

## DEAR ABBY

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**Dear Abby:** A new single pastor was assigned to my church. He asked if I was single and if I had kids. I told him no, and we began having an affair.

For two years, it was all in secret. Then I began noticing that a single lady from his previous church would visit. He told me she was concerned about him being alone, so she was stopping by on her way through.

Well, I now know she was more than that. While he was having his affair with me, he was engaged to her. When I confronted him, he denied it. They got married in secret, and he didn't tell the church until afterward. Everyone was shocked because he talked so much about being an open book and being truthful. I was and still am in shock. I love my church, but I hate my pastor. Should I leave?

— *Hurting in Secret*

**Dear Hurting:** I smell a rat, and it's coming from the pulpit. Your pastor misrepresented himself. His affair with you was, to say the least, unethical and should be discussed with the governing board of your church. You were taken advantage of. One of you should leave.

**Dear Abby:** I endured an arduous decadelong marriage with a subsequent nasty divorce and custody battle. This was followed by years of contentious child rearing with my ex. With my children now grown, I am free to spend my money the way I want and have absolute freedom. I live alone, and quite frankly, I love my life. I am 100% sure that I

want to remain unmarried.

When people ask me about getting remarried, I tell them "never again," and I mean it. Yet, inevitably, people say, "You never know, you might get married again someday." Abby, I DO know. It's been more than 20 years.

I used to get annoyed, but now I just blow it off. Do you have any retort that doesn't sound rude? I have thought about saying, "I guess you know me better than I know myself," but it sounds snarky.

— *Befuddled in Florida*

**Dear Befuddled:** If blowing off the questions no longer works for you, try this: Smile at the person and say, "That would involve TWO willing people, and I'm not receptive. But thank you for the kind thought." And then change the subject.

**Dear Abby:** I have been having some emotional turmoil. I'm feeling depressed and hopeless. I know I need to tell my parents, but I'm too scared. I'm afraid they will brush it off or blame me. It's really affecting my life. Please give me some advice on how to break the news.

— *Girl with a Problem in North Carolina*

**Dear Girl:** Many people are experiencing feelings similar to the ones you are. The worst thing you can do is keep them to yourself. Be brave. Tell your parents about your depression and turmoil. If they are disbelieving, confide in a teacher or the parent of a close friend so they can advise your parents on getting you professional help if it is necessary. My thoughts are with you, and I hope you feel better soon.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JAN. 11, 2021:** Strong-willed, capable and perceptive, you're possessed of extraordinary analytical abilities that allow you to choose the project this year that will become a success. Developing flexibility enables you to do even better than you thought you could. If single, you become impatient with many you date and do not find your mate until 2022. If attached, you're bound at the hip and happy. SCORPIO can be as rigid as you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ Make the most of your visibility today. You'll find yourself at the center of attention. A promotion, new career opportunity or other professional recognition is likely. The momentum continues all day. Tonight: You'll feel compelled to achieve more and move forward.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★ Several transits involving fire signs emphasize social connections, teamwork and the news media. Transformations are evolving around you. Listen carefully. Worthwhile information comes your way during casual conversations. Stay flexible and observant. Tonight: Questions of loyalty can arise.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ The hand of fate is at work. The shadowy undercurrents of tension that were present during the late summer fade. You're ready to move forward. Contemplate the day's activities and your mission in life in the evening. Tonight: Contemplate again just before going to sleep.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Today's emphasis adds new substance to important friendships. Others make plans for the future that happily include you. Old friends and relatives are nostalgic. People from your past call more than usual. Tonight: Happiness is shared with one you love very much.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★ Today brings changes to the workplace. New faces appear and long-time associates are ready to move on. Be cautious with changes in health care and your fitness regimen. Stay aware of how your body responds and all will be well. Tonight: Take it easy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Today ushers in whispers of true love. Expect some sparkle and surprises. Others will be attracted to you. Allow intimate relationships to evolve and grow. The expression of creative ideas enriches your life in a serendipitous way. Tonight: You heal an old heartache.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★ Your residence may need repair. A family member is temperamental; communication helps resolve problems. You are trying to balance security needs with changing times at home. Your housing needs could change. Tonight: Relatives discuss moves or other domestic adjustments.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ A recurring situation involving a neighbor or sibling needs attention. Clear communication holds the key to smoothing over any differences. Positive affirmations and visualizations can be very effective. You'll be juggling a variety of different projects. Tonight: You resolve a difficult transportation need.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★ Old debts or other financial obligations lessen, allowing you to move forward more in reaching financial goals. Avoid any risks regarding financial issues. True love is going through a transformation. Tonight: Discuss everything very honestly, almost in a self-confessional manner.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Today favors enthusiasm and a competitive spirit. This high energy trend prevails and much is accomplished. Take time to understand and "know thyself," as the ancient oracle said. You are creating your reality in a very big way now. Tonight: Feeling proud of yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ Today it may be awkward to express love and admiration openly. Guard your heart. Patience and subtlety aid romance. Good deeds performed secretly bring you a deep inner happiness. Forgive yourself for old mistakes. Tonight: Memories are powerful and vivid.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Today generates refreshing new goals. This encourages you to discard a situation you've outgrown. Helpful, supportive people offer help. It's a good time to become more active within a worthwhile organization. Your circle of friends widens. Tonight: You're curious about global situations.

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## AFTER THE CAPITOL SIEGE | UPDATES FROM WASHINGTON

## 2nd GOP senator to Trump: Resign

*Democrats talk strategy for historic impeachment effort: Senate trial could come after Biden's first 100 days in office*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two GOP senators now say Donald Trump should resign and a third says the president should be "very careful" in his remaining days in office as the House prepares to impeach Trump in the wake of deadly riots at the Capitol.

Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey on Sunday joined Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski in calling for Trump to "resign and go away as soon as possible" after a violent mob of his supporters broke into the Capitol on Wednesday.

Resignation, Toomey said, was the "best path forward, the best way to get this person in the rearview mirror for us." Toomey said even though he believes Trump committed impeachable offenses in encouraging loyalists in the Capitol siege, he did not think there was enough time for the impeachment process. The senator was not optimistic that Trump would step down before his term ends on Jan. 20.

Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., warned Trump to be "very careful" in the next week and a half.

## Narrowing an impeachment timeline

House leaders, furious after the violent insurrection against them, appear determined to act despite the short timeline.

Late Saturday, House Speaker Nancy Pe-



Carolyn Kaster/AP file

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., center, pictured with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., at the White House in 2018, became the second Republican senator to call for the president's resignation.

losi, D-Calif., convened a conference call with her leadership team and sent a letter to her colleagues reiterating that Trump must be held accountable. She told her caucus, now scattered across the country on a two-week recess, to "be prepared to return to Washington this week." Sunday night, she confirmed an impeachment vote is coming.

Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., said "it may be Tuesday, Wednesday before the action is taken, but I think it will be taken this week."

Clyburn, the third-ranking House Democrat and a close ally of President-elect Joe Biden, suggested that if the House does vote to impeach, Pelosi might hold the charges — known as articles of impeachment — until after Biden's first 100 days in office. Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, has said an impeachment trial could not begin under the current calendar before Inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

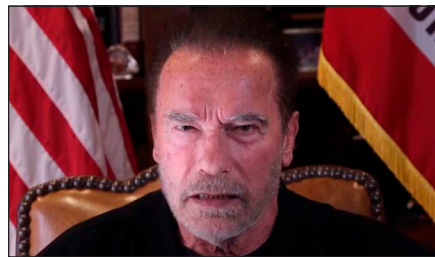
## Schwarzenegger, Austrian immigrant, compares U.S. Capitol mob to Nazis

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger compared the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol to the Nazis and called President Donald Trump a failed leader who "will go down in history as the worst president ever."

The Republican said in a video he released on social media Sunday that "Wednesday was the Night of Broken Glass right here in the United States." In 1938, Nazis in Germany and Austria vandalized Jewish homes, schools and businesses during an attack that became known as Kristallnacht or "the Night of Broken Glass."

Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria, compared the Proud Boys — a far-right American extremist group — to the Nazis. Some Proud Boys leaders were arrested in the nation's capital, before and after Wednesday's riots.

In his video, Schwarzenegger called



Frank Fastner/Arnold Schwarzenegger via AP

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger delivered a public video message at his home in Los Angeles. The Republican compared the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol to the Nazis.

Trump a failed leader and said he took solace that Trump's presidency was coming to an end and "would soon be as irrelevant as an old tweet."

Schwarzenegger, best known for his movie role as the Terminator, has said he became a Republican during the Nixon era and was elected as California's governor in 2003 during a special recall election. He was later elected to a full term.

"Let's give president-elect Biden the 100 days he needs to get his agenda off and running," Clyburn said. "And maybe we will send the articles some time after that."

Another idea being considered is to have a separate vote that would prevent Trump from ever holding office again. That could potentially only need a simple majority vote of 51 senators, unlike impeachment, in which two-thirds of the 100-member Senate must support a conviction.

Toomey indicated he might support such a vote: "I think the president has disqualified himself from ever certainly serving in office again," he said. "I don't think he is electable in any way."

## 'Ridiculous'

While many have criticized Trump, Republicans have said impeachment would be divisive in a time of unity.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said that instead of coming together, Democrats want to "talk about ridiculous things like 'Let's impeach a president' who isn't even going to be in office in about nine days."

Blunt said Trump's actions "were clearly reckless," but "my personal view is that the president touched the hot stove on Wednesday and is unlikely to touch it again."

Still, some Republicans might be supportive. Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse said he would take a look at any articles that the House sends over.

Lawmakers planned to formally introduce the proposal on Monday in the House, where articles of impeachment must originate. Trump would be the first president to be impeached twice.

## Lawmakers who sheltered during riot could have been exposed to virus

House lawmakers may have been exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19 while they sheltered at an undisclosed location during the Capitol siege.

The Capitol's attending physician notified all lawmakers Sunday of the virus exposure and urged them to be tested. The infected individual was not named.

Dr. Brian Moynihan wrote that "many members of the House community were in protective isolation in the large room — some for several hours" Wednesday. He said "individuals may have been exposed to another occupant with coronavirus infection."

Some members of Congress huddled for hours in the large room, while others were there for a shorter period.

Some lawmakers and staff were furious after video surfaced of Republican lawmakers not wearing their masks in the room during lockdown.

— *Bulletin wire reports*

## Trump

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## Border wall and pardons

Trump plans to run out the clock on his four years in office by highlighting what he believes are his biggest accomplishments, including the barrier his administration built on at least part of the U.S. border with Mexico. A trip to Alamo, Texas, near the border is expected Tuesday, a White House spokesman said.

Trump is also preparing at least one more round of pardons and will try a final time to advance his administration's effort to bring Big Tech to heel, the people said, though it isn't clear what he may do.

It's a last-ditch attempt to rehabilitate Trump's legacy after his supporters stormed the Capitol on Wednesday, resulting in five deaths, including that of a Capitol Police officer. Various news outlets reported Sunday that another officer who responded to the riot, Howard Liebengood, 51, died by apparent suicide Saturday.

Trump has given no indication that he's considering resigning, as many Democrats and some Republicans have demanded.

Trump's apparent confidence belies his political and legal peril. Congressional Democrats are furious about the Capitol riot and are determined to hold the president accountable. Some Republicans have said his actions merit impeachment.

Federal prosecutors also haven't ruled out charging Trump, among many others, for his role in the assault on the Capitol, while pledging that the ongoing investigation will not be politically targeted.

Trump may face more legal trouble, too. Weeks before he pressured Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find" enough votes to flip the election, it was revealed Saturday that he also called a Georgia elections investigator with a similar demand, prompting questions about possible obstruction of justice.

## A base galvanized

Trump's views on the matter normally wouldn't be much of a secret. But without his Twitter account, @realDonaldTrump, and after a failed, whack-a-mole effort to post from alternative accounts, an eerie silence has descended over the White House.

Inside, Trump has spoken with aides including Mark Meadows, Jared Kushner,



Patrick Semansky/AP

An American flag flies at half-staff above the White House on Sunday. The president ordered the flag be lowered Sunday to honor the Capitol Police officers who died.

Dan Scavino and Kayleigh McEnany, the people said. Outside the building, there's public clamor to remove Trump before his term ends. Some 57% of Americans want the president removed immediately, a Reuters/Ipsos poll published Friday found, while nearly 70% disapprove of Trump's actions leading up to the Capitol riot.

Talk of impeachment or removal from office would make Trump a martyr to his base, one person said. If the vice president led an effort to remove him, it would only reinforce Trump's declarations that a "deep state" of government bureaucrats has long been bent on opposing him, another said.

Between the impeachment movement and Trump's censorship by social media, the president and his advisers believe his supporters are galvanized. Trump feels impeachment could have a boomerang effect on Democrats, one person said, while another dismissed it as the latest Democratic witch hunt.

## Social media bans

Trump and his team will respond to the Twitter ban during his final week in office by leaning into his fight against what he's called censorship of Republicans by large technology companies. The president has long demanded that Congress revoke Section 230, a liability waiver social media companies depend upon to allow relatively unfettered speech on their platforms. He'll likely am-

plify that call, though Joe Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20 and Democrats' takeover of the Senate is expected to snuff out prospects for any change to the law for now.

Trump has prepared several executive orders related to Big Tech companies but it's not clear if any will be issued, one person said.

## Impeachment preparations

It isn't clear if Trump's team is preparing for a Senate impeachment trial. White House counsel Pat Cipollone won't be involved, after leading Trump's defense during his first impeachment a year ago, in part because his job ends with Biden's inauguration, one person familiar with the matter said. Deputy Counsel Pat Philbin also will not participate, the person said.

Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani didn't respond to messages seeking comment Saturday. Neither did Alan Der-showitz, professor emeritus at Harvard Law School, or Jay Sekulow, an outside attorney, who both represented Trump at his first impeachment trial.

The Senate won't reconvene until Jan. 19, and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Friday in a memo to colleagues that a trial can't begin before then unless all 100 senators consent to it — an exceedingly unlikely development, as Trump retains allies among Republicans in the chamber.

— *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution contributed to this report.*