard.

Glen Priest died last summer after a period of decline. His absence has precipitated a flood of memories about my first years in Jay County. That was an exciting time in my life, and I owe much to a handful of people who became good friends. One of them was Glen.

I knew no one in Jay County when the prospect of a new job brought me here in 1976 for a meeting with Jay County Arts Council officers John Jaqua, Jr. and Sidney Austin. That first visit led to a June interview in the high school choral room with

Letters to the Editor

members of the organization that eventually became Arts Place. I was hired that night (an Indiana Arts Commission grant made it easy to take a risk on a young, long-haired musician). It was an evening meeting and the session ran late. Walking out afterward, I asked where to fill up my tank for the three-hour trip home. Glen offered to lead me to the Clark station in Portland.

While I pumped gas, Glen talked about a fabulous Swedish choir he had just heard on tape. By the time I'd paid, Glen had convinced me to drive the few miles to his home to listen to the recording.

When I arrived, Glen's wife, Bev, and daughter, Linda, were already in their nightgowns. I thought it best to leave. None of them would hear of it. For the next hour we listened to what was indeed a great choir and continued to talk about music until close to midnight.

It was very late when I finally reached my apartment in Bloomington. I was sold on Jay County. I couldn't fail at a job few expected to succeed. I was the organization's first staffer. There was neither much money in the Arts Council's bank account nor an office. I would, however, be backed up by a small group of arts enthusiasts.

Best of all, I already had a friend. Glen was a big part of that initial feeling that has never gone away. Within weeks I had plenty of friends — Sid and Fran Austin, Jack and Connie Ronald, Doc and Jane Gillum, John and Margo Jaqua — and

the list grew exponentially over the months. I never felt like an outsider. They wouldn't permit it. I know that has not been every newcomer's experience here. But, it certainly was mine. Almost everyone has treated me like a native. So, I guess I must be.

Glen made sure I connected with other musicians. He cheered me up when the going looked insurmountable (as it often did). He worked tirelessly for the cause of the Arts Council while on the board and for a time as president, as well as for years afterwards. He sang in choirs we organized. Later he sang in the Christmas Eve choir I've directed for a couple decades, though I knew Glen would have preferred to be home on those nights.

Glen's support and friendship never faltered. He and Sid Austin practically dragged me to the Presbyterian Church.

While I was a convinced agnostic, their medicine eventually took hold after a few years. I became a member in 1990, shortly after marrying my lovely wife, Pam, who had joined the church earlier (providing another attraction to joining). Glen, Sid and the rest of our church family wrapped their arms around us, letting us know that First Presbyterian was truly home.

You could always count on Glen whenever you needed his help. Even in that difficult closing chapter it wasn't the spirit that was unwilling, just the body.

I cherish the memory of that sonorous bass voice, his overflowing optimism, his humility and, most of all, that crazy and endearing sense of humor. I was extremely fortunate to be able to call Glen Priest my friend.

Eric R. Rogers
Portland

Biggest task: Stop the chaos

The Washington Post

Any deep thinkers who want to attempt an essay on how things will go in the year 2021 would do well to narrow their focus somewhat and just limit themselves to the matter of how we'll get through the next three weeks. The dignified, predictable and uplifting ceremonies that normally accompany our peaceable transfer of power are now subject to the grudges, whims and contagious fantasizing of one angry man. January may contain a whole year's worth of trouble in itself.

Should we get through that, however, there is, next, the challenge of containing and fighting the COVID-19 scourge throughout the world. At the same time come the usual concerns: China, Russia, nuclear weapons, climate change. And then there are such perennial issues as immigration, gun violence and race relations. But assuming that we weather whatever disruptive mischief might be on the horizon this month, and that the government is allowed to do what democratic republics are supposed to do — hand over power to the freely and honestly elected winner of the last election — then there is one primary job before all of us this year: Stop the chaos.

Disorder, turmoil, uncertainty, lies and misinformation are all marks of dictatorships and authoritarian regimes. Bureaus, departments and ministries are set against one another. Power is delegated to compliant minions, whose one goal is to please the leader. Large parts of a nation's wealth are funneled into the coffers of cronies. Confusion is deliberately created as to who is in charge of what, and personal pledges of loyalty to the leader are demanded. Efforts are made to turn the judiciary into a servant of the regime. Collegial ties with democratic allies are neglected, and new ones are formed with various bosses and presidents-for-life.

To what extent the Trump administration has been guilty of any or all of these things can be

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debated, but the president's post-election behavior — pardoning unpardonable offenses and maligning state officials for performing their election duties honestly and in accord with the law — is beyond argument; it is disgusting.

President-elect Joe Biden clearly recognizes the job before him and has the temperament for it. One word often used in speaking of him is "decent." But the same adjective has been applied to several other presidents of recent memory, who were not re-elected. What Biden must deal with is the legacy of a classic demagogue, someone who seizes on people's discontent and assures them there are simple answers for it, usually involving plots, conspiracies and the behavior of "others": minorities, foreigners, the media, whatever.

The incoming president will have a huge task before him. His primary tool should be an old one, somewhat in disuse at the White House in recent times: the truth.



GOP used to fight for voting rights

By ROBERT A. GEORGE
Bloomberg Opinion

The Republican Party's official assault on the legitimacy of President-elect Joe Biden's victory is doomed to failure, but in one way the attempt has been clarifying: It has redefined the meaning of the term "Radical Republican," in the process destroying the reputation of an organized political institution once known as the Party of Lincoln.

The term has its roots before the Civil War and lasted through the immediate postwar period. By calling themselves "Radical Republicans," members of the party intended to distinguish themselves from the party's loose coalition of former Whigs, industrialists, moderates and disaffected Democrats. Despite being a minority within the post-Civil War GOP majority, the radical caucus was vocal and influential in passing the 14th Amendment and pushing for Black political participation.

Following Abraham Lincoln's assassination, President Andrew Johnson adopted a policy of leniency with the defeated Confederacy. He pardoned former rebels and allowed Southern states to impose the so-called Black Codes, which kept former slaves second-class citizens.

In response, the radicals pushed for the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which guaranteed Black people the same rights of property and person as White citizens and eventually passed over Johnson's veto. Eventually the radicals succeeded in passing the Reconstruction Act of 1867, which helped Blacks in the South briefly achieve political power, banned "leading" rebels from public office and broke up the former Confederacy into five Northern-controlled zones.

Unfortunately, the Radical Republicans would see most of their work come undone with the "corrupt bargain" of 1877, which settled the contested 1876 election: Republican Rutherford B. Hayes became president in exchange for federal forces

Robert A. George



leaving Southern states, ending Reconstruction (and Black power in the South).

For today's Radical Republicans, voting rights — for citizens of any race — are not a priority. Quite the opposite. Last month, when Texas went to the Supreme Court to invalidate the votes in four states carried by Biden, 17 other states filed amicus briefs in support of the litigation, and 106 House Republicans supported the effort. Notably, not one Republican senator joined that action. Within days, the Supreme Court overwhelmingly rejected the case — as have 60-some other courts with similar lawsuits.

A rational response to such overwhelming losses in the courts would be to face the reality that President Donald Trump's claims of widespread fraud have no merit. Instead, the challenges have continued, becoming even more bold and irrational. The most recent, brought by Rep. Louis Gohmert of Texas and rejected this week, was a suit against Vice President Mike Pence in his role as president of the Senate, directing him to unilaterally set aside the electoral slates of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The number of House Republicans preparing to challenge the Biden victory is now reportedly up to 140 — two-thirds of the new House GOP conference. Whereas no senators signed onto the Supreme Court argument, more than a dozen are on board with the congressional challenge. Count that as a victory for a metastasizing Trumpism.

And what is Trumpism, exactly? It

is not about being tough on immigration or hostile to free trade. It is a disregard for the truth and a rejection of facts in favor of validating the preferred "reality" of the party's leader. It is, ultimately, undermining the rule of law. Again, five dozen courts — with Democratic and Republican judges, some appointed by Trump and some not — found no evidence to support any claims of voter fraud. No matter: Sen. Ted Cruz cites "unprecedented allegations" as being reason enough to delay ratifying Biden's Electoral College victory.

Monday's news conference by Gabriel Sterling of the Georgia secretary of state's office was extraordinary in its point-by-point refutation of Trump's claims about how the state conducted its election. Election officials in the other "contested" states should do the same — if only to fully expose the president's falsehoods and fables.

Alas, this won't have much of an impact on the president's core supporters. Instead, elected Republican officials have opted to bond with this president out of fear of offending those same supporters or for their own presidential ambitions. Will the thousands of Trump supporters scheduled to descend on Washington Wednesday just quietly shrug their shoulders and leave when their misguided hopes of Trump's "re-election" are dashed?

Radical Republicans got the name for standing up for voting rights. Now the term refers to the expanding anti-democratic wing of the party. The concerted effort to overturn Biden's victory is not merely a rhetorical attempt to disregard the ballots of 81 million Americans. It is also an assault on the U.S. system of democratic governance — and, not incidentally, a repudiation of one of the Republican Party's proudest legacies.

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 nanybell@yahoo.com

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 200 E. Elder St., Portland
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 thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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 pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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 Everett Bilbrey Jr.
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 4017 W. 200 South
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 (260) 251-2406
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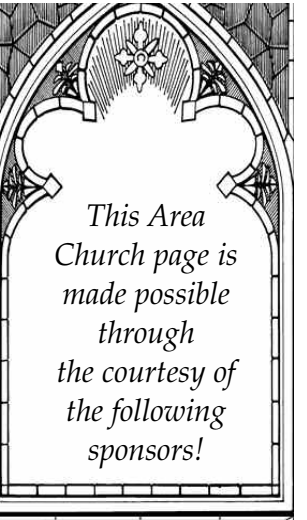
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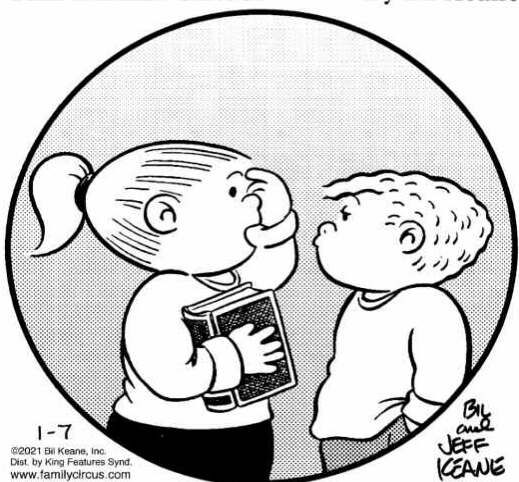
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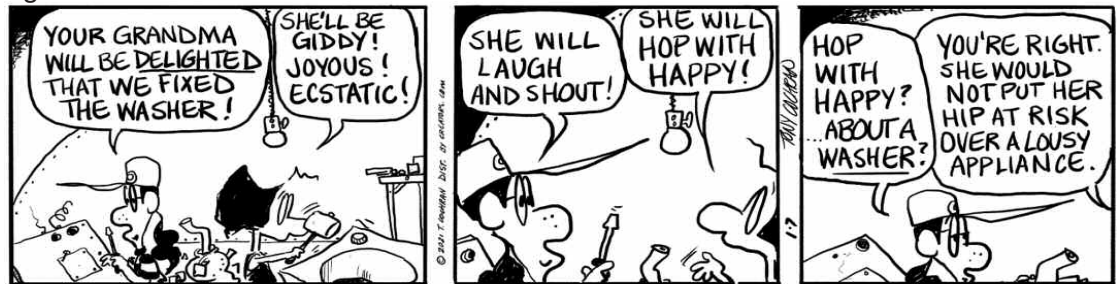
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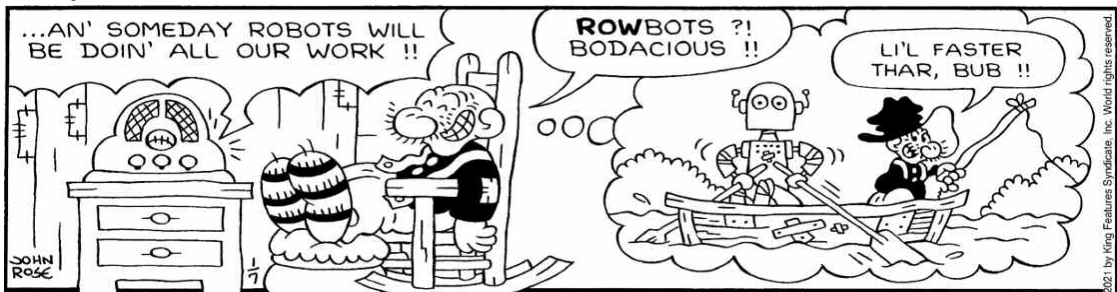
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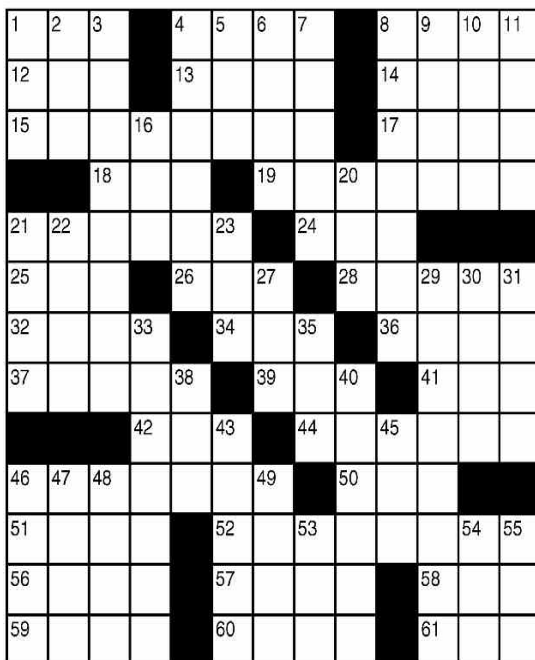
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'A sad day': NBA reacts to protest, decision

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — With words and actions, several NBA teams showed dismay Wednesday hours after a violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump was able to storm the U.S. Capitol and in response to a decision by a Wisconsin prosecutor not to charge a police officer who shot a Black man last year.

In Miami, the Heat and Boston Celtics released a joint statement saying they were playing "with a heavy heart" in a game where most players and coaches knelt for the national anthem. In Milwaukee, the Bucks and Detroit Pistons both took turnovers on their first possessions — intentionally, with all 10 players on the court kneeling. In Phoenix, the Suns and Toronto Raptors stood

in a circle and linked arms for the American and Canadian anthems. Many other tributes took place around the NBA.

Earlier in the day at the Capitol, a mob delayed Congress from certifying the results of November's election and paving the way for President-elect Joe Biden to be sworn in later this month.

"It's an embarrassing and shameful day in our country," New Orleans coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Wednesday's events came one day after the decision to not to bring charges against the officer who shot Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, last year was announced. Blake's shooting was one of the many issues players focused on last season in the NBA restart bubble, where the issues of racial injustice and

police brutality were a constant focus.

The joint Heat-Celtics statement said, in part: "2021 is a new year, but some things have not changed. We play tonight's game with a heavy heart after yesterday's decision in Kenosha, and knowing that protesters in our nation's capital are treated differently by political leaders depending on what side of certain issues they are on."

The Celtics discussed the Blake decision earlier in the day, before the events from the Capitol unfolded. The Celtics then met again as a team after arriving at the arena in Miami, discussed options, and coach Brad Stevens even called his wife to say that he didn't think his team would take the floor.

Boston ultimately chose to play,

beating Miami 107-105.

"They've operated in a win-at-all-costs attitude," Stevens said of Trump's administration. "I don't know, our sports world is a lot less important, obviously. But I've always thought if you operated with a win-at-all-costs attitude, it's going to be a pretty unfulfilling ending. And in this situation, a disgraceful ending. So, I'm looking forward to two weeks from now, as I know a lot of other people are, too."

Biden will be inaugurated two weeks from Wednesday, on Jan. 20.

It was unclear if any of the teams who knelt would be subject to penalties. The NBA had a rule for decades that players and coaches must stand for the national anthem. That rule was relaxed last year when the season

resumed at the bubble inside Walt Disney World.

The Bucks won the opening tip of their game, and instead of running a play, two-time reigning NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo simply held the ball as all players knelt. That resulted in a turnover, as did the ensuing Detroit possession when Blake Griffin held the ball and players took a knee again. The Bucks said after the game they held the ball for 7 seconds to reflect the seven times Blake was shot.

"We want to do things to help make change, be on the right side of the fight, continue to fight, not be in any way, shape or form distracted or slowed or moved in the wrong direction," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "We need to keep moving forward in all ways, shapes and forms."



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Going for three

Jay County High School senior Grace Saxman launches a 3-pointer from in front of the Heritage bench during Saturday's 50-29 JCHS victory. Jay County finished 14th in this week's Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class 3A poll before falling 50-36 Tuesday to No. 8 Concordia.

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"There's a lot of buzz around the league about (BYU's) Zach Wilson being the No. 2 pick in the draft behind Lawrence," said Dane Brugler, a draft analyst for The Athletic. "Fields, with what he did, it changed that a little bit. He's making teams kind of go back and reconsider."

The Alabama defense has had some bumpy moments, but it is still the most talented group Ohio State has faced, starting with SEC defensive player of the year Patrick Surtain III.

The junior will probably be the first cornerback drafted if he declares.

Plus, Fields will be tested by Alabama schematically.

"Give (Tide coach) Nick Saban 10 days to figure you out and to find your weaknesses, that's terrifying," said Matt Miller of NFL Draft Scout.

Alabama quarterback Mac Jones is among the second tier of quarterbacks in the upcoming draft that includes Florida's Kyle Trask and maybe SMU's Shane Buechele.

Jones has been superb, but he doesn't have athletic traits comparable to Fields and Lawrence.

Jones is surrounded by top-end talent, and offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian has done a good job of scheming receivers open and creating mismatches.

"He's a very, very difficult evaluation because how do you separate him from just an elite situation," Brugler said of Jones.

Especially on the heels of former Alabama star Tua Tagovailoa's rookie NFL season, which was solid but far from spectacular.

Wade's world

Ohio State cornerback Shaun Wade made the All-America team, but that was a generous evaluation based on reputation and last year's play when he was a nickelback and slot corner.

His move to the outside this season has been spotty at best and indicative of Ohio State's cornerback play in general. Now, he gets to face Smith, a sure first-rounder, and the gemstone of Alabama's prolific passing game.

"If I'm Alabama and Steve Sarkisian, I'm getting DeVonta Smith on (Wade's) side of the field as much as humanly possible because no one has been able to stop him," Miller said.

Brugler said Wade's future might still lie at safety.

"At the same time, if he goes out there and performs at a high level against Smith, then all of a sudden that's a different conversation," Brugler said. "But based on what we've seen from Shaun Wade this year, it just doesn't seem like a realistic possibility."

In the trenches

Alabama defensive tackle Christian Barmore is a third-team All-American and a third-year sophomore, so he is no sure thing to enter the draft.

The 310-pounder has not played at a consistently high level that would make him a lock first-rounder. Still, Brugler said the defensive line class is thin at the top of this draft and Barmore has a chance to be best of the bunch.

Barmore will face a good test in Ohio State's interior line. All-America guard Wyatt Davis and Meyers are likely Day 2 draft picks with bottom of the first-round potential.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming vs. Celina — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls wrestling regional at Maconaquah — 4 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Swimming in Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.

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Jay County — Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Super Duals — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming at Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Mechanicsburg — noon; Boys basketball at Botkins — 6 p.m.

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Today
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8:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: BYU at Gonzaga (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Illinois at Northwestern (BTN); Washington vs. Stanford (FS1); USC at Arizona (ESPN2)

10:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UCLA at Arizona State (ESPN)
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Bama, Bucks loaded with NFL prospects

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Former LSU linebacker Patrick Queen is a good example of how a huge performance in a national championship game can help a player boost his NFL draft stock.

Queen was a rising prospect throughout last season and capped it by being the defensive MVP of the College Football Playoff championship victory against Clemson. About three and half months later, Queen was selected in the first round by the Baltimore Ravens at No. 28 overall.

No. 1 Alabama and No. 3 Ohio State head into the national title game Monday night with a slew of future NFL players. The matchups will not only determine who wins a championship, but could also influence where some of their stars are drafted.

"You do want to look into a player's ability to play in the clutch and in the big moments because obviously when you're putting together a football team, an NFL roster, your goal is to be playing in the playoffs," said Jim Nagy, Senior Bowl executive director and a former NFL scout. "So you want to look at the consequential games. The games that really matter."

Alabama center Landon Dickerson, who is out with

a knee injury, and guard Deonte Brown have already accepted invitations to the Senior Bowl on Jan. 30, Nagy said. Heisman Trophy-winning receiver DeVonta Smith, star running back Najee Harris and tackle Alex Leatherwood have also been invited.

For Ohio State, center Josh Myers, running back Trey Sermon, linebackers Tuf Borland and Barron Browning, and defensive end Jonathon Cooper plan to take part in the Senior Bowl, Nagy said. Invitations have also been extended to defensive tackle Haskell Garrett and linebacker Pete Werner.

There are perhaps 20 players who could potentially be drafted in April after playing for the Crimson Tide and Buckeyes.

Quarterbacks

Ohio State's Justin Fields was amazing against Clemson, throwing six touchdown passes and showing off accuracy and arm strength all over the field. He also displayed poise and toughness, playing most of the game after taking a nasty hit to his side.

That came after an inconsistent and truncated season that has called into question Fields' status as the best available QB behind Trevor Lawrence.

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Brogdon's late 3 helps Pacers get past Rockets

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers needed Malcolm Brogdon to play a bigger role when T.J. Warren injured his foot.

Brogdon has thrived in it. He scored 35 points, his second career high in three games, and made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:22 left to lead the Indiana Pacers past the Houston Rockets 114-107 on Wednesday night.

"I think he's comfortable with the offense, comfortable with coach (Nate Bjorkgren), he knows where to get his shots and when to be aggressive," two-time All-Star Victor Oladipo said. "He's playing great for us right now. We're going to need him to do that all year."

Brogdon has logged more than 40 minutes in each of the past three games, and on Wednesday he even played the leading role on defense against the usually high-scoring James Harden.

Harden finished with 15 points, his second straight sub-20-point performance as the Pacers won their second straight and beat Houston at home for the first time since January 2017.

"My team trusts me with the ball, my coaches trust me with the ball," Brogdon said. "These shots were already made this summer, these shots were already made in pre-season."

But the Pacers won this one with defense, too.

After Harden scored on a late layup to make it 107-106, Brogdon answered with the go-ahead 3, Domantas Sabonis scored on a putback to extend the margin to four and Brogdon sealed the victory with two free throws with 29.9 seconds to go.

Indiana scored the final eight points.

Justin Holiday had a season-high 20 points for Indiana, while John Wall scored a season-best 28 points in his fourth game with the Rockets. Harden also had 12 assists for Houston — not enough to avoid a second straight loss.

"They were really good at driving the ball into the paint and that was one of the things for us this game, was to protect the paint," coach Stephen Silas said. "They had 60 points in the paint, so that tells you how well we did. But the 8-0 run, we had a turnover in there. We've just got to be better."

Tip-ins

Rockets: David Nwaba had a season-high 15 points. ... Houston was 8 of 30 on 3s and had 16 turnovers. ... Houston is 1-2 when Harden and Wall are in the lineup together. ... The Rockets are 1-4 when allowing 110 or more points and 0-3 on the road this season. ... F Christian Wood did not play. ... Houston has had at least two players score 20 or more points in all six games.

Pacers: Holiday's first 3-pointer of the game late in the first quarter was his 133rd off the bench for Indiana. That broke a tie with Sam Perkins for No. 7 in the franchise's NBA history. Holiday finished with three 3s. ... Myles Turner had eight blocks, matching his career best for the second time this season. ... Sabonis had 22 points and 12 rebounds, his eighth straight double-double this season. ... Doug McDermott left in the second half with a sprained left ankle and did not return. He scored six points.

Helping hand

DeMarcus Cousins got off to a strong start, scoring nine points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the first half. The second half wasn't nearly as impressive. Cousins was shut down over the final two quarters, going 2 of 9 from the field and finishing with 14 points and four blocks.

Silas appreciated the effort.

"I thought he was great," Silas said. "He started the game off really good and really rebounded the ball well and attacked the rim."

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