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## Trump airlifted to Walter Reed hospital

BY ELI STOKOLS, CHRIS MEGIERIAN AND NOAH BIERMAN  
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### President to remain hospitalized 'for the next few days' after COVID-19 diagnosis

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was being airlifted to Walter Reed Military Medical Center on Friday evening as he suffers from symptoms of COVID-19, and the White House said he's expected to remain hos-

pitalized "for the next few days." His doctor released a letter Friday afternoon saying Trump "remains fatigued but in good spirits," and White House officials said he had only mild, cold-like

symptoms. Kayleigh McEnany, the press secretary, said Trump was being hospitalized only "out of abundance of caution, and at the recommendation of his physician and medical experts."

Trump has not transferred his authority to Vice President Mike Pence, McEnany said. The vice president has tested negative for the coronavirus, his office announced, alleviating imme-

diated concerns about the presidential line of succession should Trump's symptoms worsen to the point that he is unable to perform his duties.

Even before Trump's trip to Walter Reed was announced, it became clear that his normal activities had come to a halt with only 32 days until an election like-

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Bob Crisp/The Daily Home

Talladega Superspeedway will host a NASCAR playoff tripleheader this weekend.

## Local leaders respond graciously to news of President Trump's illness

BY TIM LOCKETTE

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For Adia McClellan Winfrey, news of President Donald Trump's coronavirus brought complicated emotions.



WINFREY

First comes the obvious: Winfrey, a Democrat from Talladega who is in the running for the Third Congressional District seat, says she wishes Trump a speedy recovery. Then there's more.

"It was shocking news, but to be honest, it wasn't completely unexpected," she said. "The behavior he's been exhibiting isn't what the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) says people should be doing."

Political figures across northern Alabama and the nation woke Friday morning to the news that Trump — leader of the nation's COVID-19 response and also its maskless critic-in-chief — tested positive for the coronavirus overnight. For those who no longer trust newspapers, radio and

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## Big changes for NASCAR

### New tracks welcomed, one old symbol is not

NASCAR made history with the release of its 2021 schedule, a series of bold moves aimed at rebuilding interest in the sport.

The changes were not as dramatic as banning Confederate symbols from tracks across the country, but they're aimed at fueling passion among die-hard followers and attracting casual fans who flocked to the sport after Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001.

The Cup series will return to Talladega Speedway in 2021 on April 23 and Oct. 3, one of 11 tracks with



James Bennett  
Editor's Notes

two events next year. That's big news, of course, for local fans, who rightfully feel Talladega offers the most spine-tingling competition on the circuit.

From my experience, only Daytona and Bristol have the same must-watch vibe as Talladega, and NASCAR needed to shake up the schedule from top to bottom.

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enjoy outdoor events. They've been cooped up for too long by the pandemic.

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COVID-19 restrictions may be lifted by 2021. Who knows? If so, thousands would be able to watch in person again. Vaccine tests from several drugmakers seem promising. Fans want to travel and

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## Transformational Tuesday in Anniston

Anniston is overrun with EOE — Experts on Everything — who are convinced they know what is wrong with Anniston, what needs repair in Anniston, what old ideas Anniston should mothball and what new ones Anniston should adopt. Or borrow



Phillip Tutor

from Oxford, if need be. I'm curious, though.

How many of those EOE will bother to vote on Tuesday?

There's nothing wrong with EOE, by the way. I'm one of them, my wife tells me. Civic engagement trumps wholesale indifference.

But I'm not sure how many Annistonians — civically engaged or not — understand how utterly transformational Tuesday's election may be.

The election Anniston held six weeks ago served as a mere stage-setter for the October run-

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#### ANNISTON ELECTION RUNOFFS

- Election day: Oct. 6
- Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- On the ballot: Mayor and City Council seats for wards 1, 2 and 3
- Deadline to return absentee ballot by hand: Oct. 5 at close of business
- Deadline for mail-in absentee ballots: Must be postmarked and delivered by noon Oct. 6
- For information on polling places, go to anniston.al.gov.

The Oct. 4 issue of Parade magazine did not arrive in time for this weekend's edition of The Anniston Star. The Oct. 4 issue will be inserted in the Star on Oct. 10.



#### OBITUARIES, 8A

Gail Coleman Hubbard, Peachtree City, GA  
Caitlin "C.J." Johnson, Edwardsville, Ala.  
Theodore "T.R." Reeves and Shirley Jean Reeves, Anniston

Sandra Glenise Roberts, Anniston  
Maxine Rhodes Skelton, Jacksonville  
Paul Evans Zeigler, Anniston

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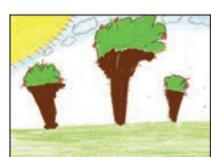
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