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UConn Foundation honors Justin Niezrecki with scholarship for students in Engineering



The UConn Foundation building. The foundation recently started a scholarship program in the name of the late-Justin Niezrecki, who died last school year before graduating. The program will benefit engineering and some CLAS majors. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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The University of Connecticut has created a scholarship in the honor of late-UConn student Justin Niezrecki with a goal of raising \$50,000 by June 30, 2021 to permanently endow the scholarship.

“Justin was one week from graduating as an engineer when he could not go on,” the UConn Foundation wrote on their website. “In Justin’s case, depression was deep under the surface.”

Niezrecki was described by the UConn Foundation as outgoing, happy and very involved across UConn.

“He had every reason to live,” the UConn Foundation wrote. “Wonderful friends, a mile long list of accomplishments, and a career at DEKA research that would have promoted STEM to thousands of people around the world.”

Niezrecki was a seventh-semester electrical engineering student at his time of passing, and was heavily involved in organizations across campus,

including Engineering Ambassadors, the 3D Printing Club, the Engineering Student Leadership Council and the Gamers Club.

Donations toward the scholarship will support undergraduate students in the School of Engineering, or students majoring in biology, chemistry, physics or psychology, according to the UConn Foundation. Priority consideration will be given to students who have overcome obstacles such as socioeconomic or educational disadvantages, students who are members of groups that are underrepresented at UConn or students who have lived and/or worked in diverse environments.

Niezrecki died December 6, 2019, and is remembered by family, friends and the UConn community.

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Florida middle school uses Husky logo as mascot without UConn’s permission

THE TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENTS ARE COMMONPLACE, AND OFTEN HARMLESS, SCHOOL OFFICIAL SAYS

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Without the permission from the University of Connecticut, Westglades Middle School in Parkland, Florida changed its logo to “Wolfie” — a Husky identical to that of the UConn mascot.

Westglades Middle School, whose mascot is the wolves, used the exact same Husky face to represent their school, UConn Director of Strategic Partnerships Kyle Muncy said.

Once Muncy was made aware of the trademark breach by UConn Communications staff, he brought it to the attention of Westglades Middle School.

“I reached out to the school first thing Tuesday morning,” Muncy said. “Frankly I heard back from the principal from the middle school within 45 minutes and he basically said that he didn’t realize that [it was a trademark issue].”

Calling it a very “professional, cordial response,” Muncy said the school took immediate action to scrub the identical logo from all signage on their campus, as well as all online posts.

“I don’t think he was in charge of the logo,” Muncy said. “So he wasn’t aware that the logo was the same as ours and was going to work to get it resolved immediately.”

Instances like this are fairly common, Muncy said.

He estimated eight to 10 times a year his office will be made aware of a trademark infringement.

“Certainly instances where a group is using our logo are mostly an oversight or are harmless or they don’t realize they aren’t allowed to use our logo,” Muncy said. “The challenge is in 2020 the world is a lot smaller ... as soon as someone brings it to my attention, I have an obligation to address it.”

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organizations to use the Husky logo. Namely, youth organizations in Connecticut, but UConn receives royalties from these deals that are put toward student scholarships and the group pays an initial \$1,500 licensing fee, Muncy said.

UConn has trademarks on all of the school’s logos and mascot faces — past and present, according to Muncy. This is done mostly to allow

ONE OF THESE THINGS



After being notified of a trademark breach, University of Connecticut Director of Strategic Partnerships Kyle Muncy spoke with representatives from Westglades Middle School, who adopted the UConn Husky logo unknowingly. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS

merchandising partners the ability to print and sell retro goods.

When UConn changed their logo in 2013, a UConn Today article responded to the similarities between the two animals in their responses to a series of questions.

“The difference between huskies and wolves is a common point of confusion for many people,” the article said. “Our new Husky logo is, and will always be, a Siberian Husky.”

Westglades Middle School has tweaked their mascot to

now be a more friendly, furry wolf; though, the animal still has the UConn Husky look at its core.

Broward County Schools acknowledged questioning from The Daily Campus, but did not respond to questions by the time of print.

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Appeals court Flynn won't order dismissal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court in Washington declined Monday to order the dismissal of the Michael Flynn prosecution, permitting a judge to scrutinize the Justice Department's request to dismiss its case against President Donald Trump's former national security adviser.

The decision keeps the case at least temporarily alive and rebuffs efforts by both Flynn's lawyers and the Justice Department to force the prosecution to be dropped without further inquiry from the judge, who has for months declined to dismiss it. The ruling is the latest development in a criminal case that has taken unusual twists and turns over the last year and prompted a separation of powers tussle involving a veteran federal judge and the Trump administration.

In a separate ruling Monday, a three-judge panel of the same appeals court again threw out a lawsuit by House Democrats to compel former White House counsel Don McGahn to appear before a congressional committee.

The Flynn conflict arose in May when the Justice Department moved to dismiss the prosecution despite Flynn's own guilty plea to lying to the FBI about his contacts with the Russian ambassador during the presidential transition period.

But U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan, who had upbraided Flynn for his behavior at a 2018 court appearance, signaled his skepticism at the government's unusual motion. He refused to dismiss the case and instead scheduled a hearing and appointed a retired federal judge to argue against the Justice Department's position. That former judge, John Gleeson, challenged the motives behind the department's dismissal request and called it

a "gross abuse" of prosecutorial power.

Flynn's lawyers sought to bypass Sullivan and obtain an appeals court order that would have required the case's immediate dismissal. They argued that Sullivan had overstepped his bounds by scrutinizing a dismissal request that both sides, the defense and the Justice Department, were in agreement about and that the case was effectively moot once prosecutors decided to abandon it.

At issue before the court was whether Sullivan could be forced to grant the Justice Department's dismissal request without even holding a hearing into the basis for the motion.

"We have no trouble answering that question in the negative," the court wrote in an unsigned opinion for the eight judges in the majority.

The judges also rejected defense efforts to have the case reassigned to a different judge.

In a concurring opinion, U.S. District Judge Thomas Griffith wrote that the court's opinion did not concern the merits of the Justice Department's prosecution of Flynn or even its decision to abandon the case. Rather, he said the question before the judges was a much more simple one.

"Today we reach the unexceptional yet important conclusion that a court of appeals should stay its hand and allow the district court to finish its work rather than hear a challenge to a decision not yet made," Griffith said. "That is a policy the federal courts have followed since the beginning of the Republic."

He said it was very possible that Sullivan could wind up granting the Justice Department's dismissal request and that it would in fact be "highly unusual if it did not, given the Executive's constitutional pre-



Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, leaves the federal court following a status conference in Washington. A federal appeals judge denied Flynn's case dismissal request. PHOTO BY MANUEL BALCE GENETA/AP PHOTO

rogative to direct and control prosecutions and the district court's limited discretion" in cases prosecutors want dropped.

Two judges, Neomi Rao and Karen LeCraft Henderson, each wrote dissenting opinions arguing that Sullivan had usurped his authority by keeping alive a case the Justice Department sought to have dismissed. Both judges were part of a 2-1 ruling in June that ordered Sullivan to dismiss the case.

"In Flynn's case, the prosecution no longer has a prosecutor," Rao wrote. "Yet the case continues with district court proceedings aimed at uncovering the internal deliberations of the Department. The majority gestures at the potential harms of such a judicial intrusion into the Executive Branch, but takes a wait-and-see approach, hoping and hinting that the district judge will

not take the actions he clearly states he will take.

Flynn was questioned by the FBI just days after Trump's inauguration about his conversations with the then-Russian ambassador to the U.S. pertaining to sanctions that had just been imposed by the Obama administration for Russian election interference.

The private conversation alarmed law enforcement and intelligence officials who were already investigating whether the Trump campaign had coordinated with Russia to sway the presidential election in Trump's favor. Officials were also concerned by the White House's public insistence that Flynn and the diplomat had not discussed sanctions.

Flynn's guilty plea to lying to the FBI became a signature prosecution in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into ties between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia.

He also agreed to cooperate with the authorities in hopes of receiving a lighter sentence.

But as Flynn awaited sentencing, Attorney General William Barr appointed a U.S. attorney from St. Louis to investigate the handling of the Flynn case and later endorsed that prosecutor's recommendation that the case be dismissed.

In May, the Justice Department said it had concluded that the FBI had an insufficient basis to question Flynn about his conversations with the diplomat, which Barr has said were appropriate for an incoming national security adviser to have had, and that statements made during the interview were not material to the FBI's underlying counterintelligence investigation into the Trump campaign.

Law enforcement officials who were involved in the investigation vehemently disagreed with that conclusion.

Liberty announces investigation into Falwell



Former Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr., pauses during an interview in his office at the school in Lynchburg, Va. Falwell said that he has submitted his resignation as head of evangelical Liberty University. PHOTO BY STEVE HELBER/AP PHOTO

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Liberty University is opening an independent investigation into Jerry Falwell Jr.'s tenure as president, a wide-ranging inquiry that will include financial, real estate and legal matters, the evangelical school's board announced Monday.

In a statement, the board said it had retained an outside firm to investigate "all facets" of the school's operations under Falwell, and that it was "committed to learning the consequences that have flowed from a lack of spiritual stewardship by our former president."

Calls for such an investigation had been mounting since Falwell's departure last week from the post he had held since 2007.

He officially resigned on Tuesday, after a confusing day of back-and-forths about whether he would be leaving. His departure came after a news outlet published an interview with Giancarlo Granda, a much younger business partner of the Falwell family. Granda said that he had a yearslong sexual relationship with Becki

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The couple said in a statement provided to The Associated Press late Sunday that they support Liberty's board and "welcome any inquiry as we have nothing to hide." A Falwell representative declined further comment when reached on Monday.

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Ailing Kenosha on edge as Trump visit looms amid tensions

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — Some residents in Kenosha fear a planned visit by President Donald Trump after unrest over the police shooting of Jacob Blake may stir more emotions and cause more violence and destruction in the southeastern Wisconsin city after several days of peace.

The city's mayor, and the state's governor, also said they believed Trump's visit comes at a bad time. But others welcomed the president's trip, scheduled for Tuesday, when he will tour damage and meet with law enforcement. Trump's visit comes as demonstrators are calling for the officer who shot Blake to be fired and face attempted murder charges, and more than a week after authorities say a 17-year-old from northern Illinois shot and killed two protesters.

Asked Monday whether he feared Trump's visit could stir more violence, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said: "We'll find out tomorrow, won't we?"

The tension began Aug. 23 after a video showed a Kenosha police officer shooting Blake, a Black man, in the back while responding to a call about a domestic dispute. All last week,

Black Lives Matter protesters held events to call for changes to policing. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers called a special session of the Legislature for Monday to take up a host of police reform measures, but Republicans took no immediate action.

Authorities said they had resources in place to protect the bedroom community between Chicago and Milwaukee, including more than 1,500 National Guard members.

Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth said more than 200 people have been arrested since the protests began. Of those, more than half were from outside Kenosha, he said. Many arrests were for curfew violations, and included possible charges for burglary, possession of illegal drugs and carrying concealed weapons without a permit, officials said. The Kenosha Police Department has said more than 20 firearms were seized.

Beth also said that "outside agitators" have used social media or made phone calls to churches and businesses to scare people and spread false rumors.

"I want the people of Kenosha to know there's a huge

amount of resources here to protect you," Beth said.

Family members say Blake, 29, is paralyzed, and a lawyer said most of his colon and small intestines were removed. His family led a large peaceful protest Saturday, just before Trump announced his plans to visit.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said Monday that Trump has no immediate plans to meet with Blake's family when he's in Kenosha.

Trump told reporters Monday that he spoke with the Blake family pastor about speaking with the family, who insisted that their lawyer take part in the phone call.

"I thought it would be better not to do anything where there're lawyers involved," Trump said. "They wanted me to speak but they wanted to have lawyers involved and I thought that was inappropriate, so I didn't do that."

The White House later confirmed that Trump spoke with The Rev. James E. Ward, Jr., founder and lead pastor of Skokie, Illinois-based INSIGHT Church. The Associated Press left and email and voicemail seeking comment Monday evening from Ward.

DEATHS, WORRIES ABOUT ASSISTANCE MOUNT AFTER HURRICANE LAURA

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — In a matter of hours last week, Hurricane Laura tore through the tire shop Layla Winbush's family started just under a year ago, reducing most of it to rubble and scattering hundreds of tires across the lot. The storm also damaged her home, which now reeks of mold.

Federal and state officials are on the ground to help residents with home repairs and hotel stays. But Winbush said she feels alone, particularly after seeing a video of President Donald Trump, who visited the area Saturday, joking with Gulf Coast officials that they could sell copies of his signature for \$10,000.

"We can't depend on the president. We can't depend on nobody," she said. "We'll just take what we have and get it done."

As evacuated Lake Charles residents return home, many worry they wouldn't have enough support from both the federal and state governments as they face a rebuilding process certain to take several months, if not longer.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Monday warned that residents were in for a long recovery, with 324,000 power outages across the state and 600,000 people either without water or under boil water advisories. Meanwhile, stifling heat and humidity were adding to the trouble of clearing out debris, patching roofs and starting rebuilding work.

"This is going to be a very difficult storm to recover from," he said.

But Edwards praised the federal response so far, saying the Federal Emergency Management Agency was quick to arrive with assistance and sent hundreds of workers for recovery efforts. On Monday, Edwards announced a temporary roofing program operated by the U.S. Army Corps of En-

gineers.

Nineteen deaths in Texas and Louisiana have been attributed to the storm; half were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning from the unsafe operation of generators. The latest, reported Monday by Louisiana's health department, was a 49-year-old man in Rapides Parish who died when a tree he was cutting fell on him.

The Category 4 hurricane made landfall Thursday just south of Lake Charles near Cameron, Louisiana, packing 150-mph (240-kph) winds and a storm surge as high as 15 feet (4.5 meters) in some areas.

Needs are substantial. More than 67,000 people in Louisiana have registered for assistance from FEMA so far, according to Edwards' office.

In hard-hit Calcasieu Parish, some waited hours for tarps, water and other supplies at distribution sites, said parish spokesperson Tom Hoefler. The parish had been without power, and in many areas, including the parish seat of Lake Charles that's home to more than 78,000 people, water had not been flowing from taps, he said.

Crews will have to rebuild hundreds of transmission towers and reset downed power poles and lines, said Scott Aaronson, vice president of security and preparedness for the Edison Electric Institute, the association of investor-owned electric companies in the U.S.

Damage assessments were only beginning, but projections from two Boston-based disaster modeling firms — Karen Clark & Co. and AIR Worldwide — indicated insured losses to U.S. properties from Laura could reach \$8 billion to \$9 billion.

Evacuees were spread across Louisiana and Texas, as officials tried to keep people from group shelters because of the coronavirus outbreak.



Volunteers paint murals on boarded-up businesses in Kenosha, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at an "Uptown Revival." The event was meant to gather donations for Kenosha residents and help businesses hurt by violent protests that sparked fires across the city following the police shooting of Jacob Blake. PHOTO BY RUSSELL CONTRERAS/AP PHOTO

Lamont wants five-month extension of emergency powers due to COVID-19

Gov. Ned Lamont announced Monday he will file a request for a five-month renewal of his public health emergency powers with legislative leaders as the coronavirus pandemic continues, saying the new Feb. 9 deadline will provide continuity and give his administration flexibility if Connecticut's COVID-19 situation changes and quick actions become necessary.

But the top Republican in the House of Representatives said even though the pandemic is continuing, that doesn't necessarily mean the same orders should remain in place.

"They were appropriate in the beginning," said House Minority Leader Themis Klarides, R-Derby. "They are too broad for the time we are in now."

Lamont will formally file an emergency renewal and declaration on Tuesday, giving legislative leaders and top lawmakers on the General Assembly's Public Health Committee 72 hours to take no action or reject the request, said Paul Mounds, Lamont's chief of staff. Democrats control the 10-member special committee.

Lamont's existing order, is-

sued in March, is set to expire on Sept. 9. He told reporters on Monday there would be a lot of confusion if many of the health-related restrictions he has imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, ranging from limits on nursing home visits to the continued closure of bars, suddenly ended that day.

"I didn't want all those emergency orders to come to an end on Sept. 9th and you have a big rush in terms of what stores open, what bars stay closed and such. We thought it was better for continuity to extend that a longer period of time," said Lamont, who spoke with lawmakers on Monday. "So that's why I think we all agreed that five months was a more appropriate period of time."

Senate Minority Leader Len Fasano, R-North Haven, stressed in a written statement that lawmakers had not yet agreed to the extension. He said Republican leaders made it clear they have "serious concerns about expanding any emergency powers without also implementing a plan to give the public a voice in the process which they have been entirely shut out of thus far."

House to subpoena postmaster general over mail delays



Postmaster General Louis DeJoy testifies before a House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on the Postal Service on Capitol Hill, Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in Washington. PHOTOGRAPH BY TOM BRENNER/AP PHOTO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Oversight Committee intends to subpoena Postmaster General Louis DeJoy for documents about disruptions in mail delivery operations that are now central to questions over the ability to handle an onslaught of mail-in ballots expected for the November election.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., the committee chair, sent a memo Monday saying DeJoy blew past last week's deadline to fully respond to the committee's request for more information. He has not provided any new materials, she said.

"It is clear that a subpoena has become necessary to further the Committee's investigation and help inform potential legislative actions," she said.

Democrats are aggressively

pursuing oversight of postal operations after President Donald Trump railed against mail-in ballots. Trump suggested he wanted to starve the Postal Service of funds to make it more difficult to handle the surge expected in November.

DeJoy, who was tapped to lead the agency in June, started quickly initiating changes at a time when the agency was already straining under the COVID-19 crisis. Reports of delays soon piled up.

Communities across the nation complained about widespread disruptions in postal operations this summer as blue mailboxes and sorting equipment were removed and employees said changes in trucking operations and overtime hours left mail on the loading docks,

undelivered.

The committee produced internal postal service data showing widespread summer service disruptions.

DeJoy, who testified before the panel earlier this month, reiterated in a letter last Friday that the changes he was initiating are now being suspended "until after the election is concluded."

The committee is seeking documents about the changes, including the removal of sorting equipment and changes to overtime rules, which could be impeding mail delivery. The panel also wants information about how DeJoy, who had no previous postal experience, was selected for the job, as well as any previously "undisclosed communication between Mr. DeJoy and the Trump campaign."

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Why you should be wearing a mask

With the start of the new semester, there are certain new rules that all students must follow that were not necessary previous to the COVID-19 pandemic. By now, everyone likely knows that it is essential to wear a mask and follow proper social distancing protocols. In order to have a safe semester, and to stay on campus until Thanksgiving break, these rules are vital to follow. However, not everyone may be aware of why they are so important.

Numerous scientific studies have emphasized the importance of wearing a mask. The way a mask works, when worn correctly, is that it traps the saliva, respiratory secretions and other droplets present when wearers talk, breathe, cough or sneeze. This way, if any individual is an asymptomatic carrier — someone who has COVID-19 but does not show any symptoms — others are protected.

Without a mask, studies show that the droplets released when people cough may travel up to 12 feet in the span of 50 seconds. With a stitched cotton mask, however, the same droplets only travel approximately 2.5 inches.

From what is currently known about COVID-19, research shows that the coronavirus can spread through droplet transmission, among many other means. Wearing a mask is one way to prevent this from happening, thus keeping everyone on campus safe.

Not only do people need to wear masks, but everyone must also wear masks properly. Masks need to cover both the nose and mouth, as droplets can escape through both orifices. A study from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health suggests that it is especially important for a mask to cover the nose because the coronavirus tends to infect the nasal cavity to a great degree. Therefore, covering the nasal cavity is essential to protecting others.

Whenever people travel in public, it is essential to wear a mask properly. In addition, remember to practice social distancing, which is important because droplets can still travel short distances, even with the use of a mask.

The best way students of the University of Connecticut can protect one another is to wear a mask and remember to practice social distancing. In order to have a safe semester, this must be the new normal.



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Reopening UConn: How can we balance human lives with revenue?

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We can't.

The University of Connecticut reopening in-person schooling during a pandemic is a decision motivated by concerns about revenue. Otherwise, the administration would struggle justifying full tuition for online classes, instead abandoning millions in housing revenue and risking thousands of students withdrawing to take gap-years or enrolling in far more affordable community colleges. The many American universities that have moved to fully online instruction sacrificed a significant amount of revenue.

Soon COVID-19 will have killed one million people globally. Given its developing spread among the Storrs campus and the likelihood of the disease being spread more whenever students return home, in-person schooling puts many lives at risk. Not only are the exact long-term effects of COVID-19 on those infected unknown, the disease kills people of every health status and age group. UConn's decision to have in-person academics exchanges all of these lives for revenue.

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We should be clear: Moving to fully online instruction leaves plenty of room for violence. UConn has promised thousands of students secure food and housing for the fall, and has promised hundreds of workers salary, tenure and funding, all of which is risked by a move to online instruction. Potential cancellation does not bother the administration in the way that it bothers us materially insecure community members because it has already secured most of our fees and we will have little influence on the amount and distribution of refunds.

In this way, UConn has established a situation where the commu-

nity suffers no matter what actions are taken going forward. If classes are moved online, thousands of people lose access to housing, education and wages. If we remain on campus, thousands will continue to be exposed to a pandemic bearing unknown consequences including death. UConn has jeopardized all of our lives because of its hunger for revenue.

Of course, the loss of revenue for a huge state school such as UConn is no simple issue. The university faces its largest budget deficit in school history, \$50 million strong, an amount sure to increase with the move to fully-online school. This sort of deficit spells disaster and austerity cuts for basically every demographic at UConn: students, faculty and workers alike.

But what are some preferable solutions to exposing the entire community to COVID-19? Our school, thousands strong, could organize to demand emergency funds from the Connecticut State Legislature. We could lobby for state or federal distribution of personal relief payments for the most vulnerable community members until it's safe to resume in-person classes. At the very least, the school's budget could be addressed by a coalition of students, faculty and workers who could democratically decide how to reduce the economic suffering caused by COVID-19, rather than simply being notified by the administration after critical decisions are made. We should be able to rely on our school's full protection and resources during a crisis.

Strategies such as these, which could work to safeguard UConn's finances in humane ways, are off the table because UConn is not administered by the democratic coalition just described. UConn is administered by an unaccountable and unrepresentative Board of Trustees which monopolizes university policy at the expense of the Undergraduate Student Government, the Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate Employee Union as well as many other campus and regional unions bargaining for thousands of faculty, non-faculty, service, maintenance and clerical workers. Even if the community was overwhelmingly against risking human lives for in-person education, it would not necessarily have any impact on campus policy.

The Board of Trustees time and time again places the generation



of revenue before all other policy goals, including the protection of human life. This is true when campus mental health services remain criminally underfunded and under-resourced after two student suicides last winter. This is true when UConn expands cheap fossil fuel facilities, contributing to the destruction of any habitable global environment. This is true when UConn suppresses millions of dollars in essential COVID-19 emergency student grants. UConn's ultimate priority of generating revenue is proven true now as they draw us back on campus during a pandemic.

The reality which our administration is consistently hostile toward is that there is no amount of revenue that can compare to the value of a single human life. The beautiful and meaningful human lives here are the source of all value at the University of Connecticut, and they are being exchanged for money.

We must be introspective. At some point our relationship to the university administration must come to reflect the fact that it is a body which generates revenue at literally all costs including our lives. We need campus politics that incorporates this understanding into organizing strategies, defending those most vulnerable to these twisted priorities. We need to immediately build bargaining power between students, faculty and staff, totally independent from an administration that repeatedly exchanges our lives and livelihoods for revenue.

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Hurricane Laura: Those who stayed behind

by Samantha Bertolino

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Louisiana was hit on Aug. 20 by Hurricane Laura, one of the strongest storms in over a century. Laura made landfall as a Category 4 storm, with winds of up to 150 mph. There was a predicted 20 feet of storm surge and the National Hurricane Center determined that the surge would be "unsurvivable" in many areas. Hundreds of thousands are still currently without power. Yet, many chose to stay home. Despite the evacuation warnings, several refused to leave. They were told by Louisiana officials to put their names, addresses, social security numbers and next of kin on

a piece of paper, and to keep the paper in their pockets.

Unfortunately, when it comes to evacuations, the scale is somewhat skewed. Some people just can't afford to leave their homes. In fact, most people who stayed behind did so because they had no other options. Evacuating requires residents to have a place to go, and many simply do not have that option. In fact, the storm primarily hit the industrialized parts of Louisiana, and the people living closest to these "are typically the poorest," and tend to be communities of color." This is not always the case, however. Many families actively chose to stay home.

One family that decided to tough it out during the storm ended up

without a roof over their heads. Mrs. Thompson described her experience saying, "We thought we were safe. We had generators, and we had windows boarded up." But around two in the morning, the family moved to hide under their kitchen table. Within minutes, the roof to their home was gone. The family had to flee their home and ended up breaking into a nearby house under construction, where other local families also took cover. They remained unharmed, but even Mrs. Thompson admitted that things were much worse than expected.

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UConn Recreation Center opens its doors to students on campus with some limitations

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With the cautious reopening of the University of Connecticut well underway, the UConn Student Recreation Center (SRC) was able to open again Monday.

This year brings some changes to how the SRC functions, but still provides much of the same experience students can expect from previous years.

According to the SRC's website, the university is taking health and wellness seriously by implementing multiple precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To keep UConn healthy, the SRC encourages members to clean equipment after every use, and to take advantage of the multiple hand sanitizer stations available throughout the facility.

Only students living on campus or participating in on-campus classes will be able to access the SRC, as it will be running at a half-capacity with a maximum of 250 members in the building at a time. Once that number is reached, students are advised not to visit the SRC until the facility falls below the maximum capacity. Students can check the SRC capacity online via the UConn Rec App.

Masks will be required to enter the building and must be worn during all activities, and social distancing is encouraged. Members will also only be able to enter the SRC through the North Entrance near the School of Business, and exit only through the West Entrance facing the UConn Bookstore.



The UConn Rec Center is once again open for the fall semester, but with new health and safety guidelines. GRAB PHOTO BY ALEX LEO/THE DAILY CAMPUS.

The SRC will be shutting down twice a day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and at closing to conduct a thorough cleaning of the facility. In addition, high-touch point items and common spaces will be cleaned throughout operational hours.

Although the SRC is opening this week, its staff have been keeping students busy with virtual fitness and wellness classes by live streaming through their Instagram. Courses and programs such as Yoga Flow, HITT and Kickboxing have been uploaded daily and will continue throughout the semester.

There will be in-person fitness classes avail-

able with limited class sizes to allow social distancing. Students are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early and to bring their own water bottle and mat when applicable.

The Adventure Center will also be available to use, with some adjustments. The Climbing Center and Cycle Share will be open, and students will also be able to rent equipment for free (with the exception of mountain bikes and Cycle Share bikes) for the Fall 2020 semester.

Students can go to the SRC's website for more information about the reopening at recreation.uconn.edu.

Staying safe on campus during COVID-19

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The coronavirus pandemic has caused universities to make many changes to ensure that the return to campus is safe for students, professors and staff. The University of Connecticut has implemented many new protocols that prioritize the health and safety of the entire UConn community to limit the risk of new cases.

There are many ways you can hold yourself accountable to protect your own health and the health of those around you. Maintaining proper personal hygiene, including frequent hand-washing and disinfecting frequently used surfaces, are just a few ways you can reduce the spread of germs.

All Storrs campus residents were tested upon their arrival to campus and directed to quarantine for 14 days. Although this quarantine is now over, it is recommended that students continue to practice social distancing while in public settings and wear masks on campus to reduce the risk of transmission.

Beginning on Aug. 28, all students, faculty and staff were required to wear face coverings while on campus. This mandate was accompanied by an increased effort to provide washable cloth facemasks to all members of the UConn community on the Storrs and satel-

lite campuses, in addition to off-campus and commuter students.

As opposed to residential students, who were provided with a mask during move-in, off-campus students in need of more masks can reach out to their property manager or the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services to pick up a mask.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasizes the importance of wearing masks during the pandemic to prevent respiratory droplets from travelling in the air and infecting those around you. Masks are a simple yet effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially in close contact areas around campus like lecture halls, dorms and the gym.

If you begin to show symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, you are expected to self-isolate at home. If you live on the Storrs campus

and are unable to isolate at home, you will be placed in quarantine at one of the designated spots on campus. It is imperative that you are proactive if you begin to show symptoms and alert Student Health Services so they can properly handle your case.

It is also important to note that in order to limit the number of cases on campus, the UConn community must work together to abide by school and state laws. Wearing a mask, frequently washing your hands and maintaining proper social distancing protocols are a few of the ways in which you can help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Although this school year is going to look different from most, we can try to maintain some aspect of normalcy by following the guidelines set by the state and university.

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THE VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS AND 2020

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As we all know, 2020 has not been a kind year to us. We have had to get through quarantine as the coronavirus does its world tour in addition to following the convoluting plot twists thrown at us every month. With all this said however, it has been a great time for the music industry. Music has always had the power to connect people and is a way to speak volumes when the world falls silent in disbelief. The Video Music Awards (VMAs) showed us that the talent of artists knows no bounds.

If you missed the 2020 MTV VMAs on Sunday, don't worry, because I can fill you in! Artists all over the world came together to give us over the top ensembles and live performances. To name a few, Doja Cat performed her hits "Say So" and "Like That," Maluma sang his hit "Hawaii," The Weekend performed "Blinding Lights" and Lady Gaga performed a medley of her greatest hits.

Throughout the night, multiple artists won some of the most prestigious awards. Here are just a few: Lady Gaga took home the awards for best collaboration, artist of the year and song of the year. Taylor Swift, who was social distancing from the event, accepted the award for best direction and Megan Thee Stallion took the award for best

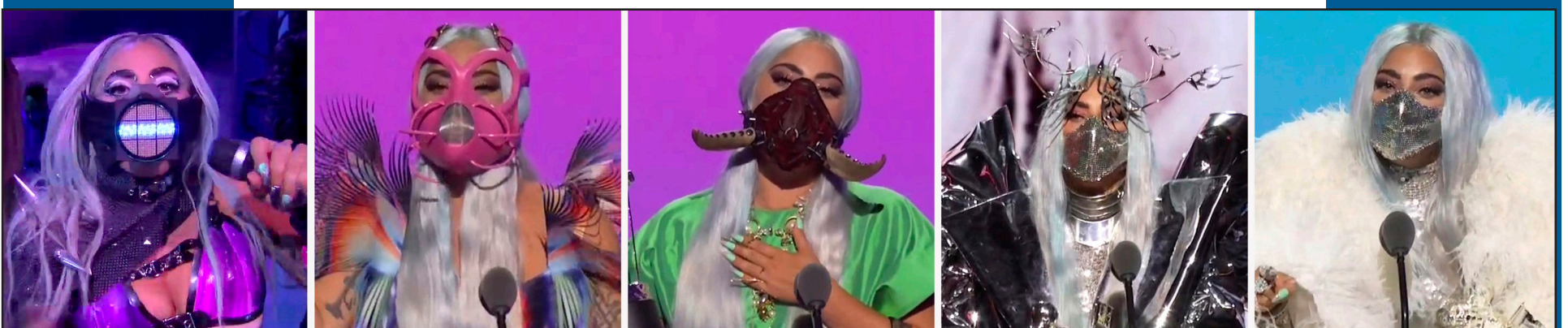
hip-hop video. BTS took home the awards for best group, pop video, K-pop video and choreography.

The awards show didn't only cover areas in music, but also what is happening in the world today. They acknowledged the brave frontline workers fighting the ongoing pandemic, who also have had time to slow down and bring joy to everyone else at home. This may be through singing, dancing or sending a heartfelt message to encourage those of us who were quarantined.

The VMAs also went on to acknowledge the ongoing Black Lives Matter movement, shedding light on those who were lost due to injustice. The show acknowledged victims of police brutality including Jacob Blake and Breonna Taylor. During the show, justice was requested not only on their behalf, but also for others who were lost years ago.

The awards show also spoke about the importance of voting during the coming months. It emphasized that our voice is our power, and it's a tool to pave the way for change, a way to be vocal and create a world we can all truly call home.

The Video Music Awards have only gotten better by the year. With this year playing out as it did, the VMAs did a great job of displaying all that music has to offer and showing inspiration in these trying times.



Lady Gaga donned multiple types of facemasks in her performances and award acceptances during this year's VMAs PHOTOS COMPILED BY MTV

A ZERO WASTE PROJECT

An introduction to a semester-long attempt to reduce waste and consume less

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Since the time I was 8 and my mom gave me a book about global warming, I've always been at least peripherally interested in environmentalism. Between then and now, my motivation toward it has waxed and waned, but as most members of my generation would agree, the climate crisis and other environmental issues are becoming increasingly dire. Since coming to the University of Connecticut three years ago, I've become increasingly aware of the immediacy of the issue. At the same time, the more I learn, the more I feel powerless to do anything about it.

For some reason over the summer, my Pinterest account decided I should get into zero waste. Seemingly out of nowhere, pins would show up on my feed advertising "5 Simple Tips to Transition to a Paperless Kitchen" or

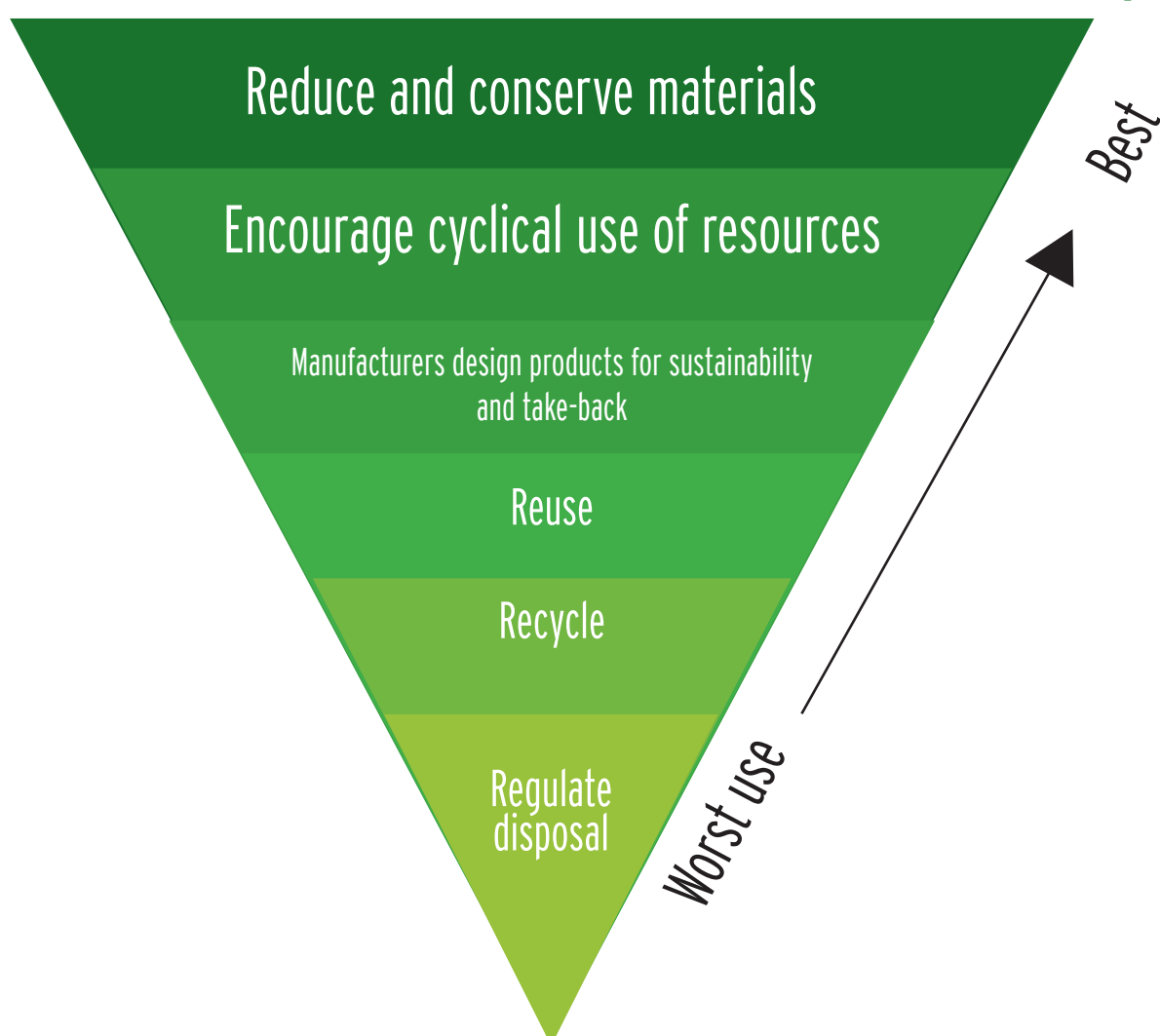
"DIY Zero Waste Dishwasher Powder." As I've said, I've always been concerned about the planet, and in the last few years this began to translate into ethical consumerism — but on a pretty miniscule level. Yeah, I bring reusable bags to the grocery store. Sure, when my older environmentalist sister slips a bamboo toothbrush into my stocking at Christmas time, I'll use it. Perhaps the only intentional change I've made to my lifestyle in the past year was to finally go vegetarian — something I had whined about for years before finally committing. Zero waste though, that had always sounded out-of-reach.

That is, until this summer. With the forces of both Pinterest and my sister suggesting minor changes — a shampoo bar instead of a bottle, a compost bucket instead of the trash, a cloth napkin instead of a paper towel — I started to really notice all the non-zero-waste items I use up and throw out. Every

time I threw out an empty bag of chips, a granola bar wrapper or a broken hair tie I would picture it ending up in one of the Willimantic Waste Paper Co. incinerators. I would then picture the hundreds of thousands of chip bags, wrappers and hair-ties, I'd be throwing out for the rest of my life. The more I started to think about it, the more I understood all the ways my life is unsustainable.

Before I get ahead of myself, what actually is zero waste? It's mainly a buzzword. To some, it means living a lifestyle where a single mason jar is big enough to fit all your trash for five years. To others, it means totally reworking communities to follow resources through natural cycles of use and reuse. To me, it's not only the idea of reigning in on overconsumption to reduce trash and waste, but also reducing the energy and resources wasted through manufacturing and disposal processes.

ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY



At its most basic level, zero waste is the idea of less trash. And so for some environmentalists, it's not their top priority because trash and pollution may not be their top priority. At the end of the day, preventing climate change seems more important than saving the life of the turtle that a plastic straw could kill. Plus the emphasis on waste itself can feel misleading. Why focus on the trash instead of the manufacturing processes that produce that trash?

However, to me and many others, the spirit of zero waste DOES go beyond just the idea of trash and pollution. Zero waste means eliminating the use of products that go from the store, to your home, to the landfill (or incinerator). It's not just about how much trash you have in your trashcan (or mason jar); it's also about how much energy is used to produce 500 single-use coffee cups as opposed to one reusable travel mug. It's about the water wasted to produce the plastic packaging around every individually-wrapped slice of cheese in your fridge. It's about the methane released from landfills.

Sustainability blogger Meri explained zero waste in really easy-to-understand terms, and addressed a lot of misconceptions in her article, "Does Zero Waste Make a Difference?"

In the more intellectual jargon of an internationally accepted definition by the Zero Waste International Alliance, "Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use."

Obviously, the Zero Waste International Alliance is operating on a bigger scale than buying bamboo toothbrushes and refusing plastic straws. Even here at UConn, there are student action groups who feel

that working on larger-scale change is more effective. ConnPIRG has a Save the Earth campaign, which is a combination of its previous Zero Waste and 100% Renewable Energy campaigns.

This year PIRG's Save the Earth campaign will be pressuring UConn to break their contract with Coca Cola when it goes up for renewal this year. Instead of purchasing all beverages on campus from Coca Cola, a company known for bad environmental practices, PIRG wants UConn to buy from smaller, local and ethical vendors.

Many activists prefer this kind of large-scale action and question how much difference one person's lifestyle can make. However, I don't think the "large-scale" argument should be used to disparage small-scale efforts, or to remove a sense of personal accountability. We're all consumers, and it's because we consume things that companies keep selling us things. Obviously in a capitalist society we can't just stop consuming everything. But that doesn't mean we can't all at least work toward minimizing the damage we personally contribute.

Which is exactly what I'm going to do throughout the course of this semester.

Although it's easy to feel powerless in the face of environmental catastrophe, as of right now, I know I can make a lot of changes to live a more zero waste lifestyle which I believe will have an impact.

From now until finals, I'm going to make one change each week to reduce waste and consume less. In the articles that fill this column in the coming weeks you might see product reviews of zero waste items, how-tos for making zero waste replacements, anecdotes about things I try and fail at. My goal with this column is to

document the reality of working toward zero waste, specifically as a college student in rural Connecticut. I don't have limitless financial resources, or bulk stores on every corner or a house with a backyard where I can start a compost. What does that mean for living sustainably?

A big deterrent for those looking at zero waste is practicality — as the YouTube channel Our Changing Climate explains in their video "Why We Should Rethink Zero Waste," zero waste just simply isn't possible for everyone. It requires a lot of time, energy and money. As a college student, all three of these things are often in short supply. Sometimes methods I try won't be a 100% perfect solution, but if it's at least a little better for the planet, I consider it a success.

It's also important to note that zero waste never really means zero. Not only is it literally impossible to remove every kind of waste from your life, but it's also okay to prioritize. If you've spent the last five years looking for the perfect product to make your hair feel healthy and beautiful, keep buying that product even if it's packaged in plastic. If you're addicted to Hershey's chocolate bars, it's okay to keep buying those. If you love the scent of your laundry detergent because it reminds you of your childhood home, don't give that up. It's okay to make concessions sometimes and not feel guilty about it.

I don't plan on being a perfect environmentalist, ethical-consumer, zero-waste guru this semester and I won't pretend to be one as I write these columns. I'm just learning and practicing at how to be a better environmentalist, ethical-consumer, zero-waste college student. If you'd like to work toward the same goal, I invite you to follow along as I embark on a zero waste project.

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Photo of the Day | Golden days in Storrs



A golden retriever enjoys a nice socially-distant day in the fine weather. PHOTO BY ALEX LEO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Hurricane Laura's impact

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Another family, the Palmers, decided to ride the storm out as well. They described it as “one of the scariest things [they’d] ever been through ... and would not recommend it to anybody.” Patty Palmer claimed that the worst part was the wind, which “would just not go down.” Others have described the winds as sounding like a freight train. In a Motel 6 where 15 guests and staff members were taking shelter, the roof of the third floor collapsed under the pressure of the storm. Many who decided to stay behind have admitted to their mistake, but not everyone. In fact, though it may be difficult to understand

why some people would choose to stay behind, many are being considered heroes.

In Lake Charles, La., the NICU hospital staff stayed behind to take care of 19 babies. The hospital was running on generators with water leaking in several places, yet still the nurses and respiratory therapists managed to keep all of the babies safe. Dr. Juan Bossano praised their work, saying, “The dedication of this staff, to keep taking care of the babies — when they didn’t even know the condition of their homes — is so important.” But still, the hospital itself felt the effects of Hurricane Laura. In the middle of the night the air conditioning and water went out. All of the patients had to be moved out of

their rooms when the winds got bad. Nurses and patients were sleeping in the hallways together. Many of the babies were on ventilators, and several others were sick. And yet, everyone made it through the night safely. It’s a true miracle, considering that Lake Charles was one of the worst towns hit.

Although it’s difficult to refrain from judgement in situations like these, everyone has their own reasons for doing what they do. It’s difficult to say if I would be willing to abandon my home during a hurricane like Laura. And although many of the residents who refused to evacuate have now stated their regret, it is also true that some of them are real and selfless heroes.

Dear liberals, have you lost your damn minds?

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Dear liberals,

It is time to start preparing for a two-term Trump presidency. The number one priority for liberals in the United States of America ought to be winning this election, but loss seems inevitable at this point. Liberals have made the Democratic Party far too unattractive to the average voter.

Only 27% of Democrats and 15% of Americans overall support police abolition, but the idea’s overwhelming unpopularity has not stopped it from dominating the news cycle. Fox News and President Trump have already begun accusing Joe Biden of supporting the abolition of police and prisons.

“So what?” Democrats will say. “Joe Biden is not going to abolish the police, so these accusations are just more of the president’s lies.” Well, Joe Biden has not been entirely consistent about what his stance on police reform is, and the fact that many prominent liberals have vocalized support for police and prison abolition will lead voters to suspect Biden is downplaying the radicalism of his party and prospective administration. In other words, voters will choose President Trump over Biden because they think Biden is a Trojan horse for radical leftism.

Worse still, it is now commonplace for Democrats to ignore the violence that has accompanied protests in Portland, Minneapolis and Kenosha, which are located within swing states. Representative Ayanna Presley, for example, referred to the Kenosha riots that have racked up millions of dollars in property damage as assemblies that “affirm the value, dignity and worth of Black lives.”

By emphasizing the purported purpose rather than the gruesome reality of these “protests,” Democrats double-down on the mistake they make by advocating for the abolition of police—they signal to American voters that the Democratic Party does not care about the safety of their families or their communities.

The problem is not that it is an election year. The problem is that Democrats should not be getting behind violent protests, prison abolition, and police abolition at all. In a much more peaceful America, perhaps it would not be absurd to imagine a world with no law enforcement. But we live in an America where there are more mass shootings than days in a year, not to mention all of the other violent crimes that are regu-

larly committed. Police caught Dylann Roof, they shot and captured the Tree of Life Synagogue shooter and they shot and killed the Pulse nightclub shooter. How would violent criminals be subdued or stopped in a country without police? Where would men like Dylann Roof be put in a country without prisons?

My point is not that the carceral and law enforcement systems in the United States of America are beyond reproach. My point is that these systems are necessary, that the vast majority of Americans can see that they are necessary and that campaigning to eliminate them alienates nine out of every ten voters from Joe Biden, who is the only hope we have for legitimate reform.

And to those who claim that reform is impossible, I ask you: Were police and prisons just as bad today as they were 20, 50, or 100 years ago? The incontrovertible answer is no. If reform is not possible, how did the police and prisons get any better?

In UConn’s Spring 2019 semester, I attended Turning Point USA’s “Campus Clash” event, which was hosted by three nationally-known right-wing speakers: Candace Owens, Charlie Kirk and Dave Rubin. Elsewhere on campus, the Youth for Socialist Action held a protest against the Campus Clash, which was attended by just about every left-wing student group at UConn.

There I was, sitting in the theater and listening to Owens, Kirk and Rubin rant and rave about how spiteful, stupid and anti-American the protestors were. The protestors, who did not think TPUSA should even have had the right to invite Kirk to campus, likely had the same to say about people attending the Campus Clash.

Dear liberals, if you truly want to bring about positive change, you need to abandon ludicrous and belligerent platforms like “Abolish Prison” and “All Cops Are Bastards.” Otherwise, this is the future you have to look forward to: two groups of people vilifying one another without ever communicating. By vilifying your opposition and promoting radicalism within your ranks, you create an atmosphere of polarization, hatred and fear. And there is nothing, absolutely nothing, that is more beneficial to demagogues like President Trump than fear.

Sincerely,

A worried liberal

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- 10 Hang onto
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- 27 Indy 500 letters
- 30 How sale items are priced
- 36 Brewed beverage
- 37 Pseudonymous punk rock surname
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By Catherine Cetta

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Rockies acquire Kevin Pillar from Red Sox

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies added outfield depth by acquiring Kevin Pillar and \$50,000 from Boston in a trade-deadline deal Monday.

In exchange, the Red Sox will receive a player to be named or \$100,000 along with \$161,200 in international amateur signing bonus pool allotment.

Pillar is joining his fourth team since being traded on April 2, 2019, from the Toronto Blue Jays to the San Francisco Giants. He signed a deal with Boston in February.

The 31-year-old Pillar batted .274 with four homers and 13 RBIs in 30 games for the Red Sox. He played a bulk of this season in right field, a spot occupied in Colorado by Charlie Blackmon.

Pillar figures to spend time in center, with David Dahl currently on the injured list. In 12 career games at Coors Field, Pillar has a .326 batting average with one homer and seven RBIs.

“We’re hoping that Kevin can

come in and provide a spark to our offense and play an above-average center field in a park that demands it,” Rockies manager Bud Black said. “He’s an aggressive, hard-nosed player. He’s a leader. I know it’s used a lot, but he’s a gamer.”

Black sees Pillar hitting all over the batting order — from leadoff to the No. 8 spot — just as he did in Boston. More than anything, Black appreciates Pillar’s grit.

“It’s more about the player and the winning type of game he brings every day,” Black said. “He plays hard. He’ll dive. He’ll crash into walls. He’ll try to steal a base. He’ll break up two. His style is his style. For me, from the other side watching him over the years, it’s a winning type of player.”

Pillar was originally selected by Toronto in the 32nd round of the 2011 draft. He’s a career .261 hitter and has five seasons with double-digit steals, including 25 in 2015.

“We made a point to try to



Boston Red Sox's Kevin Pillar rounds the bases on his solo home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, in Boston. PHOTO BY MICHAEL DWYER, AP

take bases. It’s just another way to put pressure on your opponents,” general manager Jeff Bridich said. “Mr. Pillar can fit right into that.”

“I’ve thought of him as a gamer, a grinder, an energetic type of a guy that is go-

ing to find a way to do something really positive and will his way to help a team win.”

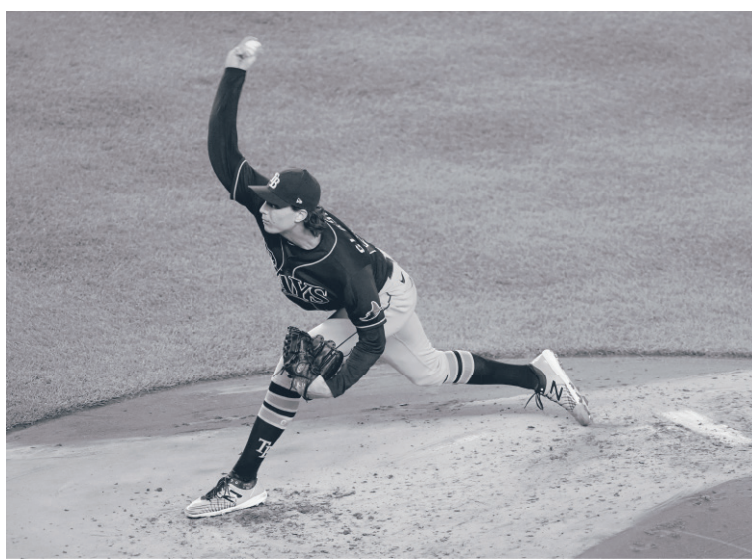
Boston’s payment to Colorado is due Sept. 15. The decision on a player to be named or \$100,000 must be made by Feb. 28.

SCHALKE’S RUN ENDS

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The seven combined teams from the LCS and LEC have officially claimed their Worldspots. Rogue, Fnatic, G2, MAD Lions, TSM, Team Liquid and Fly Quest will be trying to win the first Worlds for the west since the first. These teams boast a mixture of rookies, like much of the MAD Lions roster, Team Liquid’s Tactical, etc., alongside experienced players like Doublelift, who will look to finally get out of Groups at the World Championship. The West is coming to play. And yet, these teams and these players are not just playing for themselves; they will go to China and play for their regions. For their fans. And for every team they left behind. For Schalke. For Cloud9. To make their own miracles happen, and to make sure they’ll be remembered.

Glasnow overpowers Yanks as Rays go to 7-1 vs NY this season



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Tyler Glasnow winds up during the second inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, at Yankee Stadium in New York. PHOTO BY KATHY WILLENS, AP

NEW YORK (AP) — After a decade spent chasing their big-budget AL East rivals, the Tampa Bay Rays are pummeling the New York Yankees.

“We’ve had some really good battles over the years and they’ve always kicked our butts here at their place,” Rays veteran Kevin Kiermaier said. “We’ve flipped the script here for 2020.”

Tyler Glasnow flummoxed the Yankees for six innings, Ji-Man Choi and Kiermaier homered off Gerrit Cole, and the Rays extended their mastery of New York with a 5-3 victory Monday night.

The AL East leaders improved to 7-1 against the Yankees this season and stretched their division cushion to 4 1/2 games. The clubs are set to complete their season se-

ries this week, and Tampa Bay could skip town as runaway favorites for its first division title since 2010.

“We want to make it nine of 10 leaving here in a couple days,” Kiermaier said.

New York had won three straight since snapping a seven-game skid but crumbled early with Cole, its \$324 million ace, on the mound.

The 6-foot-8 Glasnow (2-1) had a no-hitter through five and completed six innings of scoreless, two-hit ball. He struck out nine and walked one while working almost entirely with two pitches — a fastball averaging 97 mph and a plunging curveball.

“He had it all going,” Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Glasnow lost his no-hit bid via replay review. With one

out in the sixth, DJ LeMahieu hit a grounder that shortstop Willy Adames fielded deep in the hole. First base umpire Roberto Ortiz ruled Adames’ throw beat LeMahieu, but that was quickly overturned.

“I mean, he was safe, honestly,” Glasnow said with a smile.

A day after erasing a five-run deficit against the Mets when they were down to their final out, the Yankees crept back against the Rays but couldn’t complete the rally.

Gio Urshela hit a solo homer off Edgar García in the seventh, and Luke Voit added his eighth homer in 12 games, a two-run shot off García in the eighth that made it 5-3. Voit has 13 homers this season, tying for the major league lead.

New York had the potential tying run at bat with one out in the eighth, but Urshela struck out and Mike Tauchman popped up against Pe-

ter Fairbanks. Diego Castillo stranded a runner in the ninth for his third save.

Cole (4-2) labored through five innings, allowing four runs, eight hits and four walks. He struck out seven — ending a six-game streak against Tampa Bay with double-digit strikeouts — and had a runner reach at least second base in each inning.

“I thought he competed well for having a lot of traffic and kind of managed his way through it,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Choi hit a two-run homer into the second row in right field in the first inning, and Kiermaier drove a solo shot into the second deck in right an inning later.

Cole has allowed 12 home runs this season, matching Ross Stripling for most in the majors.

Cole said hitters are am-

bushing pitches when he comes over the plate and thought a variety of factors could be at play — falling behind in counts, tipping pitches or just plain bad luck.

“I haven’t really put my thumb on it,” he said. “But I’m certainly aware of it and certainly trying to get ahead of it.”

Choi and Adames had three hits apiece, and Choi also walked twice. Choi was pulled late in the game with an upset stomach.

Two of Choi’s three home runs this season have come against Cole, and he’s 9 for 15 with three homers in his career against last year’s AL Cy Young Award runner-up.

“I don’t understand how anybody hits Gerrit Cole, to be honest with you,” Cash said. “Ji-Man has had some good at-bats against him. Looks like he’s gotten into counts and done some damage on a pitch



New York Yankees starting pitcher Gerrit Cole (45) reacts after allowing a two-run home run to Tampa Bay Rays’ Ji-Man Choi during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, at Yankee Stadium in New York. Cole was the losing pitcher in the Yankees’ 5-3 loss to Tampa Bay. PHOTO BY KATHY WILLENS, AP

NFL stunner: Jags waive Fournette after failing to trade him

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jaguars moved another step closer to purging Tom Coughlin’s tumultuous tenure in Jacksonville.

The team waived running back Leonard Fournette on Monday, a stunning decision many outsiders view as the latest in a series of head-scratchers that could help the franchise get the No. 1 draft pick in April.

“If that’s the case, then the realization is if that happens, then I’m not going to be here,” coach Doug Marrone said. “At the end of the day, if I don’t win enough games or do enough with this team, I don’t foresee me still being employed. I’m doing everything I can to make sure we have the best team to make sure we win football games. That’s as simple as I can be on it.”

Coughlin, the team’s personnel chief the previous three years, wanted Fournette as the centerpiece of his old-school, run-first philosophy. It worked in 2017, although it became clear that Fournette needed to be a better pro. He was fined repeatedly for being late and skip-



Jacksonville Jaguars starting quarterback Gardner Minshew II, left, hands the ball off to running back Leonard Fournette during NFL football training camp, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, in Jacksonville, Fla. PHOTO BY BOB SELF, THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION VIA AP

ping mandatory functions. Coaches were ready to move on, but Coughlin wouldn’t do it. It was no coincidence that not long after Coughlin was fired last December, Fournette landed on the trading block.

General manager Dave Caldwell spent months trying to unload the player drafted fourth overall in 2017 — ahead of quarterbacks Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson — even though

he was coming off a career year. Fournette was on the block during the NFL draft and again over the summer.

“We couldn’t get anything, a fifth, a sixth, anything,” Marrone said.

So they dumped the 25-year-old former LSU star one day after trading the 2017 Pro Bowl defensive end Yannick Ngakoue to Minnesota for two draft picks. Jacksonville also traded Jalen Ramsey, fellow

cornerback A.J. Bouye and defensive end Calais Campbell in the past 10 months.

“I am excited about what will come next for myself,” Fournette said in a thank you message to Jacksonville posted on social media. “Wherever that may be, know that you will get a player who is focused, motivated, and ready to get to work.”

The Jaguars have made it clear they’re trying to revamp

what had become a fractured locker room, a setting partly blamed on Coughlin’s tyrannical ways and paying the wrong guys (Blake Bortles, Marqise Lee, Nick Foles).

“It’s going to fall to me as to who those best players are,” Marrone said. “At the end of the day, I’ve got to be able to field a team that I believe gives us the best chance to win. That’s what my role is and that’s what I’m doing.”

Still, no one expected the Jags to part ways with Fournette less than two weeks before the opener. They did so partly because new coordinator Jay Gruden wants to use a multitude of backs in his West Coast system, different guys for different formations and attacks, and there was no need to pay Fournette that kind of money and be wondering how he would react if he wasn’t the man.

He is due \$4.17 million this season, a figure that was initially guaranteed. Any team that claims him would take on that salary. If he clears waivers — an unlikely scenario — he would become a free agent.

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Guard Brendan Adams hits layup vs. USF on Feb. 23, 2020 at Gampel Pavilion. UConn won the game 78-71. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Another 'Messi' situation at Barcelona

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Virtually all soccer fans have heard the news by now, but in case you haven't: Argentine legend Lionel Messi could be on his way out of the Camp Nou sometime in the near future after sending a burofax, or Spanish legal fax, to the club last week. Another thing to add to the list of things that can only happen in 2020.

This comes after an apparent meeting with newly appointed manager Ronald Koeman in which he said many of the current players weren't pictured in his future squad and that Messi's "privileges" will be long gone.

At the time of writing, Messi is the second most loyal active player to a single club, having stayed put for just over 16.5 years.

I think it's only best for someone who has supported Barcelona for quite some time to give their take on the Messi conflict. With that, this is my stance: While many fans of the sport are baffled to hear reports of the six-time Ballon d'Or winner possibly leaving, I can't say I'm surprised or anything of that matter. If anything, I would like for him to leave Barcelona. Plain and simple.

Now don't get me wrong, I adore Messi for all he has done for Barcelona. He, along with Carles Puyol, Xavi and Iniesta, were the reason I became a Barcelona fan around 2009, watching Pep Guardiola command his Catalonian side into a golden era



Artist TVBOY prepares to glue a painting depicting soccer player Lionel Messi dressed like Che Guevara named "Hasta Siempre Comandante," or "Until Forever Commander" in English, in Barcelona, Spain, Friday, Aug. 28, 2020. Messi has told Barcelona he wants to leave the club after nearly two decades with the Spanish giant. PHOTO BY FELIPE DANA, AP

and getting the treble, or winning three trophies in a season.

Watching a legendary player like Messi over the years kind of starts to take a toll on you when you reflect on the many trophies and individual achievements he's gotten, like breaking league records and winning the Ballon d'Or in four consecutive years, while only being at one club. However, like I said, Messi has done it all for Barcelona. In return? A board who sold Neymar, a player who was crucial in Barcelona's front three at the time; a board who has not only ignored the players in what they wanted but also the fans; a board who in return has bought various

mediocre players for quite some money while the talented players at the club's academy get bought and sent elsewhere in Europe; and a board that can't get over the fact its star player wants to save his career and leave because the past few years have been an absolute embarrassment and they would rather keep him imprisoned at the club until his contract runs out. A mouthful, but I'm pretty upset with the board as well and 100% in support of Messi leaving. Even former teammate Carles Puyol commented on the conflict on Twitter showing his support for Messi.

Now there's a lot of information going around about the situation,

but Messi's contract has been the main talking point because of a certain (and rather confusing) termination clause established back in 2017 and runs out in June 2021. What Messi has been arguing about for this particular clause is that because of COVID-19 interrupting the club's schedule, it allows him until the end of August to inform the club of his departure and leave on a free transfer. Reason being, if the pandemic had occurred next year, the board likely would've asked Messi to stay and to see how the following season would play out. However, and with La Liga on the club's side, Barcelona has said that the clause

specifically notes that Messi would have to have put his notice of leaving for free by June 10, and that any interested club would now have to pay his astonishing €700 release clause (over \$836 million).

This kind of news is long overdue. Ever since the beginning of Barcelona's downfall when they were shamefully beaten by AS Roma in the Champions League quarter finals back in 2018, Messi has made headlines here and there outside of the matches he played, a majority of which involved the Barcelona board.

As for the teams I can see him leaving for, I think it ultimately comes down to Manchester City. They clearly have the money and will most likely ride along the Financial Fair Play line once again, but I would say it's worth it for a decorated player like Messi and for his reunion with Guardiola. Another team I would like to see him go to (though I think would only be possible if Messi leaves as a free agent) is Juventus, just to see him and Ronaldo finish their remarkable careers together.

On Sunday, Messi didn't show up to Barcelona's COVID-19 testing, and the following day he was also absent from Koeman's first training session. He clearly wants to get out of the club even if Club President Josep Bartomeu resigned in order to keep him there. I don't think he'll have second thoughts on leaving. The past few years Barcelona have truly started to live up to their motto "mes que un club": It has turned into a damn circus show.

DB's Weekly Take: The Luka Doncic era has arrived

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Luka Doncic is very good at basketball.

That's it. That's the article.

No, I'm just kidding, but basically, that's the gist of the article. We already knew the young Slovenian was an emerging star in the league. He won the 2018-19 Rookie of the Year award almost unanimously. He made his first All-Star team this past February at age 20. He has already recorded 25 career triple-doubles, the most in NBA history before turning 22 and almost double the next closest player — a guy by the name of Magic Johnson had 13, maybe you've heard of him.

The bottom line is that we've known Doncic is special, but he brought it to another level in his first career playoff series against the Los Angeles Clippers. The Clippers were heavily favored in the series, and for good reason. On paper, the Clippers are light years ahead of Doncic's Dallas Mavericks. The only way the Mavericks stood a chance of competing with the Clippers, who are widely considered to be the favorites to win the title this year, was if Doncic played out of his mind. Well, he did just that.

He kicked off his playoff career with a 42-point (most ever in a playoff debut), nine-assist, seven-rebound performance in a 118-110 loss. Despite the loss, he showed that he was going to keep Dallas relevant in the series. Even the soft-spoken, reserved Kawhi Leonard took notice of Doncic.

"He's great," Leonard said after Game 1, according to ESPN. "You know what I mean? He's very poised. He's very trusted on that team. He can get to his spots, find his teammates, gets them easy baskets. He makes tough baskets well. He's a great player."

Doncic followed that up with another great performance in Game 2, scoring 28 points in the Mavericks' 13-point victory to even the series. Then in Game 3, he was limited to under 30 minutes after a left ankle injury forced him to miss much of the second half. Still, he was able to record his first career playoff triple-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

There was uncertainty whether Doncic would be able to play in Game 4, but as a game-time decision, he suited up. Instead, it was second-leading scorer Kristaps Porzingis who didn't take the floor due to a torn meniscus

in his right knee. He was later ruled out for the rest of the series, leaving Doncic as the only true scoring threat for the Mavs.

How did he respond? With one of the best playoff performances of all time capped off by one of the gutsiest shots I have ever seen. Doncic recorded another triple-double with 43 points, 17 rebounds and 13 assists. Still, none of it would have mattered if not for his final shot.

Down 133-132 with just under four seconds remaining in overtime, the Mavericks inbounded the ball to Doncic, who dribbled, took a deep stepback 3-pointer and nailed it for the win.

To be able to take and make that difficult of a shot with the game on the line shows the confidence Doncic already has in just his second NBA season. It was truly a remarkable game and a terrific shot that will be on highlight reels for years to come.

With the series then tied at 2-2, the Mavericks were putting up way more of a fight than the Clippers probably expected. But ultimately, the Clippers would prevail, winning Game 5 in blowout fashion, and then holding off another great showing from Doncic in Game 6 with 38 points, nine rebounds and nine assists. The

Clippers had the more talented and complete team, so there was only so much Doncic could do, especially without Porzingis for half the series.

It shows a lot in a series that featured two of the top stars in the NBA in Leonard and Paul George, Doncic was usually the most electric player on the court. He ascended to superstar status with his performance in this series, averaging 31 points on 50% shooting and almost single-handedly putting up a fight against arguably the best team in basketball.

It's hard to believe that three teams passed on this guy in the 2018 draft. I'm sure all three are kicking themselves right now because we're seeing something special happening right before our eyes. A new era

has arrived. Luka Doncic is the future of the NBA, and if the Mavericks can build a solid team around him, they will be competing for championships very soon.

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MLB TOP-100 RIGHT NOW: 10-1

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Here it is. At long last, here's the final installment of the top-100 players in the MLB right now. Sure, we may have started this list months ago. And sure, baseball has been back for over a month now, but we had something special planned for the top-10. We wanted it to go in print. Now that we're back at school, that can finally happen. So

sorry for the wait, I know everyone is dying to find out who the top-10 players in baseball are, but here it is. Also, don't forget that this list was made prior to the season start. Soto came in at No. 12. Tatis at No. 31. Bieber at No. 54. If we made the list right now, they'd obviously be higher. And remember, we waited this long to put it out because we wanted it in print, not because we forgot. Totally not the reason.

No. 10 - Gerrit Cole: Mike 10, Ben 8, Jorge 12

Ben: In 2019, Gerrit Cole pretty much wrote the blueprint for how to cash in on a contract year. Pitching 212 innings for the American League champion Houston Astros, Cole threw up a microscopic 0.89 WHIP and 2.50 ERA, good for second and third in the MLB, respectively. He finished in the top five among pitchers in WAR (6.6, 5th), ERA (2.50, 3rd), WHIP (0.89, 2nd), wins (20, 2nd) and strikeouts (326, 1st). He was also able to back up his impressive regular season with a near-legendary postseason, going 4-1, with 47 K's and an ERA of 1.83. It's no wonder the Yankees paid this guy like royalty.



No. 9 - Anthony Rendon: Mike 11, Ben 9, Jorge 7

Jorge: For the past couple of seasons, Rendon has been one of the most criminally underrated players in baseball. Last year though, people finally realized how great he is. He made his first All-Star game at long last despite averaging an OPS of .923 in the two years prior. In 2019, he hit 34 home runs, drove in 126 runs which led the MLB and had an OPS of 1.010, culminating in a World Series victory with the Washington Nationals. All of this earned him a 7-year, \$245 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels, which was more than deserved.



No. 8 - Alex Bregman: Mike 8, Ben 7, Jorge 10

Jorge: Bregman might not be the most popular player in baseball right now for reasons that we all know, but you can't deny his talent. An All-Star, Silver Slugger award winner and AL MVP runner-up last season, Bregman was clearly one of the best players in baseball. With 41 homers, 112 RBIs and an OPS of 1.015, he was unstoppable. It remains to be seen what's in store for him without, errr, help, but I really don't expect it to affect him too much. He'll still be elite.



No. 7 - Justin Verlander: Mike 7, Ben 10, Jorge 8

Mike: Justin Verlander has been one of the best starting pitchers in baseball for nearly a decade and a half, except for one down year in 2014. He has a career 3.33 ERA and struck out 290 and 300 batters the past two years, respectively. In his illustrious 16-year career, he has finished in the top-5 of the Cy Young voting in nine seasons, including two first place finishes and one second place finish in 2016 that should have gone to him. He has been injured this season, but overall he is an incredible difference maker. He is easily among the top-10 on this list.



No. 6 - Mookie Betts: Mike 6, Ben 5, Jorge 6

Ben: After winning a World Series and the 2018 AL MVP, Mookie Betts had an underrated 2019 season. Yes, the wheels fell off on the Red Sox and Mookie's numbers didn't 100% line up with the year prior's but come on now, this is Mookie Betts; he's got Gold Glove caliber defense, Silver Slugger caliber offense, a winning pedigree and an enthusiastic personality. There's plenty his new teammates in Los Angeles will fall in love with. Yes, technically his .295 batting average from 2019 is a "drop-off" from his ridiculous .346 in 2019, but he can still hit with anyone in the MLB. Sharing a lineup with reigning NL MVP Cody Bellinger should make both superstars even more dangerous. Look out for the Dodgers in 2020. With Betts on board (now through 2032), they're the World Series favorite.



No. 5 - Nolan Arenado: Mike 4, Ben 6, Jorge 5

Mike: While I had Arenado above the next pick, Cody Bellinger, I am fine with him slotting in at fifth on this list. He is the best defender in baseball (sorry Matt Chapman), and he has the stick of a perennial MVP-candidate, which he has been for the last six seasons. He has been an All-Star in each of the last five seasons, finishing in the top-8 of MVP voting in each of those seasons. The third baseman has led the NL in homers in three out of the last five seasons and has not seen an OPS under .900 since he had an .898 in 2015. He has not been his peak this season, slashing .268/.319/.496 but he's still an above average hitter at an OPS-plus of 102. Nolan Arenado is a top-5 MLB player and there's an argument to be made for him to be higher on this list.



No. 4 - Cody Bellinger: Mike 5, Ben 4, Jorge 4

Mike: I got about half an inch away from trading Cody Bellinger in fantasy Monday, but that is no reflection of his talent. He is seriously one of the most impactful and promising young players in baseball. He already has an MVP to his name after winning one last year. Through three and a "half" seasons in the bigs, he has been worth 17.9 bWAR. He struggled to begin this season, but has ramped it up a bit in the past couple weeks. His .225 average and .783 OPS do not tell the story of Cody Bellinger, but rather that of the shortened season. Also, since this is the last sentence I will write in this series, I was right about Zac Gallen.



No. 3 - Jacob deGrom: Mike 3, Ben 3, Jorge 2

Jorge: Jacob deGrom is the best pitcher in baseball. Sure, there are challengers (Cole, Verlander, Scherzer and the like), but no one has been as good as deGrom in recent years. That's not even an exaggeration — no starter has an ERA better than deGrom's 2.05 over the past two seasons. Only one pitcher has even hit that mark in one of the past two seasons, much less maintaining that over two, and that was Blake Snell in 2018. Oh, and don't forget the two Cy Young awards. Until someone dethrones him, he's still the king. And since this is the last sentence I will write in this series, you should have listened to me about Sonny Gray.



No. 2 - Christian Yelich: Mike 2, Ben 2, Jorge 3

Ben: I am of the belief that Christian Yelich should have won the 2019 NL MVP award just as he did in 2018, cementing himself as the de facto second best player in the MLB. As excellent as Bellinger was a year ago, Yelich had him beat in just about every statistical category other than games played. Yelich hit .329, Bellinger hit .305. Yelich had an OPS of 1.100, Bellinger had an OPS of 1.035. Yelich stole 30 bases, Bellinger stole 15. The list goes on. Had Yelich not missed the final 26 fewer games than Bellinger due to injury, he likely would have passed Bellinger in homers (44 vs 47) and RBIs (97 vs 115) as well. Bellinger was unbelievable in 2019, but on a per-game basis, Yelich was just a bit better.

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- 11. Ronald Acuna Jr
- 12. Juan Soto
- 13. Max Scherzer
- 14. Freddie Freeman
- 15. Trevor Story
- 16. Stephen Strasburg
- 17. Xander Bogaerts
- 18. Aaron Judge
- 19. George Springer
- 20. Francisco Lindor
- 21. Rafael Devers
- 22. Pete Alonso
- 23. Ketel Marte
- 24. Jose Altuve
- 25. Javier Baez
- 26. Walker Buehler
- 27. Jack Flaherty
- 28. Matt Chapman
- 29. JD Martinez
- 30. Marcus Semien
- 31. Fernando Tatis Jr.
- 32. DJ LeMahieu
- 33. JT Realmuto
- 34. Josh Hader
- 35. Eugenio Suarez
- 36. Zack Greinke
- 37. Josh Donaldson
- 38. Jeff McNeil
- 39. Kirby Yates
- 40. Gleyber Torres
- 41. Carlos Correa
- 42. Mike Soroka
- 43. Kris Bryant
- 44. Clayton Kershaw
- 45. Yasmani Grandal
- 46. Hyun-Jin Ryu
- 47. Matt Olson
- 48. Max Muncy
- 49. Anthony Rizzo
- 50. Bryce Harper
- 51. Austin Meadows
- 52. Nelson Cruz
- 53. Jose Ramirez
- 54. Shane Bieber
- 55. Michael Brantley



- 56. Mike Clevinger
- 57. Paul Goldschmidt
- 58. Whit Merrifield
- 59. Josh Bell
- 60. Patrick Corbin
- 61. Yordan Alvarez
- 62. Charlie Morton
- 63. Yoan Moncada
- 64. Charlie Blackmon
- 65. Aroldis Chapman
- 66. Ozzie Albies
- 67. Trea Turner
- 68. Joey Gallo
- 69. Luis Castillo
- 70. Blake Snell
- 71. Jorge Polanco
- 72. Lucas Giolito
- 73. Max Kepler
- 74. Shohei Ohtani
- 75. Jorge Soler
- 76. Nick Castellanos
- 77. Tim Anderson
- 78. Michael Conforto
- 79. Miguel Sano
- 80. Mitch Garver
- 81. Bryan Reynolds
- 82. Tyler Glasnow
- 83. Willson Contreras
- 84. Tommy Pham
- 85. Justin Turner
- 86. Aaron Nola
- 87. Jose Abreu
- 88. Manny Machado
- 89. Yuli Gurriel
- 90. Chris Sale
- 91. Giancarlo Stanton
- 92. Marcus Stroman
- 93. Trey Mancini
- 94. Vladimir Guerrero Jr
- 95. Carlos Santana
- 96. Gary Sanchez
- 97. Starling Marte
- 98. Joc Pederson
- 99. Cory Seager
- 100. Zac Gallen

No. 1 - Mike Trout: Mike 1, Ben 1, Jorge 1
Mike, Ben & Jorge: He's Mike Trout. No explanation needed.



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Boston Bruins goaltending crumbles during semifinal series against Tampa Bay Lightning

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After Saturday's game against the Tampa Bay Lightning, the Boston Bruins are now down 3-1 in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Since the departure of Tuukka Rask from the bubble in Toronto, the Bruins have experienced nothing but constant struggles against the Lightning's offense with neither Bruins backup Jaroslav Halak nor Providence Bruins goaltender Dan Vladar being able to perform at the same level. The consistent theme of the series since Game 1 has been Boston being unable to defend their crease, putting extreme pressure on their goaltending talent.

Halak spent much of the 2019-2020 season playing in tandem with Rask for Boston, with Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy switching the two out every game. During the regular season, neither goalie outshined the other and both put up good, consistent numbers while in the crease. The pair earned the 2019-2020 William M. Jennings Trophy, annually awarded to the goaltender(s) that allowed the fewest goals scored against in the league. Halak ended the 2019-2020 regular season with 31 games played, 18 of those being Boston wins. He earned a goals against average of 2.39 and a respectable .919% save percentage. During the postseason series with the Carolina Hurricanes, Halak also performed well following the departure of



Boston Bruins goaltender Jaroslav Halak (41) reaches out to make a stop on Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat (18) during the second period of an NHL Stanley Cup Eastern Conference playoff hockey game, Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, in Toronto. PHOTO BY FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Rask, playing in the final three Bruins victories over Carolina.

Vladar put up similarly impressive numbers while playing with Boston's American Hockey League affiliate, the Providence Bruins. During the 2019-2020 season Vladar played 25 games and let in 42 goals, earning a 1.79 goals against average and a .936% save percentage; leading the league in both statistics. He was ranked as the third most promising goalie prospect in the AHL in April in an independent NHL report by Patrick Williams. Before the

series ended early due to the AHL canceling operations because of the coronavirus pandemic, Vladar won his first playoff appearance, letting in two goals over 60 minutes of ice time.

Even with the absence of Rask from the lineup, the Bruins have two very competent goaltenders at their disposal, which makes the last few games against the Lightning all the more disappointing. In Game 3 of the series, which also served as Vladar's NHL debut, the Bruins let in seven goals to the Lightning's

one. If the Bruins want to have any hope of making it to the Eastern Conference Finals, the first thing that needs to change is the work put in by their goaltending talent. Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy is arguably the best ice hockey goaltender in the world right now, so Boston cannot simply rely on the team's experienced offensive lines to outscore the other team. Unless Vladar and Halak see significant improvement in the games scheduled for this week, Boston has no chance of lifting up the Stanley Cup.

When miracles end

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We all remember the sporting miracles. David Ortiz's hits to carry the Red Sox past the Yankees in 2004. The Miracle on Ice. These are the moments that define a generation of sports at the highest level, the plays that those watching will never forget and those born decades later will be shown. Esports has those plays, too; Coldzera's jumping awp kills at the MLG Major or Smeb's miraculous Gangplank steal of Baron to win a five-game epic against KT Rolster or Cloud9's comeback at home against Faze Clan to seal the Boston Major. These are the moments we remember.

Nobody remembers the moments that almost happened. Griffin almost completing the miracle run in their rookie split, before they fell one series short of a victory in the Grand Final and one series short of Worlds. Avangar and Ence, making Major finals only to be absolutely obliterated by Astralis. Team Liquid coming in second in so many CSGO tournaments in 2018 and 2019. Misfits going 2-3 against SKT at Worlds.

This weekend, Schalke's miracle run came to a close in a 1-3 loss to the MAD Lions. The Lions simply were the superior team on the day, drafting powerful lineups that could pick off Schalke's players over and over again. It left Schalke defeated, inches from a finish line that two months ago was miles away, inches from the most impressive miracle in the history of esports, a miracle they now wouldn't complete.

For Schalke, it was a familiar closeness. The organization got fourth place in the Summer Split after the gauntlet in 2018 and 2019, meaning they were one series short for the last three years. For Odoamne, for Gilius, for these players who have been there before and who fought so hard to return only to fall short, getting so close only makes it hurt more.

In North America, Cloud9's fall from grace after their incredible Spring Split was cemented with a 1-3 loss against TSM that found the organization missing Worlds for the first time in its history. Another miracle run, another moment so close to being the best season in the history of North America, a team that was far and away the best team for months, defeated. Another miracle season ended, leaving fans to ponder what could have been. There's a saying in esports, which the LCS has echoed for many years: Nobody remembers second. It's those who win the titles who are remembered, not the people who they stepped over. Team Liquid won four titles in four splits, and many more people could tell you that fact than the ones who could tell you what teams they dominated en route. Success is what is remembered. Victory is what is remembered. For the teams who got close, but fell short, there is only the hope that next time, it's them who will be remembered.

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BMW CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

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The second round of the FedEx Cup Playoffs wrapped up this past Sunday at the BMW Championship. John Rahm defeated World No. 1 Dustin Johnson on the first playoff hole in a thrilling final round at Olympia Fields in Chicago. He moved into second place in the FedEx Cup standings heading into next weekend's Tour Championship, the final installment of the Cup. Rahm will start the tournament at -8, two strokes behind Johnson, who maintained his first-place position in the standings with the runner-up finish.

The course proved to be challenging throughout the entire tournament. A combination of fast greens, lengthy holes and windy conditions left only five players under par at the end of Sunday. However, Rahm was able to overcome the conditions and a slow start, shooting a 66 on Saturday and a 64 on the final day to head into the clubhouse with a one shot lead after his final round. Johnson was only -2 on Sunday, and even par on the back nine. He headed on to the eighteenth hole needing a birdie to force a playoff. After driving his ball into the right rough, he was able to land his approach on the

back of the green, leaving him with a downhill forty-foot putt for birdie over a ridge in the middle of the green, which he promptly sank to force a playoff hole with Rahm.

The group headed back to the eighteenth tee, with both golfers landing their drives in similar positions to where they were in regulation. Rahm landed his approach to the far back of the green, over sixty feet away. He was trying to set himself up for an easy par putt, but instead drained the longest putt of his professional career for a birdie, putting the pressure on Johnson once again.

Johnson was unable to force another playoff hole, leaving his birdie attempt just short and making Rahm the champion after a wild Sunday round.

If this is any indication of the play we can see from these two, we are in for a very exciting Tour Championship next week. East Lake in Atlanta is another difficult course, and will give the remaining 30 players in contention a challenge as they compete for the title and the \$15 million prize. However, the players have said they enjoy the strategy and precision that these hard courses require and are working hard to prepare for the final tournament of the Cup, which should make the Tour Championship the most exciting golf we have seen all year.



Dustin Johnson watches his tee shot on the second hole during the third round Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, for the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Ill. PHOTO BY CHARLES REX ARBOGAST, AP

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Games we're watching this week

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INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY

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The #Padres have acquired Mike Clevinger, Greg Allen and a PTBNL from the Indians.

TWEETS OF THE DAY

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You guys are going to love Todd Frazier's story. Local kid, actually from Toms River NJ

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By acquiring Todd Frazier, Robinson Chirinos, and Miguel Castro the Mets have added a combined 2020 WAR of -0.3

If I'm a playoff team, i do NOT want to face the Mets

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