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Attraction to be drive-thru zoo

Animal Land making change for this year in response to pandemic

BY ADAM SHINDER
Staff Writer

Adirondack Animal Land on Route 30 could be opening for its 2020 season soon, but with plenty of changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, owner Dave Eglin said.

In a phone interview last week, Eglin said Adirondack Animal Land was "about two weeks" from opening as the zoo makes a transition to become a drive-thru attraction this season.

"We're getting the finishing touches on it right now," Eglin said.

Adirondack Animal Land was originally set to open its 29th season on May 23, but Gov. Andrew Cuomo's New York on PAUSE executive order scuttled that plan. The Mohawk Valley is currently

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FILE PHOTO

Kids feed goats at Adirondack Animal Land in this May 2017 file photo. The zoo will become a drive-thru attraction for this season, the owner said.





Protest in Johnstown

A peaceful, silent protest of the death of George Floyd was held in front of Johnstown City Hall on Monday night. Approximately 300 people attended the event.

JASON SUBIK/STAFF WRITER

Trump calls for 'law and order'

President orders crackdown on protesters

BY TARA COPP AND MICHAEL WILNER
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has ordered the creation of a military "central command center" to deploy federal assets to local governments struggling to respond to a surge of protests and riots over the death of George Floyd in police custody, the White House said Monday.

The operation will be led by Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, alongside Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Attorney General William Barr, White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said.

"There will be a central command center in conjunction with the state and local governments that will include Gen. Milley, Secretary Esper and AG Barr," she told reporters at a briefing.

Based on McEnany's remarks, it was not immediately clear whether National Guard units across the country would be put under federal control — an unprecedented move, one longtime defense analyst said — or whether the operation would be more limited, such as just to Washington, D.C., where there is no governor and control of forces is delegated to the secretary of the Army.

Almost all National Guard members that have been activated in response to the protests are under the control of their state governors.

A series of military trucks arrived near the White House late Monday afternoon with members of the D.C. National Guard.

A senior defense official told McClatchy that 250 members of a military police unit from Fort Bragg, N.C., were also arriving in D.C., but so far had not been given a specific mission.

"We have, throughout our history, used the active duty military" to stop rioting, said Larry Korb, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress who served as

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President Donald Trump makes a statement to the press in the Rose Garden about restoring "law and order" in the wake of protests at the White House on Monday in Washington, D.C.

Flynn judge defends refusal to rubber-stamp DOJ's dismissal of case

BY ERIK LARSON
Bloomberg News

The judge overseeing Michael Flynn's prosecution defended his decision not to rubber-stamp the Justice Department's dismissal of its case against President Donald Trump's former national security adviser.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in Washington said in a brief filed Monday that he has the discretion to further consider the matter, which has sparked debate about the independence of both the judiciary and the Justice Department.

"The question before this court is whether it should short-circuit this process, forbid even a limited inquiry into the government's motion, and order that motion granted," Sullivan said. "The answer is no."

Sullivan said the unique facts of Flynn's case required that dismissal

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Floyd family, county disagree on cause of death

BY LIZ NAVRATIL AND PAUL WALSH
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — The attorneys representing George Floyd's family and Hennepin County officials have now released competing autopsy results, agreeing that the death is a homicide but disagreeing over the precise cause.

Attorneys for the Floyd family said Monday afternoon that a private autopsy conducted by two doctors found he died of asphyxia, which happens which pressure is placed on certain parts of the body, limiting the flow of oxygen to the brain and shutting down organs.

Hours later, the Hennepin County medical examiner's office issued a report expanding on its initial release, classifying the manner of death as "homicide" and finding

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Terrence Floyd, center, attends a vigil Monday at the site where his brother George Floyd was killed by police one week ago in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What's Happening has temporarily stopped running due to the coronavirus pandemic. The entries will start running again as soon as possible.

Nurse asks to work 60-hour weeks to help virus patients

BY ERIC ADLER
The Kansas City Star



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Sarah Kiehl, a registered nurse, has been caring for COVID-19 patients at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The middle-aged man lay dying of COVID-19 in the intensive care unit, only moments from his last, shallow breath. The ventilator was removed. His brain had already been hit by blood clots caused by the coronavirus during respiratory failure.

Sarah Kiehl stood at his bedside, her face and head beneath a plastic hood, her hands and entire body shrouded in protective gear.

In her six years at Truman Medical Center, three in the ICU, the 28-year-old nurse has witnessed deaths from shootings, stabbings, car accidents, end-stage cancers. In all those cases, relatives were in the room.

On this day, in a surreal moment, she held up an iPad, livestreaming a grid of the man's loved ones. Tiny, weeping, praying little faces appeared in boxes, saying goodbye. She moved the iPad at their request, so they could see his hands and his face, unable to kiss or touch him in comfort.

"The first time I did it, it knocked me out," Kiehl said of the video farewell. "It was something that hit me. I was like, we're doing this now. And we're going to have to keep doing this."

She has, one, two, five more times since then, and as many for her nurse colleagues. Since March 20, the hospital has seen dozens of COVID-19 patients.

Kiehl has seen the tributes to health care workers on television, the nightly applause as shifts change in places like New York. People call them heroes for their sacrifice, willingly putting themselves in danger to help strangers.

She bristles at the accolade. "Very kind, very nice," she said. "But it always makes me feel weird."

Weird, because by one view, heroes are supposed to defeat their enemies.

The Blue Springs nurse knows firsthand that for those hardest hit by the illness, "we've lost the battle in a lot of ways" — at least so far. There is no effective medication. There is no vaccine. Patients who go on ventilators are often so ill that they are not coming off.

"I leave work and I do not feel heroic," Kiehl said. "I feel exhausted."

Heroes aren't only defined by the battles they win, but also by their willingness to fight on principle, even in the face of one defeat after another. So it is for Kiehl.

"Because it matters. It all matters," she said.

For her, it especially matters that she provide the care to a population that is frequently overlooked and underserved: People of color. People in poverty. She's sympathetic to health care workers who would choose not to be on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight, concerned about carrying the virus home and putting their loved ones at risk.

Though she is married, coming on six years in June, to Paul, a freelance designer, she is young. She's healthy, a hiker and kayaker. The couple have no kids. For her, the idea of not playing a role during one of the greatest health calamities in 100 years is anathema.

"I can't not finish what we started," Kiehl said. "It's kind of a no-brainer to me. It's exhausting, yes. But the whole reason I got into nursing is to serve the population we serve at Truman. They deserve excellent care in the midst of this."

When she was younger, at the start of her nursing career, people were often alarmed when she told them she preferred to work with the poor and underserved.

"Everyone's response was so visceral: Why would you do that? The fact that people can have that response about other human beings is horrific to me. It's unconscionable," said Kiehl, raised in Lee's Summit, the second of two daughters, in a home of relative privilege. "I was lucky and I'm thankful for that privilege. But I also need to use that privilege to help other people, Or what was it for? What was it all for?"

Instead of working three 12-hour shifts weekly, a full-time load, she opts for four or five, up at 5:30 a.m. to head to the ICU to work upwards of 60 hours a week, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. At home, she tries to relax, "numb out," by going on hikes and bingeing TV shows like "Community." Humor helps when she's not at Truman.

But soon she heads back, feeling personally compelled to be there.

"I do feel like I would have a feeling of inertia were I not at work," Kiehl said. She picks up shifts on her days off. "I want to help — know that I can, know that my hands know how to do some things. When I'm not doing that, I'm feeling helpless."

Inside Truman, the "Rocky" movie theme sounds from the public address system when a COVID-19 patient goes home. But those have been the less-ill patients in other units.

In Kiehl's intensive care, she said, doctors are now doing everything they can to keep patients off of the ventilators. Statistics out of New York have been reporting 88% mortality for COVID-19 patients on ventilators, said Truman pulmonologist Gary Salzman. No one knows if the ventilators are causing the problem or if it's because patients on ventilators are already that ill. But ventilators are a last resort.

"At the very beginning of this, the genuine belief was that maybe if we get people on the ventilators early, they'll be more likely to succeed," Kiehl said. "Their lungs will have a chance. Now, intubation is this fraught over, hand-wringing decision. When it comes to a place where we have no other choice, doctors are just distraught about having to even do it."

Instead, she said, she and others are finding hope in tactics that may be making a difference, like using high-flow humidified oxygen, fed through a nasal cannula at 50 liters per minute. The typical nasal cannula feeds at about 5 liters per minute.

They are also now using "prone positioning. It's a simple method, shown to be effective in avian flu and ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome), that involves turning patients on their stomachs to help fluids move from the back of the lungs to the front. It allows more lung tissue to be filled with oxygen.

At Truman, it's being used for up to 16 hours a day for COVID-19 patients who are sedated and on mechanical ventilators, and for three hours on and three hours off for patients who are awake.

In mid-May the hospital received its first shipment of the anti-viral drug remdesivir, given an emergency use authorization May 1 by the Food and Drug Administration. The hospital is also part of a Mayo Clinic clinical study for the use of blood plasma taken from recovered COVID-19 patients The hope is that antibodies in the plasma will attack the contagion.

One of the ICU's two surviving ventilator patients was being given the plasma.

So far, Kiehl said, all of those who have died have had preexisting conditions. She worries about that fact lulling others into a false sense of security.

"I do want to be clear," Kiehl said. "It's not like these are wild, preexisting conditions. It's people with run-of-the-mill hypertension, diabetes, the stuff that everyone's grandma, father or uncle has: asthma, COPD that we see every day."

In the ICU, she's at their bedsides, working to make them better while families, prevented from being present as the worst unfolds, sometimes fall into disbelief.

"It's just this intense level of denial," Kiehl said, "of, 'No, they're going to wake up, they're going to wake up, they're going to wake up.'"

Until it's clear that they won't.

"I had a family that wanted to do Buddhist chants," she said. "So I propped the iPad on a computer, so they could have some privacy."

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In Pa., Dems lead in requesting mail ballots

BY JONATHAN LAI AND JULIA TERRUSO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Elections officials expected a flood of requests for mail ballots this year.

What they got requires Noah to build an ark.

Nearly 18 times as many Pennsylvanians have requested mail ballots this year as in the 2016 primary, fueled by both a change in election law that allows anyone to vote by mail and a pandemic that makes it riskier to vote in person.

Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar said Thursday that she expects a majority of votes to be cast by mail in Tuesday's election, a massive jump from the 5% absentee rate of past elections. About 1.9 million Pennsylvanians have requested mail ballots this year, compared with 107,000 in 2016.

And those ballots are being sent mostly to Democrats and older voters, a review of data on state mail-ballot requests show.

Here's what we found when we looked at where those requests are coming from and what, if anything, it can tell us about voter behavior.

Democrats are clearly fueling the surge in mail ballots, requesting nearly 2.5 times as many ballots as Republicans.

It's unclear why, but there are a few likely factors, including a partisan divide over vote-by-mail, a noncompetitive Republican presidential primary, and a growing partisan split over how seriously to treat the pandemic.

President Donald Trump has denounced voting by mail, falsely, as an invitation to rampant fraud. (There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud, by mail or in person, and Trump and several of his close advisers themselves vote by mail. Both parties are encouraging supporters to vote by mail.)

It's also possible there's simply less interest from Republicans in the primary election.

Both presidential primaries are all but officially decided — but on the Democratic side, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders remains on the ballot, which could be turning out more Democratic voters.

"If you're on the incumbent side, you may not have voters who understand or know there are other races," said Tammy Patrick, senior adviser for elections at Democracy Fund, a bipartisan foundation dedicated to voting rights. "So I think that in many cases because one party didn't have a presidential primary, that can also contribute."

The pandemic could also be having an effect on the partisan split over absentee requests.

Despite public polling that shows a majority of Americans want to abide by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention precautions, the GOP narrative, led by Trump, has been to reopen faster and downplay the severity of the virus, whereas Democrats have called for a more cautious approach.

Even wearing a mask has become political to some.

"Some of the rhetoric we're hearing is that there's one side that believes this is a hoax and one side that believes it's not," Patrick said. "That can tie into how those cohorts choose to participate in the election."

Before 2020, Patrick said, there was no partisan split over voting by mail, which is common in red and blue states.

Patrick wonders whether Republican requests slowed as Democrat requests sped up — as was the case in Pennsylvania — due in part to some of the political debate around absentee ballots.

"We have a narrative that's come out that we should be questioning the legitimacy of vote by mail and casting doubt on it as an option for voters," she said.

Although Democrats have a voter registration advantage statewide, they requested mail ballots at disproportionately high rates in every single county across the state.

Take, for example, heavily Republican Potter County, where Democrats make up just 1 out of 5 registered voters — and requested 1 out of 3 mail ballots.

It's unclear whether turnout in the primary will predict turnout in November.

"Are Democrats perhaps setting themselves up for some wishful thinking?" asked Edward Foley, director of Election Law at Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University. "Maybe. Social science data says vote by mail isn't intrinsically advantaging one party over another."

ST. JOHNSVILLE

Officials: Motorcyclist injured after striking deer

BY JOSHUA THOMAS
For The Recorder

A helicopter was called to transport a Fort Plain man to Albany Medical Center after his motorcycle hit a deer on Sanders Road on Saturday, authorities said.

Authorities said the motorcyclist turned right onto the road Saturday afternoon, and traveled about a quarter of a mile before colliding with a deer.

The St. Johnsville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call for emergency assistance placed at noon.

Stated First Assistant Chief Shannon Countryman of the driver, "He ended up sliding on the road," landing "a good 15 feet off the roadway into the brush."

"His motorcycle," continued Countryman, "was another good ten feet away from him."

The deer did not survive the encounter.

"When we arrived, [the motorcyclist] was in a lot of pain, but was conscious and alert," Countryman said.

Authorities said the man did not sustain life threatening injuries.

Countryman said the driver's outfit potentially "played a really important role in protecting him," during Saturday's crash.

The driver's full-face helmet protected his head, and his jacket helped by "taking the brunt" of the damage, Countryman said.

The helicopter used a nearby property's front lawn as a landing pad.

The St. Johnsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Life Net helicopter and GAVAC responded to the scene.





Above: GAVAC and St. Johnsville Volunteer Fire Department members transport the victim of Saturday's motorcycle accident in St. Johnsville.

Left: A helicopter transports the accident victim Saturday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Composting webinar June 18

AMSTERDAM — A free home composting webinar will be held June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Grow Amsterdam NY will host the 60 to 75 minute webinar where participants will learn about the problem of food scraps in the landfill, tips on preventing food waste, how to build a compost pile, the options on different compost systems, tumblers, and troubleshooting.

Compost is nutrient-rich organic matter that is free fertilizer. It improves soil structure and builds water holding capacity. Organic matter breaks down slowly releasing nitrogen and nutrients plants need to support healthy growth.

Register here: https://forms.gle/RNdYtefl2YUHhZS98 or go to https://www.growamsterdamny.org/upcoming-events

For more information, call Bernadette at 518-620-1802 or email at growamsterdamny@gmail.com

AIDA meeting set for Thursday

AMSTERDAM — The Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency will be conducting a board meeting via a livestream on Youtube.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 5 p.m.

Link: https://youtu.be/dTL9H-0D6PDg

F-F board meeting scheduled June 9

FONDA — The Fonda-Fultonville Central School District Board of Education will hold a special board meeting on June 9 at 9 p.m. via remote videoconference only, with a livestream for the public.

This meeting is being held to confirm the voting results for the school budget and board election vote. To access the live stream, go to www.fondafultonvilleschools.org/boe. Given the extraordinary circumstances surrounding COVID-19, FFCS will plan to use videoconference/livestream only for Board of Education meetings for the time being.

This approach is consistent with the governor's executive order from March 13.

States lose some Clean Water Act authority under new EPA rule

BY ELVINA NAWAGUNA
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — States have less say in issuing Clean Water Act permits under an EPA rule finalized Monday as the Trump administration and conservative lawmakers seek to speed energy projects.

The rule limits the scope of environmental reviews that states conduct before issuing permits for projects such as pipelines and hydropower plants. It directs states to narrow their reviews to water quality issues and creates a one-year deadline for states to make decisions.

The EPA proposed the rule in August following directions from President Donald Trump's "Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth" executive order. It appears to target blue states that have repeatedly rejected energy projects such as pipelines.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, who singled out New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's recent vetoing of a planned natural gas pipeline, said many states use their Clean Water Act authority to "inappropriately" trap infrastructure projects "in a bureaucratic groundhog day" hoping that investors would get frustrated and abandon the ventures.

"Today's action will end this abuse of the Clean Water Act," Wheeler told reporters.

Under the new rule, if a state misses the one-year deadline to issue a permit, the requirements for certification under the Clean Water Act would be waived.

Before issuing permits for projects such as pipelines, dams and other energy proposals, states typically consider a wider range of impacts beyond the concentration of pollutants in water. They sometimes also take into consideration water levels, potential damage to aquatic life from dredge and fill activities, downstream impacts and climate change.

Several conservative lawmakers and industry groups have sought an easier permitting process, decrying a protracted evaluation system that they say hampers development.



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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's logo is displayed on a door at its headquarters on March 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said the rule would curb abuse from states like Washington, which he argued has "hijacked" the permitting process and blocked Wyoming coal from being exported.

"It's an important step in the right direction to help Wyoming coal and other energy markets," he said.

Barrasso and other Republican senators including Montana's Steve Daines, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and North Dakota's Kevin Cramer in November introduced legislation that would codify that rule's prescriptions.

"Just as we expect the federal government to stay within the confines of the law, states must do the same," Cramer said in a news release, adding that Washington and New York have used the Clean Water Act "as an excuse to disrupt interstate commerce and weaken energy producing states to try to score cheap political points."

The National Mining Association also joined the chorus of groups lauding the administration for moving to ease the permitting process.

"Decisions on 401 applications have dragged out for years, putting projects in jeopardy and exacerbating the already woefully inefficient permitting process hampering so many U.S. mining projects," said Rich Nolan, the mining association's president and CEO. "This new clarity on the timeframes for certification, the scope of certification review and other procedures, is an important step in promoting smart investment in our country's natural resources and infrastructure projects."

Critics say the EPA is overstepping states' rights to protect their water bodies and safeguard public health.

"It's all about really ramming through energy projects, such as hydropower and oil and gas pipelines against the wishes of the state boundaries," said Betsy Southerland, who held different roles at the EPA for three decades, including as director of science and technology in the Office of Water, before retiring in 2017.

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in Phase 2 of reopening, but large-scale entertainment attractions like zoos aren't scheduled to reopen until Phase 4 — with numerous, still to-be-determined social distancing restrictions in place — which won't happen for several weeks at the earliest.

They'd initially planned on opening at some time in July, once they got a green light from authorities. But, facing a cost of $350 to $500 per day to feed the zoo's 400 animals, Eglin said that a change needed to be made to bring in some kind of revenue. Hence, the transformation of Animal Land into a drive-through attraction.

Instead of the walkthrough park and the safari ride offered by the zoo, patrons will now remain in their cars, navigating 4,000 feet of new roadway through parts of the property that have never been used before.

"You get in your automobile, you pay your admission and you get to drive through the zoo, from one end to the other," Eglin said. "You get to feed the animals — you can pull over to the side and visit, chat with the animals — and when you're done you'll be driving out into the parking lot and out to the road."

"We've added a lot more hoof stock," he continued, "so that when you're driving through, you'll still get a ton of up-close encounters with these animals from the safety of your automobile."

When Adirondack Animal Land opens — a firm date still hasn't been set, but Eglin said it should be announced soon — hours will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last cars being allowed to enter the zoo around 3 p.m.

At this point, it's a matter of getting the fine details down before the official opening can be set up. Six sets of steel cattle crossings have been installed that cars will be able to drive over but the animals can not walk over, separating the animals into a number of different areas.

There's also plenty of signage to be installed that will ensure customers stay on the newly-created roadways and not the trails previously used for Animal Land's guided safari ride.

"We've got to get signage up so that people don't end up having head-on collisions," Eglin said.

Opening up in the new format with a slightly-shortened season — Eglin still plans to close after Labor Day, once the tourist season ends, though they make take advantage of the new roads for a drive-through Halloween attraction later in the fall — will help recoup at least some of the revenue the zoo has lost already.

The closure of schools throughout the state eliminated the revenue from field trips that provides the primary revenue stream through the end of June. Eglin said the zoo already had 80 schools booked for trips that needed to be canceled, and there likely would have been another 35 to 40 school trips — plus field trips from summer camps that either won't open this summer or couldn't come anyway as the new drive-through can't accommodate school buses.

"We'll give it a whirl this way," Eglin said, "and see if we can break out of the season with some kind of revenue."

Eglin's also hopeful that the drive-thru will provide an avenue for those not physically capable of walking through the zoo to experience Animal Land from the safety of their own cars, in a controlled environment.

"Those folks are now going to have an opportunity to drive through and visit with all the animals," he said. "We're opening up a whole new realm of customers, I believe, by doing that."

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Death

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Floyd died of "cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint, and neck compression."

The medical examiner's report also listed "arteriosclerotic and hypertensive heart disease," as well as fentanyl intoxication and recent methamphetamine use as "other significant conditions."

It was the most extensive description released yet of the autopsy performed by the examiner's office on the 46-year-old Floyd, who died May 25 after his curbside detention at East 38th Street and South Chicago Avenue by officers who suspected him of passing fake currency at a store.

Hours before the medical examiner's second disclosure, Floyd family attorneys laid out their case for why they think Floyd died of asphyxia — and why they think Derek Chauvin should be charged with a count more serious than third-degree murder and why the other officer should also be charged.

"George died because he needed a breath, a breath of air," family attorney Ben Crump said during a news conference Monday afternoon. "For George Floyd, the ambulance was his hearse."

Crump added that Floyd "was living, breathing, talking until we see those officers restrain him while he's facedown in handcuffs with Officer Chauvin having his knee lodged into his neck for over 8 minutes, almost 9 minutes, and the other officer having both his knees lodged into his back. And the doctors will explain the significance of that, as to the cause and manner of death."

Crump's co-counsel, Antonio Romanucci, said that not only was Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck, "but so was the weight of the other two police officers on his back. ... That makes all of those officers on scene criminally liable, and without a doubt, civilly responsible."

Dr. Allecia Wilson, director of autopsy and forensic sciences at the University of Michigan and one of two examiners on behalf of the family, said, "The evidence is consistent with mechanical asphyxia as the cause of death and homicide as the manner of death."

Private autopsies do have their limitations, Wilson said, including that "we are not seeing the tissues in their original state and some items may have been kept by the original pathologist. With that acknowledgment, we feel those items will not change or alter the primary cause of death of mechanical asphyxia."

Dr. Michael Baden, also working for the family, said the second autopsy shows that Floyd "had no underlying medical problem that caused or contributed to his death. ... He was in good health. The compressive pressure of the neck and back are not seen at autopsy because the pressure has been released by the time the body comes to the medical examiner's office.

Baden said the belief that someone is breathing if they can talk "is not true. I am talking and talking and talking and not breathing in front of you." Floyd repeatedly said "I can't breathe" while on the pavement.

Crump said that all the evidence to date points to Floyd having died at the scene and not later that night, when he was at Hennepin County Medical Center.

"The medics, based on the EMT report that we have in our possession, performed pulse checks several times finding none and delivered one shock by their monitor, but George's condition did not change," he said. "They delivered him to the hospital, continued ventilation, but that last report was the patient was still pulseless."

Crump said last week that relatives sought their own autopsy because the first examination's findings "do not address in detail the effect of the purposeful use of force on Mr. Floyd's neck and the extent of Mr. Floyd's suffering at the hands of the police."

He added that the family and its attorneys "are not surprised, yet we are tragically disappointed in the preliminary autopsy findings. ... We hope that this does not create a false narrative for the reason George Floyd died. Attempts to avoid the hard truth will not stand."

The criminal complaint, filed Friday and citing the medical examiner's first disclosure of autopsy results, said the examination "revealed no physical findings that support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation" in connection with Chauvin's knee pressed against Floyd's neck.

Instead, the charges continued, Floyd died from a combination of being restrained, potential intoxicants in his system along with various underlying medical conditions including heart disease and hypertension.

Lottery Numbers

Here are the lottery numbers that were drawn Monday:

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be weighed carefully, including the fact that the defendant was claiming innocence after repeatedly swearing under oath that he committed the crime. The judge also noted that the dismissal request was signed by a prosecutor not previously involved in the case.

"It is unprecedented for an Acting U.S. Attorney to contradict the solemn representations that career prosecutors made time and again, and undermine the district court's legal and factual findings, in moving on his own to dismiss the charge years after two different federal judges accepted the defendant's plea," Sullivan said in his brief. The lead prosecutor in the case stepped down just before the request was filed.

The judge also said the government's request cited "minimal legal authority" and omitted important facts. "For now, it suffices to say that the unusual developments in this case provide at least a plausible 'reason to question' the 'bona fides' of the government's motion," Sullivan said.

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Cecil Norris Daggett

Cecil Norris Daggett, 101, lifelong resident of Perth, NY, went to be with the Lord on May 30, 2020 at home. Cecil's belief in the Lord was the foundation of his faithful and charitable life.



Born January 26, 1919 in Perth, NY, Cecil was the son of James Daggett and Jennie Codding. On June 8, 1940, he married his loving wife, Lillian Jane Austin.

Cecil served the Perth community in a wide variety of roles throughout his long life, including Town Councilman, Town Clerk, volunteer fireman, Trustee of the Perth Center Cemetery Association. He was a member and trustee of the Perth Bible Church. When someone in town was in need, Cecil was always there to help when no one was looking.

Cecil worked at farming, running a general store with his brother Jimmy, and as a machinist at General Electric. He was a member of the Kennyetto Masonic Lodge #84 of the Free & Accepted Masons in Broadalbin.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Lillian; a son, Paul, a brother, James; and a sister, Elsie Vosburgh.

Cecil is survived by his sons, Thomas (Tracie) of Perth, NY, Willard (Bonnie) of Niskayuna, NY, and Jon (Connie) Daggett of Forest, VA; grandchildren, Heidi (Gary) Hamilton, of Waxhaw, NC; Todd Daggett of Guilderland, NY; Greg Daggett (Ron) of Strasburg,PA, Claudia Buchanan, of Bradenton, FL, Cindy (Jacob) Stuckey of Forest, VA, and Sara (Anthony) Gloss of Forest, VA; 11 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson; sister-in-law, Bernice Daggett of Saratoga Springs, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

During his declining years, Cecil was fortunate to be able to stay in his home with his little dog Daisy due to the wonderful and loving team of caregivers, including Patty Sawyer, Sara Brown, Penny Iannotti, Keri Mills, Linda Morrison, Nola Szypula, Deborah Sanderson, and Patty Davis; Dr. Kevin Cope; and others to whom the family will be eternally grateful.

Due to the current health situation, services will be held privately for the family. Interment will be in the Perth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Perth Center Cemetery Association or to the Wildwood Foundation, both in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Luke Joseph Fetterly

Luke Joseph Fetterly, of Amsterdam, NY, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Albany Medical Center with his parents by his side.



Born on June 16, 2018 he is the son of Adam and Kelly Fetterly. Affectionately known as "Lukey" and "LJ" he was a happy baby. Luke enjoyed lawnmowers, birds, motorcycles and playing with his big brother. He loved Frozen, Moana and chocolate, especially M&M's. He enjoyed his life to the fullest and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his mom and dad; his brother and best friend, Kyle; grandparents, Larry and Anne Crumb, and Darlene Fetterly; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Luke was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Bob Fetterly.

Services are private and at the convenience of the family.

Those wishing to remember Luke in a special way are encouraged to donate to Ronald McDonald Charities, 139 South Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 in his memory.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home.

Please visit the online memorial at www.brbsfuneral.com.

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Louise Drozic

Mrs. Louise Drozic, 79, of Amsterdam, passed away on May 28, 2020 at Albany Medical Center.

She was born on March 4, 1941 to the late Benedetto and Concetta Nicosia.

She is survived by her beloved sons; Bennett Drozic of Montana, and Michael Drozic of New York. Her sisters; Joanne (George) Belev of North Carolina, and Monica (Robert) Kaiser of Amsterdam. She also leaves behind three adored nieces, several cousins, and many dear friends.

Louise will be remembered for her kind and generous spirit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Please visit Louise's online guestbook at brbsfuneral.com.

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Mrs. Claire M. Lolik

April 21, 2020 - A Mass of Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church for Mrs. Claire M. Lolik. Rev. O. Robert De Martinis will be the Celebrant. COVID-19 phase two protocols will be in place.

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an assistant secretary of defense under President Ronald Reagan. He cited the use of active duty military to quell rioting after the beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police in 1991, and the Detroit riots in 1967.

But putting the whole National Guard under federal control would be unprecedented, Korb said, noting that Milley has no authority to command the National Guard troops.

Neither the Department of Defense nor the National Guard was able to immediately comment. White House officials declined to clarify McEnany's remarks.

In a recording of a call between Trump and governors Monday that was obtained by The Washington Post, Esper called the protests on U.S. soil a "battlespace," raising questions as to whether U.S. forces would be put under federal control to use force against U.S. citizens.

"At my urging, I agree, we need to dominate the battlespace," Esper told the governors. "I stand ready, the chairman stands ready, the head of the National Guard stands ready to help you in terms of helping mobilize the Guard and doing what they need to do," he said.

A senior defense official told McClatchy on the condition of not being identified that Esper's use of the word should not be taken out of context, and what Esper was doing was advising the governors they had to add more law enforcement.

"The use of 'battlespace' — it's just a phrase we use — the space in which we are operating," the senior defense official said. "It does not mean the militarization of this at all."

Cities across the country braced for another night of protests Monday after a weekend of both peaceful and violent demonstrations gripped the nation over Floyd, a black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. In Washington, cars were burned, stores were looted and historic landmarks were defaced within sight of the president's residence.

Inside the White House, only essential personnel reported to work, and those who showed in person planned to leave before dark after protests raged around the presidential compound late into the night on Sunday.

District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a citywide curfew for 7 p.m. But in his call with governors, Trump said that "we are going to clamp down very, very strong" in the nation's capital, dismissing Bowser's efforts to direct local police.

"If you don't dominate your city and your state, they're going to walk away with you. And we're doing it in Washington, in D.C., we're going to do something that people haven't seen before. We're going to have total domination."

"It's a movement that, if you don't put it down, it'll get worse and worse," Trump said.

States across the country experiencing mass protests since last week have called in National Guard units to help assist their largest cities. Trump urged governors to act more aggressively to control their streets with law enforcement, and criticized them for not using the Guardsmen in greater numbers.

As of Monday more than 17,000 National Guard members had been activated in 23 states and the District of Columbia in response to the protests. Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, is also a member of the Joint Staff.

"The secretary of defense is here. We're strongly looking for arrests. We do have to get much tougher. You're going to get overridden," Trump said in the call. "We have all the men and women that you need, but people aren't calling them up. You have to dominate. If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time. They're going to run over you — you're going to look like a bunch of jerks."

McEnany said police lines are being "overwhelmed," causing local law enforcement to "go on the defense."

"General Milley has really been on point in talking about the National Guard, the effectiveness, and making sure that they're utilized to great effect across the country," McEnany said of the Joint Chiefs chairman.

The White House spokeswoman said that Trump has "many" tools available to him, including the Insurrection Act, a law last invoked during the 1992 protests around the beating of King. But he is currently focused on the National Guard and encouraging further state deployments. She said that the president does not have a specific number in mind of Guardsmen he would like to see on the streets, but that it should be "far more" than the 17,000 that have been called up so far.

The appropriate number will vary by state, McEnany said, adding, "it is their responsibility to police their streets."

On Sunday, national security adviser Robert O'Brien said that the administration did not intend on federalizing the National Guard.

"We're not going to federalize the guard at this time, but if necessary, we have further military assets that can be deployed, military police units and that sort of thing that can be deployed," O'Brien said. "If the governors and the mayors need it, and they can't get control of the situation, we're there as a reserve."



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A demonstrator argues with military police officers during a protest against the death of George Floyd, near the White House in Washington, D.C. on Monday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

McConnell says Senate to take up House's PPP flexibility bill

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said his chamber would "soon" vote on a House bill passed last week that would add flexibility to a loan program helping small businesses survive the economic crisis caused by the novel coronavirus.

"I hope and anticipate the Senate will soon take up and pass legislation that just passed the House by an overwhelming vote of 417-1 to further strengthen the Paycheck Protection Program so it continues working for small businesses that need our help," McConnell, R-Ky., said Monday.

The House passed a bill last week that would make a few tweaks to the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, which offers companies forgivable loans that act like grants so long as the money is used mostly to pay employees.

The legislation would give small businesses more time to use the PPP funds and allow them to use more money for nonpayroll expenses.

The program, created as part of the roughly $2 trillion economic relief package passed in March, currently requires small businesses to spend the loans within eight weeks in order to have the debts forgiven. The House bill would lengthen that time to 24 weeks, reflecting the longer-than-expected duration of the coronavirus stay-at-home orders.

The legislation would also reduce an administration rule that requires borrowers to use at least 75% of the loans on payrolls to 60%.

—CQ Roll Call

IRS fails to seek rich tax cheats, watchdog says

The Internal Revenue Service is letting hundreds of thousands of high-income individuals duck their tax obligations, according to a government watchdog report.

The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration found that 879,415 high-income individuals who didn't file returns cumulatively failed to pay $45.7 billion in taxes from 2014 to 2016 and that the agency hasn't tried to collect from many of those taxpayers. The IRS didn't input 326,579 of the cases into its enforcement system, and it closed 42,601 of the cases without ever working on them.

"In addition, the remaining 510,235 high-income nonfilers, totaling estimated tax due of $24.9 billion, are sitting in one of the Collection function's inventory streams and will likely not be pursued as resources decline," the report, released Monday, found.

The report defines high-income taxpayers as those earning at least $100,000. The IRS didn't immediately respond to a request for comment, but agency management in the report agreed with a recommendation to prioritize collecting from people who didn't file tax returns.

Among those who haven't paid their taxes are approximately 1,891 individuals who owe the IRS more than $1 million, according to the report. The number of people who have been failing to file tax returns — a crime that could come with steep penalties or as many as five years in prison — has been increasing in recent years.

—Bloomberg News

Forecasters start hurricane season

MIAMI — Monday marks the first official day of the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, and forecasters are already monitoring a disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico that has a high chance of becoming a tropical depression and possibly Tropical Storm Cristobal.

The "large" disturbance is near the west coast of the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico and is remnants of former Eastern Pacific Tropical Storm Amanda, according to the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade.

Forecasters say the system "is gradually becoming better organized" and has a 90% chance of forming into a new tropical depression and possibly into Tropical Storm Cristobal in the next two to five days. The system is currently not a threat to Florida.

The disturbance was forecast to move west-northwestward over the Bay of Campeche later Monday, when environmental conditions are expected to be "conducive to support development" and a new tropical depression is likely to form by the end of Tuesday.

The system is then forecast to drift west or west-southwest over the southern Bay of Campeche through the middle of the week. Those along the coast of the Bay of Campeche should monitor this system as tropical storm watches or warnings could be required by Monday night, according to the hurricane center.

Regardless if it forms into a tropical cyclone, heavy rainfall is expected to continue over portions of southern Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize and western Honduras during the next few days, according to the National Hurricane Center.

—Miami Herald

Twitter hides tweet from Rep. Gaetz

Twitter Inc. says that Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Florida Republican, violated the company's policy around glorifying violence in a tweet posted Monday.

In the tweet, Gaetz called the far-left, anti-fascist protesters known as Antifa "terrorists."

He then asked, "can we hunt them down like we do those in the Middle East?"

Twitter hid the tweet behind a message saying it violated company rules, meaning that users need to click in order to view it, but the company didn't remove the tweet from the service. Twitter does not remove tweets from well-known politicians who violate its rules, citing a "public interest" in seeing what elected officials say.

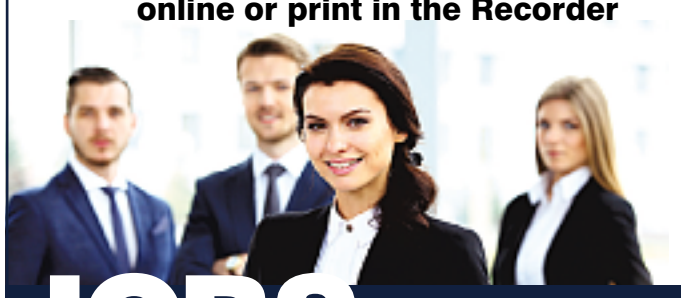
President Donald Trump tweeted Sunday morning that he was going to designate Antifa a terrorist organization. A Twitter spokesperson confirmed Gaetz's tweet "is in violation of our glorification of violence policy."

It's the second time in a week that Twitter has hidden a tweet from a well-known politician. Late last week, Twitter hid a tweet from Trump, who posted that "when the looting starts, the shooting starts" — a reference to protests in Minneapolis that have since spread across the country.

Twitter has drawn ire from conservative politicians who believe the company's rules go too far and that a decision earlier in the week to fact-check comments Trump made about mail-in ballots interfered with the president's free speech.

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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2◇*	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♡	All pass

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Two of ♡

Today's deal is from an important tournament in Europe earlier this year. Many pairs reached six hearts with the North-South cards, but 29 declarers failed to bring in 12 tricks after a heart lead.

The common play, after a trump lead, was to win the lead in hand with the ace and cash the ace and king of clubs. They then ruffed a club in hand and were over-ruffed by West. A trump continuation by West took South's last trump and there was still an unavoidable club loser for down one.

The two successful declarers – Russian star Alexander Dubinin and lesser known Greek expert Petros Roussos – showed better technique. They won the heart lead with dummy's king, cashed the ace and king of clubs, and then ruffed a club with the ace of hearts! They led a diamond to the ace and then ruffed another club, this time with the five of hearts. West over-ruffed, but on any continuation, declarer was able to ruff a spade in dummy and cash the queen of hearts. That drew the outstanding trumps and declarer claimed the balance. Well done!

A key point is that a trump lead from a good player when you have an eight-card trump fit usually means that the trumps are splitting 3-2. Good players are reluctant to lead a singleton trump or from a holding of four or more. They would usually lead a long suit to try to attack declarer's trumps, if possible.

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Six breakfast sandwiches you can make at home

BY DANIEL NEMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When anthropologists of the future look back at the last half of the 20th century, they may give credit to McDonald's for one thing above all else: inventing the breakfast sandwich.

Searching for a way to get customers through the doors in the morning hours, someone at the fast-food giant came up with the perfect solution. They took an English muffin, placed a muffin-shaped egg on top of it along with a slice of Canadian bacon and American cheese, and in a stroke of marketing genius called it an Egg McMuffin.

I hadn't even heard of Canadian bacon before the Egg McMuffin made it famous.

Not only did McDonald's profits skyrocket with the new product, but that also forced its competitors to come up with breakfast items of their own.

And thus the breakfast sandwich became a uniquely American tradition.

But you don't have to go through the drive-thru to get a breakfast sandwich. They are easy to make at home, and relatively fast.

Breakfast sandwiches require a bread product of some kind, an egg, a breakfast meat (or none at all, as you shall see) and a few complementary ingredients for added flavor.

The variations are endless; you are limited only by your imagination.

Unfortunately, my imagination turns out to be rather limited. So I made six breakfast sandwiches, all based on familiar flavor combinations and ideas. Maybe I added a twist or two, but these recipes are meant to inspire you to create your own breakfast sandwiches.

Unless, like me, your imagination is running a little low. Then you might want to try some of these recipes, because they are all excellent. That's what happens when you stick to familiar flavor combinations and ideas.

Perhaps the most familiar is the Sunday-morning standby, bagels and lox. It's a straightforward bagel-and-lox sandwich, with one of those twists: I added a scrambled egg.

Think of it as an Egg McLox Bagel Sandwich.

There is a trick to making it, though it is easy to master. Ordinary scrambled eggs would be too lumpy; when you pressed down on the top, they would squeeze out of the sides. The trick, then, is to make the egg flat.

It's simple to do. Pour a beaten egg into a well-buttered, medium-hot skillet. Don't let the egg spread too far. Cook without touching it until nearly all of the liquid on top is done. Use a spatula to fold the sides over toward the middle, and immediately place this flat egg on your sandwich.

My next breakfast sandwich is an even simpler twist on an equally familiar idea: avocado toast. The twist? Bacon. Remember how, a few years ago, everyone started saying that bacon makes everything better?

Bacon really does make avocado toast taste better.





Left: Try making this omelet pita with mushrooms, onions and any other fix-ins you'd like for breakfast.

Above: This breakfast burrito is one idea you can have for your next breakfast.

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I fried a couple of strips until they were crispy, crumbled them for ease of eating and sprinkled them over a piece of multigrain toast that I had slathered with smashed fresh avocado. I added some chopped tomatoes and red onion, a healthy squeeze of lemon and lots of flaky salt and pepper.

Bacon (or sausage, which is what I used) plays a key role in my next variation too, a breakfast burrito. This southwestern classic is more than just bacon and eggs (or sausage and eggs) in a tortilla.

First of all, you need beans. If you don't have beans in a breakfast burrito, it just isn't a breakfast burrito. I don't know what it is, frankly. And you also need potatoes. Potatoes do more than merely add heft and filler to the burrito; they add a satisfying depth to the flavor, an underlying foundation on which the other ingredients can be built.

Don't forget the salsa. The salsa is key. It provides the fresh bright top notes that play as a counterpoint to the potatoes.

Next up was a simply wonderful sandwich that is more of a surprise: I made an omelet pita. Which is to say I made an omelet and placed it in a pita.

It was a particularly good pita, which helped. (In contrast, the bagel I used for my Egg McLox Bagel Sandwich was particularly bad. Sometimes, it really helps to buy quality ingredients — or, in the case of the bagel, to avoid buying horrible ingredients.)

Into this pita paragon I placed what is probably my favorite omelet combination: mushroom, onion, asparagus and cheese. I loved this sandwich, which makes sense because it was, as I said, my favorite omelet. If you make your own favorite omelet, you will like it as much as I did.

Another vegetarian option was equally good — but then again, I used the same type of pita. I'm calling it an Israeli Salad Sandwich, because the heart of it is an Israeli salad. That is chopped tomato, cucumber, red bell pepper and scallion, tossed with olive oil and lemon juice.

This time, I added two twists. One is a chopped hard-boiled egg, to make it more breakfasty, and the other is hummus smeared on the inside of the pita before it is filled with the salad.

It was bright-tasting and fresh, and remarkably refreshing. Try not to eat it too quickly; you'll want to savor every bite.

My final breakfast sandwich is based on a classic diner dish that is perhaps more familiar. I made a Steak 'n' Eggs Baguette.

The steak 'n' eggs part is obvious. I cooked a steak, cut it into bite-size pieces and topped it with a sunny-side-up egg. I wanted the yolk to run all over the rest of the sandwich and down my chin.

Between the steak and the egg, I placed chopped tomatoes and sautéed onions, which added a lovely sweet-caramelized flavor. Shredded cheddar cheese went on top.

The twist here is the baguette part. Typically, a baguette has too much bread to make it of much use in a sandwich. So I used a technique from a French sandwich called a pan bagnat — I hollowed out the baguette before adding the other ingredients.

That trick yielded the perfect ratio of bread to steak 'n' egg, and made it easy to eat.

And was it amazing? How could it not be? It was steak and eggs. In a sandwich.

Somewhere at McDonald's, someone is jealous.

OMELET PITA

Yield: 1 serving
1/2 tablespoon butter, plus more if needed
1/2 cup sliced onion
3 large (or 4 small) mushrooms, sliced
2 asparagus spears, bottom few inches discarded and the rest cut into 1/4-inch pieces
Salt and pepper
1/4 cup shredded cheese
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 pita, cut in half

1. Melt butter in skillet over medium-high heat, and add onions. Cook until translucent, 3 to 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and asparagus, and cook until mushrooms lose their moisture, another 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, remove and keep warm.

2. Add more butter to skillet if needed. Season eggs with salt and pepper, add to pan and cook, pushing eggs to the middle with a spatula and turning and swirling the pan to fill the gaps until almost completely cooked. Add cheese to one half of the eggs and top that half with onion-mushroom-asparagus mixture. Fold the other half of the egg over that half and remove from heat.

3. Cut omelet in half and place each half inside half of the pita.

Per serving: 415 calories; 17 g fat; 7 g saturated fat; 387 mg cholesterol; 22 g protein; 48 g carbohydrate; 8 g sugar; 7 g fiber; 642 mg sodium; 96 mg calcium

Recipe by Daniel Neman

AVOCADO-BACON TOAST

Yield: 1 serving
1 slice multigrain toast
1/2 ripe avocado
1 slice bacon, crumbled
1/2 tablespoon chopped red onion
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tomato
1 lemon wedge
Salt and pepper

Mash the avocado and spread it onto the toast. Sprinkle with bacon, red onion and tomatoes. Squeeze the lemon wedge over the top and season with plenty of salt — flaky salt, if you have it — and pepper.

Per serving: 400 calories; 29 g fat; 6 g saturated fat; 28 mg cholesterol; 16 g protein; 24 g carbohydrate; 3 g sugar; 10 g fiber; 736 mg sodium; 50 mg calcium

Recipe by Daniel Neman

ISRAELI SALAD SANDWICH

Yield: 1 serving
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup chopped cucumbers
1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
1 scallion, sliced thin
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
Salt and pepper
1/2 tablespoon olive oil
1 wedge lemon
2 tablespoons hummus
1 pita

In a bowl, mix together tomatoes, cucumber, red pepper, scallion and egg. Season with plenty of salt and pepper. Add olive oil and juice from lemon wedge, and mix well. Spread 1 tablespoon of hummus on the inside of each half of the pita, and fill the pita halves with the mixture.

Per serving: 397 calories; 16 g fat; 3 g saturated fat; 187 mg cholesterol; 16 g protein; 51 g carbohydrate; 8 g sugar; 8 g fiber; 635 mg sodium; 74 mg calcium

Recipe by Daniel Neman

EGG MCLOX BAGEL SANDWICH

Yield: 1 serving
1 bagel, savory flavors only
1 tablespoon cream cheese
2 slices smoked salmon
1 slice red onion
1/2 teaspoon capers, optional
1/2 tablespoon butter
1 egg, beaten

1. Toast bagel if desired. Spread cream cheese on both cut sides of bagel, and top one side with smoked salmon, red onion and optional capers.

2. Melt butter in skillet (nonstick is best) over medium heat. Add beaten egg, trying to keep it from spreading too much in the pan. Gently cook without touching until the liquid on top is almost completely cooked. Fold up the sides toward the center until the egg is the approximate size of the bagel. Place the egg on top of the other ingredients, and top with the other half of the bagel.

Per serving: 334 calories; 19 g fat; 9 g saturated fat; 229 mg cholesterol; 21 g protein; 20 g carbohydrate; 2 g sugar; 1 g fiber; 1,440 mg sodium; 80 mg calcium

Recipe by Daniel Neman

BREAKFAST BURRITO

Yield: 1 serving
2 slices bacon or 2 ounces (scant 1/2 cup) sausage
1 tablespoon butter, divided
1/2 cup potato cut into 1/2-inch dice
Salt and pepper
1/4 small or medium onion, sliced
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup black beans, rinsed and drained
1 flour tortilla
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup salsa
Sour cream, optional

1. Cook bacon or sausage. Crumble bacon or cut sausage into small pieces. Clean pan.

2. Melt 1 teaspoon (1/3 tablespoon) butter in skillet over medium-high heat. Add cubes of potato, sprinkle liberally with salt, cover and cook, tossing frequently, until potatoes are browned and cooked all the way through, about 10 minutes. Remove from pan.

3. Melt remaining 2 teaspoons (2/3 tablespoon) butter in pan and add onions. Cook until translucent, 3 to 5 minutes. Add eggs, beans and cooked potatoes, season with salt and pepper, and scramble until eggs are almost done (they will continue to cook off the heat).

4. Place mixture on tortilla and sprinkle with cheese. Spoon salsa on top and fold tortilla over to form a burrito. Top with sour cream, if desired.

Per serving: 998 calories; 65 g fat; 29 g saturated fat; 495 mg cholesterol; 45 g protein; 59 g carbohydrate; 6 g sugar; 12 g fiber; 1,839 mg sodium; 586 mg calcium

Recipe by Daniel Neman

STEAK 'N' EGG BAGUETTE

Yield: 3 servings
1 baguette
1 steak
2 eggs
1 tablespoon of butter
1/4 small or medium onion, sliced
Salt and pepper
Cheese and tomato (if desired)

1. Slice the baguettes in half and hollow them out.

2. Melt 1/2 tablespoon of the butter in a skillet over medium heat and cook onions, stirring occasionally, until they turn a light brown, about 10 minutes. Set aside.

3. Season the steak with salt and pepper and cook to your desired level of doneness. Allow to rest a couple of minutes, then cut into 1/2-inch pieces or smaller. Divide steak pieces among lower baguette halves. Top with cheese if desired, onions and pieces of tomato.

4. Melt remaining 1/2 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Gently crack eggs into pan, season with salt and pepper, and fry or cook sunny-side up so that the yolk is runny. Trim eggs and place in each sandwich; cover with top piece of baguette.

Per serving: 400 calories; 20 g fat; 9 g saturated fat; 262 mg cholesterol; 32 g protein; 263 g carbohydrate; 3 g sugar; 2 g fiber; 514 mg sodium; 224 mg calcium

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Commentary

GOP seeks immunity for negligent companies

BY HARRY LITMAN
Los Angeles Times

It will happen, many thousands of times, and in every conceivable permutation: People will contract COVID-19 because of someone else's actions and will seek compensation.

How should we handle such liability claims as a society? Mitch McConnell, gatekeeper of the Senate, has an idea. First, immunize all businesses. It would mean, as an example, that even if your boss fails to provide safeguards to protect you against the disease and as a result you get sick or possibly die from exposure on the job, neither you nor your family would be able to sue.

It's a nasty and deeply callous idea, although not a surprising one for the Senate Majority leader or Republicans in general. Making it harder for individuals who claim harms from businesses to get compensated has been on the GOP's wish list for years. It's called tort reform — tort law covers a wide range of "personal injury" lawsuits against businesses (or individuals).

McConnell has signaled that COVID-19 corporate immunity is his "red line" for considering another much-needed economic stimulus package. In effect, he is holding hostage besieged state and local governments, which are targeted to receive up to $500 billion in aid in a package passed by the House in mid-May. McConnell has already made clear his willingness to let states go bankrupt rather than provide them federal assistance.

Exactly what immunity would consist of hasn't been spelled out, but the basic idea is that plaintiffs would need to show that companies either intended to put employees at risk or consciously disregarded a known hazard. That's a high standard. Employers rarely set out to put workers in danger, but they often fail to take reasonable care to protect their workforce.

There should be no mistake about the effect of such immunity. It would transfer the enormous costs for potentially culpable conduct from businesses, which already enjoy limited liability and very favorable rules in the civil justice system, to victims or society as a whole. At the same time, it would sharply reduce incentives to minimize COVID-19 transmission.

McConnell's insistence on immunity is telling: Even as he and many in the Trump camp are pushing for early reopening of all economic sectors, they are worried about the consequences. Why make immunity the hill to die on unless you reasonably fear that a spike in COVID-19 will follow from the return to more normal practices?

McConnell has pitched his ultimatum in the form of a familiar conservative bugaboo, greedy personal injury lawyers, whom he portrays as "already sharpening their pencils" to afflict corporate America with "an avalanche of lawsuits." At the same time, McConnell extols the "heroic efforts" of companies who are guts-ing it out to open the economy.

It's a strange notion of heroism. Most people would say that employees at a nursing home or in a meat packing plant are the gutsy ones. They may have to return to the front lines — or forfeit unemployment benefits — and risk contracting the virus.

Republican tort reform is too solicitous of business, but that doesn't mean individual lawsuits are the best way to remediate the transmission of COVID-19. In fact, the tort system has substantial downsides when it is applied to harms of pandemic proportions.

It would, for example, produce a crazy quilt of recoveries nationwide. Similarly situated plaintiffs could get nothing at all or over-the-moon judgments, depending on individual juries, competence of counsel and location of suit.

It also would take far too long to provide meaningful compensation for people who need financial support immediately. Big personal injury cases typically take years to come to closure, in part because that is in the interest of the businesses being sued. And even if a worker could point to obviously reckless conduct by her employer, given the mysteries of COVID-19, she may be hard-pressed to convince a jury that the reckless conduct was the likely cause of her becoming sick.

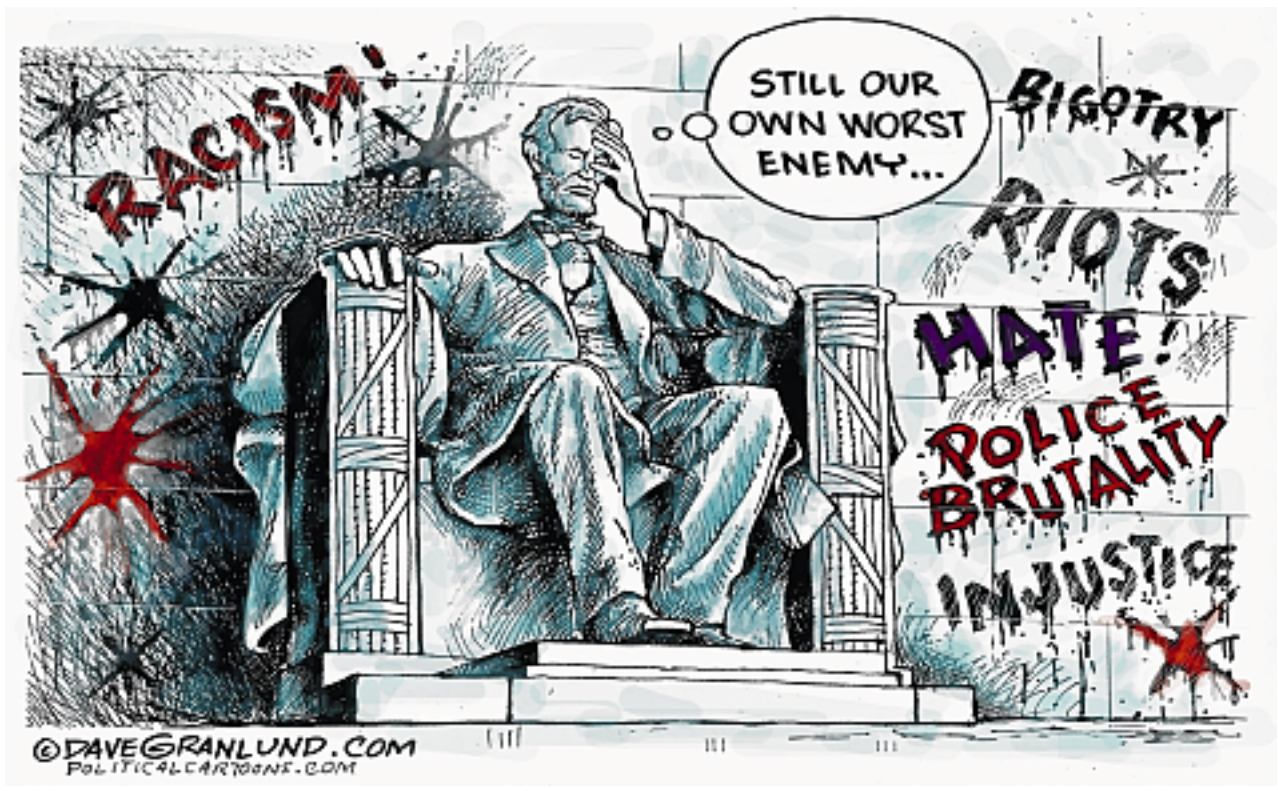
Finally, the enormity of the pandemic, the uncertainty inherent in the tort process and the possible size of COVID-19 verdicts mean that costs to employers for liability insurance would be huge, another injury to the economy.

The problem of virus transmission is just too big to approach on a victim-by-victim, business-by-business basis. What's needed instead is a legislative response along the lines of the congressional act that created a fund to compensate victims of 9/11. In exchange for a promise not to sue the airlines whose planes were weaponized in the attack, Kenneth Feinberg, a well-regarded mediation specialist, considered each loss and made awards from more than $7 billion set aside by Congress. To compensate COVID-19 victims, the money could come from the federal government but also from businesses and their insurance companies.

We cannot hope to give 100% compensation to everyone who will deserve it. But a 9/11-type fund could achieve rough justice in a lot less time, with more certainty than lawsuits. It would be light-years more fair than the corporate-immunity proposal McConnell wants to ram through Congress.

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Cartoon



Commentary

No new baby boom a problem

BY CYNTHIA M. ALLEN
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When the coronavirus reached the U.S. and the cascade of lockdown and shelter-in-place orders began, the joke on social media was that America was going to have a COVID-19 baby boom around Christmas.

The intimacy (and corresponding opportunity) afforded by a forced quarantine, combined with the existential fear caused by the virus, could result in only one thing.

Others warned that deferring nonessential medical visits which has made certain kinds of contraception (including abortion procedures in states such as Texas) harder to come by, would almost certainly result in a glut of babies in the next year.

But of all the pandemic-related predictions that won't come to fruition, a COVID-19 baby boom will almost certainly be one of them.

And that isn't a good thing.

Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a devastating report about birth rates. For five consecutive years, the overall birth rate in the U.S. has dropped; last year, rates fell or held steady for women of all ages except those in their early 40s.

Overall, the 2019 birth rate ticked down to 1.7, a 35-year-low, and well below replacement level, the rate needed to keep the population total stable.

Enter the coronavirus.

Contrary to the conventional thinking that a major natural disaster would inspire Americans — suddenly sensing their own mortality — to grow their families, history tells us that the opposite is more likely.

According to Lyman Stone, a research fellow at the Institute for Family Studies, "events that cause a large increase in deaths tend to cause a large decrease in births nine months later."

He cites natural disasters such as hurricanes and famines, as well as previous pandemics. Would-be parents may be traumatized by fear or concerned about how they would care for children during difficult and uncertain times.

Those declines are often temporary, Stone says, adding that fertility rates generally rebound in the years following a crisis.

But our current crisis isn't just viral — it's also economic.

Millions of Americans are newly out of work, and dozens of states are still months away from fully reopening. Fears of a second outbreak loom large and hopes of a V-shaped recovery are uncertain, at best.

The U.S. fertility rate still hasn't fully recovered after the financial crisis of 2008. With millions of couples citing economic reasons for delaying pregnancy, there is good reason to believe that the post-corona birth rate will not follow the pattern of past pandemics.

This is bad for lots of reasons, some of which have been cast into stark relief during the pandemic, such as the devastating social and financial consequences of the ever-shrinking American family.

There are fewer children to help care for aging parents. And with people delaying families longer — fewer grandparents around to help care for grandchildren. The elderly are increasingly isolated. The young are increasingly without strong family networks to keep them grounded and connected.

Practically speaking, low birth rates foreshadow diminished economic prospects: larger public debts, slower growth and a shrinking workforce. That compounds existing economic woes.

But there are broader cultural concerns, too. Low-fertility societies "tend to lack confidence in the future," writes National Review's Michael Brendan Dougherty, "in part because there is a general consciousness that nobody is investing in it."

Given the multiple layers of crisis our nation and our world have experienced in recent months, a bleak outlook is understandable. But it also promises to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The pandemic isn't over, but the virus should no longer be our primary worry. Nor should our bank accounts. What we should be increasingly worried about is what is — or isn't — in our nurseries.

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Time for president to consider honor

BY JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

All right, that's enough. President Donald Trump has said MSNBC host Joe Scarborough, persistently critical of him, may have been involved in murdering a woman almost 19 years ago. There is no evidence of any such thing, and it was little short of horrendous to say so.

Scarborough himself is hardly Mr. Rodgers singing "Won't You Be My Neighbor," and MSNBC makes Fox News look bipartisan. It doesn't matter. To have the president of the United States spew this kind of noise degrades the White House, the federal government and America. Kneeling during "The Star-Spangled Banner"? It is nothing compared to this representative of our great country seeking revenge through a hateful tweet released to one and all.

It's hardly the first time Trump has engaged in vile accusations, and he will sometimes tweet insults a dozen times a day as if trying to prove how good he is at being shameful. Even though there are those who rip his quips out of context, exaggerate them and indulge in similar inanities, here is a president acting like a lowlife at a time when we have 100,000 people dead from a pandemic, an America uncertain of what the future might bring, as well as something else.

That would be a hefty, leftist political movement aiming to diminish our heroic, enlightened past, rip away our liberty, cripple the miracle of capitalism, demolish crucial norms and energize an ever more powerful government in ruining us with unintended consequences.

Trump is part liberal, part conservative and mostly populist, which is to say he encourages everyday folks in fearing elites. Add it all together and, despite regrettable error, it has included many steps forward. He helped awaken the economy as it made many of the most vulnerable around us better off. He helped reform federal prisons. He got us out of an Iran deal that threatened to nuclearize an enemy. He destroyed ISIS. He got us out of the Paris Agreement that lets do-nothing nations pretend they are doing something about climate change just by being signatories.

Of course, Trump did say global warming was a hoax, but don't forget that those who spout the word "deniers" also deny science sometimes, such as not getting it that, if things are as bad as they say, one of the most important solutions is nuclear power. The overreaching New Green Deal could do to the economy something comparable as what the coronavirus has done.

And now we have gaffe-prone Joe Biden making you wonder how long he will cling to moderation. He has already made concessions to the socialistically ambitious on a couple of policies and his circular ramblings make you wonder if linear thought is still a possibility with him. Remember the 350 health professionals who sent a letter to Congress saying Trump's mind was collapsing? Will they do the same to Biden, the likely Democratic nominee for president?

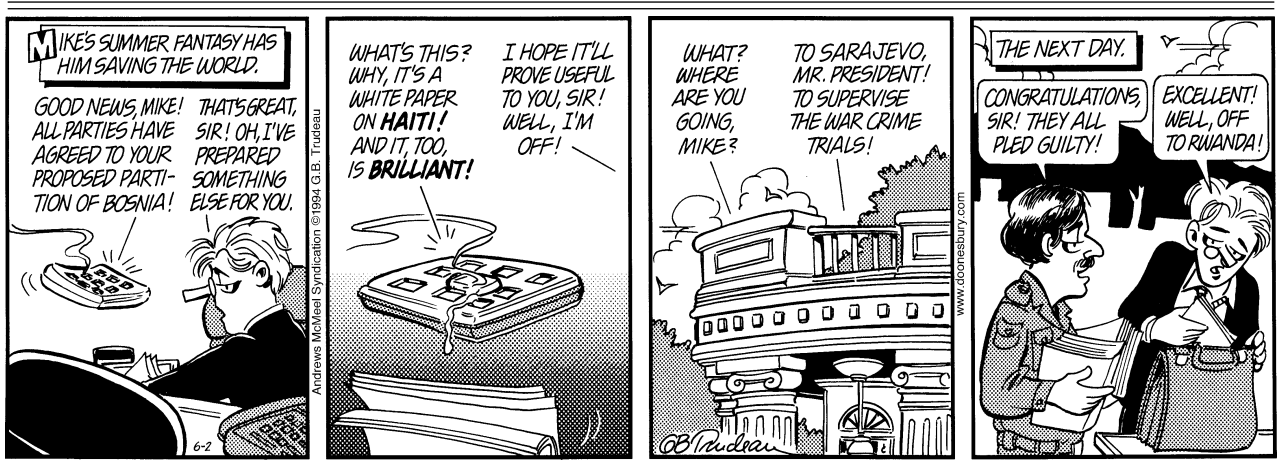
No, but, for more castigation of Trump, note that Scarborough once also said he was mentally ill, that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said he belonged in prison and that a deluge of misleading polemics made millions believe he had colluded with the Russians to win the 2016 election.

That's a conspiracy theory almost up there with the birther theory, and the fraudulent Mueller probe added up to more than two years of governmental disruption. The worry is that Biden wins the presidency, the Democrats take the Senate as well as the House and they fail to rebuild our economy as they further shrink our dearest principles, all in the name of justice and equality.

I don't like the idea of Twitter fact-checking Trump because it will be political-checking. But what if his comrades persuaded him that his tweets and loosely managed tongue should dwell in decency? What he should do for reasons of character and politics is contemplate honor.

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Cuomo imposes curfew in New York City

BY DENIS SLATTERY
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A curfew is being imposed in New York City following four consecutive nights of protests against police brutality that have led to clashes with cops and looting, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday.

The governor announced the curfew on WAMC, an Albany-area radio station, hours after saying he was considering the option as a way to tamp down the violence that has erupted in the wake of the death of George Floyd, an African American man who died in police custody in Minneapolis last week.

The citywide curfew will be in effect from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. and additional NYPD officers will be on the streets, Cuomo said.

"I spoke with the mayor, there's going to be a curfew in New York City that we think could be helpful," he said. "More importantly, there is going to be an increase in the force. There were about 4,000 officers on duty last night. There'll be double that tonight, about 8,000."

In a joint press release issued after the governor made the announcement, Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio said the officers will be deployed to lower Manhattan and downtown Brooklyn, where they say "violence and property damage occurred during last night's protests."

Floyd's death sparked protests across the nation that have boiled over at night as cops and demonstrators clash, fires burn out of control and looters target shuttered stores.

Curfews have already been instituted in several major cities in other states, from Chicago to Los Angeles, as well as some in upstate New York, including Rochester and Albany.

In the city, peaceful marches during the day have preceded protesters torching police vehicles and breaking into stores along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan at night.

Cuomo slammed the violence that has exploded at many of the gatherings, saying it does a disservice to the underlying message of reform.

"That's not righteous indignation," he said. "That's criminality. And it plays into the hands of the people and the forces that don't want to make the changes in the first place. Because then they get to dismiss the entire effort.

"They're going to try to paint this whole protest movement that they're all criminals, they're all looters," he added.



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Demonstrators in Brooklyn are shown Sunday on the third day of protests in New York City sparked by the death of George Floyd.

Researchers from variety of professions tackling virus

BY AMINA KHAN
Los Angeles Times



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Albert Nazeeri demonstrates his system for disinfecting N95 respirators on May 27 in Los Angeles. The Caltech student was asked to watch over a geobiology lab once the coronavirus shutdown hit, and he used the equipment to create a way to reuse the masks.

It was 2 a.m. on a Saturday morning in March, and Matthew Grayson was exhausted. The coronavirus was reshaping academic life and the Northwestern University electrical engineer had spent the day in his basement office fielding emails from fellow researchers while moving his lecture notes online and familiarizing himself with Zoom.

But as he took one final look through his email before turning in for the night, a request from Dr. Mark Huffman at the university's medical school caught his eye.

"He said, 'Matt, you're an engineer. Can you guys help us with this nasal swab shortage problem?'" Grayson recalled.

Grayson might seem like a surprising choice for such a task — his work usually involves studying electronic materials used in sensors and quantum devices. But now he's one of a growing army of researchers with no experience in virology who are putting their diverse talents to use to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

For many, the work provides a welcome distraction to the sudden shutdown of their research projects. It also offers a chance to make a difference in a pandemic that has thrown life across the globe into disarray.

Scientists like Grayson have found that even with no experience in medicine, let alone coronaviruses, their skills have proved surprisingly useful.

In his case, the request to work on nasal swabs led him to assemble a group of about a dozen engineers, plus an immunologist and a pathologist.

Public health officials and frontline medical workers have struggled to obtain COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Their efforts have been stymied in part by a shortage of the nasopharyngeal swabs used to collect viral particles from the upper part of the throat behind the nose. Even for those lucky enough to get tested, it can be an unpleasant experience: the long, thin swabs must travel deep into the nasal passage to reach their target.

"People say it feels like stabbing the brain," Grayson said of the sensation.

Within days of Huffman's email, Grayson's group had come up with a design that could be made cheaply (about a penny per swab in materials), quickly (assembled in a minute from readily available components), and efficiently (in lab tests, it collected four times as many particles as the current swabs). On top of that, it would probe only the nasal passage, eliminating that brain-stabbing sensation — and potentially opening the door for widespread at-home testing.

Though his engineering lab has been shut down, Grayson said he's busier than ever. A patent application for the new swab has been filed, though Northwestern is making the design available for manufacturers to license royalty-free.

"It has been satisfying to feel like you have some agency," he said of his unexpected project. "But the double-edged sword is that you see the situation unfolding and you're like, 'Oh, if only I had skipped another night of sleep, I could have gotten the approvals out earlier and that would have saved umpteen number of lives.'"

Some researchers have gotten into the COVID-19 fight because the disease affects the patients they care for, said Dr. David Avigan, a hematologist-oncologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston who researches personalized cancer vaccines.

"It struck close to home in certain ways because cancer patients tend to be among the most vulnerable to the infection and to the potential life-threatening aspects of the infection," said Avigan, who is in the planning stages of studies to better understand the body's immune response to the disease. "That created a certain amount of importance and critical meaning for us."

For those like Albert Nazeeri, a Caltech undergraduate tasked with keeping an eye on the equipment in Joseph Kirschvink's geobiology lab during the research shutdown, inspiration came from the sudden freeing up of time as nearly all non-coronavirus work came to a screeching halt.

Nazeeri was responsible for monitoring the magnetometers, which can measure minuscule amounts of the mineral magnetite in tissues and in rocks, and for checking their cooling systems for helium leaks. It wasn't particularly taxing, but it dawned on him that simply having access to a lab set him apart from the majority of researchers on campus.

"What can I do? What will be useful?" Nazeeri recalled thinking as he tinkered around the empty lab space.

The physics student had been thinking about the N95 respirator shortage that was leaving hospital workers vulnerable to infection, and he'd been surprised that a potential method for disinfecting and reusing masks — dunking them in a 70% ethanol solution — had been deemed unsuitable because it apparently reduced their particle-filtering abilities.

Nazeeri wondered if that was really true. So he rigged up a laser particle meter to a box containing a Styrofoam dummy head and some plastic tubing. He outfitted the head with a mask and blew air through the tubes and into a chamber to test the mask's efficacy. Then he dunked the mask in disinfectant, allowed it to dry and ran the test again.

At first, it seemed like the official warnings had been correct — the measurements from the laser particle meter showed that the mask did a significantly worse job of trapping dust particles after it had been disinfected. But then he popped the mask in the lab's vacuum drying chamber to remove any remaining traces of moisture and found that the mask's filter was almost as good as new.

"It actually restores them, resurrects them, and it can be done in the poorest clinic in the most rural village in southern Africa," Kirschvink said. "It doesn't need major industrial innovations to do it."

Nazeeri and Kirschvink said that, if replicated by other scientists, the discovery could open the way for a long-overlooked disinfection mode that is fast, cheap and easy for hospitals to perform.

"Serendipitously, we recognized there was a mistake in the literature," Kirschvink said. "And gosh — maybe we'll help people."

The work with masks was something of a side project for Nazeeri and Kirschvink. In other cases, the pivot to coronavirus research has become a full-time job.

Dr. David Sullivan usually studies malaria in remote regions of Bangladesh and Africa. That work has made him an expert on the drug chloroquine, which showed apparent promise as a COVID-19 treatment in the outbreak's earlier days. But after his colleagues at Johns Hopkins University pulled him into COVID-19 discussions, he ended up noticing a research gap in a very different part of the pandemic fight: convalescent plasma.

Plasma is the clear fluid in blood that carries antibodies, the biomolecules the body makes in response to specific infections. Scientists have been testing whether the plasma from COVID-19 survivors can offer some protection against the disease for those vulnerable to it.

Most trials of convalescent plasma are focusing on the sickest patients in intensive care. Sullivan wanted to investigate whether plasma could be used to control the disease much earlier in the process, shortly after someone has been infected.

He likened it to different stages of dousing a fire.

"It doesn't take much water to put out a match — just a drop — but a drop of water does not do much for a kitchen fire," he said. "So if we apply this drop of water, the antibodies, early in the disease process, then we can snuff it out and not have downstream damage."

Sullivan had never run a multisite clinical trial. It's meant round-the-clock work and a steep learning curve. But in some ways, he said, it doesn't really feel like work.

"To me, it's an existential question right now," he said. "Society has ground to a halt and I see that this method of convalescent plasma is the way back to a functioning society — and gets me back to working on malaria."

Focusing on the coronavirus can be something of a salve in tumultuous times — particularly when scientists can't continue their usual research.

"It is a consolation," said Dr. Gay Crooks, a developmental immunologist and stem cell biologist at UCLA. "It would be awful to be sitting, waiting to do something useful."

She and Dr. Christopher Seet, a UCLA cancer researcher, usually work on techniques that could harness the body's immune response to attack cancer cells, potentially reducing the need for harsh treatments such as radiation and chemotherapy.

Thanks to COVID-19, they've found that much of what they've learned about the body's army of infection-fighting T-cells in a cancer setting applies to viruses as well.

Mohawk Valley forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.

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Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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Professor pleads guilty to laundering $2M in proceeds from Venezuelan corruption

BY ANTONIO MARIA DELGADO AND JAY WEAVER
Miami Herald

MIAMI — University of Miami professor Bruce Bagley pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of money laundering after being charged with using bank accounts in his name and in the name of a company he created in Florida to launder more than $2 million in proceeds from a Venezuelan bribery and corruption scheme.

Bagley, recognized as an international scholar on drug cartels and money laundering, pleaded not guilty soon after his arrest in November 2019 in the New York case linked to South Florida, but filed a notice in March indicating that he planned to change his plea.

"Bruce Bagley (...) went from writing the book on crime — literally writing a book on drug trafficking and organized crime — to committing crimes," said Geoffrey S. Berman, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, in a press release. "Professor Bagley admitted today to laundering money for corrupt foreign nationals — the proceeds of bribery and corruption, stolen from the citizens of Venezuela. Bagley now faces the possibility of a long tenure in prison."

The sentencing hearing for the 73-year-old professor was set for Oct. 1. Each money laundering count carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Bagley — author of several books, including "Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime, and Violence in the Americas Today" — received monthly deposits of approximately $200,000 from Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates into the bank account of the company he had created, according to court documents.

He would then withdraw approximately 90% of the funds in the form of a cashier's check, payable to an account held by another individual, and send the remainder of the funds to his personal account. Between November 2017 and October 2018, his company's bank account received approximately $2.5 million from the overseas accounts.

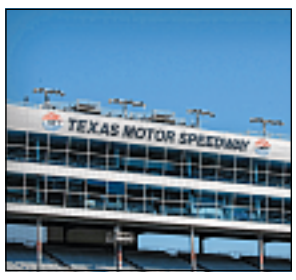
Federal prosecutors say Bagley, who was often quoted by the news media on subjects ranging from violent drug traffickers in Mexico to guerrilla politics in Colombia, parlayed his mastery of Latin American crime into a secret side job and kept about $300,000 as a fee for himself.

Setting an example

A surefire way for the Vikings to make a statement: sign Colin Kaepernick.

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Prime-time players

IndyCar's Genesys 300 is ready for its close-up on Saturday.

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Sports



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Drivers Joey Logano (left) and Chase Elliott talk after the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway.

AUTO RACING

Wrecks causing tension between drivers

Logano-Elliott incident at Bristol allowed Keselowski to snag win

BY ALEX ANDREJEV
The Charlotte Observer

History repeated itself in more ways than one Sunday at "The Last Great Colosseum." Drivers who have typically struggled or crashed out at Bristol Motor Speedway's unforgiving, half-mile track — Alex Bowman, Matt DiBenedetto, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. — did.

And just like last weekend, Chase Elliott was minutes away from a top finish before a late-lap incident took him out of the running, and sent Brad Keselowski sailing past him to the finish line in first place.

"I watched Joey [Logano] and Chase [Elliott] going at it," Keselowski said after the race. "The next thing I knew, they were wrecking. Here we found ourselves in Victory Lane. Just really crazy how it all came together."

The two 2020 race-winning Cup drivers battled side-by-side in the final laps of the race before Elliott said he got loose running on the inside of Logano, sending him into the wall and forcing them both to the bottom half of the finishing order. After the race, Logano said he approached Elliott's car after waiting for an apology.

"I sat there for a minute, minute-and-a-half. Nothing," Logano said in a video posted to his Instagram account. "So I just get mad enough to go up to [Elliott] and talk to him, and what I get out of it was, 'You've done it before.'"

"It's hard racing at the end," Logano told FOX Sports earlier in the evening after he had a conversation with the No. 9 driver. "I get that, but golly, man, be a man and take the hit when you're done with it."

Elliott told FOX Sports during his post-race interview that he'll "certainly take the blame."

"Just going for the win, you know," Elliott said. "Trying to get a run underneath him and [I] got really loose. I don't know if I had a tire going down or if I just got loose on entry, but as soon as I turned off the wall, I had zero chance in making it."

"I feel like I had to keep him right there in order to win the race with only three or four laps to go," Elliott continued. "So I hate that we both wrecked, but you can't go back in time now."

Instances of wrecking and post-wreck confrontations from the race leaders seem to be coming more frequently. Two weeks ago, Busch apologized to Elliott for a move that caused Elliott to crash out of the race, to which Elliott initially

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COMMENTARY

Why MLB players' distrust in owners could torpedo season

BY BILL SHAIKIN
Los Angeles Times

If the 2020 baseball season blows up over money, the repercussions will be bad for players, bad for owners, bad for the sport.

That is no great insight. Rest assured the players know this, and so do the owners.

But, if this were just about the money, the two sides could calculate a difference and split it, and teams could be headed to spring training next week.

It is about money, yes, but it is about trust too. The players don't trust the owners.

The commissioner works for the owners. They hire him, and they can fire him. Rob Manfred, the current commissioner, was promoted in 2015 to replace Bud Selig, who said he had told owners to "judge me on their asset value."

The money rolled in, for owners and for players. But the unraveling of two decades of labor peace began in 2013, when Michael Weiner died of a brain tumor. He was 51.

Weiner was the executive director of the players' association, and before that a longtime lawyer for the union. He and Manfred had worked on multiple deals over the years, with mutual respect and trust.

Weiner's death accelerated the ascension of Tony Clark, the former first baseman, and the first union leader who was not a labor lawyer. Clark surveyed players on their priorities in the next collective bargaining agreement, negotiated in 2016. Times were good, and players secured creature comforts: fewer night games on getaway days; more days off; better nutrition; World Series home-field advantage to the team with the best record.

The underlying assumption: Owners by and large would continue to act in what players considered good faith.

The union's negotiating team did not foresee the degree to which owners would embrace analytics to bolster the bottom line, not just the baseball operation.

The luxury tax threshold became a de facto salary cap. The promise of big dollars in salary arbitration and bigger dollars in free agency became increasingly limited to elite players, with the rest at risk of replacement by younger, cheaper players.



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Rob Manfred, commissioner of Major League Baseball, attends the annual Allen & Company Sun Valley Conference on July 12 in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Not all teams played to win. Some kept their best young players in the minor leagues at the beginning of a year to delay free agency six years later. Some tanked entirely, playing overmatched youngsters

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MLB

Nationals commit to paying full minor league stipend

BY BRADFORD WILLIAM DAVIS
New York Daily News

The Nationals organization will pay their minor leaguers their full $400 a week stipend, and all it took was being one-upped by their stars.

Days after news broke that the reigning World Series champions were slashing weekly minor league stipends from $400 down to $300, the Nats team — and by "team," we mean players, not management — announced late on Sunday that they would donate the $100 difference through the end of the would-be minor league season.

But per The Washington Post's Jesse Dougherty, the team backtracked on Monday afternoon and will maintain the current stipend.

The players released a statement about their planned contribution from reliever Sean Doolittle's twitter account:

"After hearing that Nationals minor league players are facing additional pay cuts, the current members of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball club will be coming together and committing funds to make whole the lost wages from their weekly stipends," said the statement.

The statement continued: "All of us were minor leaguers at one point in our careers and we know how important the weekly stipends are for them and their families during these uncertain times. Minor leaguers are an essential part of our organization and they are bearing the heaviest burden of this situation as their season is likely to be canceled."

"We recognize that and want to stand with them and show our support."

Player have represented a stark contrast to team owners, who dwarf even the richest athletes in net worth. This wasn't the only instance of player generosity or owner frugality. Last week, Dodgers pitcher David Price committed to paying $1,000 to his franchise's minor leaguers, while Shin-Soo Choo donated $1,000 to 191 players in the Rangers organization. Meanwhile, clubs are dealing with the expected cancelation of the minor league season by slashing minor league pay and players from their rosters, including the Nationals, who released dozens of their own.

Doolittle said in a follow-up tweet that his teammates — who were slated to make a combined $171 million before the coronavirus put the season and their personal paychecks on hold — immediately held a player-wide Zoom call to address the situation created by management's response to the pandemic.

"Every player wanted to do something to help. It was unanimous," wrote Doolittle. "Proud to be a part of this group."

Dykstra loses defamation suit against ex-teammate Darling

BY STEPHEN REX BROWN
New York Daily News

His awful reputation was the final "Nails" in the coffin.

Lenny Dykstra's defamation lawsuit against his former Met teammate Ron Darling has been tossed by a judge who wrote that Dykstra's "reputation for unsportsmanlike conduct and bigotry is already so tarnished that it cannot be further injured."

Dykstra, nicknamed "Nails" during his playing days, sued Darling in April of last year after the pitcher published his memoir, "108 Stitches: Loose Threads, Ripping Yarns, and the Darndest Characters from My Time in the Game." Darling wrote that Dykstra hurled racist taunts from the on-deck circle at Boston Red Sox pitcher Oil Can Boyd during the 1986 World Series.

"The hero of Game 3 for us was also the a — hole of the game — Lenny Dykstra, one of baseball's all-time thugs," Darling wrote.

In a decision issued Friday, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Robert Kalish wrote he did not need to assess whether Dykstra actually made the remarks.

"Based on the papers submitted on this motion, prior to the publication of the book, Dykstra was infamous for being, among other things, racist, misogynist, and anti-gay, as well as a sexual predator, a drug abuser, a thief, and an embezzler. Further, Dykstra had a reputation — largely due to his autobiography — of being willing to do anything to benefit himself and his team, including using steroids and blackmailing umpires," Kalish wrote.

"Dykstra must have had a reputation capable of further injury when the reference was published."

The hard-nosed outfielder's criminal record had already destroyed any claim of respectability.

"The nature and seriousness of Dykstra's criminal offenses, which include fraud, embezzlement, grand theft, and lewd conduct and assault with a deadly weapon, and notably the degree of publicity they received, have already established his general bad reputation for fairness and decency far worse than the alleged racially charged bench-jockeying in the reference could," Kalish wrote.

Darling wrote that Dykstra's insults were "the worst collection of taunts and insults I'd ever heard – worse, I'm betting, than anything Jackie Robinson might have heard, his first couple times around the league. Way worse than the Hollywood version of opposing players' mistreatment of Jackie that was on display in 'The Jackie Robinson Story.' "

MLB

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for the sake of the high draft picks and low payrolls that came with a few years of losing — er, rebuilding.

Salaries remained flat, even as revenues continued to rise. In the name of efficiency, the owners cut spending on scouts, on draft picks, on foreign players. The owners told Congress they needed an exemption from the federal minimum-wage law or they would have to cut minor league teams, got the exemption, then set out to cut minor league teams anyway, also in the name of efficiency.

Forgive the phrase, but the owners played hardball.

Now come the hard times, when revenues no longer go only up. Attendance has declined for seven consecutive years. The rise in streaming has left teams vulnerable to a potential drop in the cable television money that fueled the revenue rush. And that was before the coronavirus outbreak that threatens to depress revenue for years.

The owners came for amateur players, with the draft next week cut from 40 rounds to five. Owners came for minor leaguers, releasing some and cutting $400-per-week stipends to others. Some owners came for scouts, and for minor league coaches, and for front-office employees.

It is embarrassing for the sport that the Kansas City Royals, in the smallest market in the American League, received enormous praise last week simply by promising to keep their staffers and minor leaguers on the payroll.

"We want to make the game better than we found it. That's all," Royals general manager Dayton Moore told reporters. "That's all we're trying to do. And we don't deserve credit for that. That's what we're supposed to do."

The owners now have come to the major leaguers, asking for financial relief instead of dictating it, because the major leaguers are unionized.

Can the owners be trusted to grow the game, the players wonder, when proposed minor league cuts mean 1,000 player jobs will be lost, and dozens of communities would lose their link to a major league affiliate? Are we all in this together, the players wonder, when they are the product and yet the owners ask Mike Trout, the game's best player, to take a pay cut of more than 75% while Manfred and his senior staff take a pay cut that averages 35%?

San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey, a six-time All-Star who seldom touches a controversy when he speaks, used his third and fourth tweets of the year to promote a venture capitalist's assessment of the pay plan proposed by owners: "wanton disregard for fairness and the willingness to create the most hostile dynamic possible with their most valuable assets — the players — and using a sports-starved public as a battering ram to have their highly compensated employees look like selfish a — holes."

Scott Boras, baseball's most high-profile agent, is loudly pushing the players to play hardball, just as the owners do. Cincinnati Reds pitcher Trevor Bauer has told Boras to butt out, and he is not alone in that sentiment. However, it is worth noting that the well-respected Posey is not a Boras client.

If the players give on salary now, would they trust the owners to give on something later? Some of the suggestions floated are laughable, at least as economic concessions by the owners. Lift the luxury tax for a couple years? Only four teams were projected to pay a tax this year, and revenues likely are going down. A universal designated hitter? Teams now prefer a roving cast of versatile hitters to a well-paid aging slugger; just two teams gave a DH enough at-bats to qualify for the batting title last season.

Manfred is a skilled labor lawyer, with decades of experience in baseball. Bruce Meyer, the lead union negotiator, was hired after the last bargaining loss to Manfred. Only time can build the trust that Weiner and Manfred had in one another.

Time is in short supply now. If they cannot make a deal, as you might have heard, the repercussions will be bad for players, bad for owners, bad for the sport.

Wreck

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responded to by raising a middle finger to Busch. It was tough to tell at first if the spin was intentional or accidental, but Busch took the blame for it after the race, as did Elliott for the latest misstep Sunday.

"For whatever reason, whether it's not having a chance to work on the cars, practice, the drivers not getting those experiences, we're seeing more mistakes with this format, this style of racing, the no-practice-type stuff," Keselowski said.

Keselowski added that he doesn't think that's necessarily a bad thing in terms of the on-track product.

"I think that makes for better racing in a lot of different ways," Keselowski said. "So I hope we keep it up."

The two-time 2020 race winner advocated for the format of NASCAR's return races, which includes no practice or qualifying laps at the track prior to the green flag during COVID-19.

"We've seen some of the best racing we've ever seen in NASCAR accordingly," Keselowski said. "I'm not just saying that because I'm in Victory Lane. I think a lot of people would say this was a tremendous race, and I hope they enjoyed it."

Seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who finished in third place at Bristol, did not directly connect the recent wrecks by top drivers to a lack of practice.

"I just think we do a nice job of making it look easy," Johnson said. "When you cross the line, stuff goes wrong."

"We walk that tightrope day in and day out," the No. 48 driver continued. "100 percent is really all the car can take. You step over it and create situations that take you out if you try too hard."

Johnson joked that the drivers' "true colors" are finally showing with all the wrecks and that they fooled everyone by making it look easy to race without crashing.

Drivers' "true colors" might be coming out off the track, too. Keselowski said that drivers have been stuck at home for so long, and are now taking their aggression out on each other.

"Early on in the race, everybody was hitting each other," Keselowski said. "It carried in all the way to the end. Some people ran me over. I probably ran some people over."

It probably won't be the last time we see a confrontation between drivers. More drama could easily ensue next Sunday.

"Everybody is mad at everybody going into Atlanta next week," Keselowski said.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Missing out on summer team-bonding would hurt UConn more than others

BY DAVID BORGES
New Haven Register, Conn.

Dan Hurley prides his UConn program on the family atmosphere and bonds it is able to establish when the team is together on campus. It's something he sells to recruits, as well.

Consider this: Hurley was literally pulling into the parking lot of the Center for Comprehensive Spine Care in New York City to undergo surgery last September, while simultaneously pleading on the phone with Tricia Altieri, mother of prized recruit Andre Jackson, to make a visit to Storrs.

"He's gotta take the visit," Hurley told her. "If he makes a decision without taking an official visit to us, he'll regret it, you'll regret it."

A few weeks later, Altieri and Jackson made that visit. Still undecided at the start of the weekend, Jackson was "100-percent going to UConn" by the end.

"It'll be part of his 30-for-30 or his E:60, or whatever," Hurley said. "It was a plea. I don't think I played the sympathy card like, 'Hey, I'm going in for spine surgery.' But I'll always remember the call. When the kid gets drafted, it'll definitely be what I think about, when he's hopefully playing in the NBA, or we win a championship together."

The unity Hurley and his staff has been able to build within the program is palpable. It's a big reason why no one left the program after Kevin Ollie was fired, and only one underclassman (Sidney Wilson, in a mutual decision) has left since.

It's also why the inability for UConn to assemble as a team this summer for any length of time due to the coronavirus pandemic truly hurts the program. Yes, every program in America is essentially in the same boat. But it hurts the Huskies more than others.

"Getting another full summer, the impact of more time together as a group, the impact it was having on our level of play and the ability to win, that time together — players, coaches, as a program — that's where the turnaround comes from," Hurley said. "That part of it is bad for us. There are other programs in the same boat that had momentum and were trying to turn their thing around."

On Monday, the NCAA began allowing athletes in football and men's and women's basketball to return to campus for voluntary workouts. But that is merely the NCAA granting permission. Athletes are still subject to the states and, in most cases, universities allowing them back on campus. It hasn't happened yet at UConn, and there's no timetable as to when it might.

"It's up to the state officials, obviously the leadership at the university level," Hurley said. "But obviously, we're all eager to get back together. Hopefully, things are safe enough for us to be able to get back to work. It's an important time in these kids' lives to continue their development."

It's also worth noting that campuses in parts of the country where the pandemic didn't hit as hard could be opening a lot sooner than UConn, giving their athletes a head-start.

ZOOMING ALONG IN RECRUITING

Interestingly, UConn hasn't been hurt in recruiting so far. Coaches are not allowed to visit players and players can't visit campuses, so throughout the nation, recruiting visits are done via Zoom, Skype and other forms of video communication. Still, the Huskies have managed to get commitments from highly-touted forward Adama Sanogo, who had been set on going to Seton Hall just a couple of weeks before, and Rhode Island transfer guard Tyrese Martin.

"Even on Zoom calls, you can get across your manner and who you are with people if you go on there enough," Hurley noted. "What hurts us, where we are able to distance ourselves from other places that we recruit against, when people are around the program and get a feel for the chemistry, the vibe. How hard we work, combined with the relationships."

There are a couple of UConn basketball players currently on campus after receiving permission from the school. Akok Akok has never left since the pandemic began, since campus facilities are the best place for him to rehab his torn Achilles tendon. James Bouknight has been back for several weeks, in part because the virus was much less prevalent in Storrs than his hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y. Josh Carlton was on campus for a while but has since returned to his North Carolina home.

But in normal times, most UConn players would be back on campus at this time, taking summer courses, working out, getting in some pick-up games and, of course, bonding.

"To have guys like Bouknight, where there's obviously high expectations, [Jalen] Gaffney, Richie [Springs], Andre, Javonte [Brown-Ferguson], [Sanogo]," Hurley noted, "we've got guys that need to be doing stuff with us to keep the thing going."

BRIEFLY

AMATEUR GOLF

NYSGA makes changes to 2020 championship schedule

JAMESVILLE — The New York State Golf Association (NYSGA) announced several major updates to its tournament schedule Monday, due to the evolving protocols and restrictions in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our [NYSGA Executive Committee's] main priority is to preserve the safety of participants, staff, volunteers and club personnel under the guidance set forth by the CDC and New York State," said NYSGA President Joe Enright in a press release. "Golf has provided a much-needed recreational outlet during these unprecedented times, and we hope that our members continue supporting their local golf clubs and play golf in a safe, responsible manner."

The NYSGA has canceled the following championships in 2020:

- NYS Amateur & Senior Amateur Mixed Team at Brook-Lea Country Club
- NYS Women's Amateur & Senior Amateur Four-Ball at Lakeshore Yacht & CC
- NYS Men's Amateur & Senior Amateur Four-Ball at Leatherstocking Golf Course
- NYS Women's Senior & Super Senior Amateur at Pinehaven Country Club
- NYS Men's Senior & Super Senior Amateur at The Powelton Club
- NYS Boys' Junior 14U Amateur at Seven Oaks Golf Club

The association has also canceled the entire NYSGA Amateur Series season, which included 25 net-based tournaments for low-to-high handicap golfers held at premier member clubs throughout the state.

"Canceling most of our competitive events was a difficult decision, but one that was made carefully with the best interests of our statewide community in mind," said NYSGA Executive Director Bill Moore in the release. "These changes are only temporary, and we have every intention of running a full schedule of events in 2021."

The NYSGA plans to conduct the six championships listed below in 2020, providing the CDC recommendations and state/local government guidelines make it possible to do so.

- NYS Men's Amateur at Onondaga Golf & Country Club
- NYS Men's Mid-Amateur at The Seawane Club
- NYS Women's Amateur & Mid-Amateur at Teugega Country Club
- NYS Boys' Junior Amateur (18U) at Seven Oaks Golf Club
- NYS Girls' Junior Amateur (18U) at TBD

A few significant changes to these championships have already been approved:

The NYS Boys' Junior 18U Championship will now permit golfers under 15 to compete, due to the cancelation of the NYS Boys' Junior 14U Championship.

The NYS Girls' Junior 18U Championship, normally conducted concurrently with the boys, will be moved to a new date and site in order to reduce the overall field size of both events.

There will be no sectional qualifying for the NYS Men's Amateur, Boys' Junior 18U Amateur, and Men's Mid-Amateur Championships. The selection process for these championships will be announced soon.

COMMENTARY

Vikings could send a powerful message

BY JIM SOUHAN
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — This weekend, five days after a cop knelt on George Floyd's neck in bright daylight on a Minneapolis street, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell issued a statement.

Either he took five days to toss a meaningless word salad, or he belatedly realized that he was among the last sports leaders to have failed to acknowledge the killing, and on Saturday quickly tossed a meaningless word salad.

I could reprint Goodell's statement here, but it might be easier for you to just Google "Generic press release template."

Ignore Goodell. He facilitated the blackballing of Colin Kaepernick, who was peacefully protesting killings just like that of George Floyd, and he has failed to persuade NFL owners to hire a reasonable number of black coaches and general managers in a sport filled with high-achieving black men.

He possesses the same credibility as a new Twitter user with zero followers and a Russian handle.

Instead, today, read the piece written by Joe Lockhart for CNN.com. Lockhart worked as an NFL executive. He also worked in the White House.

Lockhart's essay exposes all that Goodell and NFL owners have tried to obscure — that Kaepernick remained unsigned because NFL teams didn't want to anger portions of their fan base or bring unwanted media attention to their locker rooms.

Lockhart writes that he thought the NFL did good work in trying to encourage discussions about race and protest, and that Goodell at least had good intentions. "Though Kaepernick didn't get his job back, I thought we had done a righteous job, considering."

If that was the culmination of Lockhart's piece, he would have exposed himself as exactly the kind of self-congratulatory and cloistered NFL figure who has kept the league's worldview rooted firmly in the 1950s.

But he had more to say.

"I was wrong," he wrote. "I think the teams were wrong for not signing him. Watching what's going on in Minnesota, I understand how badly wrong we were."

Lockhart concludes the Vikings could do the world and the league a lot of good by signing Kaepernick.

He's right. Signing Kaepernick would signal that the Vikings care about social justice, and that the NFL acknowledges its wrongful blackballing of a talented player.

Signing Kaepernick would also make football sense.

He is 32, healthy and remains in remarkable shape. The Vikings' current backup is Sean Mannion, the kind of extra quarterback that nobody wants to see take the field.

Kaepernick would give the Vikings a chance to win if Kirk Cousins gets injured, and he's young enough that he might become the franchise's quarterback of the future.



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San Francisco 49ers free safety Eric Reid (35), quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) and outside linebacker Eli Harold (58) kneel during the national anthem before the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Levi's Stadium.

The best aspect of signing Kaepernick would be that he could become a familiar presence in Minnesota and in national media.

Plenty of Minnesota sports figures have taken the same stance as Kaepernick. In the WNBA, Lynx players wore shirts emblazoned with "Black Lives Matter" after the killing of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling.

University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's basketball coach Lindsay Whalen is a vocal supporter of social justice and stood with her black Lynx teammates at that time. Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve champions equality for all.

Former Twins star Torii Hunter spoke last week about being profiled, and former NBA player Stephen Jackson spoke eloquently in Minneapolis on Friday about racism and police killing unarmed black men.

Timberwolves players have tried to raise awareness about racism and have openly mourned Floyd's killing. Wolves GM Gersson Rosas and coach Ryan Saunders have spoken in support of their black players.

None of these Minnesota sports figures have been treated locally the way Kaepernick was treated nationally, because we know them, and we listen to them. We know they are good people. Even racists have trouble getting mad at Maya Moore or Karl-Anthony Towns.

They have not been reduced to symbols and talking points.

In Minnesota, Kaepernick could become a powerful and familiar force for good. He might win a few football games, too.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Auburn legend Pat Dye dead

Tribune News Service

Legendary former Auburn head coach Pat Dye has passed away. He was 80 years old.

Dye had recently tested positive for COVID-19 while hospitalized in Atlanta with kidney issues. His son, Pat Dye Jr., told ESPN that his father was asymptomatic.

247Sports first reported news of Dye's death on Monday.

Dye has the third-most wins in Auburn football history after going 99-39-4 during 12 seasons (1981-1992). The beloved former coach recruited Bo Jackson to the Plains and won four SEC championships during his tenure at Auburn. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

He was named SEC Coach of the Year three times (1983, 1987 and 1988) with the first coming during Auburn's 11-1 season that included a share of the national championship after defeating Michigan in the Sugar Bowl. Auburn finished third in the Associated Press and Coaches polls though The New York Times awarded it a national championship.

He famously helped move the Iron Bowl from Legion Field to Jordan-Hare Stadium in 1989 after the game had been played annually in Birmingham since 1948.

"When I saw Coach Bryant when I first got to Auburn, the first thing he said to me, very first thing, he said, 'Well, I guess you're going to want to take that game to Auburn,'" Dye told AL.com's Creg Stephenson last year. "I said, 'We're going to take it to Auburn.'

"He said, 'Well, we've got a contract through [19]88. … I said, 'Well, we'll play '89 in Auburn.'"

Tigers' Ross has spinal condition

BY MATT CONNOLLY
The State (Columbia, S.C.)

Clemson star receiver Justyn Ross will miss the 2020 season, and his football career could be in jeopardy.

Ross has a "congenital fusion" in his spine that he's had since birth, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney told reporters Monday. Ross is slated to have surgery on Friday.

The condition was discovered on an X-ray after Ross felt stinger-like symptoms during spring practice.

"Nobody to this point knew that he had that, and he's had no issues his whole career. Because of the situation when they did this X-ray, it showed up. Very concerned," Swinney said. "And he had a little bit of a bulging disc as well. And that is an issue. There's been many people play football with a surgical fusion. That happens a lot of times.

"But we don't know of one that's had a surgical and a congenital" issue, Swinney said.

Ross missed Clemson's final two workouts of the spring _ a practice on March 11 and a scrimmage on March 13. The March 13 workout was Clemson's final one of the spring as the final six spring practices were canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The Phenix City, Alabama native had 66 catches for 865 yards and eight touchdowns last season. He was first on the team in receptions and second in yards.

"He will not be able to play this fall. If he was a football coach or accountant or whatever he'd probably be back at it in six weeks. But he's a football player and so there's obviously a lot more involved here when it comes to him being able to play the game that he loves," Swinney said.

Will Ross be able to play football again? That's not clear at the moment.

"There's no guarantees with anything," Swinney said. "Certainly very hopeful that this surgery will go well and take him out of harm's way as far as risk of paralysis or anything like that. And then he can hopefully by January he's doing great and he's got a decision to make. … It's a very unique situation."



KIRBY LEE/USA TODAY SPORTS

Clemson Tigers wide receiver Justyn Ross (8) catches a pass against LSU in the fourth quarter in the College Football Playoff national championship game at Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Ross had 1,000 yards as a freshman and was expected to take an even more prominent role with Tee Higgins moving on to the NFL.

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5. (15) Erik Jones, Toyota, 500, 0.0, 35, 0
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8. (13) William Byron, Chevrolet, 500, 0.0, 33, 0
9. (35) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 500, 0.0, 28, 0
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RACE STATISTICS

Average Speed of Race Winner: 80.338 mph
Time of Race: 3 hours, 19 minutes, 2 seconds
Margin of Victory: 0.471 seconds
Lead Changes: 21

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HORSE RACING

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(through May 31 races)
TOP 3-YEAR-OLDS

Current ranking of the Top Thoroughbred on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-1 basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019 record and total points. Poll concludes Monday, Nov. 4. A-S: Age-Sex, Sex: C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare, R-ridgling.

Horse	Record	Pts
1. Tiz the Law (27)	2-2-0-0	349
2. Charlatan	3-3-0-0	286
3. Authentic (2)	2-2-0-0	275
4. Maxfield	1-1-0-0	270
5. King Guillermo (1)	2-1-1-0	166
6. Honor A.P.	1-0-1-0	145
7. Nadal (5)	4-4-0-0	140
8. Sole Volante	3-1-1-1	103
9. Ete Indien	3-1-1-1	86
10. Basin	3-0-1-1	60

Other horses receiving votes: Wells Bayou (44), Mischevious Alex (21), Ny Traffic (15), Gouverneur Morris (11), Thousand Words (11), Mr. Big News (9), Modernist (8), Dr. Post (6), Finnick the Fierce (6), Swiss Skydiver (5), Enforceable (4), Mr. Monomoy (4), Pneumatic (3), Rushie (2), Tonalist's Shape (2), Cezanne (1), Shivaree (1), Shedaresthedevil (1), Bonny South (1).

TOP THOROUGHBREDS

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Horse	A-S	Record	Pts
1. Mid. Bisou (27)	5-M	1-0-1-0	354
2. Mucho Gusto	4-C	2-1-0-0	283
3. By My Stndrds (2)	4-C	3-3-0-0	264
4. Zulu Alpha	7-G	3-2-1-0	161
5. Tom's d'Etat (1)	7-H	1-1-0-0	137
6. Max. Security (5)	4-C	1-1-0-0	116
7. Monomoy Girl	5-M	1-1-0-0	104
8. Raging Bull	5-H	3-2-1-0	83
9. Ce Ce	4-F	3-3-0-0	69
10. Mr Freeze	5-H	1-1-0-0	56

Other horses receiving votes: Whitmore (55), Code of Honor (35), United (34), Tiz the Law (32), Owendale (30), McKinzie (26), Warrior's Charge (24), Starship Jubilee (24), Uni (20), Mind Control (19), Hard Not to Love (17), Keeper Ofthe Stars (15), Fighting Mad (14), Dunbar Road (14), Sistercharlie (9), Vekoma (7), Mr. Monomoy (6), Charlatan (6), Zulu (6), Serengeti Empress (5), Sharing (5), Higher Power (3), Combatant (1), Bell's The One (1).

Note: Daily Gazette turf writer Mike MacAdam votes on this poll.

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KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD

The Road to the Kentucky Derby is a 35-race series that awards points to the top four finishers in each race. The top point earners will earn a spot in the 20-horse starting gate for the 146th running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, Sept. 5. Invitations will be extended to each of the top point earners from series being raced in Europe and Japan.

Horse	Pts
1. Nadal	150
2. Tiz the Law	122
3. Wells Bayou	104
4. Charlatan	100
5. $-King Guillermo	90
6. Ete Indien	74
7. Modernist	70
8. Ny Traffic	70
9. Maxfield	60
10. Authentic	60
11. Basin	50
12. Mischevious Alex	50
13. Shivaree	40
14. Gouverneur Morris	34
15. Enforceable	33
16. Storm the Court	32
17. Sole Volante	30
18. Major Fed	30
19. Thousand Words	25
20. Finnick the Fierce	25
21. Silver Prospector	21
+Field Pass	20
22. Excession	20
23. Candy Tycoon	20
24. Honor A.P.	20
25. Untitled	20
26. Shotski	19
27. Farmington Road	15
28. Attachment Rate	15
29. Independence Hall	14
30. Silver State	14
31. Azul Coast	14
32. Shoplifted	13
33. Anneau d'Or	12
34. Eight Rings	10
35. Dennis' Moment	10
36. Gold Street	10
37. Max Player	10
38. As Seen On Tv	10
+Texas Swing	10
39. Winning Impression	10
+Pneumatic	10
40. Three Technique	9
41. Invader	8
42. Ajaaweed	7
43. Scabbard	6
44. Answer In	6
45. Relentless Dancer	6
46. Wrecking Crew	5
47. Montauk Traffic	5
48. Mailman Money	5
49. Green Light Go	4
50. High Velocity	4
51. American Theorem	4
52. Royal Act	4
53. Fancy Liquor	4
+American Farmer	4
54. Prince of Pharoahs	3
55. Bourbon Bay	3
+Lebda	2
56. Big City Bob	2
57. Chase Tracker	2
58. Portos	2
59. Toledo	2
60. Zimba Warrior	2
+Indian Peak	2
61. Halo Again	2
62. Jungle Runner	1
63. Monday Morning Qb	1
64. Taishan	1
65. Informative	1
66. Letmeno	1
67. Express Train	1
+Celtic Striker	1
68. Tiz Rye Time	1
69. Tizamagician	1
+Wine and Whisky	1

+Not Triple Crown nominated; $-Late Triple Crown nominee

Next: Saturday, Grade I Santa Anita Derby.

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KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

Top 14 point earners nominated to the Kentucky Oaks will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 146th running on Friday, Sept. 4.

Horse	Pts
1. Swiss Skydiver	210
2. Bonny South	100
3. Finite	80
4. Shedaresthedevil	70
5. Donna Veloce	62
6. Tonalist's Shape	60
7. Water White	54
8. British Idiom	50
+Down On Da Bayou	50
9. Venetian Harbor	50
10. Lucrezia	50
11. Tempers Rising	47
12. Lake Avenue	35
13. Alta's Award	30
+Dubai Love	20
+Queen of God	20
14. Antoinette	20
+Kansas Kid	20
15. Spice Is Nice	20
16. Speech	20
17. Motu	16
18. Wicked Whisper	10
19. Lazy Daisy	10
20. Serein	10
21. Harvey's Lil Goil	10
+Panthera Onca	10
22. Dream Marie	10
23. Storie Blue	10
+Bajan Girl	10
24. Pass the Plate	8
25. Perfect Alibi	6
26. Comical	5
27. Gingham	5
+Ascot Brass	5
+Queen Bridget	5
28. Reluctant Bride	5
29. Paige Anne	5
30. Frank's Rockette	4
31. Maedean	4
32. K P Dreamin	4
33. His Glory	4
34. Ursula	4
35. Auberge	4
36. Turtle Trax	4
37. O Seraphina	4
38. Impeccable Style	4
39. Portrait	3
40. Laura's Light	2
41. High On Gin	2
42. Lady Glamour	2
43. Slam Dunk	2
44. Stellar Sound	2
45. Alandra	2
+Blame Debbie	2
46. Nikki and Papa	2
47. Fiftyshays Ofgreen	2
+Fujairah	1
+Orquidias Biz	1
48. Ice Princess	1
+She Can't Sing	1
+Persisto	1
+Blood Curdling	1

+Not Kentucky Oaks nominated

Next: Saturday, Grade II Santa Anita Oaks; Grade III Dogwood (Churchill Downs).

LOCAL GOLF

Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course
Saturday
Quota

John Wall 47 pts, Stan Dybas 43 pts, Jack Niemczyk 42 pts, Charlie Archinal 38 pts, Skip Phillips 38 pts

Sunday
Double Best 9

Gross: Matt Beck 72. Net: Jack Niemczyk 66, Skip Phillips 66.

Hole in one: Joe Agresta Sr., 13th hole.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

KOREAN BASEBALL ORGANIZATION

5:30 a.m. (Wednesday) — Kiwoom Heroes vs. Hanwha Eagles, ESPN

AUTO RACING

IndyCar Genesys 300 ready for its closeup

BY DREW DAVISON
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

You can't say Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage is simply trying to sell tickets when he talks about next Saturday's IndyCar race. No fans are going to be allowed through the gates despite the state saying up to 25% capacity is allowed at outdoor sports venues.

Instead, Gossage truly believes that Saturday is "one of the most important events IndyCar racing has ever had."

The series will be kicking off its season after shutting down for 12 weeks amid the coronavirus pandemic. The Genesys 300 will be on primetime TV with NBC airing the race to a captive audience hungry for live sports.

The race is scheduled to start at 7:10 p.m. The one-day event will also feature practice from noon to 2 p.m., including a 30-minute window dedicated solely for rookies and first-time participants at TMS, followed by qualifying from 4 to 5 p.m.

These are unprecedented times and an unprecedented situation in which IndyCar can re-establish itself as a must-see sport. Also, it's more than just the Indianapolis 500.

Just ask three-time Indy 500 champion and Fort Worth resident Johnny Rutherford, who agreed with Gossage that this is one of the most significant races in IndyCar history.

"It's going to be exciting, especially for those fans who are watching the IndyCars under the lights for the first time," said Rutherford, the 82-year-old who won the Indy 500 in 1974, 1976 and 1980. "It's a shame we can't be there in person, but it's going to be just as exciting on TV.

"Texas Motor Speedway has turned into a very fast racing spectacle. If you don't mind going fast, Texas is where you want to race. You can really flex your muscles on that high-banked track."

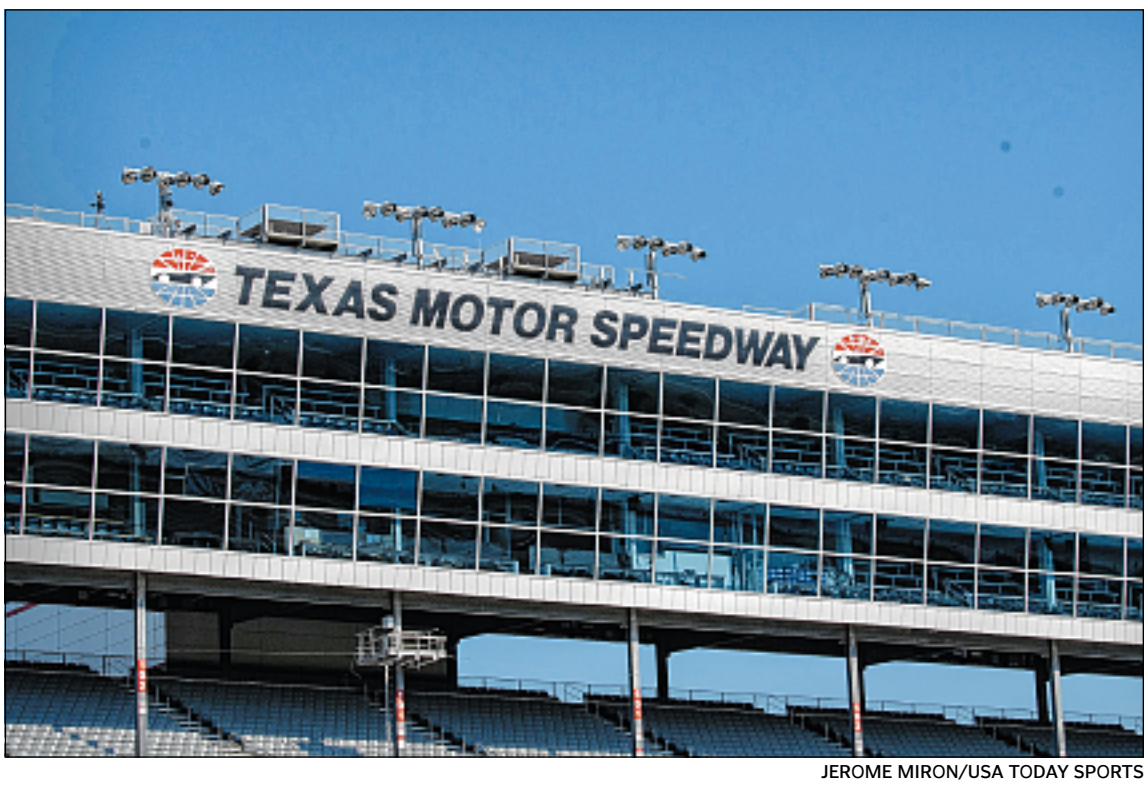
Gossage wouldn't argue that assessment. He feels TMS is one of the best tracks to showcase open-wheel racing at its finest with drivers reaching speeds of 220 mph and producing photo finishes through the years.

"We're infamous for being so close and so fast," Gossage said. "Occasionally an accident happens and it can look awful, but it's just amazing the precise skills and talents these drivers use to drive so close to each other.

"It's a high-speed, dangerous show. I can't wait for this race to get here, but once it starts, I cannot wait for it to be over because it is so nerve-wracking. I know these guys. I want them all to be safe," he said. "I don't want to see these beautiful cars — fast and sexy cars — get destroyed."

Gossage acknowledged there is concern with most of the drivers having limited seat time. The majority haven't been behind the wheel since the 2019 series finale last September in California.

"You hope with rusty drivers everything goes well," Gossage said. "Hopefully they are a little bit cautious, a little bit conservative, but I've never seen that before. We'll see. It's going to be something to see and I hope everyone tunes in to watch it."



JEROME MIRON/USA TODAY SPORTS

Texas Motor Speedway will host the spectator-free IndyCar Genesys 300, which will be televised live on NBC, on Saturday.

'HALLMARK DAY'

James Hinchcliffe will be making his 10th career start at TMS on June 6. He's gotten to know Gossage over the years, and was part of one of those epic photo finishes in 2016 when he lost to Graham Rahal by 0.008 of a second.

Hinchcliffe understands why Gossage is pumping it up as one of the biggest races in the sport's history.

As he said, "Do I think it's a hallmark day for the series? Yeah, absolutely. Do I think it's a make-or-break day? No, not really. I think IndyCar racing is going to get back to what we do, and that's going to continue for years to come regardless. Certainly we want this to be a successful race. We want it to be a good show.

"But Eddie needs to make it sound like it's the biggest race in history so that way more people tune in and show up, and that's totally fair. Actually that's exactly what he should be doing and what he should be saying. And yes, it is important, and we're very excited to go back and we're very happy in a lot of ways that we get to do it at Texas Motor Speedway."

For Hinchcliffe, though, he has to approach it as any other race. He'll be focused on ensuring his team executes its strategies and game plan for the best finish possible, rather than focusing on the significance of sports simply returning for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

MANY ADJUSTMENTS

No sport prides itself on being fan-friendly more than the racing series. Fans flock around the infield before races with meet-and-greets with drivers and up-close looks at the cars.

But the pandemic is forcing TMS to host its first race without fans. About 900 people will have access to the grounds on race day, including drivers, team members, TMS staff, TV and radio crews and a select number of media representatives.

Despite Gov. Greg Abbott allowing capacity of up to 25% at outdoor sporting venues provided that the league first submits a safety plan, IndyCar and TMS have gone through too many measures to ensure the safety of all involved to alter their plans this close to the event.

Reporter: NASCAR clearly taking virus seriously

BY ALEX ANDREJEV
The Charlotte Observer

CONCORD, N.C. — It was a late night for the four reporters in the press box covering NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 race last weekend. The May 24 event stretched into early Monday morning after a rain delay and late-lap caution further extended the longest race of the year.

When I reached my car parked in the Charlotte Motor Speedway lot just before 2 a.m., I experienced pure bliss removing a mask that had been covering my face for 12 straight hours. My relief, however, was short-lived.

I turned on the engine, took a deep breath, and then, I felt it: The sniffles.

This was a new development since I had entered the speedway healthy, without experiencing a fever or any COVID-19 symptom leading up to the race, but the press box was cold and I didn't feel sick otherwise. Tired, definitely, but not sick. It was probably allergies.

I forgot about my mild runny nose until the following day when a text from NASCAR Medical came up on my phone asking me to fill out a health screening questionnaire before attending my next race on Tuesday. Completion of the form is required before each race as part of NASCAR's coronavirus event protocol.

"Have you received a lab confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19?"

No.

"Have you been within 6 feet of a person for at least 5 minutes with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?"

No.

"Are you experiencing any of the following: Fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 3 days, cough, sore throat, chills, runny nose/nasal congestion, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing/wheezing, headache, muscle pains/body aches, fatigue, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, NONE OF THE ABOVE."

Previously, I didn't need to check any of the boxes next to those symptoms. Now, I wasn't so sure.

I weighed my options, still experiencing the runny nose. It was probably nothing, but what if it was something? I reasoned that when it comes to a global pandemic, better safe than sorry. I checked "runny nose" and finished filling out the survey, which also asked if I resided with anyone who was experiencing the symptoms previously listed (no). I submitted the form and went on with my day.

Later that evening, I got a text from someone introducing himself as Ryan Stanton, the Medical Director for the American Medical Response/NASCAR Safety team.

"I am following up as your prescreen was flagged for followup," Stanton texted.

He asked if I had correctly filled out my form and if my symptom was new or allergy-related. I texted back that I thought it was allergies and that I wasn't experiencing any symptoms then.

Stanton's questions were thorough.

"Is this ongoing for you this time of year?" he asked.

I responded that yes, I usually have seasonal spring allergies.

"No symptoms, fever, or exposures that would make you concerned for anything other than allergies?" Stanton followed.

"Correct," I responded. "No fever, cough, COVID symptoms or exposure to anyone with COVID or experiencing symptoms."

I added that I would let him know if new symptoms popped up overnight. He responded around 11 p.m. that he was "just clearing up flags prior to tomorrow."

The next morning, I received my daily text from NASCAR's racing communications officer, Mike Forde, who asked me if I was experiencing an elevated temperature or exhibiting other COVID-19 related symptoms (none). Per protocol, NASCAR individually asks everyone at the track (including drivers, crew members, owners, media and speedway personnel, etc.) that same question each race day. Individuals are then asked again if they are experiencing symptoms by health officials at check-in before taking a forehead temperature scan.

Tuesday, I watched the Trucks race from the press box feeling good. No runny nose.

I then returned to the track on Wednesday, and again on Thursday after rain postponed the Cup race to the following evening. Each day, I filled out my questionnaire and responded to my daily text from Forde.

Check-in at the track was lonely, with no fans to weave through, but efficient. Everyone I interacted with wore a mask, and hand sanitizer was delivered to our seats as well as posted in a dispenser outside each doorway leading into the press box.

No more than two people at a time were allowed inside the elevator, and there was ample space, more than six feet, between the four print reporters onsite, which included one local or NASCAR-designated reporter (myself), a representative from the Associated Press and two rotating reporters from outlets selected by the National Motorsports Press Association.

"NASCAR ran the Coca-Cola 600 without spectators and used appropriate social distancing, face covering, hand hygiene and signage," North Carolina's Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen said Tuesday.

Before attending last Sunday's race at Charlotte, I had to sign a COVID-19 Assumption of Risk waiver and a HIPAA Health Information waiver, as well as read through NASCAR's 39-page Event Operations Protocol Guide, which was approved by the governor's office before the sport returned to North Carolina amid the pandemic.

"They took precautions seriously and had a great event that was enjoyed by millions," Cohen said. "Let's all take the precautions that NASCAR did."

As live sporting, entertainment and political events return slowly but surely in the coming months, sanctioning bodies will have to determine what that looks like when it comes to media access and procedures.

Ongoing politics are involved in who and how many reporters are allowed on-site for NASCAR's return races, but the sport got it right when it comes to how seriously it is taking something as big as a virus that has claimed more than 100,000 lives, as well as something as small as a case of the sniffles.

Reporting from the track at Charlotte this past week, I felt safe.



TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 2, 2020

	T	A	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
WNYA	4		Mom (In Stereo) CC	black-ish "Bow Knows"	Mom (In Stereo) CC	black-ish CC (DVS)	Chicago P.D. Voight helps a former acquaintance. CC		Newschannel 13 Live at 9	Seinfeld (In Stereo) CC	Chicago P.D. The unit targets a cocaine supplier. CC		Seinfeld "The Boyfriend"	Family Guy (In Stereo) CC	Family Guy (In Stereo) CC	25 Words or Less (N) CC	Comics Unleashed
TBS	5	48	Family Guy CC (DVS)	Family Guy CC (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. "All I Need"	Conan (N) CC	The Last O.G. "All I Need"	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Conan CC	Impractical Jokers CC
WRGB	6	6	CBS 6 News at 6 (N) CC	CBS 6 News at 6:30 (N)	CBS Evening News	Family Feud CC	NCIS Vance punishes McGee, Bishop and Torres. (In Stereo)		FBI "Legacy" Armor-piercing rifles are stolen. CC		FBI: Most Wanted A young man becomes a terrorist.		CBS 6 News at 11pm (N)	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (In Stereo) CC		The Late Late Show With James Corden CC	
WXXA	8	7	Judge Judy CC	Daytime Jeopardy	News10 at 7:00 on FOX23	Judge Judy CC	Hell's Kitchen A dinner service with chef tables. CC		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back CC (DVS)		News10 at 10:00	News10 at 10:30	The Goldbergs CC	Modern Family "The Kiss"	TMZ (N) (In Stereo) CC	The Real (In Stereo) CC	
WTEN	10	10	News10 at 6:00pm (N)	ABC World News	Wheel of Fortune CC	Jeopardy! (N) CC	The Conners CC (DVS)	The Conners CC (DVS)	Modern Family "Paris"	Modern Family "Legacy"	The Genetic Detective "Hunt for the Runaway Killer" (N)		News10 at 11:00pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) CC	Nightline (N) CC	Jimmy Kimmel Live! CC	Larry King Sp.
WMHT	11	4	BBC World News America	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) CC		Antiques Roadshow	Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents (In Stereo) CC		Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents (In Stereo) CC		Queen Elizabeth's Secret Agents (In Stereo) CC		Amanpour and Company (N) (In Stereo) CC		BBC World News	BBC World News	To Be Announced
WNYT	13	13	Newschannel 13 Live at 6	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Inside Edition (N) CC	America's Got Talent "Auditions 2" Variety acts audition. (N) (In Stereo) CC				World of Dance The competition is turned on its head. (N)		Newschannel 13 Live at 11	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo) CC		Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo) CC	
CSPN	14	71	(3:30) U.S. House of Representatives (N) (Live) CC						Politics and Public Policy Today CC						Politics and Public Policy Today CC		
WCWN	15	8	2 Broke Girls CC	2 Broke Girls CC	Mike & Molly CC	Mike & Molly "Windy City"	DC's Stargirl "Icicle" Barbara makes strides at work. (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Swan Thong" CC		CBS 6 News at 10pm (N) (Live) CC		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	DailyMailTV (N) CC
WYPX	20	5	Criminal Minds Hotch is arrested for conspiracy.		Criminal Minds The team tracks an escaped killer.		Criminal Minds A child abduction case rattles J.J.		Criminal Minds Three women mysteriously disappear.		Criminal Minds The BAU team hunts for a serial killer.		Criminal Minds Families of two students are murdered.		Criminal Minds Three children vanish on a bike path.		Criminal Minds
HSN	21	15	Bellezza Jewelry Collection		Bellezza Jewelry Collection		Designer Gallery		Designer Gallery		Storage & Organization		Home Solutions/Origami		Perlier Beauty (N) CC		Perlier Beauty
QVC	22	12	Jane's Beauty Secrets CC		WEN Chaz Dean		Shoe Shopping With Jane		The Find with Shawn Killinger - Beauty Edition CC						Gourmet Holiday CC		Jewelry
TWC	23	33	Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel								Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel						
ESPN	24	25	SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		MLB Baseball								SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter
ESPN2	25	26	Jalen	Questionable	NBA2K League: Week Five. (N) (Live)								NFL Live CC		UFC Archival		Fitness
MSGPL	26	20	(5:00) Devils Rewind		Islanders Rewind				MSG 150	Islanders Rewind				Islanders	Devils Rewind		
TNT	27	18	(5:00) Movie: ★★½ *"The Magnificent Seven"* (2016) CC (DVS)				Movie: ★★½ *"2 Guns"* (2013) Denzel Washington. CC (DVS)				Movie: ★★★ *"Training Day"* (2001) Denzel Washington. CC (DVS)					Movie: ★★½ *"2 Guns"* (2013)	
USA	28	30	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		Dirty John "No Fault"		Dirty John (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		Dirty John "No Fault"		Dirty John
AMC	29	34	(5:00) Movie: ★★½ *"XXX"* (2002, Action) Vin Diesel. 'PG-13'				Movie: ★★½ *"Man on Fire"* (2004) A bodyguard takes revenge on a girl's kidnappers. CC						Movie: ★★★★ *"The Silence of the Lambs"* (1991, Suspense) Jodie Foster. 'R'				
LIFE	30	27	Movie: ★★ *"Kidnap"* (2017, Action) Halle Berry. CC				Movie: ★★ *"Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail"* (2009) CC				Movie: ★★ *"Tyler Perry's Good Deeds"* (2012) Tyler Perry.				Movie: ★★ *"Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail"*		
FX	31	23	(5:00) Movie: ★★½ *"Man of Steel"* (2013) (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★ *"Pitch Perfect 3"* (2017) Anna Kendrick. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★ *"Pitch Perfect 3"* (2017) Anna Kendrick. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★½ *"Man of Steel"* (2013) (In Stereo)		
TOON	32	47	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Wrld, Gumball	Wrld, Gumball	American Dad	American Dad	American Dad	Rick, Morty	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	Boondocks
NICK	33	28	Casagrandes	Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Danger Force	SpongeBob	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC
DISN	34	35	Jessie CC	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney-Max	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Bunk'd CC	Bunk'd CC	Gabby Duran	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Roll With It	Jessie CC	Jessie CC
FREE	35	16	*Wedding Sing.*	Movie: ★½ *"The Waterboy"* (1998) Adam Sandler. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★★ *"Wedding Crashers"* (2005) Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) CC					The 700 Club (In Stereo) CC		Movie: ★★½ *"Liar Liar"* (1997) (In Stereo) CC		
COM	36	43	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	The Office	South Park	South Park	Daily Show
DISC	37	17	Deadliest Catch (N) CC		Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)		Deadliest Catch Coast Guard responds to a mayday call. (N)				Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch CC		Deadliest Catch "Mayday: Scandies Rose"		
A&E	38	57	The First 48 (In Stereo) CC		The First 48 (In Stereo) CC		The First 48 "A Man's Game"		The First 48: Catching a Killer		Accused: Guilty or Innocent?		The First 48 (In Stereo) CC		The First 48 "A Man's Game"		The First 48
HIST	39	40	Lost Gold of World War II		Lost Gold of World War II		Lost Gold of World War II		Lost Gold of World War II		The Secret of Skinwalker		The Secret of Skinwalker		Lost Gold of World War II		The Secret of
TLC	40	37	Outdaughtered (In Stereo)		Outdaughtered (In Stereo)		OutDaughtered: Countdown		Outdaughtered (In Stereo)		7 Little Johnstons (In Stereo)		Sweet Home Sextuplets		OutDaughtered: Countdown		Outdaugh.
HGTV	41	41	Love It or List It CC		Love It or List It CC		Bargain Mansions (N) CC		Bargain Mansions (N) CC		Hunters	Hunters	House-Hurry	Hunters	Bargain Mansions CC		Hunters
FOOD	42	51	Chopped "Pizza Poetry"		Chopped CC		Chopped "High on the Hog"		Chopped "Poke Power" (N)		Supermarket Stakeout (N)		Supermarket Stakeout CC		Chopped "Poke Power" CC		Supermarket
OWN	43		Our America With Lisa Ling		Our America With Lisa Ling		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong (N)		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving You
NBCS	44	126	American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior
BET	45		Movie: ★★ *"Kidnap"* (2017) A frantic woman chases the car that holds her kidnapped son.						Movie: ★★½ *"The Family That Preys"* (2008, Drama) Kathy Bates, Alfre Woodard. CC						Martin CC	Martin CC	Martin CC
CNN	46	31	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) CC		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		CNN Tonight with Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360 CC		Prime Time
HN	47	32	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Death Row Stories CC		Forensic Files
CNBC	48	38	Mad Money (N) (Live) CC		CNBC Special Report		Shark Tank (In Stereo) CC		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		The Profit CC		The Profit "SJC Drums" CC		The Profit "Dilascia" CC		The Profit
MNBC	49	36	The Beat With Ari Melber (N)		MSNBC Live: Decision 2020		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		The Rachel Maddow Show		Last Word
GOLF	51	121	Golf Central	Golf Central	School of Golf	Lessons	Golf's Greatest Rounds CC						Golf Central	College Golf CC			
SYFY	53	44	*GI Joe*	Movie: ★½ *"Gone in Sixty Seconds"* (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage. CC					Movie: *"Jurassic Park"* (1993) Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.						Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
PARMT	55	42	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Movie: ★★½ *"The Guardian"* (2006) A Coast Guard trainer makes a swimming champ his protege. (In Stereo)							Movie: ★★½ *"The Guardian"* (2006) Kevin Costner. (In Stereo)			
VH1	56	39	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out
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TCM	58	55	*5th Ave Girl*	Movie: ★★½ *"Living on Love"* (1937) CC			Movie: ★★★ *"Black Legion"* (1937) CC			Movie: ★★★ *"Dodge City"* (1939, Western) Errol Flynn. CC			★½ *"The Footloose Heiress"*		*"They Made Me a Criminal"*		
BRAV	59	54	Housewives/OC		Vanderpump Rules CC		Vanderpump Rules CC		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Vanderpump Rules CC		Below Deck Mediterranean		Botched CC		Botched CC
E!	60	45	Hollywood Medium		Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Sex & the City	Sex & the City	Sex & the City
NGEO	61	120	Inside the SS CC		Hitler's Secret Attack		Explorer CC		Drain (N) CC		Kingdom of the Mummies (N)		Drain CC		Drain CC		Buried
UNI	62		Noticiero	Noticiero Univ.	La Rosa de Guadalupe (SS)		Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticiero Univ.	Noticiero Uni	Contacto deportivo		Destilando
TVL	63	46	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	King	King	King	King	King
LMN	64	161	Movie: *"Stranger in the House"* (2016) Emmanuelle Vaugier.				Movie: *"Stalker in the Attic"* (2020) Jennifer Landon. CC				Movie: *"Sinister Stalker"* (2020, Suspense) Marci Miller. CC				Movie: *"Stalker in the Attic"* (2020) CC		
WE	65	140	Law & Order "Survivor" CC		Law & Order "Corruption"		Law & Order "Double Blind"		Law & Order "Deadbeat"		Law & Order (In Stereo) CC		Law & Order "Entrapment"		Law & Order "Legacy" CC		CSI: Miami
YES	67		(3:00) The Michael Kay Show		We're Here	MLB Baseball From Aug. 7, 2019. (In Stereo) CC						Yankees Acc.	MLB Baseball From Aug. 8, 2019. (In Stereo) CC				
FXN	70	56	Special Report		The Story With Martha		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N) (Live) CC		The Ingraham Angle (N) CC		Fox News at Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight CC		Hannity CC
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BBC	110	109	(5:00) Movie: ★★★ *"Fury"* (2014, War) Brad Pitt. CC				Movie: ★★★½ *"The Hunt for Red October"* (1990, Suspense) Sean Connery, Scott Glenn. CC						Movie: ★★½ *"Robin Hood"* (2010, Adventure) Russell Crowe. CC				
A-P	132	52	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People: Wild		Alaskan Bush People: Wild		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush
SCI	136	102	Secrets of the Underground		Secrets of the Underground		Unearthed (N) (In Stereo) CC				Forbidden History (N) (In Stereo) CC				Unearthed (In Stereo) CC		Forbidden Hi.
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CSP2	226	72	(2:15) U.S. Senate (N) (Live)			Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)									Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)		
DFC	266	101	Cats 101 (In Stereo) CC		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking Championship		Kids Baking
CMTV	293	49	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Movie: ★★ *"Miss Congeniality"* (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. CC				
CLSC	308	131	College Football				College Football				College Football				College Football CC		
HBO	511	201	(5:20) Movie: *"Ready or Not"*		Real Time With Bill Maher		I Know This Much Is True		I Know This Much Is True		Movie: ★★★ *"Hanna"* (2011, Action) Saoirse Ronan. 'PG-13'				Movie: ★★★ *"Side Effects"* (2013) Jude Law.		
HBO2	512	202	(5:25) Movie: ★★★ *"Cold Mountain"* (2003) (In Stereo) CC				Insecure	Last Week To.	Movie: ★★½ *"Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw"* (2019) (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★★ *"Nocturnal Animals"* (2016) (In Stereo) CC				
MAX	531	270	*The Dilemma*	Movie: ★★★ *"Bowfinger"* (1999) Steve Martin.			Movie: ★★ *"The Change-Up"* (2011) Ryan Reynolds. CC				Movie: ★★½ *"Isn't It Romantic"* (2019) CC			Movie: ★★★ *"Death Becomes Her"* (1992)		★★ *Timeline*	
SHOW	351	221	(5:50) Movie: ★★½ *"Outbreak"* (1995) Dustin Hoffman. CC				Ray Donovan "New Birthday"		Escape at Dannemora CC				Movie: *"Mr. Brooks"* (2007) A man has a murderous alter ego.			Movie: *"A Clockwork Orange"*	
SHW2	352	222	*"Close Encounters"*		Movie: ★★★½ *"Ghost"* (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. CC				Movie: ★★★ *"The Sixth Sense"* (1999) Bruce Willis. (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★½ *"Defendor"* (2009) Woody Harrelson. Premiere.				*The Bank Job*
TMC	371	231	*Goodland* CC	Movie: *"13"* (2010) Jason Statham. (In Stereo)			Movie: ★★★½ *"Seven"* (1995) Brad Pitt. (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★ *"Carriers"* (2009) Lou Taylor Pucci.			Movie: *"Charlie Says"* (2018) Matt Smith. (In Stereo) CC			
STRZ	381	241	(5:59) Hightown CC		Movie: ★★½ *"Tears of the Sun"* (2003) Bruce Willis. CC				Hightown "Rebellion Dogs"		Movie: ★★ *"Seven Pounds"* (2008, Drama) Will Smith. 'PG-13'				Movie: *"Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance"*		
STZEN	602	248	(4:54) *"Saturday Night Fever"*		Movie: ★★½ *"Two for the Money"* (2005) Al Pacino. CC				Movie: ★★★ *"La Bamba"* (1987) Lou Diamond Phillips. CC				Movie: ★★½ *"Funny People"* (2009, Comedy-Drama) Adam Sandler. 'R' CC				
STZEC	605	250	(5:36) Movie: ★★★ *"Lucas"* (1986) Corey Haim.		Movie: ★½ *"The Tuxedo"* (2002) (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★★ *"True Romance"* (1993) Christian Slater. CC				Drop-Diva	Movie: ★★★ *"9 to 5"* (1980, Comedy) Jane Fonda. CC			
STZES	606	254	Movie: ★★ *"Killer Elite"* (2011) Jason Statham. (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★★ *"Double Jeopardy"* (1999) (In Stereo) CC				Romper Stomper "Poetry"		Romper Stomper CC		Movie: ★★★ *"Murder in the First"* (1995) CC		
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MSG		19	(5:00) Rangers Rewind		MSG 150	Knicks Rewind				Knicks Rewind				MSG 150	Rangers Rewind		
STZE		243	Movie: ★★★½ *"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"* (2004)				Vida "Episode 22" CC		Vida CC		Movie: ★★½ *"Black and Blue"* (2019) (In Stereo) CC			Vida "Episode 22" CC		★★★ *"(500) Days of Summer"*	

Grateful Dead: A look back at the band's magical year of 1970

BY JIM HARRINGTON
The Mercury News

The Grateful Dead released two albums in 1970 — "Workingman's Dead" and "American Beauty" — and they changed the band's trajectory forevermore.

"These are the two albums that eventually really established the Grateful Dead for the long haul," says Dennis McNally, the band's official historian.

After releasing a trio of albums that failed to meet commercial expectations or broaden the Bay Area band's appeal beyond a niche audience, the Dead's fourth and fifth studio efforts garnered radio play across the country. It established the group as a national touring act, improved its financial outlook and delivered the heart of a songbook that would, as much as anything else, secure the band's substantial place in the rock 'n' roll history books.

"If they had stopped playing in late 1969, they would've been this aberrant, brilliant jazz-rock-fusion group that did some fascinating things," McNally says. "But it's what they did in the next year (that) locked them into being one of the cornerstones of American music."

Half a century later, these twin titans from 1970 are regarded as outright classics — the band's greatest achievements in the studio. Rolling Stone magazine included both on its famed list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, right up there with such revered offerings as R.E.M.'s "Automatic for the People," Roxy Music's "Avalon," Aretha Franklin's "Lady Soul" and Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon."

And they are big attractions to this day, as evidenced by the fact that the Rhino records label is releasing special 50th deluxe editions of both albums. ("Workingman's Dead" comes first, on July 10, with "American Beauty" to follow likely in the fall. See rhino.com for details.)

In honor of the milestone anniversary, we're taking readers on a trip back to 1970 to retrace the steps of the Dead as they create these albums. Our tour guide for the occasion is McNally, who wrote what is, by far, the best book ever written on the band — "A Long Strange Trip: The Inside History of the Grateful Dead" (2002).

'COME HEAR UNCLE JOHN'S BAND'

The story of the Dead's magical 1970 starts in the spring of 1969, when lyricist Robert Hunter begins sharing a house in Larkspur with longtime pal Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead.

Having already collaborated on several tunes together — including every track that would make it onto the Dead's then-most recent studio outing, 1969's "Aoxomoxoa" — the Hunter/Garcia songwriting team were looking to hone their craft even further, McNally says.

But they'd do so in a way that was quite different for the Grateful Dead at the time, abandoning the type of free-form, experimental anthems they were known for in the late '60s and instead pursuing a more lyric-focused, acoustic-driven country sound that was influenced by the Byrds and the Band, as well as Hunter and Garcia's own shared background.

"They went back to their old roots, which was the folk/bluegrass scene of the early '60s that they both were part of in Palo Alto," McNally says.

The result of those efforts would propel the Grateful Dead into the old Pacific High Recording studios on Brady Street in San Francisco in February 1970, hoping to finally create a hit studio album that would ease some of the band's financial burden.

"They had signed a contract with Warner Bros that allowed them unlimited recordings — which was insane on Warner Bros' part," McNally says. "Because they had now made three (studio) records — none of which had sold particularly widely. They owed about a quarter of million dollars in recording costs, which in 1970 was a lot of money.

"They knew that (Warner Bros executive) Joe Smith was going to get a gun and come to San Francisco and shoot them, if they tried to do another triple experimental album."

While the psychedelic freak fests of "Anthem of the Sun" and "Aoxomoxoa" would each take several months to record, the Dead knocked out the more straight-ahead "Workingman's Dead" in about three weeks.

"They simply couldn't afford to get elaborate," McNally says. "But more importantly, really, that's not what the music called for. What they were after — sound wise, approach wise — was Buck Owens and the Bakersfield Sound."

The end result, McNally says, was sort of plain and simple but it also contained "some of the best songs ever."

It would also make one particular record exec very happy.

"They send the tape to Joe Smith," McNally says. "He puts the cassette on thinking, 'Oh, God, yet another cosmic masterpiece." And then he hears 'Uncle John's Band' and he literally ran the length of the corridor of Warner Bros in Burbank screaming, 'Oh, my God, the Grateful Dead have made a record album!'"

And Smith wasn't the only one thrilled with the result.

"'Workingman's Dead comes out June 14, 1970 and has this immediate impact because it starts getting played on the radio," McNally says.

'JUST KEEP TRUCKIN' ON'

"In '69, they could make money in exactly two places in the entire United States," McNally says. "They could make money in San Francisco and they could make money at the Fillmore East, which had opened in '68 in New York.

"They could not tour widely because their records weren't played anywhere and then, as now, if nobody has ever heard of you, you're not going to get any offers from promoters."

All of that changed once FM radio stations began spinning "Workingman's Dead" — in particular, the tracks "Uncle John's Band" and "Casey Jones" — and introducing the Grateful Dead to fresh ears across the country. The number of Dead fans began to skyrocket, making it possible for the group to route nationwide tours.

"That's when they started becoming the Grateful Dead that could play everywhere," McNally says. "Eventually, of course, we got to the point where we had to play three nights everywhere because the demand was so intense that you simply had to play more than one night."

But not everyone in the Grateful Dead camp was focused on new touring opportunities.

"While all this is going on, of course, Hunter is still living in Larkspur and he is still writing songs like bananas," McNally says.

Hunter and Garcia would pen a whole new batch of tunes in the spring of '70, but finding time to record them was going to be tough because the Dead had signed on to appear on the late-summer Medicine Ball Caravan tour, where bands would travel around the country, living in teepees and playing music for fans along the way.

A documentary film would be made about the whole shebang. McNally imagines the original pitch went something along the lines of: "Yeah, it will be Woodstock on wheels!"

The only problem? "There's nobody in the Grateful Dead who wants to sleep in a teepee," McNally says. So, the band dropped off the Caravan at the last minute.

"Now, this creates an interesting situation," McNally says. "Suddenly, they've got two weeks of vacation that they didn't plan on — that is to say, no dates, no gigs booked. And they say, 'All right, we've got all this material and it's good — let's record it.'"

'RIPPLE IN STILL WATER'

As summer was winding down, the band ventured into Wally Heider Studios — on Hyde Street, across the street from where the legendary Black Hawk jazz club once operated — and began work on this new batch of mostly Hunter-Garcia material.

Opened in 1969, Heider's quickly became a hotspot for Bay Area acts and other musicians to record. By the time the Dead came through its doors in August of 1970, Heider's had already hosted Creedence Clearwater Revival, Neil Young, Jefferson Airplane, CSNY, Santana and other notable artists.

It was "the first really professional, high quality studio in San Francisco," according to McNally, and the Dead were finally ready to use all of that technology to their fullest advantage.

That know-how, combined with the high quality studio equipment, translated to a lushness of vocals, a certain sheen to the production, that was certainly missing on "Workingman's Dead."

Plus, the album was just loaded with songs that would become undeniable classics.

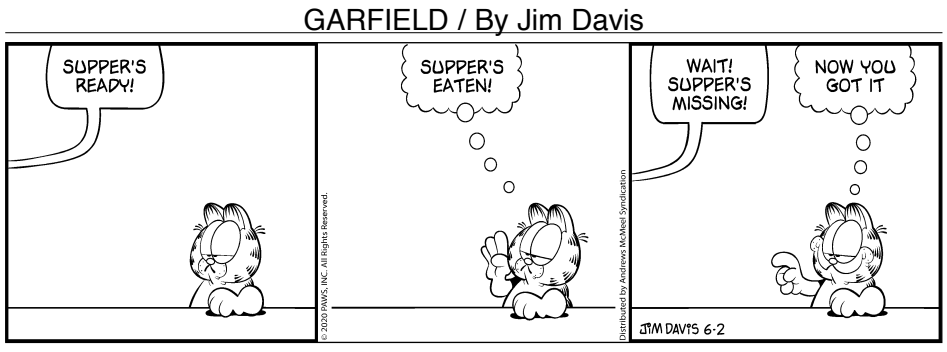
"Seriously, 'Friend of the Devil,' 'Sugar Magnolia," "Ripple," "Brokedown Palace," "Attics of My Life" and "Truckin" are all on this album," McNally says. "Bruce Hornsby said that Grateful Dead songs were hymns. They are part of the American songbook. And that started with 'Workingman's Dead' — 'Uncle John's Band' — and the material on 'American Beauty.'"

Both the albums were commercial hits, becoming the band's first two studio efforts to achieve gold and platinum certifications. But their impact on the Grateful Dead stretched far beyond monetary measurements.

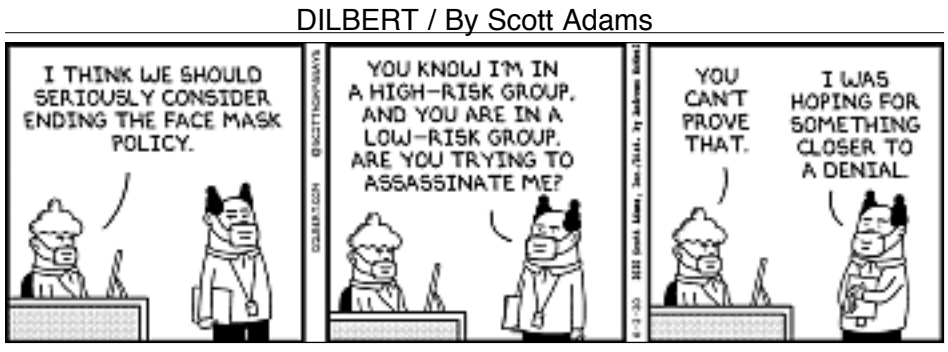
"They started out in 1965, like every other band that ever was, as a cover band," McNally says. "Then, for a while in '66, they are a blues band. From '67 to '69, they are an experimental jazz-rock-fusion band that can play 45 minutes and not sing a verse. If they would have stayed with that, they would not have had the impact they did — because the American public wants to hear songs.

And that's what it would get with "Workingman's Dead" and "American Beauty."

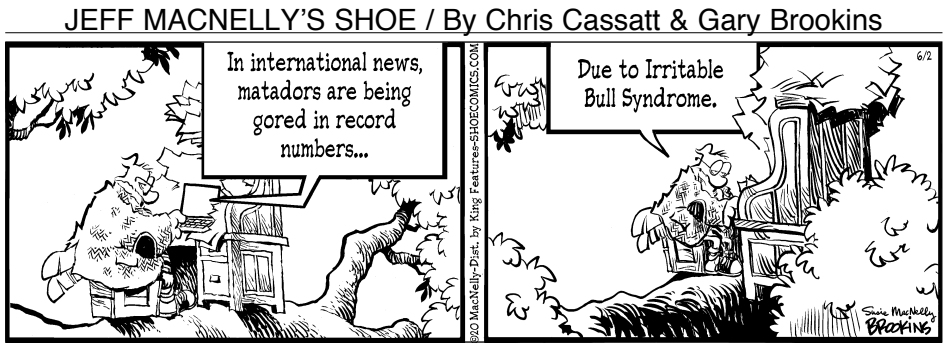
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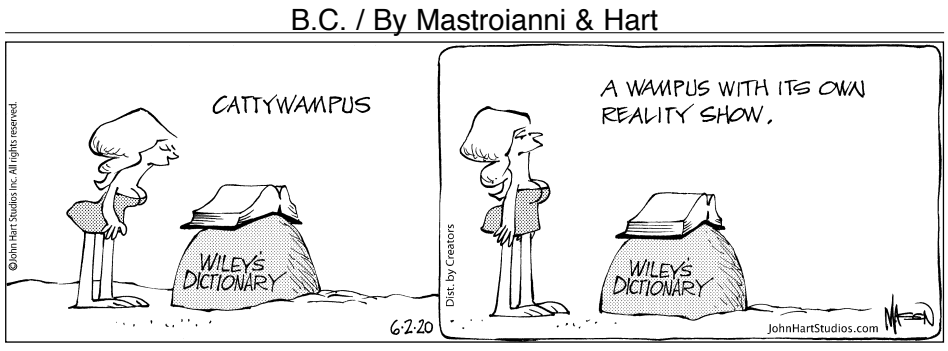
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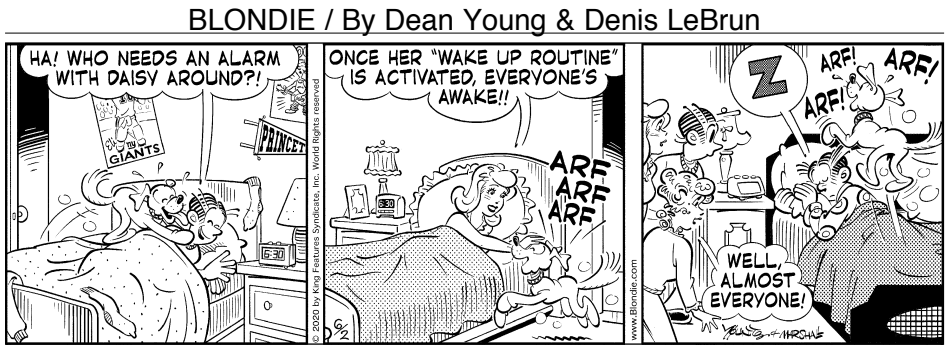
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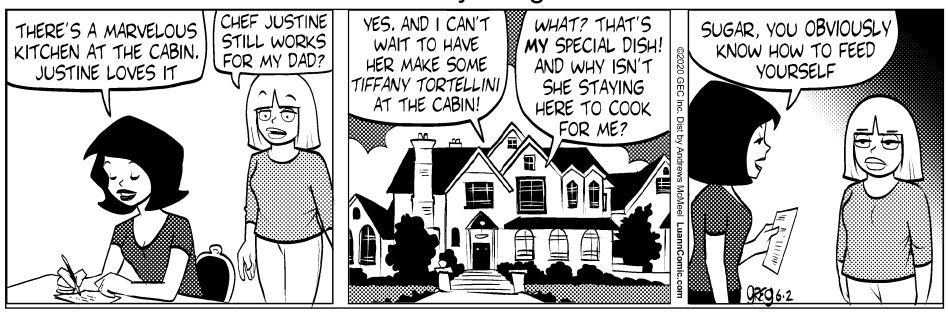
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Niece being raised in toxic home



By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: After many years, my sister and I finally have a decent relationship. I feel I can tell her about almost anything.

My brother-in-law, "Aaron," is an alcoholic, and my sister enables him. When he drinks, his already quick temper becomes worse and he "knows everything." To make things worse, they have a 3-year-old child I'll call "Casey." It infuriates me when I see Aaron's crude, foul-mouthed, "omnipotent" behavior in front of Casey.

There have been times he has used my presence (because I babysit Casey) to drink to the point of impairment. When Casey has a tantrum or is overtired and acts her age, Aaron loses patience with her. He yells at her, slams things down in front of her and storms out of the room.

I'm well aware that children watch and learn behavior from their parents. Daughters will seek out boys, then men who behave like their father, thinking it is normal behavior. How do I approach my sister, who buys Aaron whiskey when he's feeling down, that there's a serious problem here?

My husband and I have a stable home and successfully raised five children. We would be willing to take in Casey until Aaron is truly well. My comments to my sister will be met with fury or maybe hatred, but I will do whatever is best for Casey. I love that little girl too much to see her raised in such a toxic environment. – BETWEEN A DRUNK AND A HARD PLACE

DEAR BETWEEN: You say your sister slips her husband alcohol when he's down. To me that says he may be using it to self-medicate depression.

You DO need to talk with your sister. When you do, explain you are concerned about Aaron's change of behavior when he drinks and the effect it has – and will continue to have – on little Casey. Aaron does need help, but so does your sister. Enabling someone, as well-intentioned as it may be, is not helping the person.

Aaron needs to talk to a doctor about his episodes of depression, and your sister could gain a great deal of insight by attending some Al-Anon meetings. You can find one nearby by visiting al-anon.org. Offer to go with her if she's reluctant.

DEAR ABBY: I am in an interracial relationship (I'm black, and she's white/Hispanic). We have been together for a year.

She has met just about all my family and all of my friends, but I have only met four people in her life. She has a lot of friends on social media, but no one knows about me. She never posts pictures of us or even hints anything about me. She is friends with her ex-boyfriend, and she knows about his girlfriend, but he has no clue about me. No one does. I feel like I'm her invisible man.

She comes from a "country" background, and I'm afraid she is embarrassed or ashamed of me. We were talking about getting married. – INVISIBLE MAN IN TEXAS

DEAR INVISIBLE MAN: Something isn't right here. You say you "were" talking about getting married. Are you still talking about it? I find it peculiar that after being together for a year, you haven't met her family, you have met so few of her friends and she has posted nothing about you on social media. The time has come to ask her the reason and whether your romance may have run its course.

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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE
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For Tuesday, June 2, 2020

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

Discussions with others are passionate today because you're full of emotional energy. Nothing is casual. Everything matters. (Oops.)

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

If shopping today, wait until after noon. You might be impatient to buy something. Likewise, you will have strong ideas about financial matters.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

Today Venus is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars. This is a passionate aspect, especially for romance. However, it makes all your dealings with others intense and passionate. Easy does it.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

You might have some secrets today, because something is going on behind the scenes. One obvious possibility is a clandestine affair. (But it could be anything.)

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Don't let differences about politics or religion affect a friendship or your relationship with a group. People can't agree on everything. Lighten up.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Tread carefully if you are having a conversation with a boss, parent or someone in a position of authority, because you might go too far. That's because you have strong feelings about things. (Don't do anything you will regret.)

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

This is a poor day for discussions about politics or religion, because things will get out of hand. People are hot under the collar and more emotional than logical.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Financial issues might come to a head today, especially regarding inheritances, shared property or insurance matters. Make sure you get all your facts before you stick your neck out.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Be patient with partners and loved ones. On the upside, intense passions could give you some memorable romance. Anything can happen today.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You have strong feelings about health issues or something related to your job, or possibly even related to a pet. Make sure you know what you want before you speak.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

This is a passionate, romantic day, which is why any kind of flirtation will turn your crank. Even a friendly wink might set someone's heart a-flutter.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Take a calm, measured approach to family discussions today, because feelings are running high. Everyone is in overdrive. Someone has to be a role model in a disciplined way. You can be that person.

YOU BORN TODAY

You are independent and imaginative. You know how to get your way because you're charming. It's your turn for a fun-loving year ahead. You will be more popular and will enjoy warm friendships. You will be more grateful for your life and will appreciate the everyday happiness and beauty around you. This year is the time for an important choice. Choose wisely.

Birth date of: Awkwafina, actress/rapper; Zachary Quinto, actor; Andy Cohen, TV host/producer.

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June 16
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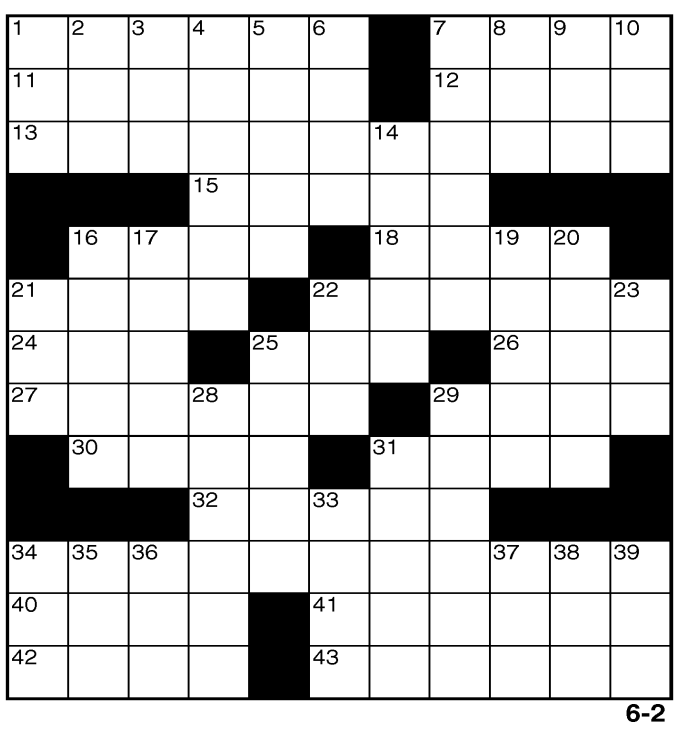
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Yesterday's answer



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At Sephora and Ulta, pandemic changing shopping

BY NATALIE WALTERS
The Dallas Morning News



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A customer walks out of the Ulta Beauty store at The Shops at Park Lane in Dallas on May 26. Ulta Beauty is known for letting customers test open makeup products, but the store giant has reopened in Texas with updated safety measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

DALLAS — In a post-COVID world, it's hard to imagine letting a friend borrow your lipstick, much less a stranger. But major beauty retailers Sephora and Ulta Beauty Inc. became favorites of makeup enthusiasts by doing just that — letting all customers test from the same display product.

Now, as stores try to lure shoppers back from a pandemic-induced hibernation, the industry once seen as fun and indulgent suddenly needs to take on new responsibilities typically reserved for health or enforcement workers — like sanitizing and controlling social distancing.

Ulta and Sephora used the two-month forced shutdown to reimagine their stores, which once allowed beauty assistants to touch guests' faces and use community testing products — something that now seems cringeworthy. And they're waiting to see how customers respond.

The top 50 beauty merchants make up a $27 billion pie, and a whopping 49% of it is controlled by Ulta and Sephora, according to data provided by market intelligence firm 1010data. Denton-based Sally Beauty Holdings Inc., which claims 5% of the pie, is a different kind of company focused mostly on hair care products and appliances and beauty and nail supplies as both a retailer and distributor.

Ulta, the market leader, started reopening stores May 11 and now has 114 Texas locations open, all of which are also offering hair services again, according to its website. Sephora started reopening stores May 22 and lists 31 open stores in Texas on its website.

The beauty retailers face unique challenges in reopening. First, their stores are significantly smaller than department stores, making it difficult to practice social distancing. Second, the main reason to shop in-store was to test products, but now both stores have thrown out testers altogether — a new safety measure that some Texas shoppers say isn't being strictly enforced.

As states lift stay-at-home orders, people may be ready to rush to the nearest Ulta or Sephora to freshen up their appearance. But they may have to wait in line. The new capacity limit for Ulta is 40 people, including associates. Sephora also has a limit but didn't list a specific number.

Inside, both stores look similar. There are the usual changes seen at other stores, like hand sanitizer stations, decals reminding people to stay six feet apart and increased cleaning.

Then there are the arrows guiding you through the store, similar to the decals that some grocery stores have on their floors. But the arrow system isn't as effective in Ulta and Sephora, where the aisles are shorter and shoppers are more prone to browsing than in grocery stores, where shoppers often look for a specific list of items.

Employees at both stores are being closely monitored. They must wear face coverings (something encouraged but not required for shoppers) and have their temperatures checked before their shifts (also at mid-shift for Sephora).

Ulta will also offer hair services in select stores by appointment only with required face coverings for both hairdressers and customers. Hairdressers will wear gloves, and stations will be six feet from each other.

But the biggest change by far is that the testers at both stores are now display-only.

Testing makeup has long been one of the trademarks of Sephora and Ulta stores. It can be an indulgent, pamper-yourself experience after a long day at work or a fun, let's all get made up experience with friends. And, practically speaking, it's the best way to find your right colors.

Now, many customers are horrified at the thought of community test products, said Wendy Liebmann, CEO of consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail.

"It's something people weren't totally comfortable with before, and now it's especially taboo to even suggest using the same products or testing at all," Liebmann said.

Catherine Wester, Ulta's district manager in Dallas-Fort Worth, said the extent of customer interaction with employees — other than at the hair counter — will be talking. Shoppers can still get advice and recommendations from six feet away, she said.

But customers who have ventured into Sephoras and Ultas across Texas say even employees are finding it difficult to adjust to the new policy.

Taylor Myers, 27, of Plano, said she went to Ulta in Lewisville and saw people touching and testing products while employees watched.

"I felt like the guidelines for wearing a mask and not touching anything were great, only the employees were not enforcing any of the policies," she said.

Ulta said in a statement that it has worked to instill the new safety measures in its employees.

"Should any guest notice something that does not align with our measures, they can certainly address (that) with our associates, who can speak to the other guests and will, of course, disinfect the product area immediately," the statement said.

At Sephora, Kristen Tucker, 34, of Allen, said she was told an employee could help her test a product, which she thought was reasonable.

Another shopper, 29-year-old Ashley Morgan of Dallas, said a Sephora employee tested the colors on his arm for her to see.

While these employees may have been helpful, Sephora said its new policy is that neither customers nor employees can use the samples now.

"Testers are for display only and are not available for client use for the time being. If a client does touch a display item, our employees have been instructed to remove it and disinfect the area," Sephora said in a statement.

Sephora said it has trained all employees on 48 safety procedures and guidelines around how to "safely and properly demonstrate display testers on themselves while maintaining social distance."

Liebmann said the companies need to make their employees — who may be caught in an awkward position watching customers test products — get comfortable with explaining the new policies to customers, especially since the policies benefit them.

Both stores can offer an alternative to testers now, too. Both began employing virtual tester tools before the pandemic took hold. Sephora's augmented reality tool is called Virtual Artist, while Ulta's app that allows virtual try-on is called GLAMLab.

Shoppers can expect the stores to push them toward these alternatives in this environment of heightened sanitizing awareness, according to analysts. Stores may also require guests to make an appointment to try on makeup or start offering more pre-packaged samples or individually wrapped makeup applicators, both in-store and online.

Samples were always unsanitary, but it took a pandemic for many to see that, said Tiffany Hogan, a Kantar senior analyst who tracks beauty retailers.

"The way the coronavirus spreads is similar to other germs, but the virus has made people more aware of that and more cautious about what they touch and handle," Hogan said. "They will have to come up with more hygienic ways to allow testing."

When the country went into lockdown in mid-March, Ulta was one of the first to close all its stores on March 19 and now offers curbside pickup at more than 800 locations. Meanwhile, Sephora still doesn't offer a curbside option. On Sephora's message boards, there are a number of threads from customers asking for this option. Many of the answers suggest going to Ulta.

Ulta's convenient and safe ordering options could help it gain more market share over Sephora, said Yun Cho, a manager in the consumer practice of Kearney, a global strategy and management consulting firm.

"Customers who prefer this service may shift their purchases to Ulta, despite the store reopening, and for Ulta, such a shift will be an important opportunity to capture new consumer segments," Cho said.

So what have people been buying while sitting at home?

Nail painting and hair coloring products. These two saw a boom as quarantiners tried to replicate the two popular grooming services at home, Liebmann said. But, she said, there's no guarantee these DIY products won't succumb a bit post-quarantine.

"First, we worry about dying (from the virus). Then we worry about our roots," she said.

Pampering products, such as facial masks, bath salts, and lotion — especially for hands dry from excessive washing — are also booming as some people find more time for self-care, said Erin Schmidt, a beauty industry analyst at Coresight Research.

"Consumers finally have time to take care of their skin and their hair without feeling guilty ... essentially doing spas at home," she said.

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