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COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

- San Francisco • Marin Food Bank: In partnership with Hunter Pence and the Giants, Big League Impact and the Garth Brooks Teams For Kids, Foundation have pledged to feed kids in every MLB city by immediately raising funds for the “Home Plate Project.” Millions of children rely on school breakfast and lunch as their only meals each day and with the COVID-19 health crisis shutting down schools, kids are going hungry. The SF Marin Food Bank received a $15,000 grant to help feed their neighbors.

- Buster Posey recorded personalized messages of hope for families, the medical staff at numerous locations across the Bay Area including; UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital San Francisco and Oakland, Family House San Francisco, Sunshine Kids, Camp Okizu, Kaiser Santa Clara Outpatient Pediatric Subspecialty Department, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, Ronald McDonald House Bay Area, Valley Children’s Hospital.

- Hospital Meals: Pam Baer, with support from Taste Catering, the Giants Community Fund and KXK Promos, provided lunch for nurses and hospital staff in one of the units dedicated to tending to COVID-19 patients at SFVGH (see above).

- Meals On Wheels SF: The Giants and Fatnatics donated Dugout Store bags to Meals on Wheels SF to fulfill their shortage of bags to deliver groceries and meals to seniors in San Francisco.

KOZEE’S KITCHEN

Each week, Manager Gabe Kapler will give us some of his favorite food spots from around the US, in no particular order.

I know a little about baseball and a lot about burritos. I grew up eating Mexican food non-stop with friends in SoCal in the San Fernando Valley. From Canoga Park, to Reseda to Van Nuys, there are authentic burritos stuffed with everything under the sun seemingly on every corner.

Garaje’s carnitas version is strong and sort of...pressed? Grilled? Not sure, but it’s different, and it’s solid. Garage makes the most delicious burrito (they call them zapatos) combination of proximity to Oracle Park, good beer and an unpretentious vibe.

PRESS BOX EATS

- Artichoke Dip
  - In a food processor, combine artichoke hearts, mayonnaise, and parmesan cheese
  - Blend until mixed together
  - Add in diced jalapeños for heat (1/4 for mild heat) and re-blend
  - Refrigerate overnight
  - Serve in sourdough bread bowl with sliced up sourdough baguette

SHOPPING LIST/INGREDIENTS

- 1 large sourdough bread bowl
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 2 jars marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 small jar of diced jalapeños

MLB THE SHOW PLAYERS LEAGUE | HUNTER PENCE

As mentioned on Page 1, last Friday, Sony launched Round 3 of the Show Players League, a 30-player eSports league. Giants OF Hunter Pence will serve as the club’s representative.

The 30-player league includes 11 former All-Stars, five World Series Champions and eight players age 25 or younger. Each participant plays in a round-robin format (i.e., playing every team one time) throughout the month of April for a total of 29 regular season, three-inning games.

Following this regular season, the top eight teams will advance to the Postseason format which will largely mirror the MLB Postseason format and culminate in a World Series.

Fans can watch streams of games on a variety of digital platforms, including Twitch and YouTube. Follow @MLB, @MLB_PLAYERS, @MLTheShow and the players’ Twitter accounts for times and stream information.

GIANT BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Hunter Pence (37)
- Luis Madurez (23)
- Bruce Borch (65)
- Kean Wong (25)

Each week we’ll get to know the new Giants coaches with a few fun questions in this space. First up, hitting coach Justin Viele.

Did you try to emulate your in-game batting stance/swing after any player you admired growing up?

JV: I tried a bunch of batting stances growing up. At a young age obviously I would try to emulate McIver and Sosa, but also as an Angel fan in the early 2000s—Okajima, Glaus, and Tim Salmon. I have a very narrow base like Longo with high twitchy hands like Youkilis was something that worked in high school. In college, we were asked to hit a very cookie cutter way. We were not really allowed to explore and be creative.

Why did you choose to wear #17 this year?

JV: My niece, River, was born in 2017 so I chose #17. Every other season, I’ve always been #22.

Are you a fan of PB&J? If so, what kind of peanut butter (crunchy or creamy) and what kind of jelly?

JV: I don’t really eat them anymore because in high school, college and pro ball, I would eat them just about every single day. Creamy peanut butter only, with grape/strawberry jelly (probably Smucker’s? Haha not sure) and also honey if available. Wheat bread was typically the go-to move. I discovered the brand Wonder Classic White bread in pro ball and that bread for a PB&J is excellent.

Favorite home-cooked meal?

JV: Chocolate Chip pancakes or grilled cheese sandwich.

Favorite snack to buy/eat at (or sneak into) a movie theater?

JV: Milk duds mixed into my popcorn

What artist would you like to have playing over the speakers in the cage or during BP?

JV: Post Malone

GIANTS PLAYER SPOTLIGHT | TONY WATSON

- Grew up in Dallas Center, Iowa, a suburb of Des Moines.
- At Dallas Center-Grimes High School, Watson threw three no-hitters his senior year and had a state-record 0.10 ERA (one earned run allowed). He was named to the All-State Second Team in 2002 (his junior year) and in 2003, he was Elite All-State and won the Bob Feller Award as the top high school pitcher in the state. His 13 career strikeouts are the most by an Iowa pitcher since Major League Cal Eldred, and his 10 walks as a senior were record-low for the state.
- He was drafted by the Florida Marlins in the 23rd round of the 2005 draft, but he did not sign and chose to enroll at the University of Nebraska.
- He began college as a communications major and switched to sociology his junior year after a class called Sociology of Crime piqued his interest.
- Drafted by the Orioles in the 17th round of the 2006 draft but did not sign. Was drafted again in 2007 as the Pirates’ ninth round selection.
- Watson returned to his high school in 2016 to become the first alum to have his jersey retired. He and his wife donated $25,000 to Dallas Center-Grimes High School to build a new scoring board and batting cages for the school.
- Tony’s great-uncle, Tim Offenburger, served as an aide to Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He later worked 14 years as press secretary for Andrew Young, who was a congressman and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations before becoming Atlanta’s mayor in 1982.
- His father, Steve, played quarterback at Westmar College in Iowa, and switched to sociology his junior year after a class called Sociology of Crime piqued his interest.
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FAMILY INFORMATION

- Married longtime girlfriend Cassie Kleinsmuth in November of 2012 after she graduated from Creighton University Law School.
- They have one daughter, Winnie, and one son, Theodore.