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In-person October commencement ceremony is cancelled

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The University of Connecticut will not be holding an in-person commencement ceremony this October, as previously announced, due to the current guidelines for gathering in Connecticut, Lauren Schaller, university events and conference services program coordinator, said.

Schaller said that UConn does plan to hold an in-person ceremony for the class of 2020 when conditions permit them to do so safely. Right now, they do not have an estimated date.

“All options are being considered for an in-person ceremony for the class of 2020, but detailed planning will not begin until the state’s guidelines for large gatherings are revised and until the university is comfortable with hosting large, in-person gatherings on our campuses,” she said. “The health and safety of our graduates and their guests is of utmost importance.”

Schaller said that it is the university’s goal to have commencement ceremonies in their typical locations, which are Gampel Pavilion, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts and Rome Ballroom. Due to the seating capacities of each venue, the class of 2020 and the class of 2021 will have their own separate ceremonies.

“It is important to us that each class has their own celebration with the maximum allocation of guest tickets for each graduate,” Schaller said. “If the ceremonies were combined, guest ticket allocations would be cut in half, or more. That is not the experience we want our graduates to have.”

Stephanie Reitz, university spokesperson, said that UConn is looking forward to celebrating the class of 2020



A group of seniors throw their caps into their air for a photo in May 2018. The class of 2020 had virtual commencement ceremony due to the coronavirus pandemic.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

when conditions are safe to do so.

“UConn will always consider its class of 2020 to be a special group of students,” Reitz said. “Completing a college career is a major accomplishment for anyone, but especially for those whose tenacity and resilience was tested by circumstances none of us had faced before. We’re excited to be able to honor them when conditions allow, and want each and every graduate to know how immensely proud we are of their success.”

Ashley Stephens, a class of 2020 human development and family sciences graduate, said she is disappointed that there will be no in-person ceremony this fall. Although she understands and respects COVID-19 safety protocol, she still wants a proper celebration.

“I am torn between how I think the ceremony should be handled,” she said. “Ideally, I think I would rather have a

traditional ceremony in Gampel, whenever that may be. My biggest concern is that UConn is going to cancel the class of 2020 graduation altogether and say ‘We did have a virtual ceremony,’ which was nice but was nowhere near what we deserved.”

Stephens is now starting graduate school with her classes completely online. As a first-generation college graduate, an in-person undergraduate commencement ceremony is incredibly symbolic to both her and her family.

“My graduation ceremony is not only for me, but for my parents and grandparents who supported me throughout college and who provided me with this amazing opportunity,” Stephens said. “I hope the first-generation graduates do not get overlooked, because this is an especially important day for all of us.”

Lexi Arcomano, a class of

2020 psychological sciences graduate, said that she is not surprised that UConn has cancelled their in-person ceremony for the fall.

“My overall thoughts are that I didn’t really mind not having an in-person graduation or miss the last month and a half of school,” Arcomano said. “I’m just happy I got my degree and the ceremony doesn’t mean much to me personally, but I understand how it could to other members of my graduating class.”

She said she started her master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling with a concentration in mental health counseling completely remotely. She does not know if she would attend an in-person ceremony now.

“If we were to have a graduation, I would prefer a socially distant, outside ceremony, but I’m not sure I would go because I live in another state,” Arcomano said.

Twisha Shah, a class of 2020 molecular cell biology graduate, is currently pursuing a M.S. in health care at UConn. Shah said that it would be better to have a socially distant outside ceremony before people “have moved on with their lives completely.”

“It was disappointing to not graduate like everyone before us has,” Shah said. “It’s made graduation not feel one hundred percent real, if that makes sense.”

Madison Busick, a class of 2020 digital media and design graduate, said she was able to secure a job after a summer internship was cancelled. She still does not know if she has to relocate. She said she feels that an in-person UConn graduation would not be able to match her expectations anymore. Without having all of her friends and family watching, it does not seem worth it.

“It was just very disappointing to miss out on all of the big end of year events I had been looking forward to my whole college career,” Busick said. “Beyond just graduation, I missed the end of year celebrations and dance performances for my clubs, spending time with friends and getting to say goodbye to my classmates and professors in person.”

Busick said that she wishes the class of 2020 would not be remembered as the class that did not get an in-person commencement ceremony.

“The most frustrating thing for me has been everyone saying ‘at least you’ll surely be a graduating class to remember,’” she said. “I think we all would rather have been remembered and celebrated for our contributions and accomplishments than the unfortunate, and mostly avoidable, circumstances that our graduation happened to line up with.”

Feel Good Friday : UConn Rec Center brings back Cycle Share program



Hop River State Park Trail during daytime

PHOTOGRAPH BY OWEN SPANGLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER

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The University of Connecticut Rec Center is offering its Cycle Share program for the semester, giving students the opportunity to enjoy socially distanced activities.

The Cycle Share program opened at the beginning of September with two rental rate options for students to choose from. These options are semester-long rentals or week-long rentals. The semester-long rentals cost \$50, while the week-long rentals cost \$10.

In addition to these rentals, Cy-

cle Share is also offering its “Ask a Mechanic Hour” every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a time for students to meet one-on-one with one of the Rec Center’s student bike mechanics to ask questions.

“This is a time when members may utilize our shop resources under the supervision of one of our student bike mechanics,” the website reads. “Our bike mechanics will be around to provide advice while you have access to use our facility and approved tools.”

Owen Spangler, a third-semester civil engineering major, said that he feels this is a great way for students to go out and have socially distanced fun. In particular, he said that biking to the Depot Campus is a good way for beginning bikers to find their footing.

“I always think that a ride to Depot Campus is a great start for people trying to expand beyond cam-

pus,” Spangler said. “It has one big hill, but it’s mostly flat and mostly made up of quiet back roads or bike trails.”

Additionally, Spangler said that biking to the UConn forest is a fun way to combine both biking and hiking into one trip. Biking, he said, makes it significantly easier to reach the forest itself.

“Biking is also great if you’re trying to go hiking in UConn forest... The trails can be kind of far from residence halls,” Spangler said.

While Spangler said there are numerous trails that can be found outside campus, he noted that the Storrs campus itself had plenty of places for students looking to bike. In particular, he noted the loop near Horsebarn Hill as a trail close to campus for students to use.

“But there are plenty of places to ride on campus, even doing the Horsebarn Hill loop is fine,” Spangler said.

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News

Democrats to redraft virus relief in bid to jump-start talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats are going back to the drawing board on a huge COVID-19 relief bill, paring back the measure in an attempt to jump-start negotiations with the Trump administration.

The Democratic-controlled chamber could also pass the \$2.4 trillion measure next week if talks fall through to demonstrate that the party isn't giving up on passing virus relief before the election.

The chamber passed a \$3.4 trillion rescue measure in May but Republicans dismissed the measure as bloated and unrealistic. Even as Democrats cut their ambitions back by \$1 trillion or so, Senate Republicans have focused on a much smaller rescue package in the \$650 billion to \$1 trillion range.

Bridging the overall topline gulf would be difficult enough, but fleshing out hundreds of legislative details at the height of the presidential campaign and a heated battle over filling Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat on the High Court could be impossible.

An aide familiar with the leadership discussions and authorized to characterize them said the new bill would total about \$2.4 trillion and is likely to contain additional relief for the airline and restaurant sectors, which have been especially slammed by slumps in business from the virus. The aide requested anonymity to characterize the closed-door talks.

"We're trying to figure out how to move a negotiation forward because we believe the American people need some help. And so we're going to

try," said Rules Committee Chairman Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "Our chairs are looking at everything again and the hope is that we can come up with something."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., commissioned the effort, which caused a buzz in Washington's lobbying industry — and whose news appeared to briefly spike the stock market — even as hopes for a deal between the Democratic-controlled House, the GOP-held Senate, and the White House still seem to be a longshot.

"We are still striving for an agreement," Pelosi told her colleagues, according to the aide. "If necessary, we can formalize the request by voting on it on the House floor."

Recent talks between Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin have gone nowhere, but neither side wants to officially give up.

Republicans reacted coolly, especially at the prospect of a partisan floor vote if the effort doesn't spark constructive talks.

"It's a waste of time," said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, saying a Democrats-only approach won't go anywhere. "She could pass 10 more partisan bills. That won't get us an inch closer."

Thursday's developments come as moderate "front line" Democrats in competitive reelection races have been pressing leaders like Pelosi to become more flexible. Some participated in drafting a \$1.5 trillion bipartisan bill that fell flat when outlined last week. Pelosi and other Democratic leaders, however, say they are



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. speaks during a news conference Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

PHOTO BY JOSE LUIS MAGANA / AP PHOTO

uninterested in a "message vote" that offers political cover but fails to catch on with the Senate or the White House.

"We're focused on a negotiation, we want to get a deal with Secretary Mnuchin and the Senate because we want to get people help, not just messages," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

Pelosi had largely dismissed the protests from moderates to pare back leadership COVID demands or schedule a floor vote. Some of the dissenters, however, had threatened to sign onto a GOP procedural effort to pass a renewal of aid for

small businesses, a step with the potential to embarrass her.

"I am hopeful that this will get Republicans to the table to deliver much-needed aid to the American people," said Rep. Stephanie Murphy, D-Fla., who represents a swing seat. "We have been more than reasonable about the negotiations and the needs of the American people, and shame on them if they can't come to the table."

The revised measure is likely to contain scaled-back proposals to give aid to state and local governments, \$1,200 direct payments to most Americans, more than \$100 billion

in aid to schools seeking to safely reopen, and funding for renewed pandemic jobless benefits and production of a COVID vaccine.

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HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER
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Stuck at Sea: Nations urged to help virus-stranded mariners



A cargo ship approaches the port of Piraeus as other ships are anchored, near Athens, Greece in this May 26, 2020 file photo. The United Nations is trying to figure out how to help more than 300,000 merchant mariners trapped at sea because of COVID-19 virus restrictions that they face when they get home.

PHOTO BY PETROS GIANNAKOURIS / AP PHOTO

PARIS (AP) — Another COVID-19 problem that the U.N. is trying to solve: how to help more than 300,000 merchant mariners who are trapped at sea because of coronavirus restrictions.

Describing the mounting desperation of seafarers who have been afloat for a year or more, Captain Hedi Marzougui pleaded their case Thursday at a meeting with shipping execu-

tives and government officials on the sidelines of this week's U.N. General Assembly.

As the pandemic washed over the world and made shipping crews unwelcome in many ports, he said, "We received very limited information, and it became increasingly difficult to get vital supplies and technical support. Nations changed regulations on a daily, if not hourly, basis."

Several months later, many borders remain closed and flights are rare, complicating efforts to bring in replacement crews for those stuck at sea and forcing their employers to keep extending their contracts.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres joined shipping companies, trade unions and maritime organizations in urging governments to recognize merchant crews as essential

workers and allow them to travel more freely. With more than 80% of global trade by volume transported by sea, the world's 2 million merchant seafarers play a vital role.

Merchant ship crews are used to long stretches away from home, but as virus infections and restrictions spread early this year, anxiety mounted along with the uncertainty, Marzougui said.

"Not knowing when or if we would be returning home put severe mental strain on my crew and myself," he said. "We felt like second-class citizens with no input or control over our lives."

The Tunisian-born captain spent an extra three months at sea and finally made it home to

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STRANDED MARINERS

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his family in Florida in late May. But more than 300,000 mariners are still stranded, waiting for replacement crews; about as many are waiting on shore, trying to get back to work.

Maritime officials from Panama, the Philippines, Canada, France and Kenya defended steps they have taken individually to allow safe crew changes or otherwise ease the crisis.

But officials lamented a lack of international coordination among nations and shipping companies, calling for new rules to protect countries from the virus while respecting the rights of stranded crews.

No figures were released for how many merchant mariners have contracted the virus, but Guy Platten of the International Chamber of Shipping said the virus risk is “relatively low” because shipping companies have strict protection measures and “have no wish whatsoever to bring infections on our ships.”

He blamed “red tape and bureaucracy” for crew change delays and said border guards and local port officials in some

countries are being overzealous in blocking them from coming ashore. One way goods are still able to get ashore despite restrictions is by dock workers fetching them from the ships.

France proposed compiling a global U.N. list of ports that can be secured to accommodate crew changes. Kenya called for sharing costs globally for a rapid testing plan for major ports.

Crews often work 12-hour shifts with no weekends, and Marzougui warned that extending stints without a break risks physical and mental strain — potentially putting ships and oceans in danger.

The captain compared it to telling a marathon runner at the end of the race that they had to “do it again, right away, with no rest.”

“Nations changed regulations daily, if not hourly.”

CAPTAIN HEDI MARZOUGUI

Election 2020 Today: Trump's power move; Biden courted

(AP) Here's what's happening Thursday in Election 2020, 40 days until Election Day:

ON THE TRAIL: President Donald Trump visits North Carolina and Florida and Vice President Mike Pence visits Wisconsin and Minnesota.

HOW TO VOTE: AP's state-by-state interactive has details on how to vote in this election.

TODAY'S TOP STORIES:

TRUMP BALKS: Trump is declining to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the Nov. 3 presidential election. Trump told reporters he would “have to see what happens” when asked about the matter. His Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, responded by asking, “What country are we in?”

BIDEN'S COURT: Some leading progressives are pressing Biden to endorse expanding the number of high court justices should he win the White House and Democrats take control of the Senate. But Biden, who ran a relatively centrist primary campaign, hasn't embraced those calls, worried they may intensify the nation's partisan split.

POMPEO STUMPS: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is ignoring criticism and forging ahead with events that have overtly political overtones ahead of the presidential election. Pompeo is casting aside a long tradition of the nation's top diplomat shunning partisan politics.

“NAKED BALLOTS”: Democrats are launching a digital ad targeting Pennsylvanians voting by mail to explain how to correctly fill out and return the ballots, hoping to avert worried predictions that 100,000 votes or more could be invalidated because the ballots aren't put in the proper envelope.

VISION 2020: Are the nation's voting systems secure? The nation's intelligence chiefs continue to warn that Russia, China and others remain interested in interfering in November's U.S. elections. Read more in Vision 2020, a new series of stories answering questions from our audience about the election.



Supporters of President Donald Trump cheer as he arrives to speak during a campaign rally on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, in Moon Township, PA.

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In Case you Missed it

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

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COVID-19 deaths in U.S. reach over 200,000

By Tuesday evening, the number of COVID-19 deaths in the United States reached over 200,000, according to an article from the Associated Press

The Guardian reported that the United States has the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in the world, and, according to the New York Times, the 19th highest number of deaths per capita — at 1.5 deaths per every 100,000 people.

In March, President Donald Trump said that if his administration could keep the deaths between 100,000 and 200,000, that would be an indication that they had done a “very good job.” On Tuesday, the leader of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said that reaching the dark milestone was “very sobering, and in some respects, stunning.”

According to USA Today, the United States' death toll reached 100,000 in May. A projection from the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington — that didn't even show the United States reaching 200,000 deaths before October — predicted there to be at least another 170,000 deaths by January 2021.

The Guardian reported that the number of dead in the United States is equal to the population of Salt Lake City, or if the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks happened every day, for more than three months straight. According to the Associated Press, the death toll is close to nearly half of the number of Americans that died in World War II.

Looking back on his administration's handling of the pandemic, President Trump told Fox he would give himself ‘a D’ on public relations, but “on the job itself we take an A plus.”



FILE - In this Sept. 16, 2020, file photo Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Robert Redfield appears at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on a “Review of Coronavirus Response Efforts” on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Two Louisville police wounded in protests

On Wednesday night, Louisville protests filled the streets which resulted in two wounded police officers, according to the Associated Press.

Protesters rallied in towns across the United States, including Louisville, New York, Portland, Las Vegas and Philadelphia, after a Kentucky grand jury delivered no charges against police in the death of Breonna Taylor.

Police in riot gear threw pepper balls and corralled protesters through the streets in downtown Louisville. One video showed police and protesters fully occupying a road so that no vehicles would be able to pass through. Protesters chanted and walked between lines of police officers with their hands in the air, while some officers made arrests on the sidewalk. According to the Associated Press, at least 100 peaceful protesters were arrested in Louisville on Wednesday.

Interim Police Chief Rober Shroeder said that both wounded police officers were hospitalized, though are expected to recover, and one is undergoing surgery. He said that the officers were wounded while investigating reports of gunfire from a large crowd. There is a suspect in custody, according to Shroeder.

The Kentucky grand jury found that the two police officers who shot at Breonna Taylor in March were justified in using lethal force to protect themselves when Taylor's boyfriend had fired shots at them. Taylor was caught in the crossfire in her home. Three counts of wanton endangerment were brought against former Louisville police officer Brett Hankison.

Though the FBI still has an open investigation on the raid of Breonna Taylor's home in March, some protesters are still frustrated with the Kentucky grand jury's charges.

One protester, Carmen Jones, who has been protesting in Louisville every day for nearly three months, told the Associated Press that protesters are “tired of being hashtags. We're tired of paying for history in our blood and our bodies and being told to respond to this violence and aggression with peace. We did it the Martin way for the entire summer, and it got us nowhere. Maybe it's time to do things the Malcolm way.”

RBG becomes first woman to lie in state

The late Supreme Court Associate Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died on Friday, will become the first woman to lie in state at the nation's Capitol on Friday, according to an article from USA Today.

According to the justice's religious traditions, her body was supposed to be buried within 24 hours of her death last week. “Even though it generally goes against Jewish tradition,” Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, told the Associated Press that it's important for Americans to have the opportunity to “pause in front and say thank you to her.”

Thirty-four men have been given the honor of lying in state at the nation's Capitol since the Civil War. As a private citizen, Rosa Parks, the 1950s civil rights activist, laid in honor at the Capitol rotunda, but Justice Ginsburg will be the first woman to lie in state there, and the second Supreme Court justice after William Howard Taft.

According to the Associated Press, crowds swelled outside the Supreme Court building on Wednesday, where Justice Ginsburg laid in repose for her family and colleagues to pay their respects. After the private service, Ginsburg's body was moved outside the building for the public's opportunity to pay their respects. Vice President Mike Pence and his wife were there to pay their respects, along with former President Bill Clinton, who nominated Justice Ginsburg to the Supreme Court in 1993, and his wife, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Justice Ginsburg will be buried next week in a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery beside her husband Martin, who died in 2010.

President Donald Trump said that he will move to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court left by Justice Ginsburg's death on Saturday, after her burial ceremony.

Governor bans gasoline cars in California after 2035

On Wednesday, California Governor Gavin Newsom banned the sale of all gasoline powered vehicles in his state by 2035 in what NPR called “the most aggressive clean air policy in the United States.”

According to the governor's statement, transportation is responsible for more than half of California's carbon pollution “while communities in the Los Angeles Basin and Central Valley see some of the dirtiest and most toxic air in the country.”

“For too many decades, we have allowed cars to pollute the air that our children and families breath,” Gov. Newsom said. “Californians shouldn't have to worry if our cars are giving our kids asthma. Our cars shouldn't make wildfires worse — and create more days filled with smoky air. Cars shouldn't melt glaciers or raise sea levels threatening our cherished beaches and coastlines.”

The governor's executive order bans the sale of new gasoline cars after 2035, but does not limit their sale in the used car market.

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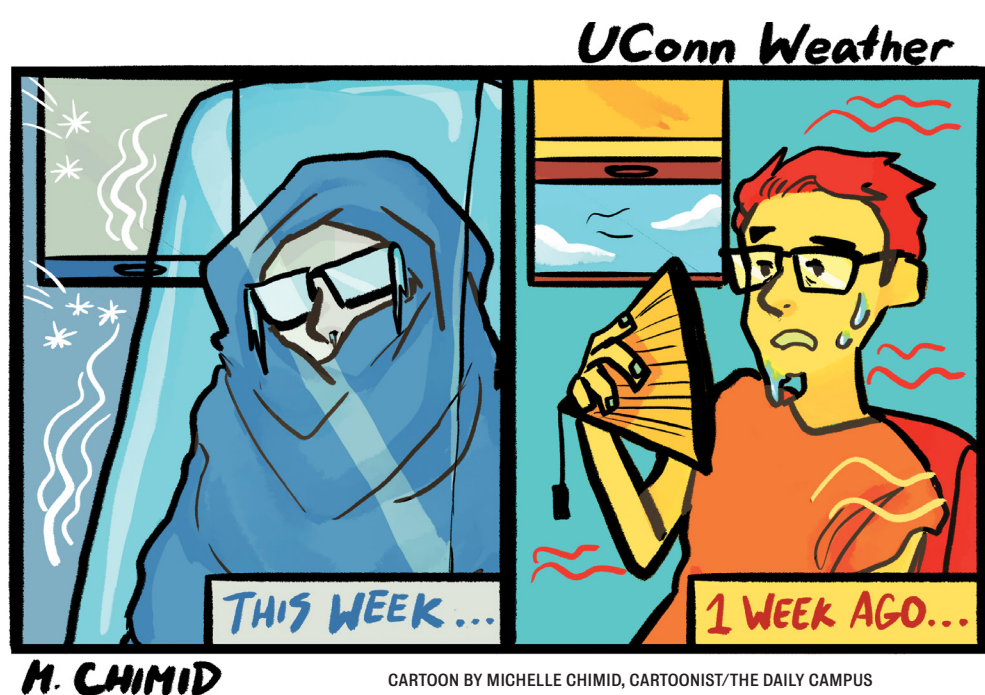
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Higher Ed Spotlight #1: When things fall away, must everything else fall apart?

by Sharon Spaulding

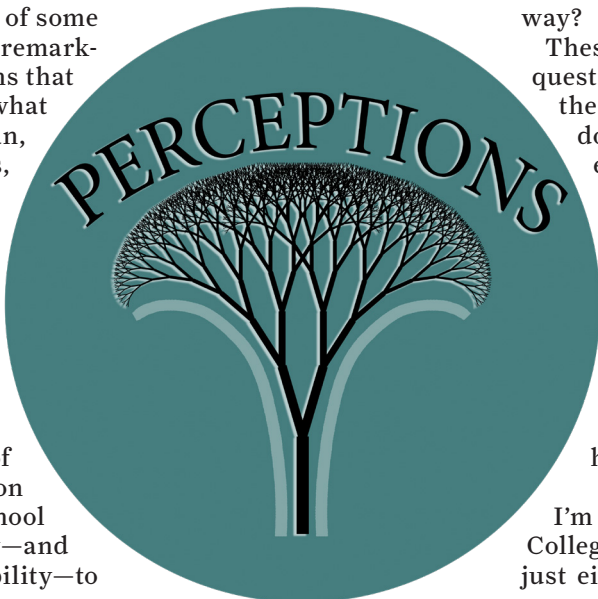
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There's a lot wrong with higher education.

Persistent marginalization of minority groups. Increasing tuition costs. Massive budget deficits. Policies and procedures that foster inequities and solidify barriers to inclusion. A lack of adequate resources for mental health services despite rising cases of mental health issues.

I'm going to spend the next few weeks taking a closer look at higher education. I'm not going to focus specifically on any of those issues I mentioned, though. Instead, I'm

going to look at higher education through the lens of some unconventional but remarkably creative programs that have reimaged what higher education can, and in some cases, should look like. What about college is essential, and what is not? What ways of organizing and structuring make solving certain issues nearly impossible? How does the University of Connecticut's position as a large state school give it an opportunity—and actually a responsibility—to



make change in an impactful way?

These are just some of the questions that I'll explore in the next couple of weeks. I don't have all—or maybe even any—of the answers to these questions, but I hope that by examining them from different angles, we are able to think about some of these issues in a more creative, yet practical, and altogether hopeful way.

This week and the next, I'm focusing on Minerva College, which was founded just eight years ago. The ba-

sic Minerva philosophy is this: A liberal arts education is really important, especially one that teaches critical, logical and independent thinking while also helping students to cultivate passion for something in a socially conscious way. However, the institutions that claim to do this best (think Ivy League schools) have models and traditions that are fundamentally flawed in their ability to do just that — so a different model is necessary.

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CULTURE SHOCK

AN OPEN LETTER

To Thomas Katsouleas,

When you first arrived at the University of Connecticut, I always said you were dealt a bad deck of cards. You walked into a series of events that were unprecedented. I told others I felt bad for you and that hopefully, this would all blow over soon.

One year later, that pity has all but vanished. I now look at you the same as every other white man in power, with anger, sadness, and despair.

I never knew Susan Herbst. You were my first example of what a UConn president looked like. I saw you driving your candy red Tesla, rolling around on your skateboard and dancing at your inauguration. I thought to myself, "Wow, this man is cool." Cool in the sense of not being too far removed from the young generation that makes up our campus. You proved me wrong. Your reality is so far-fetched from the average student's reality. You sit in board meetings all day, making decisions that impact students' lives with no students present. You create pointless councils comprised of majority faculty to create an illusion that you and the university care. You're not fooling me.

You don't care. You never did. You never will.

At this university, the idea of us all being a "pack" is touted around like a badge of honor. As a Black woman, I have always felt left behind. There are many other Black men and women that have felt this feeling of defeat, watching the "pack" move forward as we are left behind with the scraps to

create a community of our own. We try to assimilate, to dilute our Blackness. But day in, day out, we are constantly reminded that we will never be gifted with the privilege that 55% of the university possesses. You have played into this narrative throughout your whole presidency. You have shown your Black student population that all we are worth is two sentences on a blue background. You have shown us that you would rather say "all lives matter" before you uttered the words "Black Lives Matter".

I pay almost \$60,000 a year to attend this university. Sixty thousand dollars for students to yell racial slurs as they drive by. Sixty thousand dollars to be referred to as three-fifths of a person by white counterparts. Sixty thousand dollars to be told to go back where I came from. Sixty thousand dollars to hear students yelling "n*gger" as they walk past my dorm. This university is a line on my resume that I will look at in shame, shame that I ever attended a school that forced me to expunge who I was in order to survive.

They say in times of turmoil, true leaders emerge. You have failed. You had countless opportunities to prove to us that you were the change we've been begging for, but you failed. You failed UConn, you failed your Black Huskies.

Do better, TomKat. Do better.

Culture Shock is an anonymous space for underrepresented and marginalized groups at UConn to share their stories.

Guidelines are necessary for human germline editing



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Since its discovery in the late 1900s, genome editing has been at the center of many debates. Although the technology has rapidly evolved, ethical deliberation has not progressed at quite so fast a pace. While we know that we can edit the human genome, many scientists and non-scientists alike still question if we should. A new report by the International Commission on the Clinical Use of Human Germline Genome Editing recommends that strict conditions are met prior to the start of clinical germline gene editing in humans. Drafting this report appears to have been a wise choice for the future of genome editing.

To offer a quick background, germline genetic modification allows for the manipulation of one's heritable genetic code. This means that any changes made are passed down to future generations. The

field of genetics is still relatively new, and much remains to be learned about the immensely com-

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plex human genome. The uncertainty around gene editing means that specific edits made with one intention could trigger changes in

other traits not meant to be affected. Additionally, left unchecked, the power to edit humans' genetic codes could lead to questionable manipulations, from "designer babies" with curated traits, to humans with severe complications due to editing gone wrong, to genetically modified people with nonhuman traits à la Spider-Man or Wolverine. In germline editing, all of these alterations could then be inherited by offspring.

This is why the first case of germline gene editing in human embryos was met with such criticism, when He Jiankui made headlines in 2018 announcing the birth of genetically altered twins. His research had not been previously authorized, leading many people to call for strict regulations on future genetic experimentation.

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Life

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THIS IS AMERICA

THERE'S STILL A LOT OF INEQUALITY

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Several expert panelists gathered virtually on Sept. 24 and discussed social disparities in marginalized communities in a new social justice series, “#ThisIsAmerica,” and was sponsored by multiple organizations on campus.

The panelists each shed light within their area of expertise in regard to systemic issues that are embedded in the climate today. Panelists began the conversation with health disparities, which is prevalent considering the current pandemic.

Panelist Wizdom Powell, a UConn Health associate professor in psychiatry and director of the Health Disparities Institute, stated that the pandemic has brought all the problems in our health, justice and educational systems to light.

“We are all having our breaths collectively stolen as a consequence of the dueling interplay between COVID-19 and racial disparities,” Powell said.

She spoke about how we need to go beyond finding a solution to the pandemic but also a solution for equal opportunities to healthcare.

“Disparities are not inherent to race,” Powell said. “Race is a mythic but fatal sociological invention. The fact that we see these disparities reflect actual disparities in access to resources and places where people live and get educated and get healthcare.”

Loneke Blackman-Carr, an assistant professor in the depart-

ment of nutritional sciences, made the point that obesity and gender oppression are high-contributing factors to social disparities, which are especially prevalent in Black women.

“Obesity, stress, nutrition and physical activity are all connected,” Blackman-Carr said. “The things that really propagate these health inequities are the same things that are propagating COVID-19 health disparities and the deadly impact it’s having on black communities.”

The webinar discussed Connecticut’s role in marginalized communities. Many panelists agreed Connecticut can do more.

“We have a ways to go. I think Connecticut is in a position with its progressive leanings to really make strides in this area and to lift up local to state-level policies that will actually reduce some of these harms that are rooted in our nation. Connecticut really has the opportunity to be an example,” Blackman-Carr said.

“We have these underlying — and also I think more and more outright — beliefs that Black [people] and Latinos are responsible for the gaps in their education and health experiences,” Jennifer McGarry, a professor in the department of educational leadership and executive director of Husky Sport, said.

“I think the disparities that we see are because folks, teachers and school leaders are not educated,” McGarry said.

McGarry mentioned that adults need to be caring so that students feel connected and like they belong.

“They do not come up in a system that believes Black and Brown students can exceed educationally,” McGarry said. “These systems just reinforce the discipline that raising your voice to children is necessary to get them to learn and listen and that testing in public schools is necessary, but none of that is true. It’s counter to what kids need to feel that they belong and are needed in that school setting.”

The webinar ended on a note of what a better America would look like and what we could do as citizens of America.

“We often don’t think about poverty as a lack of time, but that is what it manifests as. The recommendations for health, nutrition and physical activity require time to invest in on an individual and family level,” Blackman-Carr said. “If you are working multiple jobs and [are] food insecure, then you potentially don’t have time to engage in those healthy practices.”

“Education is not checking things off that you learned, it’s not showing up and doing the assignment,” McGarry quoted from a book she mentioned reading. “True education is the ability to question what’s going on around you and your place in that space. Until you’re able to do that, you are not truly educated. You may have acknowledged and learned things, but to be truly educated you have to be able to raise those questions and I think an enlightened America needs to be a place that we are all asking those questions.”

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UNPACKING AMERICAN HISTORY AND HOW IT IS REMEMBERED

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Amidst the issues of racism and racialized violence that have come to public attention in recent months, a main point of contention has been American monuments memorializing individuals and events from the troubled history of the United States. Statues of Christopher Columbus and Robert E. Lee have stirred conversations and demonstrations nationwide. Are they symbols of heritage or symbols of hate? What place do they have in 21st century America? If they are taken down, what goes in their place? All these questions and more were discussed yesterday by a panel sponsored by the University of Connecticut Department of American Studies.

A panel of scholars from

UConn and institutions across the country were brought together to discuss these monuments through the eyes of historical memory in a discussion titled “Monuments of the Past/Structures of the Present.” While every nation has a history, it also has a historical memory — the way in which the country’s people remember and identify with their history. These can be very different things; history books may say one thing, but the people may say another.

The professors who spoke addressed a variety of topics pertaining to monuments both in the United States and abroad, and their subsequent effects on the way in which they are perceived by viewers.

Kenneth Foote, professor of geography and the director of urban and community studies at UConn’s Hartford campus, touched upon the history of “The

Lost Cause” ideology. He noted that the peak period of Confederate monument construction actually occurred in the early 1900s, nearly 50 years after the Civil War, as a way to “turn defeat into victory,” retrospectively.

“In the long run, in some ways, the South certainly did win the Civil War because they were able to impose racial segregation and differential racial justice across the whole country,” Foote commented. “When I’m talking about Confederate memorials, I say we’re still fighting the Civil War.”

Cathy Schlund-Vials, professor of English and Asian American studies at the University of Texas at Austin, drew upon her own upbringing in Austin, TX to discuss different types of monuments that exist to this day. She attended Albert Sidney Johnston High School, named after the Confederate general killed at the Battle of Shiloh.

“It was a school primarily com-

prised of Black and Latinx students,” Schlund-Vials recalled. “It was the poorest school in the district, and I was bused about 45 minutes to that school. My school I took for granted, but then remembering back I realized how this was very much a Confederate monument. Our yearbook was ‘The Confederate,’ our newspaper was ‘The Shiloh,’ which is where General Johnston died. Our colors were the Confederate flag.”

Kelly Dennis, associate professor of art history and coordinator of the art history major at UConn, argued that much of the controversy is due to Americans never properly learning American history. Monuments and memorials do not inform viewers of history, but rather provide a “one-dimensional heroization” of these figures and events.

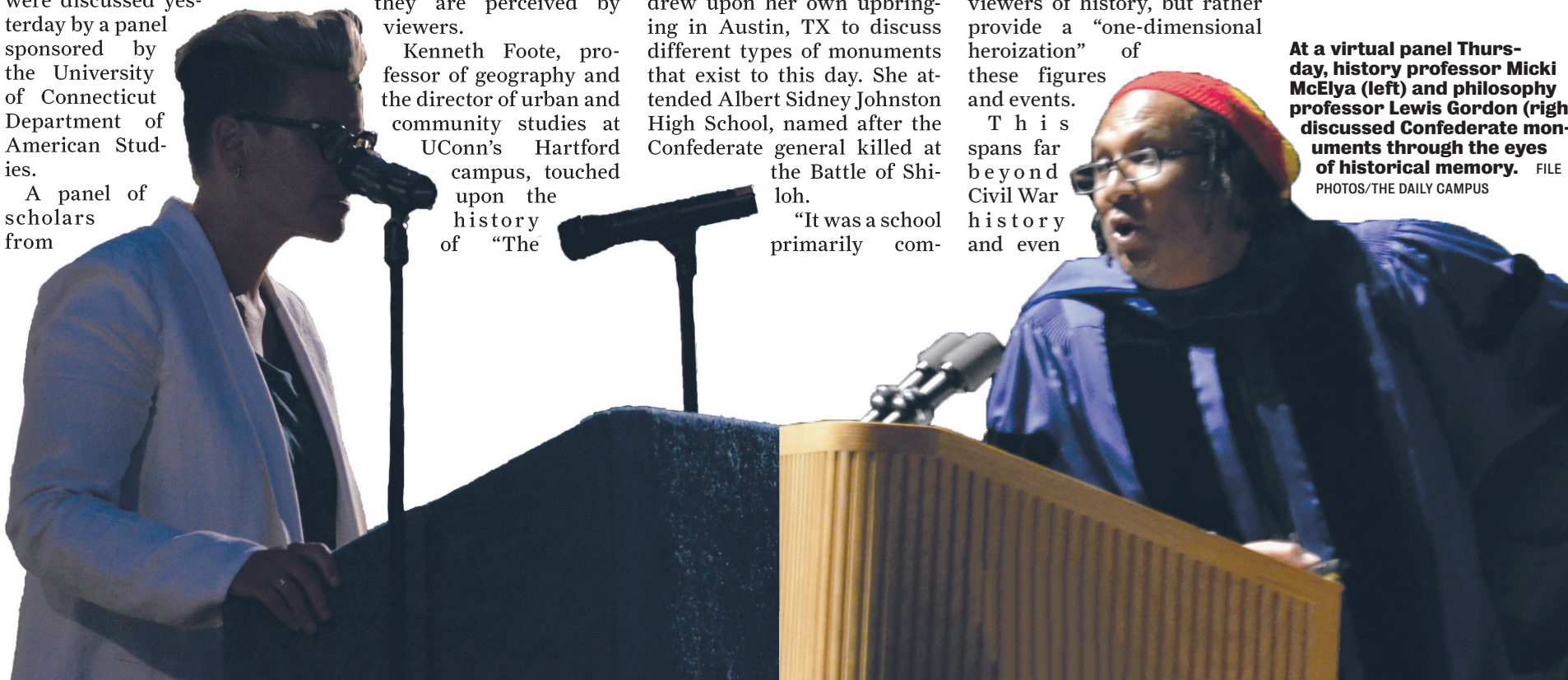
This spans far beyond Civil War history and even

the United States because people worldwide have misguided views of basic historic fact.

“Recent research of both American and European millennials reveals that nearly a quarter are either misinformed about the nature and numbers of the Holocaust or do not believe the Holocaust happened,” Dennis said.

The panel discussion highlighted the importance of moving all monuments that glorify the painful chapters of American history, as well as working towards educating the American populace about the historical context of these statues to reckon with the past and build a brighter, more inclusive future.

At a virtual panel Thursday, history professor Micki McElya (left) and philosophy professor Lewis Gordon (right) discussed Confederate monuments through the eyes of historical memory. FILE PHOTOS/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Life

Practicing self-love with Love & Kindness

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The Suicide Prevention Committee works throughout the year to plan events and share important information about suicide prevention with the University of Connecticut community. Suicide Prevention Week is taking place this week at UConn, and the committee is encouraging people to take this time to have conversations about, and attend events, centered around suicide prevention to communicate that hope, help and healing are possible.

Love & Kindness meditation is one of the events held during Suicide Prevention Week and focuses on self-love and surrounding yourself with people who bring happiness and positivity to your life.

This virtual community meditation session, held by the Women's Center and the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC), is centered on love and kindness and teaches participants the benefits that meditation has to offer.

We are currently facing uncertain times, which can provoke high levels of stress and anxiety. Meditation can help you refocus your mind through the use of breathing patterns and other mindfulness techniques. The ultimate goal is to achieve mental clarity and a calm, stable emotional state.

"Especially in college when life can be so stressful, we can often forget the big picture," Sarah Ibrahim, a third-semester allied health sciences major and programming committee member at the Women's Center, said. "Remind yourself that you are worthy, and you are loved, and send that love to others."

Ibrahim led participants through a guided meditation practice focused on love and kindness. She instructed participants to imagine themselves surrounded by the people who love them and those who have loved them in the past. Imagining that your loved ones are sending you

warmth and encouragement during a challenging time can create a welcoming environment where you feel supported by the people who are closest to you.

By imagining an environment where you and your loved ones are simultaneously sending well wishes to one another, Ibrahim allowed participants to seek a clear, happy mental state, free from the stresses of everyday life.

According to Ibrahim, one of the most important components of meditation is breathing.

"The most important part of meditation is the breath. Often times our mind wanders and we start thinking about other things," Ibrahim said. "The breath is always something we can go to to find peace and meditation."

The overall practice of meditation is aimed at focusing the mind to train attention and awareness. Once this is achieved, meditation can be used to help control anxiety, reduce stress, improve sleep and increase focus. For college students, meditation can also lead to increased academic success, greater productivity and heightened focus during class.

Meditation can allow you to unlock a heightened spiritual wellness. By creating a better understanding of yourself and the world around you, you can connect with your true self and live a more fulfilling life.

If you are interested in making meditation a part of your daily routine, there are many online resources that can help guide your practice. Calm, Headspace, Aura and Insight Timer are just a few of the many meditation apps available on the app store. Most of these apps are either free or offer free trials and are a great resource for beginners.

If you are looking for a way to deal with stress and negative emotions, or if you want to connect with the world around you on a deeper level, meditation can help you achieve this!

Visit the UConn Suicide Prevention website for more information and upcoming events.



Activities like yoga and meditation promote self-love and help connect people to the world around them at a deeper level. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Mental health from a Deaf perspective

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In light of September being Suicide Prevention Month, UConn Interpreting Services hosted a much-needed panel discussing mental health and suicide prevention from a Deaf perspective.

As members of a marginalized community, Deaf individuals are often left out of conversations about mental health. Because isolation and lack of social support are major risk factors for several mental health issues, opening the dialogue to everyone is crucial to preventing death by suicide.

The panel featured three Deaf individuals with backgrounds in working in various mental health settings with diverse populations. It was accessible to both Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and hearing attendees thanks to the lecturers using American Sign Language and interpreters voicing the English interpretation.

Dr. Sanjay Gulati, a child psychiatrist at Boston Children's Hospital, opened the discussion with an overview of causes, risk factors and warning signs of suicidal ideation. He presented a clear and objective lecture with the aim of reducing the stigma around suicide and mental illness.

"We need to treat mental health the way we treat a broken arm," Gulati said.

Dr. Gulati was joined by Dru Balsley and Sara Dugas for the following conversation and Q&A session. Balsley is a senior mental health clinician at the Walden School for the Deaf. She works with chil-

dren and adolescents impacted by trauma. Dugas is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing human service coordinator with the Department of Mental Health in Massachusetts.

The variety of viewpoints opened the conversation to both objective and personal connections to the subject. Panel members addressed the questions using their professional experiences, as well as life experiences, since Gulati and Dugas have both lost loved ones to suicide.

The panel provided an open forum to discuss questions many people have regarding mental health and suicide as well as questions specifically pertaining to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. Topics such as initiating a conversation with someone who is struggling with their mental health and how the stigma around these subjects impacts those seeking resources were addressed with the varying perspectives that each panel member had to offer.

The panel stressed the importance of society making the effort to include marginalized groups in discussions such as the one at hand since the individuals in these groups are often impacted by mental health problems at high rates and do not always have the support system or resources available to get the help they need.

The suicide crisis hotline, for example, is a resource that is commonly given to people in need of support. However, according to the panel members, it is difficult for minority groups to gain full use of the hotline because it is run by and designed for White, straight, hearing

individuals. The lack of common experience is a major hindrance for minorities seeking help.

In addition to the lack of resources for minority groups, the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" attitude that is extremely prevalent in the United States inhibits people from asking for help when they need it.

"People are good at keeping those masks on," said Balsley.

The panel discussed how society may condition a person to believe that they must be able to solve their problems on their own and feel that they cannot reach out to others for support.

"The biggest barrier for people getting help is not being able to talk about it," said Gulati.

"[We need to] keep the conversation going," said Dugas. In order to remove the stigma around asking for help, having discussions that normalize talking about mental health is an important step.

"It's nice to have resources to use when you need them. When it comes to loved ones, it's very important to pay close attention because things can be deeper than 'I'm fine. I just had a bad day,'" said Mack Brown, a third-semester student in an interpreter training program.

The event provided accessible information about mental health, both as an informative overview as well as an open forum to discuss, from a Deaf perspective, challenges and resources involved with mental health and suicide prevention.

Show some kindness with the #KindneSSSproject



Signs like this are part of the #KindneSSSproject, an initiative that sprouted from Student Support Services. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UConnSTUDENTHEALTH/INSTAGRAM

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Several yellow signs have popped up around campus and on social media sporting uplifting messages like "Love yourself," "You got this" and "You are strong." These signs are part of the #KindneSSSproject, an initiative that sprouted from Student Support Services (SSS).

The idea was initially coined by Summer Spaderna, an SSS counselor and member of the Suicide Prevention Committee. According to Spaderna, she thought that posting signs with uplifting messages around campus would be a good way to provide encouragement and spread words of kindness and hope.

"This is especially important during these difficult and uncertain times, when so many of us are feeling isolated and alone due to COVID," Kimberly Gorman, the director at SSS, said. "Our UConn SSS students embraced the initiative. Not only are there signs all over campus, the #KindneSSSproject and #UConnSuicidePrevention are flooding social media. This is important so that students who are living at home or who are under quarantine on campus can gain aware-

ness and be part of receiving and spreading the kindness. We truly are all in this together, one UConn Nation, regardless of where we live and what campus we attend."

Photos of students holding up #KindneSSSproject signs were first posted on the @UConnStudentHealth Instagram, and more appeared on the @UConnSSS Instagram. Since then, the official UConn Instagram account and Officer Tildy have made posts about the initiative, showcasing the distinct yellow signs in support of Suicide Prevention Week.

"We wanted people to know that they deserve to be here and that they have so many supporters by their side," Anaelle Benjamin, a third-semester physiological sciences major and student involved in putting up posters and spreading word about the initiative, said. "There are many people who are going through difficult times and are having trouble with handling what they're going through and having these signs posted around can make a difference in their day, which is why I'm really happy to see how quickly the #KindneSSSproject is spreading around."

Students can get involved by grabbing a sign from the SSS office in Room 231 of the Rowe Building, or they can print out

their own sign online. The link to the sign can be found in the Instagram bio of @UConnSSS. Students can post signs in designated spots on campus, such as bulletin boards in offices, classroom buildings or in the windows of dorm rooms. Students can also take a picture with the sign and post it on social media with the hashtags #KindneSSSproject and #UConnSuicidePrevention.

"I feel that this is important because we are going through unprecedented times and life isn't as we knew it - it's easy to get down, depressed, stressed and [feel] alone," Spaderna said.

Suicide Prevention Week 2020 takes place from Sept. 19 to Sept. 26, with events spanning the whole week. On Sept. 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a Rainbow Hike at Horsebarn Hill for students to partake in.

"Suicide is a real issue that many people contemplate at a point in their life and just one positive message in someone's day can be the difference between them still being with us or not the next day," Julie LaPrade, a first-semester human development and family studies major who volunteered to put up signs for the initiative, said. "Even just a smile you give to a person can save their life!"



On TikTok, @missriddlemethis argues that vintage styles do not connote vintage values. PHOTO COURTESY OF @MISSRIDDELEMETHIS/TIKTOK

PUSHING BACK AGAINST VINTAGE VALUES

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This week, I want to “put you on something” (as the cool kids say nowadays) and clarify something I wrote in a previous column. It was brought to my attention this past summer when I stumbled through a couple videos made by the semi-known TikTok vintage guru @missriddlemethis.

In most of her videos, she shows off many of her favorite vintage pieces and political views, with a few “Beetle-juice” videos thrown in for good measure. However, one video encompassed my viewpoints toward the 1950s vintage community that I haven’t been able to put into words myself: Just because many may choose to dress in 1950s garments does not mean they subscribe to the values of that time period.

Considering it was a time of segregation, with very limited women’s and practically no LG-BTQ+ rights, many question why some choose to take part in this subculture of fashion. In fact, #VintageFashionNotVintageValues is a huge movement going on in the vintage community right now to answer this question and to push progressive values within vintage spaces.

Dandy Wellington, a New York-based jazz bandleader and a mainstay in the vintage fashion community, has been using the

hashtag to ignite conversations about pushing back against racist and problematic “vintage values.”

Many use these garments to take back the style to make things their own. Similar to the pussy bow, first created in the 1930s as a modest blouse, it is now used as a political symbol of feminism and confidence. Wearing 1950s fashion nowadays is a testimonial to the delicate craftsmanship of 1950s products and to the aesthetic of the 1950s silhouette, not an invitation to be controlled by a husband or stuck home tending to the children.

I gave a lookbook of my current favorite 1950/60s outfits that I have acquired over the past few

years in an article I wrote this past spring. Just because I may be wearing a so-called “skanky” outfit, does not mean I deserve any less respect or deserve to be cat called. Similarly, if I wear a full circle skirt that runs past my knees and a petticoat underneath, that does not mean that I love to “dress modestly” and love the “good old days” when women were submissive and controllable.

Dressing vintage is inherently political, in the way that many are rejecting fast fashion and abiding by what capitalism says is “in style.” However, this doesn’t mean that you have to abide by the old political views of those who wore what you’re wearing today.

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Ever wondered what it’s like to visit art museums abroad? In this week’s column, we take a glimpse at free online art exhibitions that’ll leave you in awe. In honor of Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month, I decided to feature a few museums from Latin America.

Mexico City, Mexico

Frida Kahlo, one of Latin America’s most famous artists, portrayed Mexican pop culture through her work. Her poor health inspired her to start painting. The Frida Kahlo Museum, also known as the Blue House, was created in 1958. According to their website, the museum was Kahlo’s own house that she painted blue, and also where she created most of her artwork.

The museum showcases many details about Kahlo’s

life—not just her art. According to the museum’s website, Kahlo always embedded her Mexican culture in how she dressed and in her fashion and paintings. The website offers a free 360-degree virtual tour of her house along with other information to learn more about Mexican culture and Kahlo. The house is a piece of beautiful architecture; a variety of colors are used to paint the walls, and many examples of traditional Mexican folk art are displayed throughout.

Kahlo’s clothing incorporates Mexican culture. For instance, her most iconic portrait is of herself in a Tehuana dress, which defines her identity and cultural heritage, making her well-known beyond her paintings.

“The main emphasis is on her exploration of identity, which would lead her to complete self-portraits, many of them portentous, doubtless the most vivid and emblematic in Mexican artistic tradition,” Gerardo Ochoa wrote in “Biography of Frida Kahlo” on the museum website.

São Paulo, Brazil

The Museum of Art of Sao Paulo (MASP) was founded in 1947. According to its website, the MASP was the first modern museum in the country that had over 11,000 pieces of artwork. The museum’s goal is to create a dialogue about history through visual arts. Through Google Arts & Culture, some exhibitions are free online. Exhibitions include artwork from Brazil, as well as other countries.

One exhibition titled “Art from Brazil until 1900” shows paintings of daily life and the landscape and architecture of Brazil, in addition to Brazilian portraits. Colonization and despair is a frequent theme in paintings from the 19th century. The use of lighter colors and less detail-oriented strokes was a popular technique. According to captions alongside the artwork, many Brazilian artists of the time traveled to flee war and seek refuge, which is reflected throughout the exhibit.

There is also a free exhibition that includes artwork by



The Frida Kahlo Museum’s website offers a free 360-degree tour of the property. PHOTO BY MALIN AND ESPEN/FLICKR

patients in a psychiatric ward. The pieces were donated to the museum in 1974. The exhibition displays a lot of mythical creatures and abstract art. Another interesting exhibition is the “Picture Gallery.” It was reinstalled recently and features historical art from all over the world from different time periods. One artist, Vicente do Rego Monteiro, combined elements of European avant-garde and indigenous Brazilian art which demonstrates a shift toward modernism.

Cercado de Lima, Peru

Museo de Arte de Lima (MALI), contains over 12,000 works of Peruvian art. The museum was officially inaugurated in 1961. Again, through Google Arts & Culture you can look at some virtual exhibits for free. Unlike MASP, the categories are listed by mediums of art instead of by theme.

According to many captions at MALI, during the 18th century, archangels were a common theme

for royals in Peruvian paintings. In many paintings, virgins were seen as holy and highly respected. In general, there is a heavy influence of religion in Peruvian art, with common themes of the Virgin Mary being the holy one or Christ and angels overcoming evil. Some artists went to study art in Europe, which had a focus on Christianity. Hence, you can also see the heavy influence of Europe on Peruvian art techniques.

One painting created in 1859 depicted three children playing a card game. The painting was titled “The Three Raes or Equality before the Law.” According to the description, one of the girls is of Indian heritage, another girl is Black and the third boy is White. The artist wanted to showcase racism and inequality in Peruvian society.

During the late 19th century, artists were pretty much forgotten, and many had to stick to commercial painting. Over time, the themes of the paintings seem to change from being simpler portraits and works showcasing religion and daily life to more abstract depictions of Peruvian life.

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SCIENCE FRIDAY

Germline gene editing warrants guidelines

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This affair prompted the formation of the International Commission, which has attempted to preemptively provide guidelines for heritable gene editing in the event that it is deemed permissible. The commission does not offer its opinion on whether or not gene editing should even be allowed, giving only scientific guidance and leaving that question up for debate. This has raised the objection that their report is unwarranted, with critics arguing that providing such criteria pressures society into accepting germline gene editing.

With these guidelines set, scientists would be deterred from performing drastic and possibly dangerous human gene editing experimentation.

Despite what the critics may say, this report is a step in the right direction for the future of potential germline genetic modification. Firstly,

the guidelines given by the commission are only suggestions, crafted through careful consideration and offered to countries to accept or deny. Should genome editing become approved by society, the framework would already be in place, allowing the science to proceed more smoothly. With these guidelines set, scientists would be deterred from performing drastic and possibly dangerous human gene editing experimentation. If society does rule against germline gene editing, then no harm would have come from proposing these guidelines.

Furthermore, the commission recommends that germline gene editing be limited

to very few cases: only serious single-gene diseases or in embryos with a very high chance of carrying specific disease-causing mutations. If the technology would prove successful in these limited cases, it could potentially be expanded. This would help to set boundaries and prevent overuse of genetic modification in the early stages when the technology is first being tested on human germlines.

Another important suggestion of the commission is the formation of an official international scientific advisory committee which would make the ultimate decisions about gene editing technology and projects. While some countries already have laws to pre-

vent heritable gene editing, an international authority would be a valuable means by which to create uniform regulations and prevent this technology from getting out of hand.

Creating a set of guidelines for future germline genetic modification is not premature at this point. Advancements are being made rather quickly in genome editing technologies, and it is not inconceivable that safe clinical applications could be possible soon. It is important that rules and regulations are able to keep up. These considerations therefore must be made now, regardless of what consensus society eventually reaches on the fate of heritable human gene editing.

Higher Education Spotlight: Minerva College

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Minerva College's model is undoubtedly different. There is no Minerva campus. Instead, students live in seven different cities over the course of four years. In each location, the students live together in Minerva housing, which usually means students occupy a building leased by the college in a part of the city. These locations are specifically chosen for their proximity to public transport and stores, safety, and their representation of city life and culture beyond touristic attractions. All Minerva courses are online, but students live and travel with one another. Staff members also design trips and involvement opportunities throughout the

semester that are focused on a theme relevant to that city, such as "rapid development" in Seoul or "entrepreneurship" in San Francisco.

It might sound like a scam or a cult, but it's not. Professors at Minerva College have held positions at Harvard Medical School, Stanford, Cambridge, Barnard and the University of Pennsylvania. They have worked for the U.S. State Department, World Bank, The Economist and Princeton Review. The first dean of Minerva, Stephen Kosslyn, is a well-known neuroscientist and psychologist who was formerly the Dean of Social Sciences at Harvard.

There are important takeaways from Minerva's model. Minerva chooses not to focus on providing the infra-

structure and organizational structures that we usually expect from universities, like designated meeting spaces, hundreds of established student organizations, sports teams and funding for equipment and events. None of these things are bad, but Minerva's model has students create their own extracurriculars in each city with the support of staff. It's an interesting experiment, seeing what happens if all these things that we consider an integral part of an educational institution were to fall away. What would be left behind? What would take its place? Would everything about what college is supposed to be fall apart?

Minerva suggests that no, everything won't fall apart.

For institutions like UConn, Minerva's example suggests an alternative to salvaging when faced with budget deficits: prioritize guaranteed and strong support for students to pursue their interests in organic and personally meaningful ways that are not reliant on elaborate institutional structures.

On the contrary, if providing all the structures for cultivating student interests becomes secondary, and instead, the priority is to create an environment that supports students independently in figuring out creative ways to cultivate those interests themselves, those goals of a liberal arts education are more likely to be fulfilled.

For institutions like UConn, Minerva's example suggests an alternative to salvaging when faced with budget deficits: prioritize guaranteed and strong support for students to pursue their interests in organic and personally meaningful ways that are not reliant on elaborate institutional structures. When those institutional structures are necessary, economize on the flashy and focus on maintaining only what is absolutely essential for individual student development of those interests. Then, when circumstances force universities to change their modes of operation and make reductions, it won't seem like it's all falling apart. Instead, it's exactly at those moments when students will feel emboldened to pursue their interests and passions all the more.

There are more lessons to be learned from Minerva: but we'll save those for next week.

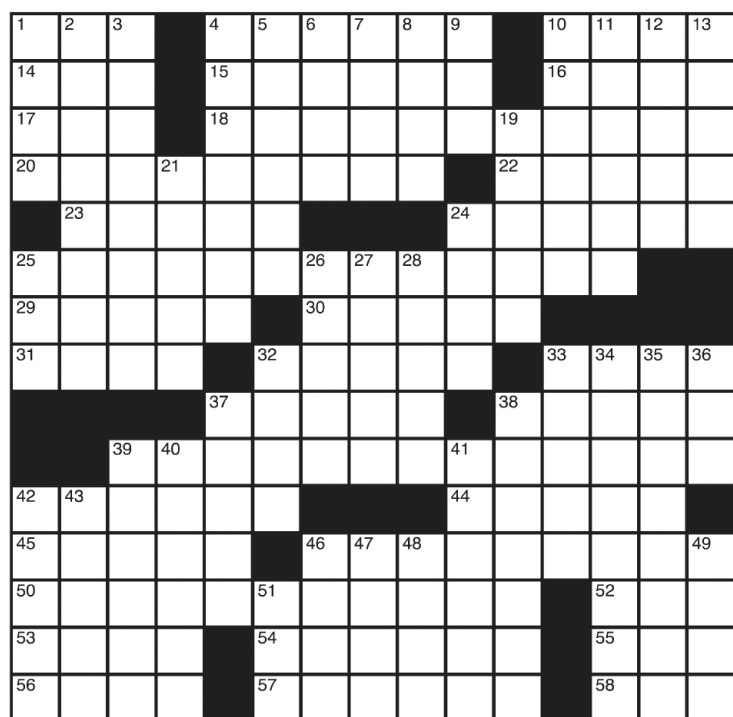
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- 14 Political scientist Bremmer
- 15 Undermines
- 16 Fountain with a wind
- 17 According to frenetic drummer's output?
- 20 Literally, half-year periods
- 22 Hawaii, on many maps
- 23 Cast doubt upon
- 24 They're not from around here
- 25 Like a professional gambler's life?
- 29 Expected
- 30 Theme park array
- 31 Marine bird
- 32 Stinky
- 33 Legislative creation
- 37 "Wonderful!"
- 38 Debate fixtures
- 39 Consistently wins prizes for carrots, turnips, etc.?
- 42 Butter source
- 44 Row divider
- 45 Golf nickname
- 46 Flat out?
- 50 Specially designed Valentine's Day burgers?
- 52 Veer sharply
- 53 Like Magellan, for long periods
- 54 Correctly, old-style
- 55 ORD posting
- 56 Jumbotron displays, briefly
- 57 "Good riddance"
- 58 Worked on

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By Jeffrey Wechsler

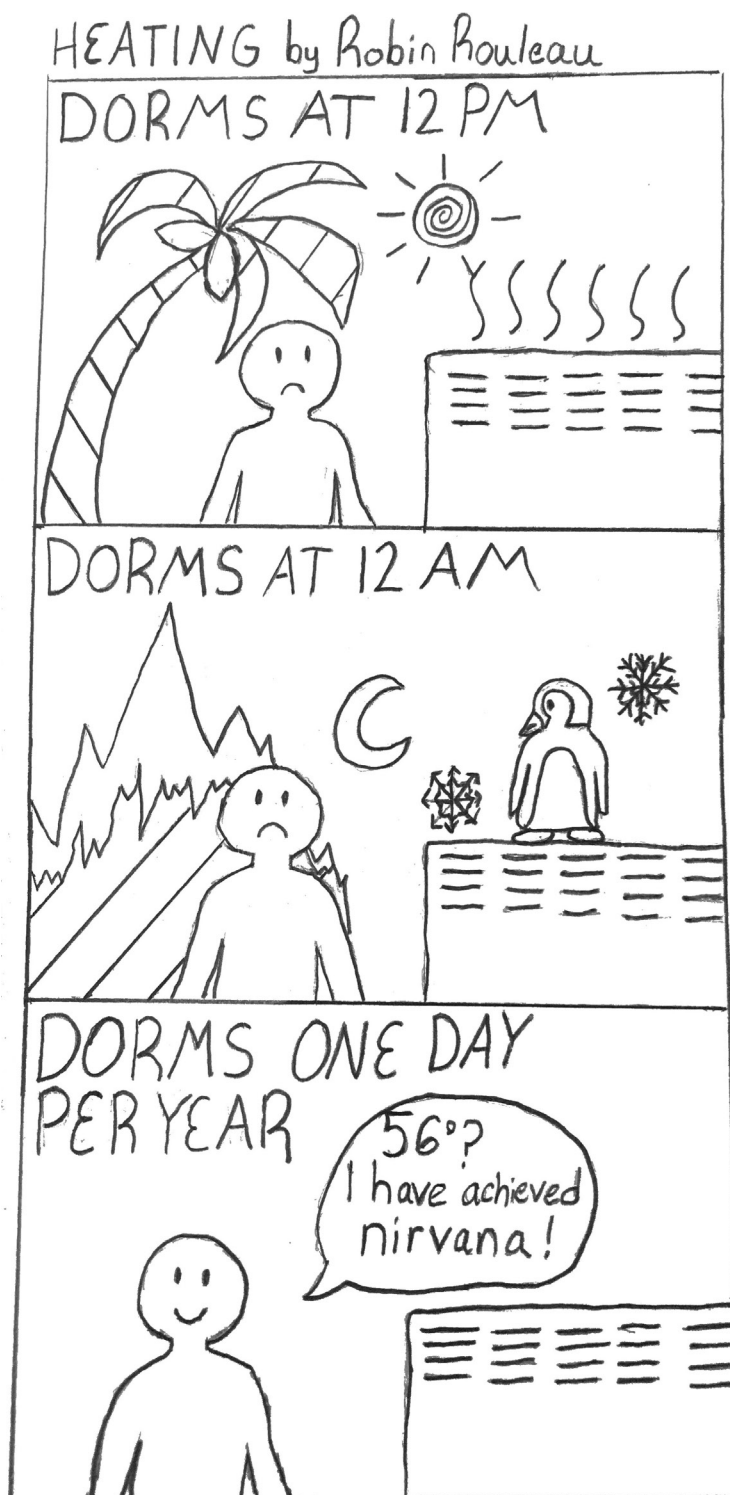
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- 9 Montpelier-to-Providence dir.
- 10 Christmas morning cry
- 11 Auto options
- 12 When some local news is broadcast
- 13 Road workers' garb
- 19 "Greatest gymnast ever," per Retton
- 21 Like storied North Pole workers
- 24 Not up
- 25 Home security giant
- 26 Tundra's lack, usually
- 27 Try to strike
- 28 Bunker of note
- 32 Stew
- 33 Helping hand
- 34 Worshipped
- 35 Ones who do things by the book?
- 36 Cruces
- 37 Sticky
- 38 Aaron and Eli, in the Old Testament
- 39 Carried on
- 40 "The Golden Arm" of the Baltimore Colts
- 41 "At the ___ Core": Burroughs novel
- 42 Authoritative type of bull
- 43 Wipe out
- 46 Hematology prefix
- 47 Traditional dairy farm item
- 48 Ship that sailed from Iolcus
- 49 "Zounds!"
- 51 Luke's pilot pal



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Round Five Of The Ligue 1 Season: Everything you need to know

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Round five of the Ligue 1 season kicks off on Friday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. when LOSC Lille hosts FC Nantes at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy.

Lille is coming off a 1-1 draw against Olympique de Marseille at the Stade Vélodrome. Despite the fact that splitting points away from home is usually a good thing, Lille gave up a goal in the 87th minute, blowing what should have been a victory.

Manager Christopher Galtier has kept his starting 11 for the most part consistent, with a couple minor changes. Luiz Araújo and Jonathon Bamba are the joint top goal scorers with two goals, while Xeka, Domagoj Bradaric and Burak Yilmaz all have one assist.

Honorable mentions for players to look out for in the match are Renato Sanches and American Timothy Weah. Sanches will continue to attempt to live up to the world class standards set for him, while Weah will look to get back to the goalscoring form he enjoyed at Paris-Saint Germain and Celtic, respectively.

Lille sits fifth in the table with eight points, and will look to keep maintaining its form, focusing on quick, attacking-based football.

Nantes is coming off an impressive 2-2 draw to AS Saint-Étienne, who are joint-first with Stade Rennais. The five players to watch out for are Ludovic Blas, Imran Louza, Andrei Grotto, Moses Simon and Renaud Thierry Emond, who have all scored once in the campaign.

Manager Christian Gourcuff will look to sit back, take in the pressure and hit Lille on the counterattack. They will not be

hesitant to be more aggressive and press if down, but it will not be their first resort.

Nantes sits 14th with five points and will be desperate not to drop points after a difficult start to the season.

Saturday, Sept. 26 sees Stade Rennais travel to the Stade Geoffroy Guichard and face ASSE Saint-Étienne at 11 a.m.

Saint-Étienne manager Claude Paul will play with an extremely high intensity, known to press the opposition in the final third, while looking to build up quickly, either through quick one-two passes or dangerous crosses into the box.

“Les Verts” traveled to Stade De La Beaujoire Louis Fonteneau their last time out, splitting the points with Nantes.

Transitioning over to the squad, Stéphane Ruffier’s conflict with the club’s higher-ups led to his expulsion from the club. As a result, Jessy Moulin has taken the reigns in goal. A lifelong backup, Paul and the club hope he will be able to perform at a high level.

Youngster Adil Aouchiche is already impressing the Saint-Étienne faithful, scoring in the game against Nantes while also demonstrating his creative ability on the pitch. Denis Bouanga’s quick feet and pace will be of concern to Rennais, who will have to make sure he doesn’t get in behind or have too much time on the ball.

Medhi Camara is the midfield outlet for the club, pushing the ball up to players in more dangerous positions. He is great at opening up spaces for the team and locking up the midfield in defense.

Stade Rennais beat AS Monaco 2-1 at home in their last match. Eduardo Camavinga is

no doubt their best player, with the French superstar becoming more and more of interest to top clubs around the world. Veteran midfielder Steven N’zonzi will control the midfield and make sure everyone is tactically disciplined, something that comes easy to him due to his vast experience. Benjamin Bourigeaud is another solid midfielder and will no doubt link up with Camavinga in attack.

Adrien Truffert is another young midfielder who will have a big impact. Manager Julien Stéphan has gone on record in the past and said the club would not look for another left-back, solely relying on Truffert. He repaid the manager’s trust against Monaco, sending a cross into the box headed in by Steven N’zonzi for the equalizer and scoring the winner in stoppage time.

Saint-Étienne and Stade Rennais are both at the top with 10 points.

Saturday also sees Olympique de Marseille face FC Metz in an empty Stade Vélodrome at 3 p.m. An empty Vélodrome is truly a strange sight, as they are known to have the highest average attendance in all of France.

André Villas-Boas is truly building something special at Marseille. This was only further evident with their win over bitter rivals Paris Saint-Germain at the “Parc des Princes.”

Veteran Steve Mandanda is in goal for “Les Olympiens,” having played for the club over 300 times in his career. In front of him is Japanese international Hiroki Sakai, who has proven to be an excellent defender this season for the club, solidifying an already solid backline.

Moreover, Boubacar Kamara is a center defensive midfielder who frustrates the opposition

for the entirety of the match.

However, the most dangerous part of this squad is the front three, made of veteran attacking midfielder Dimitri Payet, striker Dario Benedetto and winger Florian Thauvin. At 33, Payet is still proving he can play at his best, the former French international drastically raising the level of the team. French international Florian Thauvin can also be dangerous, cutting in and causing havoc or getting in behind the defense.

Benedetto is usually able to find space, causing havoc in and around the box. Moreover, he is able to effectively hold the ball up and/or be found by Thauvin or Payet in a dangerous area, a situation no defense wants to find itself in.

Marseille currently sit seventh in the table with seven points.

FC Metz will have to battle hard this season to avoid relegation, finishing 15th last season with 34 points. Although they still finished 11 points above the relegation zone, one must remember France was the only league to cancel their season prematurely. Without this cancellation, and considering the form Metz had before the pandemic, it may have been an entirely different story.

Vincent Hognon’s man will concede possession and sit back, hoping to counter Marseille. These opportunities to counter will have to revolve around Habib Diallo, whose goals kept the club in France’s premier footballing division.

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PSG's Angel Di Maria celebrates after scoring during the French League One soccer match in Nice, France, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020. PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIEL COLE/AP

Iditarod preps for any scenario as 2021 race plans proceed

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The world’s most famous sled dog race will go forward in 2021, and amid the ongoing pandemic, officials now are preparing for every possible contingency for what the race and the world might look like in March when the Iditarod starts.

It’s not the mushers who worry Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach; they’re used to social distancing along the 1,000-mile trail.

The headaches start with what to do with the 1,800 volunteers and staff needed to stage the race, some scattered in 21 villages that serve as checkpoints along the trail between Anchorage and Nome, and how to protect them and the village residents from the coronavirus. The goal is zero community transmission.

“We’re really trying to plan for the worst and hope for the best,” Urbach said. “The mushers getting from checkpoint to checkpoint is the easiest piece.”

The Iditarod got some on-the-fly training last March. When the race started March 8, people were still shaking hands and not wearing masks. By the time the race ended in mid-March, some villages asked that mushers bypass their communities. Most public buildings in Nome, where the race ends, were closed.

The Iditarod was the only major sports event not to cancel last spring. Officials plan to combine what they learned with best practices from other professional leagues, like the NFL, to incorporate into a plan for the 2021 race. They also expect on-the-ground help from an epidemiologist.

Urbach said they are developing criteria for testing protocols and will adhere



In this March 6, 2017 file photo, volunteer handlers guide teams out of the dog yard and down the chute to the starting line of the 45th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Fairbanks, Alaska. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF ELLAMARIE QUIMBY/AP

to whatever standard is determined by Alaska state health officials at the time of the race. That could include wearing masks or requiring volunteers and mushers to be vaccinated if there is a vaccine by then and it’s recommended. The Iditarod is also investigating getting its own rapid test lab that can travel on the trail.

Other changes may include support staff being reduced to the bare minimum and traveling pods of four to maintain a bubble. It may mean volunteers sleeping outside in warmed tents instead of stacking 12 people cheek-to-jowl in a small cabin in a village checkpoint.

The look of the ceremonial start in downtown Anchorage, which normally attracts

thousands of fans, might be smaller as people may have to social distance. It may mean few or no spectators at the Nome finish.

It also might mean bypassing villages altogether.

“Our course may be adapted to navigate around any civilization, and that will be a heck of a race,” Urbach said.

Besides being in contact with public health officials in Alaska, the Iditarod also is leaning on Dr. Jodie Guest to help its formulate its plan. She is an infectious disease epidemiologist at Emory University in Atlanta and has been an Iditarod race volunteer for years, often spending time in small villages.

Guest has been working on how to craft the best prevention messages based on cul-

turally competent messaging and how to get testing into communities that have a distrust of the medical system.

“I’ve really tried to do with my team is have us be a group that is that both nimble and can do testing pretty efficiently and quickly, no matter where you put us, but also a group that really can talk to and listen to communities that are not getting a lot of attention,” Guest said.

“So that does translate very well to potential risk for villages and concerns the villages might have, and so I’m very hopeful that the work I’ve been doing will translate well for us in Alaska,” she said.

The worst-case scenario is that there is no Iditarod in 2021. “That’s what we hope won’t happen, but it needs to

be something we consider for the safety of everyone,” Guest said.

But the race also has components that are “perhaps safer than a lot of other things for COVID-19. And that’s what we’re going to try to do, is figure out how to take all the parts of the Iditarod that are super safe by comparison and change all the parts that aren’t to make them so that they are,” Guest said.

Urbach is confident there will be a race. “If the Iditarod doesn’t run, the world’s got a bigger problem,” he said.

There are 12 international mushers in the field of 62 teams that will start the race north of Anchorage on March 7, including defending champion Thomas Waerner of Norway.

Race officials are investigating travel waivers and other means, such as hiring a cargo plane, to get international mushers and their teams of 16 dogs each to Alaska if travel restrictions or quarantines are in place, Urbach said.

Waerner was stuck in Alaska for months after winning in March until he could get a flight home. Despite that, he says he is trying to find his own travel back to Alaska.

“I am working to find a way to go,” he said in an email to The Associated Press. “Right now it is not possible,” but he says there is a long time before he wants to arrive by mid-February.

Urbach said race officials continue to anticipate what the race could look like six months from now.

“The worst case is, we put a lot of time, work and effort and we have too much sanitation supplies and disinfectant, then so be it,” Urbach said. “We want to be overly prepared.”

Sports

Photo of the Day | Our girls, doing their thing!



UConn Women's Basketball player Megan Walker drives up the court in a game against Tulsa last January. The Huskies won 92-34. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

UFC 253: A clash of unbeatens

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On Saturday, the UFC returns to Fight Island for the first of five consecutive Saturday night events, culminating with a lightweight title fight between Justin Gaethje and Khabib Nurmagomedov on Oct. 24. Looking to build on the momentum of last week's action-packed Covington-Woodley event, UFC 253 is topped with two competitive title bouts.

In the first title bout, Jan Blachowicz takes on recent title challenger Dominick Reyes for the vacant light heavyweight title. The title was vacated by Jon Jones, who is planning a move to the heavyweight division. Reyes was most recently seen against Jones, and in a very controversial decision, Reyes lost on each of the judges' scorecards. This was Reyes' first career loss. Jones got off to a slow start and struggled to match the pace of Reyes in the first three rounds, but when Reyes began to noticeably tire, Jones was able to take control in the final two rounds. However, as UFC fights are judged by the round, many fans thought that when the decision was read, Reyes would be declared the winner. Reyes outlanded Jones in each of the first three rounds, but unfortunately for Reyes, the judges stuck with the precedent of scoring close title fights in favor of the champ. To put things in perspective, Reyes outstruck Jones by 11 strikes in Round 2, but Jones was awarded the round by two of the judges. Reyes is likely entering his prime at age 30, and he publicly handled

the loss well. Reyes and Blachowicz have nearly identical heights and reaches. "The Devastator" Reyes will have slight advantages in power and speed, but we might see Reyes take these down a notch in an effort to conserve his energy for later rounds.

Jan Blachowicz has had a much different path to the title. After his first six UFC fights, Blachowicz had an underwhelming record of two wins and four losses with the promotion, and was at risk of being cut from the roster. A 17-3 record prior to joining the UFC helped Blachowicz receive one more fight with the UFC. In a must win situation, Blachowicz secured a second-round finish by rear naked choke. Since his

first six UFC appearances, Blachowicz has turned in an improbable record of seven wins and only one loss. Blachowicz prefers to keep the fight standing to utilize his Muay Thai style, but once in a blue moon, he will see an opportunity for a takedown and get to use his black belt jiu-jitsu skills. This fight is relatively even on the feet, but if Reyes tires in the later rounds like he did against Jones, Blachowicz will have a strong advantage if he is able to take the fight to the mat.

In the main event, Israel Adesanya looks to defend his belt against heavy-hitter Paulo Costa. Both fighters are undefeated, making this a showdown you won't want to miss. Adesanya has taken the UFC

by storm and won the title in only his second year with the promotion. Adesanya switched over to MMA in 2015 after an impressive kickboxing career where he boasted a record of 75 wins and only five losses. In MMA, Adesanya has gone 19-0, making him a fan favorite. Adesanya won the title by knocking out Robert Whittaker, and he has since defended it against Yoel Romero. Adesanya is sensational when he is the aggressor and has some of the best striking that the UFC has ever seen. On the other hand, Adesanya has a harder time when fighting off his back foot. Some fighters noticeably do not like being hit in the face and Adesanya is one of them. When his opponent is find-

ing their rhythm, Adesanya prefers to circle backwards around the cage and stay out of his opponent's range. In his victory over Romero, fans were a bit disappointed by how often he had to use this tactic, and a frustrated Romero compared Adesanya to fighting a track star.

Across the cage, Paulo Costa hopes to be the fighter who remains undefeated. Costa is a testament to what the human body can look like. Just by looking at a picture, you can tell he is a nightmare to fight against. Like Adesanya, Costa is earning his first title shot in his sixth career UFC fight. At 13-0, and no kickboxing bouts, "The Eraser" has significantly less experience than Adesanya. However, 11 of Costa's wins came by knockout, and in his most recent fight, a decision victory against Romero, Costa did significantly more damage to Romero in three rounds than Adesanya did in five. Costa's main disadvantage in this fight is his height and reach. Costa will have an eight inch reach disadvantage against Adesanya, and Costa will likely have to lure Adesanya into a brawl to be able to overcome this disadvantage. To bait his opponent, Costa posted a video on YouTube of him chasing a sprinting sparring partner around the cage until the sparring partner, intended to look like Adesanya, jumps out of the cage and runs away. This is an incredible matchup and if Adesanya is willing to trade strikes with Costa, this will be a candidate for fight of the year.



In this Nov. 4, 2017, file photo, Paulo Costa, of Brazil, punches Johny Hendricks, left, during a middleweight mixed martial arts bout at UFC 217 in New York. PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANK FRANKLIN II, AP FILE

WNBA: Inside the Wubble



Connecticut Sun guard Jasmine Thomas (5) and forward DeWanna Bonner (24) sandwich Las Vegas Aces center A'ja Wilson (22) during the first half of Game 3 of a WNBA basketball semifinal round playoff series Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, in Bradenton, Fl.

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With this season being dedicated to the Say Her Name campaign, it is not a surprise that players are voicing their opinions about the recent news concerning Breonna Taylor. While not a single officer was charged in her death, officer Brett Hankison bore the charges of wanton endangerment due to bullets going into neighboring apartments. Las Vegas Aces' A'ja Wilson referred to such action as a slap on the wrist when speaking with ESPN reporters. Wilson expressed how she will continue social justice work to help fight for Taylor once she's able to leave the Wubble. Wilson, amongst others, has taken to social media to speak out against such injustice.

Wilson and many others are in the midst of semifinals play,

which continues over the weekend. Every team has ice in its veins in its fight to continue its season for a chance at a spot in the championship. Sunday will either end a team's season or will bring the Aces and the Connecticut Sun into another round of play in the semifinals. The Sun was able to get the win in the first game and put up a lot of fight by the second game, although it lost. So, another upset for the Aces is quite possible.

The Minnesota Lynx and the Seattle Storm series on the other hand is tough to call. The first game of the semifinals proved to be the closest one played between the Lynx and the Storm because the Lynx lost by a mere two points. With Fowles out again, it puts more pressure on Damiris Dantas to hold off Breanna Stewart. Crystal Dangerfield's presence on the offensive end is necessary for success as well, since she struggled in scor-

ing in the first game. If the Lynx play up to par, it is sure to be a contender against this skilled and experienced Storm team.

The Storm is familiar with WNBA championships since it recently won in 2018, while the Lynx hasn't won since Maya Moore's declaration to fight for social justice -- specifically Johnathan Irons's case. The same players that led the Storm continue to lead the Storm now, including Stewart and Sue Bird. Napheesa Collier is surely a force for the Lynx, and its capabilities as a team are there if it taps into it in this tough matchup.

As league play has progressed and nears its end, awards continue to be given to highly regarded players. Betnijah Laney secured Most Improved Player, while Candace Parker received Defensive Player of the Year, alongside Dearica Hamby's Sixth Woman of the Year award.

NFL Week 3 games to watch

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I'll admit, this NFL season has already lasted one week longer than I thought it would. Being a Jets fan, that's not necessarily a good thing. But now, going into Week 3, here are some of the most intriguing matchups around the league to keep your eye on.

Rams at Bills

This week is huge for the Bills. Sure, they're 2-0, and Josh Allen has looked very good thus far, but they've also only played the Jets and the Dolphins. This is the first time they're going to face a competent team this season. The Rams aren't Super Bowl favorites, but they're still a really solid football team, so it will be their first real test. Can the Bills really dethrone the Patriots in the AFC East this season, or are they just pretenders? I think we'll get the answer this week.

Prediction: Bills are humbled, Allen struggles and Bills drop to 2-1. Their defense will do fine, but the offense will

have a really tough time getting anything going. 24-13, Rams win.

Bengals at Eagles

This game? Really? Why should I care about two 0-2 teams? Well, these aren't normal 0-2 teams like the Jets or the Giants. These teams actually have some talent. The Bengals have lost back-to-back one score games to start the season, and rookie QB Joe Burrow has looked like the real deal so far. As for the Eagles, after entering this season with lofty expectations, they've fallen flat on their faces. Carson Wentz looks horrible, the offense line can't block anyone and the defense looks like swiss cheese. Luckily for them, the Bengals don't have a very good defense either, so maybe the offense can get back on its feet.

Prediction: This is Burrow's coming out party. After throwing an absurd number of passes in Week 2, they're not going to slow down. He's going to torch the Eagles and get his first NFL win. The only silver lining for the Eagles? Wentz won't look AS bad. He still won't be great, but it'll be

a step in the right direction. 34-17 Bengals win.

Cowboys at Seahawks

The Cowboys pulled off one of the biggest comebacks the football world has seen in a long time last week. After going down 20 points very early, the offense woke up and outscored the Falcons 40-19 the rest of the way to win by one. Meanwhile, the Seahawks came about one yard shy of letting the Patriots come back and upset them on Sunday night, stopping Cam Newton at the one yard line as time expired. This week, the two uber-talented teams will face off in what should be a very entertaining matchup. Will the Seahawks defense tighten up, or will they allow Dak to do whatever he wants just like the Falcons did? Can the notoriously underachieving Cowboys repeat their Week 2 performance?

Prediction: The Cowboys come back down to Earth a bit and the Seahawks establish themselves as one of the top dogs in the NFC. The Cowboys won't play horribly, but they're just not on the same level as Seattle. 31-23, Seahawks win.

Chiefs at Ravens

Remember that awesome Chiefs/Rams game from 2018, where the Rams ended up winning 54-51, Mahomes and Goff each threw for over 400 yards and the defenses basically decided to take a night off? Well, I think there's a chance we could see something similar with this Chiefs/Ravens matchup. Pat Mahomes and Lamar Jackson are the easy 1a and 1b in the NFL (don't come at me Russ fans), so watching those two go head-to-head just sounds so exciting. There is real potential for a shootout here, and while the Ravens defense might be just a bit too good to allow it in Chiefs/Rams 2018 proportions, it's Mahomes they'll be dealing with. The Chiefs, on the other hand, don't have a great defense. So when dealing with Lamar, all I can say is pray.

Prediction: High scoring, minimal turnovers and just all around great football. In the end, the Ravens defense will give them the edge, but these two teams will establish themselves as the best in the league while giving us a preview of what very well could be the AFC Championship game.

Hartford Athletic Preview: All eyes on Pittsburgh

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Hartford Athletic will go on the road Sunday to face the Pittsburgh Riverhounds for the final time this season. The last time the two sides met, Hartford was decimated in a 5-0 defeat in Pittsburgh's Highmark Stadium.

I have to admit, it's a bit difficult to find anything optimistic to say for Hartford for this match. Given how strong of a team Pittsburgh is, it could be another goalless match from the visitors. However, since their last meeting, Pittsburgh has played one match which was against Loudoun United where it won 1-0 — its lowest-scoring game that resulted in a win. I found this to be quite surprising, mainly because this wasn't the side of Pittsburgh that everyone's been used to watching this season. After watching their road game, Loudoun, a team dead last in the group, actually managed to put up a fight which made it very difficult for Pittsburgh to make plays. On top of that, Pittsburgh couldn't really get a lot of its shots on target. This is a bit worrisome for Pittsburgh fans, but could help bring Hartford to an advantage if the 'Hounds perform similarly to how it did in its Loudoun match.

Coming off a draw, Hartford should use this match to prepare for the USL Championship playoffs. Compared to the Union II match where they traveled to Subaru Park and Wednesday's game, the midfield was much better, but the attacking was a bit lackluster. I don't want to criticize the forward too harshly, but Alfonso Vazquez should be a substitute instead of a starter. I know fans were ecstatic when the 18-year-old scored back in August and were hoping to see a similar performance on Wednesday, but I wasn't all too impressed. At least twice during the match, Vazquez could've either scored or set up a play that could've led to a goal, but the teenager didn't have the reaction time that someone like Ever Guzmán or Markus Naglestad has. I'm not too sure why Guzmán didn't start, but if he's on the bench on Sunday's clash, it should be Naglestad and Dixon up front.

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Head coach Radhi Jaïdi's choice of a 4-4-2 formation on Wednesday wasn't too bad, but I still think he should use the 3-1-4-2 form. If the coaching staff wants the team to be a serious contender in the playoffs, they're going to need to find a different formation that will bring Hartford far in the postseason. A 3-5-2 formation has worked well, but only because Hartford hasn't played other teams outside of Group F besides Indy Eleven, who it lost to 4-1. At this rate, Hartford could face Louisville City FC, a team similar to Pittsburgh; if that's the case, Hartford will most likely not make it past the quarterfinals if it continues the same style of play.

Mike'd Up: Postseason predictions

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With just one series to go for each team, it's time to predict the 2020 MLB postseason. I am basing this off the bracket if the season ended on Sept. 24 so there's a good chance I will be wildly wrong on this one. Alas, it's going to be a fun experiment.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILD CARD ROUND:

No. 1 Tampa Bay Rays vs. No. 8 Toronto Blue Jays

I think this one is fairly cut and dry. The Tampa Bay Rays are going to be taking this three-game set with ease. As a team, the Rays pitching staff has an ERA a full run better than the Blue Jays and the two offenses are nearly identical in run production. The Rays also went 6-4 in matchups with the Blue Jays this season. Rays in two.

No. 2 Oakland Athletics vs No. 7 Cleveland Indians

This series comes down to pitching, and the Indians have it. I just do not trust the Athletics young pitchers in a short playoff series. Neither team is particularly strong offensively, but the Indians do have potential AL MVP Jose Ramirez and Francisco Lindor. The Athletics do not have a single starter hitting over .250 this season. Indians in three.

No. 3 Minnesota Twins vs. No. 6 Houston Astros

Offensively, these two teams are incredibly similar, but it's Minnesota's pitching for me. They have the third-best team ERA in baseball with potentially the most dangerous three-headed monster in a short series. Give me Kenta Maeda and Jose Berrios, and I'll take it every single time. Twins in two.

No. 4 Chicago White Sox vs. No. 5 New York Yankees

This one is easily the closest for me, but I am going to take the White Sox here. I can't bet against a top-6 offense and top-4 rotation. The Yankees are going to be tough to beat, especially on their hot streak as of late, but I trust Lucas Giolito and Jose Abreu to get the job done. White Sox in three.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WILD CARD ROUND:

No. 1 Los Angeles Dodgers vs. No. 8 Cincinnati Reds

Dodgers in two. They are the best team in baseball and it's not close.

No. 2 Atlanta Braves vs. No. 7 San Francisco Giants

This one is easy. Atlanta is going to curb stomp the Giants. The Giants are pretty unimpressive. I'd say the only whole on the Braves is their rotation, which has been decimated by injuries. They have the best offense in baseball and the Giants 4.66 team ERA isn't going to be able to stop them. Braves in two.

No. 3 Chicago Cubs vs. No. 6 Miami Marlins

The Marlins are very interesting here. Their young rotation has great potential simply because Sixto Sanchez, Sandy Alcantara and Pablo Sanchez shove. I still don't really believe in them, though, so I am going to take the Cubs here. Yu Darvish, Kyle Hendricks and playoff Jon Lester are too enticing for me to pick the young guns. Cubs in three.

No. 4 San Diego Padres vs. No. 5 St. Louis Cardinals

The only reason the Cardinals could win this series is if Jack Flaherty pitched every game, and he hasn't even been that great this season. Slam Diego is heading to the NLDS — book it. Padres in two.

AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES:

No. 1. Tampa Bay Rays vs. No. 4 Chicago White Sox

I am going to go out on a limb and say this series will be determined by the long ball, which the Rays are susceptible to. The White Sox have hit the third most home runs in the majors at the time of writing this. I am putting my full faith in Giolito in a Game 5 situation. White Sox in five.

No. 3 Minnesota Twins vs. No. 7 Cleveland Indians

This is one of the few match-ups where we have actual data from the two teams playing each other this season, and it doesn't look good for the Indians. The Twins went 7-3 in their 10 match-ups this year. I'll take the Twins in four.

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES:

No. 1 Los Angeles Dodgers vs. No. 4 San Diego Padres

If the Padres just lost Mike Clevinger, this could be a really bad match-up for them. However, it seems as though he has avoided serious injury, according to Robert Murray. This is going to be the most anticipated series of the entire playoffs. I am going to be optimistic and say Padres in five, but I honestly have no clue here.

No. 2 Atlanta Braves vs. No. 3 Chicago Cubs

The Atlanta Braves have a meh pitching staff, but it just so happens that the Cubs are not good on offense. The Braves have the best offense in baseball, and I am going to ride them here. Braves in three.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:

No. 3 Minnesota Twins vs. No. 4 Chicago White Sox

Not only are these two really fun teams, they were also dead even this year — splitting the season series 5-5. The White Sox do have a better offense, but I like the Twins pitching just a little bit more. This is another toss-up but give me seven games of playoff Keuchel leading these boys to a World Series. White Sox in seven.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:

No. 2 Atlanta Braves vs. No. 4 San Diego Padres

The NLCS is where the Slam Diego train has to stop to re-fuel. Unfortunately, I don't think the extra coal chilling in their coal-car will be enough. The hype train is going to run out of steam in the form of Freddie Freeman and Ronald Acuna. I'm taking the Braves in five.

WORLD SERIES:

No. 2 Atlanta Braves vs. No. 4 Chicago White Sox

This is it, for all the marbles and the satin pouch you took them to recess in. A shortened season ends with a bang. The Chicago White Sox outlast a pitching-deprived Atlanta Braves team in six games — taking a championship to the south side of Chicago. Tim Anderson is going to bat flip his way to the World Series MVP and Giolito will get his chance to forever stamp is name down in history.



Sports

NBA Eastern Conference Finals: Holding out for a Herro

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It was a night where the Miami Heat struggled with shooting so much in the first half that they were up by only six points at halftime despite the Boston Celtics getting a total of zero points from their best player, Jayson Tatum.

The Heat needed a hero in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals. Tyler Herro, to be exact.

The 20-year-old rookie out of Kentucky torched the Celtics for 37 points, the most ever in a playoff game by a player aged 20 or younger besides Magic Johnson, who scored 42 in the 1980 NBA Finals. Seventeen of those points came in the critical fourth quarter when the Celtics woke up and made a run.

Down by as many as 12, the Celtics looked to do what the Heat had done to them in Games 1 and 2. Once Tatum got going, it looked like they might. Tatum scored all 28 of his points in the second half, most of them coming as part of Boston's run in the second half of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth.

The Celtics came all the way back to take a one-point lead in the fourth quarter, but costly turnovers and Herro's brilliance on offense ensured that

the Heat would hold on to take a commanding 3-1 lead in the series.

The final score was 112-109, but it really wasn't that close. The Celtics kept making shots to hand around, but they never had the ball with the chance to tie down the stretch until there was one second left, and they weren't even able to get a desperation shot up.

It was a weird game because the Celtics shot better than the Heat, both from 3-point range and overall. They outrebounded the Heat as well. The biggest difference in the game was the turnovers. Boston had 19. Miami had just eight.

That's truly been the story of the series. The Celtics appear to have more talent, but the Heat just continue to make fewer mistakes and play a more fundamentally sound style of basketball. That allows them to win games even when they're outplayed.

It wasn't just Herro playing well down the stretch, either. Jimmy Butler and Goran Dragic hit big shots as well. Butler finished with 24 points and nine rebounds, while Dragic cashed in for 22 points. Bam Adebayo continued to give the Celtics defense fits as well, especially when they went with a smaller lineup in the fourth. Adebayo finished with another double-double, 20 points and 12 rebounds.



In addition to Tatum, the Celtics got big contributions from Jaylen Brown (21 points, nine rebounds), Kemba Walker (20 points) and Marcus Smart (10 points, 11 assists). But it wasn't enough to even up the series, and it can be traced back to the horrible first half—which Tatum called “unacceptable” after the game—and costly turnovers down the stretch.

Erik Spoelstra is a hell of a coach, and he's getting the most out of his players in this series, while the Celtics are learning that it's hard to beat such a well-coached team with talent alone.

Now the Heat are in the driver's seat while the Celtics have their backs against the wall down 3-1 in the series.

They will need to channel their inner Denver Nuggets to try and overcome this deficit. Game 5 is on Friday at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

NHL: Stanley Cup Final Game 3 Recap

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Game 3 between the Tampa Bay Lightning and Dallas Stars is in the books and it was the Lightning grabbing the pivotal win to go up 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Tampa Bay got off to a fast start as Nikita Kucherov, the Lightning's leading playoff scorer, sent a snap shot past Anton Khudobin at 5:33 of the first period. The story of the game, however, was that Lightning captain Steven Stamkos, who had missed the entire postseason due to an injury, returned to the Tampa Bay lineup. The team's best goal-scorer and emotional leader played only 2:47 in the entire game, but he made it count, as he wired a wrist shot over Khudobin at 6:58 of the first to give his team a 2-0 lead that they would not give up. The Lightning went on to win 5-2 behind their captain's inspiring return to game action.

The Lightning have to feel great about this series so far. Though both teams have scored eight goals total through three games, the Lightning have gotten timely goals from their stars to give them the 2-1 series lead. They have three players with 10 or more goals and three players



Dallas Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger (29) looks for the shot as Tampa Bay Lightning center Blake Coleman (20) screens, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, in Edmonton, Alberta. PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON FRANSON/AP

with 20 or more points. Their offense looks unstoppable. Furthermore, defenseman Victor Hedman's 10 goals this postseason are only two shy from tying Paul Coffey's all-time record for goals in a postseason run by a defenseman.

The Stars continue to get contributions from all over

It's tough to win games when you spend the whole time trying to climb back from an early deficit.

their lineup and strong goaltending. The only difference is that in this series, they are struggling mightily not to fall behind early in games. Through the first three games of the series, the Stars have been outscored 6-2 in the first period. It's tough to win games when you spend the whole time trying to climb

back from an early deficit. Furthermore, the Stars top line center, Tyler Seguin, continues to struggle offensively with only two goals this postseason. The Stars will need more from Seguin in order to beat the high-powered Lightning.

Game 4 is on Friday, Sept. 25 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern.

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