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## “Meaningful service while being safe” HOW SERVICE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES ARE ADAPTING

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University of Connecticut service fraternities and sororities remain dedicated to give to their communities as they switch to social distancing service events.

The service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega created virtual synchronous, asynchronous and in-person social distancing events for its members, said Kelly-Anne Moffa, one of the service vice presidents for Alpha Phi Omega.

“The challenges of switching to virtual events was primarily finding events to do that would still offer meaningful service while being safe during this pandemic,” Moffa said. “Another challenge was coordinating times with members; some of our members stayed home this semester and they are from across the country in different time zones, so aligning with everyone’s schedules has been difficult.”

Gamma Sigma Sigma, a service sorority, has been meeting biweekly using Google Meets to plan service events, said Talia Milardo, Gamma Sigma Sigma public relations officer, said

“Our sisters all have been working hard and diligently to help give back to our service in one way or another,” Milardo said.

A service fraternity or sorority differs from other Greek organizations because their primary focus is giving back to the community and being a service to others, Moffa said.

“While they may be organizations that provide social

activities and bonding among members, service is at the forefront of their mission,” Moffa said. “This certainly embodies what [Alpha Phi Omega] is because one of our cardinal principles is to be of service to others. Over one-third of our fraternity events are service events.”

Two live, virtual events Alpha Phi Omega is having this semester are Free Rice competitions and dog toy making. Moffa said the Free Rice competitions donate to the World Food Programme, a United Nations organization dedicated to ending world hunger. Moffa said it’s not a formal competition but more of a fun way to spend time with members and help raise money at the time.

“The Free Rice competitions are held for an hour over WebEx, and our members try to achieve the most amount of ‘rice’ within that time in any category of trivia they choose,” Moffa said. “On Free Rice, for every question you get right, the equivalent in dollars of 5 grains of rice is donated to the World Food Programme.”

For dog toy making, Alpha Phi Omega members meet over WebEx to follow a tutorial on how to make dog toys from old t-shirts, Moffa said.

“This year, we collected completed toys from brothers who live on/near campus to donate to the Mansfield Animal Shelter and members who live at home donated their completed toys to local shelters near them,” Moffa said.



Gamma Sigma Sigma recently had a virtual meeting in which members created posters for an anti-bullying campaign, Milardo said.

“We wanted to share the posters throughout social media, as this is one of our main causes this year for service,” Milardo said.

For asynchronous events, Alpha Phi Omega has two main events, Smithsonian Digital Transcribing and Color a Smile, in which members can complete their service hours on their own time, Moffa said.

For Smithsonian Digital Transcribing, members help the researchers at the Smithsonian Transcribing Center review historical documents. For Color a Smile, Alpha Phi Omega members can fill in coloring pages from the Color a Smile website. The drawings will be distributed to senior citizens and troops overseas. For every three drawings or every three transcriptions, members receive one service hour.

Moffa said Alpha Phi Omega has been able to maintain one of their usual in-person events: campus clean ups. A maximum of eight members are allowed to sign up and must follow social distancing protocols with masks at all times.

“We meet outside at various spots around campus and pick up litter,” Moffa said. “Members who live at home can also receive a service hour for picking up litter around their neighborhood and sending us a picture of them doing so.”

Alpha Phi Omega is also giving members one service hour for voting, which they offer every election, Moffa said.

“Giving a service hour for voting is important because it encourages our members to participate in the election process,” Moffa said. “Whether they vote by mail or go in person, we think it’s important that our members exercise that right and make their voices heard.”

Moffa said asynchronous events may continue within

Alpha Phi Omega even after they can resume in person meetings.

“I think some of the asynchronous events may stay past [COVID-19] times because it offers our members some flexibility with service hours,” Moffa said. “During regular semesters it can be challenging for members who have full schedules to attend events and therefore meet their service requirements, but these service opportunities that people can complete on their own time could be a solution to that.”

Milardo said it’s been difficult to bond over Google Meets and the sorority is looking forward to the day when they can have chapter meetings in person again.

“Although we all miss each other, we know it’s better to chat virtually so social events have been a challenge for us, as we are used to doing stuff together in person,” Milardo said.

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## School of Fine Arts showcases public art exhibition on Fairfield Way



The University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts showcased their public art exhibition “Silk Flowers” set up on Fairfield Way on Tuesday. Many students stopped to read signs, take photos and learn more about the project. PHOTOS BY ASHLEY ANGLISANO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## News

## Supreme Court ruling spurs Wisconsin to get early votes in

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats and Republicans in the battleground state of Wisconsin were pushing Tuesday to get 320,000 outstanding absentee ballots returned by the close of polls on Election Day, after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to extend the deadline to receive and count ballots as Democrats had wanted.

“This is an all-hands-on-deck final push,” said Ben Wikler, who chairs the Wisconsin Democratic Party, which has been advocating absentee voting more aggressively than Republicans.

But the message is the same for Republicans who decided to mail in their ballots amid a surge in coronavirus cases in Wisconsin.

“If you do it absentee, do it now, do it quickly,” said Andrew Hitt, chairman of the Wisconsin Republican Party.

Democrats argued in a federal lawsuit that more time should be allotted for ballots to arrive by mail and be counted because of the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Republicans countered that voters had plenty of options to vote on time and that the rules shouldn't be changed so close to the election. The Supreme Court, in a 5-3 decision Monday along ideological lines, affirmed an appellate court ruling that had blocked the extended count.

It's not clear if the ruling will benefit one side or the other in Wisconsin, which President Donald Trump won by fewer than 23,000 votes in 2016, said Barry Burden, a University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor and the director of the Elections Research Project.

Trump was campaigning in Wisconsin on Tuesday and his Democratic challenger Joe Biden was scheduled to visit the state on Friday.

“The fact that Democrats are using mail voting more than Republicans are suggests that the Biden campaign would be hurt more by ballots that come in late,” Burden said.

However, since the appellate ruling nearly three weeks ago, Democrats have been working under the assumption that the deadline for returning ballots would be 8 p.m. on Election Day and have helped shatter the state record for returning absentee ballots, Burden said.

As of Tuesday, more than 1.4 million ballots had been returned, including 352,000 that were cast early in person. That is 48% of the total Wisconsin votes cast in the 2016 presidential election. About 10 times more ballots have been returned by mail than in typical presidential elections.



In this Oct. 20, 2020, file photo, Evelio Mancera and his daughter, Jennifer Mancera, both residents of Madison, fill out their ballots on the first day of the state's in-person absentee voting window for the Nov. 3 election outside the city's City-County Building in Madison, Wis. PHOTO BY JOHN HART/AP

Still, there were 320,000 outstanding ballots as of Tuesday, which amounts to 18% of the nearly 1.7 million absentee ballots requested. In the April presidential primary election, 9% of all requested absentee ballots were not returned. In that election, 1.7% of all ballots returned were rejected due to missing signatures or other deficiencies that were not fixed in time by the voters.

The ruling setting the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline for returning ballots means there will “definitely” be some that aren't counted, Burden said. In Wisconsin's April primary, some 80,000 ballots arrived after Election Day.

The U.S. Postal Service district that covers most of Wisconsin has not met the agency's goal of having at least 95% of first-class mail delivered within five days during the month of October, according to postal data. The most recently available delivery data showed on-time delivery rates at 84.6% in the week that ended Oct. 16, right as ballots were moving through the system.

Republicans and Democrats are urging their voters to get their ballots in immediately.

“The rules haven't changed,” Wikler said. “What changes is that there is now a certainty that ballots need to arrive by the time polls close. There is now a wave of public attention on that fact.”

The Democratic effort to get ballots returned on time includes calling, texting, having people contact their friends, “running digital ads on every conceivable platform,” tracking down outstanding absentee ballots, TV ads, radio ads, newspaper

ads, planes pulling banners, chalking on campuses and billboards, Wikler said.

Republicans, who opposed extending the counting deadline, were also urging voters to return ballots, or follow through on their plans to vote in person.

“We continue to monitor who has outstanding ballots and we will push them hard this last week through text messages, robocalls,” Hitt said.

Some of the 320,000 outstanding ballots could have been sent to people who requested them in the spring but have now decided to vote in person, Hitt said.

“I suspect there will be quite a bit of that, especially on the conservative side,” he said.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission said that Tuesday was the practical deadline for voters to return their absentee ballots by mail, which would allow one week for it to be delivered. Voters have until Thursday to request a ballot by mail, but that does not likely leave them enough time to receive it on time.

Voters have numerous options for returning the ballots, other than by mail, including at secure drop boxes, their municipal clerk's office or dropping it off at their polling place on Election Day unless it is a city, like Milwaukee, where ballots are counted at a central location. Voters can also always cast their ballots in person on Election Day, even if they requested and received an absentee ballot.

The Supreme Court's ruling also means that poll workers can't come from outside the county where they live. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has been operating on the assumption that poll workers

## Police Blotter

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Gabriel Fountain, 18, of Manchester, Connecticut was charged with third-degree criminal mischief. Police responded to the rear entrance of Hilltop Apartments for a vandalism at the complex gates. Fountain had earlier been observed on security footage exiting a silver pick-up and forcefully pushing up one of the gates, causing \$115 worth of damage. His bond was set at \$500 and his court date is Dec. 1.

## Judge stops Election Day gun ban near Michigan polling sites

DETROIT (AP) — A judge on Tuesday blocked a ban on the open display of guns near Michigan polling places on Election Day, agreeing with critics who said a Democratic secretary of state failed to follow state law with her sudden order.

Gun-rights groups accused Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson of exceeding her authority in banning people from openly carrying guns within 100 feet (30.48 meters) of voting sites. She acted after authorities recently busted up an alleged plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

But Benson failed to go through a formal rule-making process required under state law, Judge Christopher Murray said.

Compliance “is no mere procedural nicety,” Murray said. “Instead, our appellate courts have repeatedly emphasized the importance of the democratic principles embodied in the (law), which requires notice and an opportunity to be heard on the subject under consideration.”

Earlier in the day, Assistant Attorney General Heather Meingast said lawmakers have given secretaries of state discretion to set certain election rules, including safety. Separately, armed critics upset with the governor's orders about controlling the coronavirus have rallied at the Capitol.

“There are dozens — we've

had numerous complaints,” Meingast told the judge. “There are election workers who are afraid to go to work on Election Day.”

Murray said voter intimidation already is illegal.

Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Democrat, pledged to appeal Murray's decision with just days left until the election.

Benson's policy caused blowback from some county sheriffs who had said they wouldn't enforce it. The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police also had planned it.

“To be clear: This case is not about the fragile state of mind of 21 voters, and what (Benson) envisions is the appropriate level of wokeness by voters,” Dean Greenblatt, attorney for the group Michigan Open Carry, told the judge. “It's the question of raw abuse and assumption of power not authorized by law.”

Some states and groups are preparing for tension at polling places. In Ohio, the League of Women Voters has been recruiting “peacekeeper teams” of clergy and social workers to ease stress at the polls. At least 125 people have signed up.

Murray hears lawsuits against the state of Michigan as a judge on the Court of Claims. He also is chief judge on the state appeals court and is running for reelection to that court.

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must come from the county where they live, said spokesman Reid Magney. He noted that there are other jobs at the polls which do not require county residency, including greeting voters, managing lines and sanitizing surfaces and voting equipment.

Hitt and Wikler said they were not concerned about a shortage of poll workers. Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, has promised to call out the Wisconsin National Guard to fill any vacancies, as was done during two previous elections this year.

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# CONNECTICUT NEWS

## Yale students among those targeted in paintball shootings

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — New Haven and Yale police are investigating after a number of city residents, including at least seven Yale students, reported being hit this month by assailants firing paintball guns.

Yale freshman Naomi Schwartzburt told the Yale Daily News that she and a friend were walking near Yale's Phelps Gate on the evening of Oct. 14 when they were attacked.

"We just heard shots and next thing I knew, I was hit in the face," she said. "I felt my face, looked down and saw there was green paint on my hand. Honestly, I was more relieved than anything that it was just a paintball."

New Haven Police Lieutenant Elliot Rosa said the department has confis-

cated nine paintball guns and made arrests in several shootings. She said some of the attacks are related, but the attacks have become a popular form of mischief among city teens.

"It's almost like years ago, it used to be egging," she told the newspaper. "Kids used to drive around and throw eggs at one another — I guess the new fad is paintballs and that's what we're seeing."

Perick Appo, an organizer with Unidad Latina en Acción, said he was assaulted as he biked to work last Wednesday. He said the four teenagers in an grey SUV made racial slurs before firing a paintball that hit him in the chest.

"I don't feel like they should go to jail, but come on guys," Appo told the newspaper.

## Lamont warns restaurants, bars not to 'ruin it' for others

(AP) Gov. Ned Lamont warned Monday that bars and restaurants violating Connecticut's COVID-19 restrictions will "ruin it" for other establishments complying with social distancing rules, including required face coverings, if they don't change their ways.

The Democrat said he was concerned to learn about a pub in Fairfield that was temporarily shut down and the owner fined after local health officials on Friday night observed about 50 people standing outside, many without masks, as well as a large number of people inside, in violation of the state's current capacity limits.

after more than 92,000 tests were taken. The state still has among the lowest positivity rates in the nation. Meanwhile, the number of hospitalizations climbed by 37 to 270 patients. The number of COVID-associated deaths increased by 12 to 4,589.

Dr. John Murphy, president and CEO of NuVance Health, which includes Danbury Hospital, said it's important to note that the type of people testing positive is different today than it was in March, April and May. In those early months of the pandemic, he said, the percentage of people under age 18 who tested positive was 4%. He said about 25%

*"If this keeps going, you're going to ruin it for all the restaurants and everybody who was following the protocols."*

GOV. NED LAMONT

"There's been a couple of other incidents maybe you've heard about around the rest of the state right now," Lamont said on Monday during his coronavirus briefing. "And if this keeps going, you're going to ruin it for all the restaurants and everybody who was following the protocols really seriously."

Lamont said he is concerned about "bars masquerading as restaurants," given the state's current restrictions on stand-alone bars reopening during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. He has repeatedly said he believes there's a significant risk of getting infected in a bar, with people standing around, close to one another.

Restaurants, meanwhile, are allowed to open at 75% capacity, except in communities with higher infection rates where local leaders decided to keep the limits at 50%.

Since Friday, there have been more than 2,000 new infections in Connecticut

who test positive are now under age 18.

"So they're healthier. There are fewer comorbidities. They're much less likely to get sick," he said. "And of those individuals who do come into the emergency department, we're finding that we are much more comfortable sending individuals home and, if necessary, with home care nurses looking after them."

Murphy said modeling shows this new surge in cases could peak sometime in mid-January or sooner. But he said the state is better prepared than it was when COVID-19 first hit earlier this year, considering there are better therapies, more testing and contact tracing and more mask-wearing.

"So for all of those reasons, while we expect it to be a tough winter, we do not believe that we are going to be overwhelmed by this," he said. "And we are hopeful that our capacity is sufficient to meet the needs of our state in the coming months."

# Police bill plays big role in Connecticut legislative races



HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — While Democratic candidates for the General Assembly contend they have a strong record to run on, despite COVID-19 greatly limiting legislative successes in 2020, Republicans have latched onto the police accountability legislation that passed in a special session, believing voters will agree it goes too far.

The bill cleared the Democratic-controlled legislature in late July along mostly party lines. GOP incumbents and challengers throughout the state argue it's an overreach that makes it more difficult for officers to do their jobs.

"Police officers, unions from across the state from the beginning made their point very clearly that passage of that bill would be harmful for the police community and to police officers individually," said Rep. Jason Perillo, R-Shelton. "Quite frankly, the Democrats who supported the bill either didn't hear it or didn't care. And people took note of that."

But Democrats contend the new law, which attempts to change police procedures and policies in light of the killing of George Floyd and other Black people, has been mischaracterized to create alarm, and argue they're the party with the pro-union record, not the Republicans.

"There's really nothing in the bill that a hardworking, honorable police officer should fear," said Senate President Martin Looney, D-New Haven. Among other things, the wide-ranging bill removes governmental immunity protections for officers in certain serious situations, creates a new inspector general to investigate police use-of-force cases, and requires periodic mental health screenings for officers.

Looney noted that Democrats helped negotiate long-awaited, bipartisan legislation in 2019 with unions and local municipal leaders to provide one year of workers' compensation coverage to police and firefighters suffering with post-traumatic stress-related psychological

injuries, without having had a physical injury. The legislation is being touted by Democratic lawmakers as they seek reelection this year.

"At that time, the police were extraordinarily grateful to us and they were saying it was something that they would always remember and that it was something that they had been looking for for years," said Looney.

Democrats currently control both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly; 22-14 in the Senate and 91-60 in the House of Representatives. While the Senate's membership was split evenly between Democrats and Republicans after the 2016 election, the Democrats rebounded in 2018.

It's unclear whether the GOP will have enough momentum this year to capture control of the chamber, especially in a presidential year with a Republican president at the top of the ticket who is relatively unpopular here.

Besides the PTSD bill, Democrats are also campaigning on other major bills from the 2019 session, including legislation providing most workers up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a family member, a new child or their own serious health condition by 2022; and a new minimum wage law that incrementally increases the rate to \$15 an hour by 2023 and then ties future increases to the employment cost index, which is calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Some Democratic candidates are also holding themselves out as protectors against Trump administration policies. With the appointment of conservative Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court, they're pointing to state legislation that incorporates much of the federal Affordable Care Act, including protections for people with preexisting conditions, as well as legislation passed years ago which codified provisions of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision in state law.

"State legislatures are the first line of defense to protect

citizens' rights and Democracy," State Sen. Alex Kasser, D-Greenwich, promises on her website.

Her opponent Ryan Fazio, like other Republicans, has focused on the pitfalls of Democrats retaining large majorities in the General Assembly. On Facebook, he's raised concerns about the possible regionalization of schools, limits on local zoning and implementation of highway tolls — all issues raised by other GOP candidates during this year's election season, as well.

But no issue appears to have been embraced more by Republicans, both incumbents and challengers, than the police reform debate. And they have welcomed the political endorsements from local police, some candidates promising they'll work to revisit the issue when the General Assembly reconvenes in 2021.

Some police union leaders, however, contend they didn't intend to just endorse Republicans.

"It's not about political affiliation. We've never been involved. And we try to stay out of it because, politically, it's a difficult task to balance," said Sgt. John Milligan, president of the New Canaan police union. A Democrat himself, he noted that his party tends to be more supportive of collective bargaining rights than the GOP.

But Milligan said the police reform legislation went too far "to the left" in trying to address problems that he said are happening in other states, not Connecticut.

"There's so many good men and women in this state that are doing a great job and we're being punished," he said.

Sgt. Anna Tornello, president of the police union in Wilton, agreed.

"We're not endorsing candidates just for their political affiliation," she said of the slate of Republicans her union is backing for the first time in recent memory for the state legislature. "I'm endorsing candidates who have approached me and have asked to understand."



In these July 23, 2020, file photos, people participate in a "Back the Blue" rally to show support for law enforcement officers as they march toward the State Capitol in Hartford, Conn. Republicans in the Connecticut legislature have latched onto police accountability legislation that managed to pass in a special session earlier this summer, believing voters will agree it goes too far. PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/AP

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### ► Editorial

## Lessons Learned?: Course modalities, quality and accessibility

College looks a bit different now from what it used to be. The continuing spread of the novel coronavirus has forced the University of Connecticut to offer courses in a range of modalities, which in the least has provided us with new applications of words like "split" and "hybrid" and has left most of us glued to our computer screens for much of the day.

Evidently, the decision seems largely up to professors to determine the "best" mode of instruction for their courses. The present and ongoing risk of contagion likely is, and should be, a large part of their decision. Other factors, too, are likely a part of their decisions: Some professors are more familiar and comfortable with using technology to teach than others, some teach courses like labs where essential aspects of informational delivery are challenging to recreate in virtual formats and some worry about their own safety as part of an at-risk group to the coronavirus.

For both students and the university, it is a pertinent question of whether or not these changes in format preserve the quality of instruction. For students, it is a question of whether or not the maintained tuition expense is justified despite the shift in modalities. For the university, it is a question of whether or not the range of course modalities might be a valuable adaptation to enhancement of instruction in the future. When the need to minimize health risks is no longer present, other pressing needs might justify continuing to offer courses in a range of modalities at UConn.

One of these needs is to reduce the educational inequities of higher education. This cannot be done without first increasing accessibility to higher education. Courses only being offered at a particular geographic location present a barrier to significant subsets of the population, such as: incarcerated individuals who have exhausted the educational offerings in prison and seek a degree in higher education as a way to achieve a secure economic and social position when they are released; single mothers for whom a long commute would be nearly impossible to structure in to their day; students who live at home because they

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As of now it may be too early to properly measure whether or not quality is preserved in non-person modalities. However, the public health necessity of continuing on with a range of modalities for at least another semester presents an invaluable opportunity for experimentation and evaluation. Recognition of how a range of modalities might increase accessibility to higher education in a very significant way in the future should be of great importance to the university in its considerations in the months to come.

cannot afford to pay for housing either on or near campus; students who live at home because they have pressing and constant family responsibilities; and others.



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## Changing your mind doesn't make you a hypocrite

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In 2019, Joe Biden reversed his long-held opinion favoring the Hyde Amendment, a legislative provision which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in certain cases. Some critics claimed he was "flip-flopping," and no longer supported the Hyde Amendment in order to fit Democratic ideals better, but he personally stated he could not back the amendment while women of all income levels did not have equal access to abortion. A year later, Biden is the Democratic candidate for the 2020 presidential election, so the change in opinion wasn't overly detrimental to his image. But such a major switch in beliefs (by anyone, not just a politician) can create a malleable, untrustworthy image.

Everyone has opinions, judgments or beliefs. However, such simple words do not capture the connotations, undertones and implications that come with the phrase, "I changed my mind." There's a climate of shame and

fear regarding changing one's mind. Someone may adopt a new opinion and immediately be called a hypocrite. We judge people if they avoid picking a side and sticking to it, ignoring the way the world is constantly changing.

So why are we so afraid of changing our minds? Risk perception expert David Ropeik, author of "How Risky Is It, Really?"

*Opinions are not stagnant; they are formed based off your general knowledge at the moment.*

believes "we are social animals instinctively reliant on our tribe for safety and protection. Any disloyalty literally feels dangerous, like the tribe will kick you out. This effect is magnified in people already worried." From an evolutionary perspective, this makes sense. But we are no longer hunter-gatherers. Even suddenly changing our future plans

brings along feelings of guilt and wishes that we had just been more prepared or better-informed the first time around. This fear of deviating from the pack or original plan that comes with changing your mind is no longer relevant, and leads to a narrow view of the uncertain, dynamic world we live in today.

In order to move past the common fear of changing our minds, we need to remember the difference between hypocrisy and changing an opinion. Hypocrisy is an overused term nowadays, that really refers only to instances of faking beliefs or displaying behaviors that contradict your claimed beliefs. Thus, it is not accurate to call someone a "hypocrite" simply because they changed their opinion. If your views change and you acknowledge the change, you're not being disingenuous, (even if it may feel like it). Changing your mind doesn't make you unreliable or careless — in fact, it could mean you're self-aware and merely growing as a person.

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## The Indian police brutality pandemic



A Jammu and Kashmir government employee takes pictures with his mobile phone as Indian police use colored water cannons to disperse a government employee protest in Srinagar, Indian controlled Kashmir, on Oct. 22, 2020. Police brutality has been normalized in India. PHOTOGRAPH BY DAR YASIN/AP

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Anti-police protests have gathered across the globe, notably in the U.S. against police brutality and in Nigeria against the notoriously corrupt Special Anti-Robbery Squad. India has a long history of similar police-sanctioned human rights violations, but as of yet there have been comparatively few enduring protests and little change.

On Jun. 26, @Pewiwannadiepiee tweeted: "India is probably the one country where police brutality during lockdown were shared as funny forwards on WhatsApp. Police in this country get away with bare terrorism with next to no consequences. They're quite literally untouchable #JusticeForJeyarajAndFenix." They were referring to an example of police torture that drew some

outrage and national attention: the arrests of 58-year-old P. Jeyaraj and his son 31-year-old Benicks for breaking state regulations for lockdown on June 19, 2020. While in custody, both men were allegedly beaten, stripped and sodomized. They died soon after each other on June 22. Such instances of horrendous human rights violations by the Indian police are not rare. An average of five people die in police or judicial custody daily, with 74.4% succumbing to injuries from torture and 19.2% supposedly "committing suicide." Because this treatment occurs in custody, it is often euphemized and justified as a method of interrogation. First-degree interrogation is general questioning, second-degree interrogation is physical assault and third-degree interrogation is torture.

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## It's the end of healthcare as we know it

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With the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court on Oct. 26, the U.S. is going backward. The confirmation is a devastating blow to human rights.

I'm not going to talk about the fact that the New York City Bar Association has reservations about Barrett's qualifications. I'm not going to talk about the fact that Barrett brings religion where it certainly does not belong. I'm not going to talk about the fact that during her hearing, she refused to answer questions regarding whether or not climate change is real. And I'm certainly not going to mention the fact that Barrett was confirmed a mere eight days before the election despite the fact that over 60 million people have already cast their votes in the presidential election.

The consequences of her views are concerning and terrifying, don't get me wrong; I'm just going to focus on the consequences of one particular view. The fact that I'm able to write about just one aspect of one particular view for 750 words should be setting off alarm bells.

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# Daily Life

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## Voter suppression has a long history in the US

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The U.S. was founded on the principle of equality and freedom, but many of the laws and policies that have been put in place by the government have and continue to uphold systematic inequality.

The right to vote is an aspect of our democracy that has been a highly contested issue for many years. The current struggle over voting rights and voter suppression can be traced back to the Civil Rights Movement, along with its many prominent activists who worked tirelessly toward gaining equal treatment under the law. Voter suppression tactics have evolved over the years but continue to share a common goal of deciding who is eligible to vote by barring certain people, typically based on race, from exercising this freedom.

The Connecticut Collaborative on Poverty, Criminal Justice & Race hosted a film screening and discussion titled “One State, One Film: Let the People Decide” to address this issue. This panel discussion was centered around Gavin Guerra’s film “Let the People Decide,” which traces the history of voting rights struggles from 1960 to present day. The main goal of this film is to connect the dots between generations of voting suppression and shed light on the current political environment regarding race and voting.

“As soon as you tell people they can’t do something ... they do get motivated,”

Guerra, writer, producer and director of the film, said.

The right to vote is a basic principle of democracy, and when someone is banned from having this right, their political power is essentially stripped away from them and their political voice is silenced. The Civil Rights Movement emerged as a driving force in the fight for equal rights during the 1950s and 1960s to address the struggle for social justice and work toward the ultimate goal of gaining equal treatment under the law, regardless of the color of one’s skin. Voting rights are an important aspect of civil rights, and thus arose as a prominent pillar of the movement.

“Since the founding of this country, who gets the right to vote has been a contested issue,” Andrew Clark, director of the Institute for Municipal & Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University and moderator of the panel, said.

Even though the Civil Rights Movement led to the creation and passage of important legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, minorities in this country, especially Black people, continue to face exclusionary and discriminatory treatment in the voting process.

“Just the attempt to register to vote was a life-threatening situation,” David Dennis, a civil rights icon that was featured in the film, said.

Dennis grew up in a segregated area of Louisiana and was one of the orga-

nizers of the Mississippi Summer Project of 1964, a volunteer campaign created to register as many Black voters as possible in Mississippi. He worked closely with members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to engage fellow students in the Civil Rights Movement. Young people became a popular demographic during the Civil Rights Movement as they were able to learn from the wisdom of their elders and translate this into energy to keep the movement going.

“I think that the lesson we learned from the George Floyd protests and the youth wing of the Civil Rights Movement is that pressure works ... if they keep the pressure on, people will move the discussion to what they are talking about,” Guerra said.

“Let the People Decide” is an eye-opening film that allows viewers to see how events from over 50 years ago are still relevant to the current heated political climate within the U.S.

We are one week away from one of the most important and consequential elections our nation has faced. The culture surrounding voter suppression within our country must be changed to address the core of the problem.

“If you don’t change the culture you can’t depend upon the laws,” Dennis said.

If you are interested in learning more about the intersection of poverty, criminal justice and race, and the mission of The Connecticut Collaborative, visit their website for more information.

## ‘LEGALLY AND MEDICALLY TRANS’ DISCUSSED TRANSGENDER HEALTH AND IDENTITY

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On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the Rainbow Center hosted a virtual discussion titled “Legally and Medically Trans,” providing information about the legal identity and medical process many transgender individuals go through.

One of the speakers was Matthew Kelly, a lawyer in D.C. at the law firm Ballard Spahr LLP, who helps transgender individuals with legal issues. During his presentation, Kelly went over Connecticut’s laws and processes for changing your name and gender. He said at the University of Connecticut, a person can change their name on items such as a diploma, school email and class/roster. Kelly did specify, however, that legal documentation is required if an individual wants to change their names on items such as financial aid, a Husky One card, a Core-CT ID and transcripts.

In Connecticut, in order for someone to change their name, they must go to the probate court and provide two forms of identification including one photo ID. Individuals must also bring a Petition for Change of Name form or a PC-901 along with a PC-901CI form — which contains confidential information such as an individual’s social security number. Kelly said it can take up to eight weeks before a person’s name is legally changed. He also mentioned that a person does not have to provide the court

with a reason why for the name-change. In order for a person to change their name in Connecticut, they must be a resident of the state for at least 183 days of the year.

In response to a question about changing someone’s legal name in North Carolina, Kelly said the National Center for Transgender Equality website has entries with information for other states.

The second and final speaker was Christine Rodriguez, a family nurse practitioner at the University of Saint Joseph. She discussed the process of medically transitioning. She said some transgender individuals use binders, which involve the use of tight fitting sports bras, shirt bandages or a custom-made binder to provide a flat chest contour. Rodriguez also mentioned the term “packing,” which is the placement of a penile prosthesis in one’s underwear.

A key area that Rodriguez focused on was the dosage rates for testosterone and estrogen during the transition process. She said for someone taking testosterone, the recommended amount to take each week is between 50-100 milligrams. For someone using oral estradiol, which is a form of estrogen therapy, she recommends taking two to six milligrams a day.

One student asked Rodriguez what she thinks is the biggest barrier for transgender individuals in healthcare.

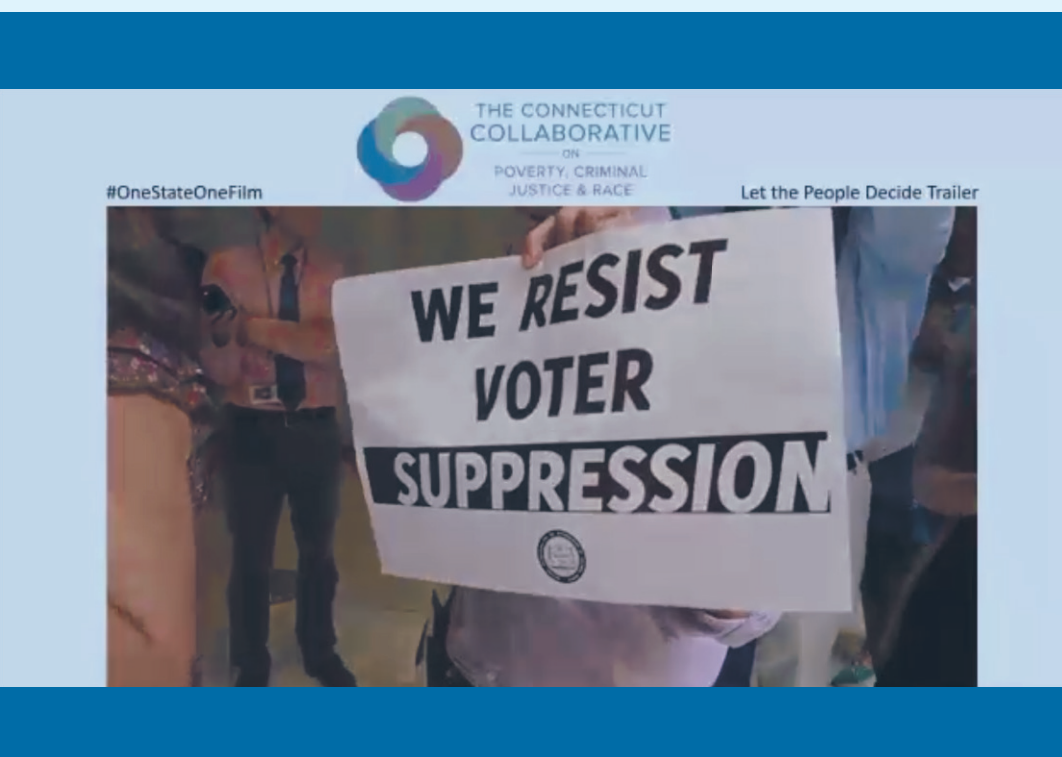
“It’s so hard to find someone who gets you and who understands the knowledge,” Rodriguez said.

### STUDENT:

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An activist shares a sign that reads “WE RESIST VOTER SUPPRESSION” over video call. On Tuesday, Oct. 27, the Connecticut Collaborative on Poverty, Criminal Justice & Race hosted “One State, One Film: Let the People Decide,” a discussion and film screening on voter suppression. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

# 'Sarah Cooper: Everything's Fine' is an original brand of comedy

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Between the global pandemic and the upcoming presidential election, the world is currently a very tense place. Sarah Cooper's new Netflix comedy special, "Everything's Fine," cleverly captures this sense of impending doom we have become all too familiar with over the past year.

The special is a political satire in which Cooper portrays a news anchor struggling to maintain sanity while reporting on increasingly frightening current events. Although the premise of political satire news shows are not new, the

special adds a certain element of weirdness that causes it to stand out.

Cooper gives a solid performance and plays off her strong cast of guest celebrities well. There are several bits based on her famous TikToks where she lip syncs President Donald Trump. It is understandable why these bits are included — after all, they are what launched Cooper's career and many fans will likely tune in to the special in hopes of seeing the bit again. The creators are able to find a good balance between this bit and the other content of the special. It is given enough screen time to highlight its success without becoming the main focus.

There are several segments throughout the hour hosted by guest celebrities. For the most part, these bits are strong and range widely in structure. They include parodies of weather reports, bizarre advertisements, celebrity interviews and stranger segments better left unspoiled. Although some of the segments do not quite live up to the rest, the ones that do work are effective, and the wide variety in structure prevents the special from ever getting boring.

Arguably the most important detail to note about "Everything's Fine" is how well it captures the essence of the year 2020. The creators do not seem to

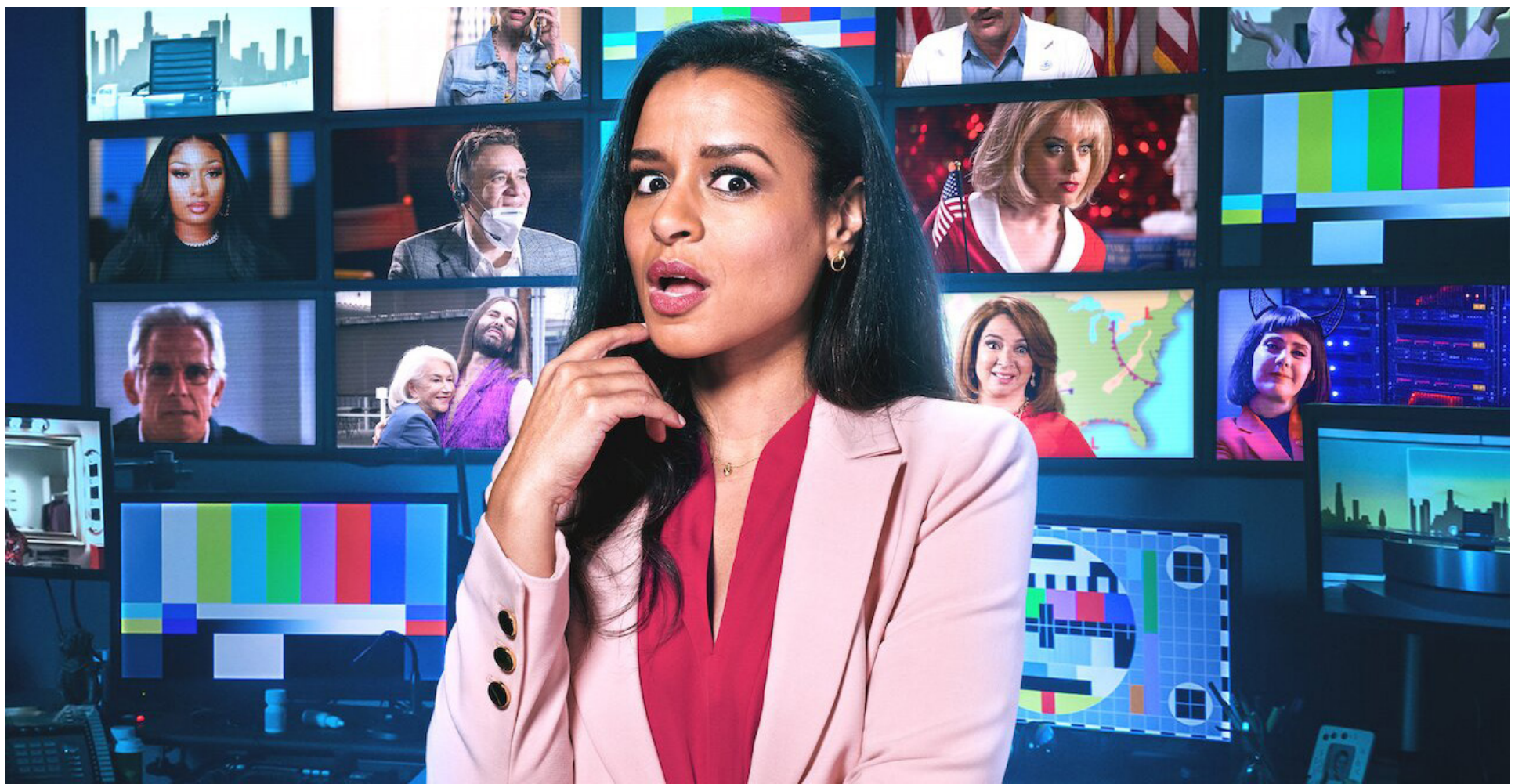
be trying to convey any message other than "What the hell is going on?" but this feels appropriate given the circumstances. The structure of the hour also lends itself very well to this message. It follows a very random path from one segment to the next, and this chaos reflects the nature of current events from the past year.

The special was clever, well-written and structurally sound but never really crosses the threshold of truly great comedy. The laughs were consistent throughout but never too intense. It was a unique experience to watch, so much so that it feels almost misleading to market it as a comedy special. The structure is

reminiscent of a mix between an episode of "Saturday Night Live" and an issue of "Mad Magazine."

"Sarah Cooper: Everything's Fine" delivers an extremely unique brand of political satire. The jokes are undeniably clever and land for the most part, with only a few falters throughout. Cooper's originality as a comedian translates well to this new medium. Although no part of the special stands out as gut-wrenchingly funny, it is undeniably entertaining and captures the mood of the past year extremely well. It will be interesting to see what comes next from Cooper.

Rating: 3/5



Netflix reveals cover art for the new comedy special "Sarah Cooper: Everything's Fine." The special featured Cooper's political satire of current events and celebrity cameos formatted similarly to performances on "Saturday Night Live." PHOTO COURTESY OF NETFLIX

## BIG BRAIN ENERGY

### DEMYSTIFYING THE 'STRESS SHITS' AND OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS OF THE GUT

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Picture this: You're sitting in the chemistry building, desperately trying to study for a lab quiz for class in 30 minutes. Your heart is racing and your palms are sweaty. Suddenly, while spending the last few seconds you have cramming information into your overworked brain, you feel a dreadful nausea come over you. It starts in your stomach and gradually makes its way down to your groin. Shit, you think to yourself, as you run to the bathroom.

If you are a college student, you most likely have experienced what I like to call the "stress shits." Despite the name, this experience is not only limited to diarrhea/constipation; it also includes general nausea (or a feeling of your stomach being tied in knots) and, more rarely, vomiting.

Though the quote "mental health is just as important as physical health," is well-intentioned, it blatantly neglects the interface between these two systems. Indeed, some portions of what we think of as mental health may not be directly observable or measurable by a bodily process. However, the very real physiological and physi-

cal manifestations of mental health are often observable through obvious mediums such as gut reactions.

Humans have an innate stress response, a familiar term known as fight-or-flight. Historically, this mechanism has been beneficial for fending off a dangerous predator or running from something that can cause us imminent harm. Today, this same response is elicited by smaller stressors — school, work and relationship troubles. None of these situations typically involve an immediate need to fight or flee.

Because these periods of stress are often chronic and repetitive, the body does not know how to shut off the sympathetic nervous system activation. The fight-or-flight response was never intended to be maintained long term. It has not evolved to sustain drawn-out periods of stress and anxiety. Under those conditions, the system malfunctions, often leading to psychological disorders and physical symptoms of these conditions.

"When these responses occur too frequently and/or dramatically, the body has a more difficult time recovering, which can result in the body remaining in a semi hyperstimulated state, since stress hormones are stimulants," Jim Folk, who serves as the president

for anxietycentre.com out of Canada, said. "A body that becomes stress-response hyperstimulated can exhibit similar sensations and symptoms to that of an active stress response. Experiencing diarrhea is an example of how the stress response and/or hyperstimulation can affect the body."

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Two important organ systems, the digestive tract and the nervous system, are constantly communicating with one another, which elicits similar responses in both areas and can spell trouble for your gut when you are stressed, Dr. Kyle Staller, a gastroenterologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, said.

"Your gastrointestinal tract has many nerves and is a nervous system organ, much like the brain," Dr. Staller told Self in September. "The brain can impact what's go-

ing on in the gastrointestinal tract, and vice versa."

Ken Goodman, a licensed clinical social worker, wrote in article on the Anxiety and Depression Association of America website where he further explained how the interconnection between the brain and the gut can cause significant alterations in the digestive tract that can lead to many undesirable outcomes when it is time to hit the toilet.

"When you are anxious, some of the hormones and chemicals released by your body enter your digestive tract, where they interfere with digestion," Goodman said. "They have a negative effect on your gut flora (microorganisms that live in the digestive tract and aid digestion) and decrease antibody production. The resulting chemical imbalance can cause a number of gastrointestinal conditions."

The enteric system, which also plays a significant role in stress-induced bowel responses, is a peripheral nervous system division dedicated solely to innervating and controlling gastrointestinal activity. As one Prime Health Denver article puts it, "this [system] is like a brain in your gut. The enteric system is what regulates bowel movements (among other digestive

functions), and it can be pushed to its limits by chronic stress."

When you are stressed out, your colon often experiences spasms or more frequent contractions. If these spasms are occurring in a widespread area, you are more likely to experience diarrhea and loose, watery stools. If the spasm is occurring in one area, you are more likely to experience constipation due to backup or a delay in fecal movement, according to Dr. Ashkan Farhardi, who also spoke to Self in an article in September.

It has also been suggested that we experience negative consequences in our gut due to problematic behaviors we engage in to attempt to quell our stress, such as via stress eating (especially large amounts of fatty, salty or sweet foods) or consuming substances such as alcohol or caffeine in large amounts, according to an article on BetterHelp.

"If you're under pressure trying to meet a deadline and you stay up late eating junk to help you stay awake, and then rely on coffee to keep you going the next day, your stomach is going to suffer the consequences," the article said. "You may experience discomfort when pooping, and any symptoms may be worse if you have a gut condition."



# GET TOASTED @ THE LAUREL DINER

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Over the weekend, I tried out a breakfast and lunch spot with my friends that has been on my list for awhile. The Laurel Diner is a small breakfast and lunch spot with plenty of variety.

My friends and I got to the diner a little after 8 a.m. on Saturday and the five of us were able to sit comfortably. Since it was our first time going, I called ahead to see if they could accommodate five people due to the pandemic, and they said it was possible if tables were open.

After 9 a.m., the place started to get more busy and there was a waiting list. We did go on a weekend, so that could be a crowd factor.

After we sat down, we looked at the walls that serve as a menu, decorating the restaurant with specials. The diner takes advantage of the space it has, including a bar seating option that offers guests the classic diner experience with a perfect view of the grill. After ordering a coffee — an everyday coffee — I asked them if they had flavors. The waitress said no, which was no big deal to me. The coffee with refills was over \$2, which is average for refillable

coffees in my opinion, but still great value.

After conversing with my waitress, I decided to go with the pumpkin, Oreo and Nutella pancakes with a side of crispier bacon (I personally like my bacon crispy). The wait wasn't too long, especially with the company of friends.

When my pancakes came, the first thing I noticed was their beautiful presentation.

My order consisted of two warm pumpkin pancakes cooked with Oreo bits. Nutella was sandwiched between the two flapjacks and was smeared on top with dollops of whipped cream. The pan-

cakes themselves were good and the fixings added an inviting, rich kick to the breakfast that made it feel more like a dessert. The bacon was good too and complemented the sweetness from the desert-like breakfast. Since it was rich and filling, however, I could not finish my food.

You know a meal is good when the volume of the table changes from chatter to almost quiet after the food arrives. The spread had a unique variety, ranging from classics like eggs and shredded potatoes to Cap'n Crunch french toast.

The total for my breakfast was under \$20, but if you wanted a more economical

breakfast, their menu includes a variety of options for under \$10.

Overall, I had a pleasant experience. The service was fairly quick and the food was good. The waitstaff was also welcoming and friendly, which enhances a good experience at any establishment.

The only con: the drive. The diner, located in Southbury, is about 20 or so minutes from my house and over an hour from UConn and an hour and 14 minutes from The Daily Campus Building. But if you decide to go, make sure you bring cash, since it's cash only, and an appetite.

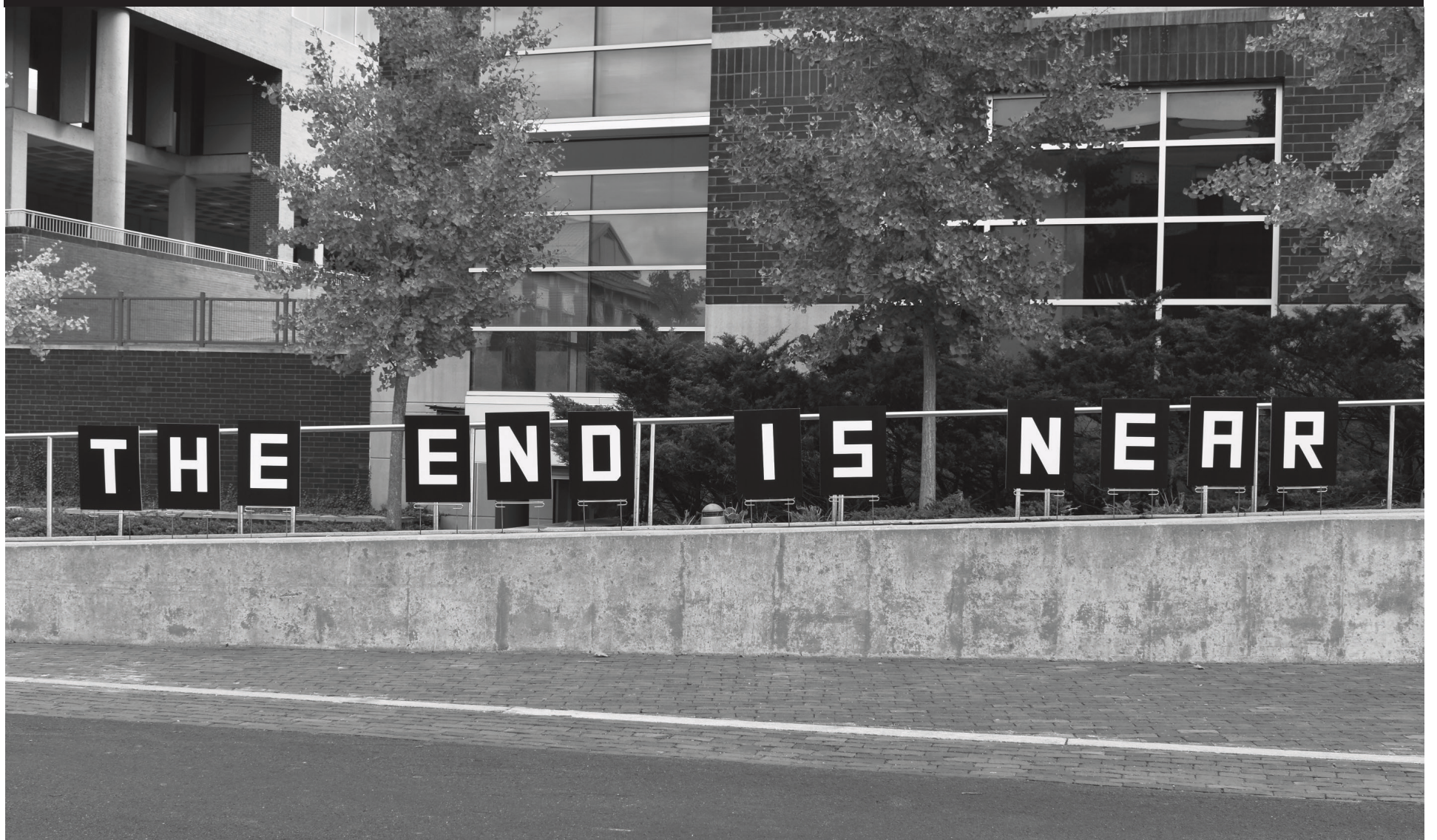
**Rating: 4.47/5**



The Laurel Diner in Southbury, CT offers a breakfast of Pumpkin, Oreo and Nutella pancakes with a side of crispy bacon. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Doomsday



Provocative signs sit all over Fairfield way. These signs belong to “Silk Flowers,” a public art exhibition by the University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ANGLISANO, GRABS PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# ONE MORE WEEK

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It is slightly under one week until the election. That’s a fact that hasn’t quite set in, yet; in less than one week, we will be voting for the president of the United States, as well as numerous other local elections and the congressional representatives. It is a testament to the severely traumatic nature of American politics today that the election, which is still one week away, is so terror-creating that the very thought of it is enough to inspire panic.

It is made all the more terrifying by the successful confirmation of a sixth conservative Supreme Court justice, further skewing a court that already does not represent the will of the average American. It feels, to some extent, as though the only possible chance to keep the basic human rights that have been under assault for the last four years of Trump’s presidency is to win the election in less than one week and, as is the nature of elections, that is not a guarantee.

When driving home on Monday, I drove past Town Hall, and I looked out the window and saw a woman standing there with a sign on either side of her and a third on a string around her neck. “Boycott the 2020 Election” said the sign around her neck, while the ones on either side said “This is NOT a choice” and “The lesser evil is STILL evil.”

I was simultaneously jealous and a little inspired; I, of course, do not believe that what her signs said is accurate and do plan to vote. But I also believe that it takes a level of commitment to an idea to be willing to stand on the side of the road in the cold by yourself to put that idea into the world. At the same time, the idea of being so secure in my life and safety that not voting would in any way be an option is absurd to me.

This is not just a presidential election, it is an election for basic rights. Joe Biden was not, as is the case for many younger voters, my first choice,

but I will vote for him proudly in one week because I do not believe his presidency would kill people. Donald Trump’s has, we are in a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic because of him. He is trying to strip healthcare away from millions of people, in the middle of a pandemic he caused, simply to spite the Democrats. People will die, disabled people, queer people, people of color, poor people, will die, under another four years of Trump’s presidency.

The lesser of two evils might still not be the greatest person in the world, but if the options are a person who gives you a paper cut or a person who stabs you in the heart, you go for the paper cut. Nothing can get better, no progress can be made, if we are constantly treading water in a desperate attempt to all stay alive long enough to see things improve. We need a break, a win, a chance to make a real effort to improve our country instead of just doing damage control.

And if you’re someone who isn’t queer, who isn’t disabled, whose reproductive rights aren’t on the ballot, whose life isn’t on the line, look at the people around you. You can survive another four years of Trump, maybe, assuming he doesn’t start World War III, but can your friends? Your family? Your coworkers? Whose lives are you willing to condemn to bigotry because you feel you are morally superior than those who don’t have a choice?

There is one week until the election, one week until, one way or another, we discover what our country is going to be. In one week, every single person reading has the chance to decide what they want the country to be. That is our right, as citizens, as people who live in a democracy, no matter how hard one party might try to make it impossible. That is our right, so use it. Vote. Vote. Vote.

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## Bollywood has glorified police brutality

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There is evidence of dissent by Indians on social media, so why hasn’t it manifested as grass-roots movements and protests as it did in other countries? I believe that it is because of normalization through a combination of propaganda and fear.

The Indian film industries, especially Bollywood, have massive influence in India, and there are many blockbuster films that glorify police brutality. Notably, the Dabangg trilogy portrays ‘wholesome’ Chulbul Pandey heroically attacking Indian citizens. In fact, Pandey blatantly states the reality of police brutality in India with pride: “Do you know what happens if you beat up a police officer? 21 years jail and more torture. And if the same police officer beats you up, then he gets a promotion along with a medal of honor.”

Exaggerated action films are quite popular in the Bollywood industry, but given the reality of

police brutality, action films about the police take on further significance than what is superficially portrayed. These films often justify police brutality as a means to an end. State-sanctioned violence to prevent unlawful violence. The American narrative of a “good cop” refers to those who do not participate in racially-driven police brutality; the Indian narrative of a ‘good cop’ refers to those who play judge and jury to supposedly ensure the nation’s safety.

Given such a twisted definition of a “good cop,” police officers have free reign to use their power as they see fit. This creates an extreme environment and power difference, which, for understanding, can be compared to the Stanford Prison Experiment, which investigated the psychological effects of perceived power. The experiment concluded that extreme behavior stems from extreme systems. Accordingly, the “majority of the victims of police torture belonged to the poor and marginalized sections of the society who are often the soft

targets because of their socio-economic status.”

Police brutality is indeed a means to an end — the end of a peaceful, righteous India. COVID-19 has only given officers an excuse to torture people for minor infractions of curfew and mask regulations. Minority sections of the population are lacking the social capital to speak against the police department without being targeted, and those who are more privileged cannot see the police’s wrongs. How does one revolt against a cultural perpetuation of human rights violations?

Unfortunately, with time. The dissent on social media reflects the beginning of a social consciousness. This cannot immediately reverse Bollywood’s contribution to an apathetic Indian consciousness, but it is a step in the right direction. Shaking off years of propaganda and normalized violence is no easy task, but I have faith in the younger, online generation. Their dissent against normalized police brutality is power.

## Amy Coney Barrett is out for your healthcare

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I am going to talk about the fact that healthcare as we know it may change for the worse.

On Nov. 10, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly referred to as “Obamacare” will go before the Supreme Court. With Barrett’s appointment, the Supreme Court has a 6-3 conservative majority and many are concerned about the future of the ACA.

The ACA was passed in 2010 and essentially expanded Medicaid eligibility and changed individual insurance markets to better accommodate people with pre-existing conditions as well as different demographic statuses. It is, by no means, universal healthcare, but it is a good step toward ensuring everyone in the U.S. has adequate, accessible healthcare coverage.

Healthcare is a human right, and the U.S. should be moving closer to establishing a form of universal healthcare. Since the ACA is being considered by the Supreme Court, with Barrett’s appointment, it is possible that parts of the ACA will be struck down,

making it more difficult for certain people to have access to adequate healthcare. People are particularly concerned about how the ruling may affect people with pre-existing conditions.

The idea of everyone having access to adequate healthcare should not be so radical. The U.S. likes to pride itself on being a developed nation where people yearn to come to “better their lives.” However, can people really better their lives if they don’t have the means to take care of themselves?

Foreign nations such as Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, among others, all have universal healthcare. This universal healthcare allows people to have health insurance through a national healthcare system rather than a private insurer. It therefore allows citizens to be able to get proper healthcare without worrying about prohibitive costs.

In the U.S., many people are unable to get the healthcare they need because they do not have the means to pay for it. Something as necessary as a trip to a doctor’s office, on average without insurance, may cost between \$300-\$600 depending on the services needed. This does not take into account what happens if abnormal findings are present and additional tests must be ordered, or

if additional medications must be prescribed.

Medications also have prohibitive costs. The cost of insulin for a person with diabetes, annually, is around \$6,000. If the trends continue, researchers estimate that by 2024, people may have to pay \$12,446 for insulin annually. These unreasonable prices have led to “insulin-rationing” which can be deadly. Insulin is essentially a hormone produced to help regulate the amount of glucose in the body. When the body cannot naturally produce enough insulin, a person must purchase external insulin to regulate levels of glucose in the blood. Without the adequate amount of insulin, the body produces excessive blood acids called “ketones” and a person may develop diabetic ketoacidosis, which can lead to a coma and possibly death.

When the costs of insulin are this high and people cannot afford the correct amount, this is a very real possibility.

People should not have to pay this much money in order to simply survive. Universal healthcare coverage could ensure that people have access to the healthcare and medications they need. Instead, universal healthcare is often dismissed as a “radical idea” that should not be implemented. Is providing the means for everyone to survive really that radical?

Healthcare should be a human right; however, in the U.S., this is not the case, and it does not seem like it will be the case for a long time. If parts of the ACA or the entirety of the ACA is struck down, more than 20 million Americans could possibly be uninsured. As college students, many of us may be directly affected as well.

The ACA ensures dependent children can remain on their parents’ health insurance plan until they are 26 years old. If this changes, health insurance companies may be able to remove adult children from parents’ health insurance plans due to their age, regardless of whether or not this child is a student. If the ACA, or this part of it, is declared unconstitutional, many of us at the University of Connecticut may not have health insurance.

Barrett’s confirmation may have devastating effects on the nation, and healthcare is something that may be drastically affected. The nation should be moving forward toward universal healthcare, not backward. Healthcare is a human right, and this needs to be recognized. Universal healthcare is not a “radical” idea — it is what is right.

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# MLB: Some of the biggest unsung postseason heroes in recent memory

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This postseason has been like no other. We have seen 16 teams in the playoffs for the first, and maybe last, time ever. We got to witness the first neutral site World Series in recent history as the contest between the Rays and Dodgers takes place at the brand-new Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. We nearly got to see another team come back down 3-0 and win the series in the Houston Astros. We have seen incredible postseason losing streaks extended (too soon Twins and Indians fans?) and even got to see lengthy postseason losing streaks end (congratulations Braves and Athletics fans).

But above all, there have been incredible postseason heroes this year. There was Michael Brousseau homering off Aroldis Chapman in pure vengeance, UConn alum George Springer performing impressively and even Clayton Kershaw dominating like the regular season. But there are a lot more that deserve their own little statement to describe their glory. Let us look back now on the top 10 (fine, maybe 13) unsung October heroes of all-time, some defined by one moment, others by one postseason.

**10. Francisco Cabrera (1992):**  
 Francisco Cabrera will be one of two people responsible for the collapse of the Pirates in the 1990s. The other is Barry Bonds when he left for San Francisco in the offseason, but Cabrera was the one who started the chain reaction. In his twelfth at-bat of the entire season, Cabrera lined a walk-off single into right center field that not only sent the Atlanta Braves to their second straight World Series, but also made Cabrera an instant hero. An undrafted rookie from the Dominican Republic, Cabrera's 10 regular season at-bats led to two homeruns on three hits in 12 games played the entire season. Cabrera stayed for a 70-game stint with the 104-win 1993 squad but got released after the season. His big hit though still defines an incredible 1992 postseason for the Braves.

**9. David Eckstein (2002 and 2006):**

There is a YouTube channel called Foolish Baseball that describes Eckstein as having devil magic. Eckstein, a second-year shortstop for the Angels in 2002, hit .310 in the World Series against the Giants with a slugging percentage of .310 and an OBP of .364. Having finished 11th in MVP voting in 2002, this championship was a nice addition to his collection in his young career. But it gets better. Four years later, Eckstein was a vital part of the 2006 St. Louis Cardinals who won just 88 games in the regular season but won the Fall Classic behind Eckstein's .364 average, .391 slugging and .500 OBP. As a result, Eckstein took home MVP honors in that year's World Series and garnered four RBI in doing so. Eckstein is remembered as one of those few assets who really aided with two teams.

**8. Rajai Davis (2016):**

Davis had been in the league for quite a bit, but he did not have his signature moment until a beautiful Game 7 against the Chicago Cubs. Having been drafted in 2001 out of UConn Avery Point, Davis played for multiple teams such as the Pittsburgh Pirates and Toronto Blue Jays over 11 seasons. In 2016, he led the league with 43 stolen bases, but it got better. Game 7 against the Cubs, Davis entered 0-3 on the night against the flamethrower Aroldis Chapman down 6-4. Davis instantly provided magic by hitting a baseball to left field which carried over the wall for the game-tying home run. Although this play did not seal the deal for the Cleveland Indians, who lost that game in 10 innings, Davis will be remembered as a hero here because of his clutch homerun that kept the Indians' championship hopes alive for another inning.

**7. Cody Ross (2010):**

The 2010 postseason was defined by two big firsts. The first was Roy Halladay throwing a no-hitter in his first career postseason start against the Reds. The other was this Cody Ross guy who is not related to Cubs manager David Ross. Having been picked up off waivers from the Marlins during the 2010



Tampa Bay Rays' Randy Arozarena celebrates a home run during the first inning in Game 6 of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, in Arlington, Texas. PHOTO BY TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

season, Cody Ross became the greatest postseason waiver acquisition until Justin Verlander was waived in 2017. In the postseason, Cody Ross had a .286 batting average in the NLDS against the Braves, but he will be defined by the NLCS much more. Playing in the outfield, Ross dominated by hitting three home runs out of his seven hits in the NLCS against the defending two-time NL champion Philadelphia Phillies. Those home runs helped him become the NLCS MVP, and although his numbers flattened against the Texas Rangers in the World Series, he still picked up a World Series ring in the only postseason of his career. Not bad for a journeyman.

**6. Edgar Renteria (1997):**

Renteria may not have Hall of Fame talent, but he does have one glorifying moment to his name. Renteria was just a second-year rookie making a name for himself on a young Marlins squad in 1997 when he came up to the plate in Game 7 of the World Series. With two outs in the bottom of the 11th, Renteria hit a single up the middle with the bases loaded that Charles Nagy of the Cleveland Indians just missed. Craig Counsell would go on to score at home plate to give the Marlins their first World Series title in their very first playoff appearance. That walk off hit brought up his batting average to .290 with a slugging percentage of .353 and an on-base percentage of .355. The next best moment after that spectacular finish for Renteria was winning the World Series MVP in 2010 with the Giants. Nonetheless, the Colombian Native changed Florida baseball forever with just one single.

**5. Kirk Gibson (1988):**

Kirk Gibson was decent when he joined a competitive Dodgers team, but he has one historic instance that defied logic and presented miracles. In his first season with the Dodgers, Gibson ended up winning his only MVP of his career with a phenomenal .290 batting average and 25 home runs. The prime year of Gibson though has to be defined by what happened in Game 1 of the World Series. Hopping up to the plate as a pinch hitter, Gibson had to go up against Hall of Fame closer Dennis Eckersley and proceeded to hit a walk-off home run that sent Dodger Stadium into a frenzy. His hobbling around the bases defied all odds after hitting .154 in the NLCS against the Mets. Although it was his only hit of the World Series, he made it legendary and eventually won his second ring when the Dodgers brought down the Athletics.

**4. Aaron Boone (2003):**

Yankees fans talk about how their current manager successfully postponed the end of the Red Sox' drought for just one year. The brother of Bret Boone had been acquired from the Reds at the trade deadline and tried to add to his All-Star season in a big way. After a decent ALDS where he got a hit once every five at-bats, Boone ended up proving his worth in the ALCS. Entering in the bottom of the 11th for his first plate appearance of the evening, Boone immediately took Tim Lincecum deep on the first pitch to send the Yankees to the World Series for the sixth time in an eight-year span. Although the Yankees lost the World Series, Boone provided his only Bronx

miracle that will go down in history as one of the greatest home runs of all time.

**3. Geoff Blum (2005):**

People forget sometimes the White Sox won the 2005 World Series, their first title in 88 years, but this man will not be forgotten. Upon being acquired from the San Diego Padres, he was just average. When the postseason came around, Blum got just one at bat during the ALDS and ALCS combined but got one significant plate appearance in the World Series against Houston. Although not being a starter, Blum would hit a go-ahead home run in the 14th inning that eventually became the game winner. From there, the White Sox won Game 4 and the World Series, but that one hit by Blum really helped bring all the momentum into the White Sox's hands. Blum got a monument with the 2005 White Sox outside of Guaranteed Rate Field and although he never played for the White Sox again, he will always be remembered for his lone World Series at-bat.

**2. David Freese (2011):**

Honestly, no one could have possibly heard about this guy before Game 6 of the 2011 World Series. A ninth-round pick out of South Alabama, Freese was subpar in the NLDS against the Phillies, but then erupted in the NLCS. Against the Brewers, Freese had a .545 batting average, 1.091 slugging, and .600 OBP and proceeded to make a name for himself as the NLCS MVP after a competitive seven-game series. In Game 6 against the Texas Rangers, Freese stepped up having gone 0-3 on the day down to the Cardinals' last possible out. On a full count pitch, Freese sent a pitch into right field that Nelson Cruz just missed to tie the game at seven. Freese was not done yet, in the bottom of the 11th inning, he came up clutch again and hit a walk-off home run into center field that extended the series to Game 7 the next day. The Cardinals won Game 7 and Freese won World Series MVP. It does not get any better than that.

**Honorable Mentions Daniel Murphy (2015):**

Is it possible to say he had one of the best postseasons for a guy on a walk year? He was the average second baseman during the entire regular season but took over the show upon entering the playoffs. In the NLDS against the Dodgers, Murphy batted .333 with an OBP of .333 and a slugging percentage .810. In the NLCS against the Cubs, he got better, batting .529 with a .556 OBP and 1.294 slugging. These incredible numbers gave Murphy the NLCS MVP as the Mets went back to the Fall Classic for the first time since 2000. During those two rounds and nine games, Murphy slapped together seven home runs against incredible pitchers from Zack Greinke to Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta. He may have tapered off in the World Series, but Murphy added some monetary value to his name during the postseason.

**Kyle Schwarber (2016):**

In a regular season game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in April, Schwarber tore his ACL and was lost for the remainder of the year. That would have been the statement if the Cubs did not go deep in the postseason. When he did return in the World Series, Schwarber helped motivate a Cubs

team that was down on their luck. Originally down three games to one, Schwarber was one of the stars who helped the Cubs win the World Series for the first time in 108 years, batting .412 with a .500 OBP and .471 slugging percentage. Although he did not win World Series MVP, he will be remembered as a hero because of his incredible comeback from injury to help a team win the World Series.

**1. Randy Arozarena (2020):**

This man has had a postseason for the ages. The Cuban was traded from the St. Louis Cardinals in the offseason, but if the Rays offer you a trade be very careful with what you send over. Part of that might also be St. Louis' bad luck with recent trades (see Luke Voit), but Arozarena literally came out of nowhere to erupt in the postseason. In the ALDS, Arozarena added three home runs while batting .421 with a .476 OBP and .895 slugging in a great series with the Yankees. He was taken more seriously against the Astros, when he hit four home runs to go with a .321 average, .367 OBP, and .786 slugging percentage. In addition, Arozarena took home the ALCS MVP as his home runs helped send the Rays to the World Series for the first time in 12 years. At the time of release, Arozarena, who has broken most rookie records in the postseason including bases (59) and hits (27) as well as the most home runs hit in a single postseason at nine. To put that number into perspective, that is more home runs hit than Barry Bonds (eight, 2002), Manny Ramirez (four in 1998, 2007 and 2008), Carlos Beltran (eight, 2004), Corey Seager (eight, this postseason) and Nelson Cruz (eight, 2011) slugged in a single postseason. This man is unstoppable and will be a tour de force next season on a young Rays team.

**Brett Phillips (2020):**

In one of the most insane plays in postseason history, a hero emerged from the shadows. Traded to the Tampa Bay Rays from the Royals this season, Phillips found a way to pull through for the Rays. Phillips, who was not even on the ALCS roster, was asked in Game 4 of the World Series to deliver in the biggest situation of his life. With two runners on and two out down 7-6, Phillips delivered. There were a lot of things that went right for the Rays and a lot of things that went wrong for the Dodgers, but Phillips' walk-off double will go down in both

history and infamy. In the biggest at-bat of his career, Phillips provided the biggest hit of his career that had the result shock everyone. The sixth-round draft pick's first ever postseason hit ended up being the best first career postseason here ever. Like the play itself, unbelievable.



David Freese batting with the St. Louis Cardinals in spring training in 2013. Freese won both the NLCS and World Series MVPs in the Cardinals' 2011 title run. PHOTO COURTESY OF HUZZAS ON FLICKR

## Bellator 250 preview

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In the main event, Brandon Girtz makes his featherweight debut against the always game Henry Corrales. Girtz has never fought at 145 but says his weight cut is going perfectly with only around eight pounds left to cut. Girtz promises the power and grit that he has shown throughout his Bellator career will still be present when he steps into the cage at featherweight. He also referred to his new division as "little guys at 145," but this statement is a bit controversial, as his opponent this week has a one inch height and reach advantage over him and he would face a similar disadvantage against many featherweights contenders; however, he will be giving up less in that department as he did when he fought at lightweight.

Corrales comes into this fight looking to snap a two-fight losing streak. Both of those losses were against Bellator champs, though neither were the current champ at the time of their fights, and there's one in particular that he is looking to get back. In his most recent fight, Corrales lost a decision to Juan Archuleta in a fight that had fans booing for more action. Corrales says he is upset that Archuleta circled away from him throughout the

fight and believes that fight had no winner. His current matchup with Girtz should hold for some guaranteed action, as both fighters love to trade strikes with their opponents and look forward to their fight.

In the main event, welterweight champ Douglas Lima moves up to middleweight to face former champ Gegard Mousasi for the vacant title. Lima made his promotional debut at Bellator 49, and now nine years later he fights at Bellator 250 for the chance to be a double champ. Lima has grown as a fighter as the promotion was growing as well, and now he is one of Bellator's top names and is in his athletic prime. Moving up in weight, he is listed as a slight underdog, but winning here would not be the first time that the oddsmakers had underestimated him.

Mousasi believes his opponent is one of his most dangerous opponents to date as Lima has recently looked in the best form of his career. Being honest with the media, he admitted he was a little worried by the confidence of his opponent but was very excited by the matchup as he is fighting the toughest possible opponent. Mousasi believes that he is currently stronger and more mentally prepared than ever, and he aims to have another two or three years of success before hanging up the gloves.

## Sports

## Throwback Photo of the Day | It's Media Day!!!



UConn men's basketball head coach Dan Hurley tries to pump up his players Christian Vital (1) and Isaiah Whaley (5) during a game against USF on Feb. 23, 2020. On Wednesday, Hurley and a couple of players will be available for Big East media day, which is occurring virtually this year. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## A breakdown of the NBA bubble teams, part 2

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We all assumed that an LA conference final battle was all but guaranteed, but boy were we wrong. After going up 3-1 on Denver, the Clippers found seemingly impossible and stupid ways to blow double-digit leads late, culminating in a complete fold job in Game 7, featuring the now-iconic Paul George corner three off the side of the backboard. Almost as quickly as their finals hopes had started, the Clippers playoff run ended at the hands of the miracle Nuggets, and all they could do was watch as the Lakers cruised their way to the championship. Even with their success this season, we could be witnessing an all new Clippers squad next year following the firing of long-time head coach Doc Rivers. The team has promoted Ty Lue in his place, who is known for working with the NBA's biggest stars, but they have plenty more question marks as they look toward next year and beyond. Sixth Man of the Year Montrezl Harrell is up for a new contract this offseason, and with his less than stellar performance in the bubble, serious doubts have been raised about whether or not the Clippers should bring him back. Former Sixth Man of the Year Lou Williams is also in the chopping block following an awful bubble run, and his status in Los Angeles is to be determined. Finally, the Clippers need to convince both George and Leonard to stay in LA, otherwise one or both can walk at the end of the 2021 season, and the Clippers will be left without stars or first round picks for many years to come.

#### Los Angeles Lakers

Play-in record: 3-5

Playoff record: 16-5, NBA Champions

First and foremost, congratulations to the Lakers for winning the finals. People will try to argue and downplay the legitimacy of this year's title, but make no mistake, the Lakers were the best team in the league this season. They deserved to win this title. As we saw contender after contender fall around them, the Lakers stood tall and finished the job. With that out of the way, let's talk about their journey. Coming into the bubble, the Clippers and Lakers were essentially a coin toss for who would come out of the West, but after some sloppy play in the play-in games, many people switched to the Clippers to represent the West in the Finals. It got so bad that some people were picking the Portland Trail Blazers to beat them in the first round, to which LeBron James swiftly swept them aside in five. In round two, Anthony Davis and LeBron trounced the Rockets in five with superior size and strength. In the Conference Fi-



Members of the Milwaukee Bucks — from left to right Pat Connaughton, Khris Middleton, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kyle Korver — on the court for a game against the Toronto Raptors in NBA's Eastern Conference Semifinals. The Bucks lost to the Raptors in five games. PHOTO COURTESY OF @BUCKS ON TWITTER

nals, the Lakers put an end to the Nuggets' miracle run, defeating them in five before moving onto the NBA Finals. Here LeBron and Jimmy Butler of the Miami Heat traded legendary finals performances, but in the end the Lakers were too much for an injured Heat team, and the Lakers claimed victory in Game 6. As scary as they were this year, the Lakers could get even better by the next time we see them. With plenty of cap space to sign a legitimate third guy, as well as crucial role players and bench guys, we could be seeing an even more dominant version of this team next year.

#### Memphis Grizzlies

Play-in record: 2-6

Missed playoffs

The first team on this list to miss the playoffs, Ja Morant and the Grizzlies have plenty to look forward to in their future. For starters, their No. 2 overall pick proved he could be the man in his first year, putting on shows of athletic ability and flashy dunks for the whole league to enjoy. As Morant develops in the next few years, his jumpshot will improve and his already superb playmaking will get even better. We should not write this team off as bad by the way. They lost in the play-in game to the then-red hot Portland Trail Blazers, and even then they played them well and forced heroics from Dame and CJ in order for Portland to win the game. Memphis is a great young team with plenty of growing players, a certified star in Ja and a young head coach committed to winning. Expect to see Memphis competing in the West for a long time.

#### Miami Heat

Play-in record: 3-5

Playoff record: 14-7, Lost in NBA Finals

If anyone saw this Miami Heat roster coming into the bubble and thought, "Yeah this'll be the runner up for the championship this year," then you either have a crystal ball, or an unhealthy obsession with the Heat. And yet here we are, three months later and talking about how the Heat have become a real title contender in the East. Let me point out their road to the finals was not easy by any means either. As a five seed coming into the playoffs, the Heat swept the Indiana Pacers in round one, then moved on to meet the league's best regular season team in round two. Amazingly, the Heat took down the Milwaukee Bucks in five games in largely convincing fashion to move on to face the Boston Celtics in round three. Here the Heat faced their toughest series yet, as they scrapped and grinded through a competitive six game, led by the All-NBA work of Butler, all-star Bam Adebayo, Goran Dragic and breakout stars Tyler Herro and Duncan Robinson. In the finals, the Heat were hit hard by the injury bug, losing both Adebayo and Dragic in game one, both of whom would not perform the same upon their returns to the series. With his help out, Butler took it upon himself to carry the Heat, including playing 47:11 of a possible 48:00 in Game 5, and became the third player in NBA history to have a 40-point triple double in the finals. While his effort was not enough to beat LeBron and Anthony Davis, his performance will go down in Fi-

nals history as one of the best of all time. Expect to see this Heat team back in a similar spot next year, as another year of Bam, Herro and Robinson developing alongside Butler will make them a top dog in the East for years to come.

#### Milwaukee Bucks

Play-in record: 3-5

Playoff record: 5-5, Lost in Eastern Conference Semifinals

Another year, another quick exit from the Bucks following an incredibly promising season. The Bucks ended the regular season with the best record in basketball and easily handled the Orlando Magic in the first round in five games. However, they ran into trouble in round two, as the Miami Heat took out the Bucks in five games, with the only game being won without Giannis down the stretch thanks to an ankle injury. The Bucks are quickly running out of time to prove to the Greek Freak this is the place where he can win, and their performance in the bubble did not help the team's case. The team has two main problems holding them back, one of which is the lack of a true perimeter ball handler and creator. It is obvious at this point that Khris Middleton is not the man to fill this role. Despite his stellar shooting, he is not enough of a threat to pull defenders away from Giannis, and has not proved he can be relied on in the playoffs to carry the second man duties. Another huge issue this team faces in terms of keeping Antetokounmpo around is the lack of young talent that can be expected to grow alongside him. This team has been trading to get

older as of late, with Eric Bledsoe and Kyle Korver being in their 30s, leaving Donte DiVincenzo as the only young guy the Bucks have hung their hats on to grow into the role for them. This may change this year as the 2020 draft looks to have quality role players and possible starters later in the lottery and middle of the draft. Needless to say, despite their success, the Bucks still have much more convincing to do if they plan to keep Giannis in Milwaukee.

#### New Orleans Pelicans

Play-in record: 2-6

Missed Playoffs

The first year of Zion Williamson was interesting to say the least. He missed two thirds of the season, came back in electric fashion in the last few weeks and put on a show, even convincing people he should be the Rookie of the Year over Morant (which is crazy by the way and is reeking of LeBron media driven storylines all over again), and then seemingly vanished in the bubble with the rest of his teammates excluding Brandon Ingram. The truth of the matter is this, the Pelicans are not in any position this year to be in a playoff race. They are at best an eighth seed, and more than likely another lottery team next year, as injured teams and much better built teams will win over them. Finally, Zion needs to get in much better shape if he is going to have any longevity in the league. Sure he is a massive human, built with raw strength and athletic ability, but the way he plays and the strain he puts on his body will come back to bite him if he does not get into better shape, no matter how good he is.

# Point/Counterpoint: Did the Dolphins make a mistake benching Fitzpatrick?

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The Miami Dolphins made headlines last week when they surprisingly announced they will be replacing starting quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick with rookie Tua Tagovailoa, who will make his NFL debut this weekend. It's a surprising move because Fitzpatrick has been playing quite well and the Dolphins at 3-3 are in a position to make the playoffs this season. This week, we debate whether or not the Dolphins are making a mistake in replacing the solid journeyman with the unproven rookie.

**Danny Barletta:**  
I'm going to say it is a mistake because Fitzpatrick has been playing some of the best football of his career in Miami dating back to the end

of last season. He is not an elite quarterback, but he's playing well enough to win you some games and that's what the Dolphins need. The AFC East is up for grabs with the New England Patriots' fall from glory, and with the expansion of the playoffs this year, a 9-7 record will almost certainly be enough to play January football. I think Fitzpatrick has shown that he can lead the Dolphins to at least nine wins this year. He's completing over 70% of his passes for the first time in his career, and his 95.0 passer rating is one of the highest of his career. So I feel like Miami should just ride the hot hand and see where

Fitzpatrick can take them. He's only had one really bad game this season against the Patriots in Week 1. Since then, Fitzpatrick has accounted for 12 touchdowns (10 passing, two rushing) and has thrown just four interceptions while leading the Dolphins to three wins in that time. Fitzpatrick may not be amazing, but you know what you're getting out of him, compared to Tagovailoa, who is a complete wild card.

**Sebastian Garay-Ortega:**  
The public has had a sudden change of heart as it relates to Fitzpatrick, no longer viewing him as a decent, gritty, hard-working second option, but now as a perennial talent who's going to return the Miami Dolphins to glory. Before I even address this delusional take, we need to first begin with the notion that head coach Brian Flores is looking to win this year. That is simply false. No matter how open the division is, the 2020 season serves one

purpose and one purpose

only: The development of their franchise quarterback, Tagovailoa. This was the plan since they drafted him in April of 2020, and yes, the team has unexpectedly become one of the favorites to win the AFC East. However, this cannot change the purpose of the season, as winning with the future is much better than winning with a player who will most likely be gone in the next couple of years. Now, let's return to the weird idolization of a man who has never made the postseason. A player who — in his 16-season career — has only surpassed a completion percentage of 69 once, and that is this season (it's worth noting he's only done it through six games, and not 16). Finally, Tagovailoa's Passing Efficiency Rating of 199.4 is the second most in college football history behind Joe Burrow; "FitzMagic" has never come close to this number, with his highest in a 16-game season being 88.

**DB:**  
I don't have a problem with the move itself as much as I have a problem with the timing of it. If you wanted to commit to the future and forget about trying to win this year, you should have started Tagovailoa over Fitzpatrick to start the season or after Fitzpatrick's three-pick blunder in Week 1. That didn't happen. They gave Fitzpatrick a chance to redeem himself, which he has done and now has the Dolphins in position to make

the playoffs, something they've done just once in the last 11 seasons. So while you're saying they shouldn't be playing to win, I don't think the Dolphins can afford to be picky with when they choose to play to win. There is a window of opportunity to have some success this year, and Fitzpatrick is the guy right now. If he starts to stink again, then replace him with Tagovailoa, but why not stick with what's working

right now? Waiting to play Tagovailoa isn't sacrificing your future. In fact, even if this Fitzmagic continues this year and Tagovailoa waits a year to play, we've seen how much good

like all other teams in the NFL — went into the season wanting to win, but it was not their first priority. They knew "Fitzmagic" could be a massive liability so they were willing to take the risk and play Tagovailoa week seven, no matter the outcome of the first six games. This notion can be supported by the fact that Flores began his career in Foxborough as a scouting



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that can do (think Aaron Rodgers or Patrick Mahomes). Tagovailoa is the future. Everybody knows that, including Fitzpatrick. But Fitzpatrick is playing well right now, so why not keep him in until he does otherwise? Especially when you're not gaining anything by putting in Tagovailoa prematurely. The move makes sense at some point, but not right now.

**SGO:**  
Addressing your first point, I still stick by the notion that this great run of form fell into the arms of the organization. This isn't to say head coach Brian Flores and his coaching staff haven't done enough to change the culture in the Dolphins dressing room, but it's more an indictment on missing pieces throughout the squad, and especially at the quarterback position. Fitzpatrick was so "good" last year that Miami finished last in the AFC East at 5-11. As a result, I think they —

assistant in 2004, and was working towards becoming a general manager before ever thinking about coaching a squad, which strongly insinuates that the decisions he makes are done weeks or even months in advance. He knew when Tagovailoa was going to debut, and nothing was going to change that. Now, moving on to your second point, the redshirt strategy is definitely effective for some. The problem is, those two quarterbacks are some of the best of all time. Although these respective organizations might have had great management and a solid strategy, they ultimately got lucky, as attaining this type of talent is few-and-far between. The chances of Tagovailoa being one of the greatest football players in history is unlikely, even with the promise he shows. This is why I believe it's not worth waiting; the Dolphins must put him in now and build for the future.

## WEEK 7 NFL RISERS AND FALLERS

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### Riser: Justin Herbert

After five weeks, Justin Herbert finally got his first NFL win, but if you look at his stats, it's by no fault of his own. He's currently the No. 7 quarterback in terms of passer rating, right behind Deshaun Watson and right above Drew Brees. He's also No. 4 in the league in yards per game and has thrown 12 touchdowns with only three picks. To put it simply — he's the clear Rookie of the Year front-runner.

Herbert was on the top of his game Sunday, throwing for 347 yards and three touchdowns in the Chargers 39-29 win over the Jaguars. He also led the team in rushing, carrying the ball nine times for a total of 66 yards and another score. The Chargers may be 2-4, but they're still one of the most dangerous teams in the NFL. They haven't lost a single game this season by more than one score — exactly their style. With Herbert at the helm, there's no team they can't beat.



New York Giants' Daniel Jones runs with the ball during the second half of an NFL game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, in Philadelphia. PHOTO BY CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

### Faller: Daniel Jones

Get it? Falling, like he did on Thursday in the midst of what would have been an 88-yard touchdown run? Bad joke, but still, this was a really, really bad week for Daniel Jones. The sad part? He actually played pretty well. He finished the game with 187 yards on 20-of-30 passing with two touchdowns, one pick and one game-sealing fumble. However, his stat line should have been much better. His one interception was completely the fault of Evan Engram, the pass went directly off his hands and popped right up to a defender; Jones couldn't have thrown a better pass. Then, with two minutes left in the game, Jones dropped one right in the breadbasket for Engram to ice the game, one that promptly went off his hands and forced a punt instead. After the Eagles drove down the field and took the lead, Jones had about 40 seconds to try to do the same. On the third play, he was strip-sacked, game over. Yes, he held onto the ball too long, but realistically, if Engram had caught the ball earlier in the game he wouldn't even have been in that situation.

That could have been a great win for Jones. Instead, the only thing we remember is him getting tackled by air on a breakaway run. Most people are ready to give up on him, and I can't say I blame them. Yes, the two turnovers this past game were easily avoidable and not completely his fault, but they're emblematic of a bigger issue over his career. Through 19 starts, Jones has thrown 19 interceptions and lost 15 fumbles. That's nearly two turnovers per game, and if you factor in the balls he's fumbled that the Giants have recovered, that number easily goes over two. No one in the league coughed up the ball as much as Jones last season, and he hasn't really seemed to make any significant improvements. Overall, he just doesn't look good under center. He's not horrible, but he just isn't talented enough to make up for his serious turnover issues. He just doesn't have that "it" factor. Some of the blame can probably be pinned on the organization and their failure to adequately protect him, but when the Giants have a top pick in this upcoming draft, I don't think anyone can fault them if they go quarterback.

## Three regions. One team. One more miracle.

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On Sunday, Suning Gaming will face off against DAMWON Gaming in what might be one of the more interesting Worlds finals in history. It will be the first finals that does not include a European team in three years, and it's Korea's chance to take back the crown that China has been stubbornly holding onto for two years.

But then there's Suning, trying to be the third Chinese team in a row to take on every single opponent at Worlds and beat them all to claim the Summoner's Cup. But Suning isn't just playing for China; it has three regions on its shoulders hungering for a win that is a long time coming, and perhaps no one understands that more than SofM.

The jungler for Suning Gaming, SofM is the only Vietnamese representative at the World Championship. There should've been two Vietnamese teams but COVID-19 restrictions in Vietnam made that impossible, according to Riot Games last month. Instead of having two full teams, fans from Vietnam had just one player to support this Worlds: SofM.

To be fair, supporting him has probably been a relatively positive experience, given in four days he and his teammates will be playing in the Worlds finals following not one but two improbable upsets in the Quarterfinals and Semifinals. He and his team carry three regions — China, Vietnam and Taiwan into the Grand Finals.

There was one story dominating people's thoughts coming into the Suning vs TOP Esports game, and it was Karsa vs SwordArt. They played together for three years on Flash Wolves, the best team in the LMS, before splitting off into major regions. Karsa and SwordArt both found new homes in the LPL, on TOP Esports and Suning Gaming, and fans were eager to see these two players face off on the Worlds stage.

When they did, SwordArt was definitely the better player. Karsa wasn't too bad on Sunday, but SwordArt looked very good as

Karsa's team seemed to lack the magic that had led them to the semifinals. It was disappointing to see because TOP could have been the better team, made the finals and had a chance. TOP is a very solid team but on Sunday, they did not look good enough to touch Suning.

Now, with his past behind him, SwordArt is going to step into his first Finals stage as the underdog once again. That won't be new; when you come from a minor region it's hard not to be the underdog. As much as Suning was the underdog to TOP, it was still a TOP Esports who had almost lost to Fnatic, almost not even made the semifinals and almost been the biggest embarrassment in recent Worlds history.

Damwon is going to be a much larger challenge. They've always been one of the favorites, probably the favorite for most fans, and they absolutely made G2, who is a very competent team, look like an iron v challengers game. Suning needs to play to the level of their opponent one more time; but more than that, they have to play their game.

Suning played Jax and Jarvan and jungle Shen en route to their wins. They played Leona and Ezreal and Jhin, and while they haven't really played anything super out of the box — though Jarvan was a surprise — they've been willing to push the meta and pick things they are confident on, especially for top laner Bin who got two games on Jax in the semifinals. Pulling a trick out of the bag might be their best bet to beat DAMWON gaming, but at the same time playing what they know as well as they can is safer.

DAMWON doesn't have to play their best game to win. That is perhaps the most terrifying part of the series; DAMWON are probably good enough to play a good game and win. Suning needs to be better than good; they have to be exceptional to beat the powerhouse that is DAMWON. That's the task they'll have on Saturday, with three regions on their shoulders, with the shadows of the teams they've beaten on their backs. The worst they can do is second, so they might as well try and be first.



# Sports

## NFL risers and fallers Week 7

### STEELERS REMAIN UNDEFEATED WHILE DANIEL JONES 'STUMBLES' IN LOSS

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What a wild week in the NFL. The Falcons blew yet another game. The Cowboys were an embarrassment once again. The Cardinals shocked the Seahawks. Daniel Jones got tackled by a gust of wind. We'll get to that last one soon, but here are three other top headlines from this week of football.

#### Riser: Pittsburgh Steelers

I can't believe the Steelers are 6-0. Going into this season I thought they could very well finish in third place in the division. I didn't even consider them fighting for the top spot, much less looking like the best team out of the bunch. The Ravens are in this division! Case closed, right? Apparently not. The Steelers are great. Their defense is phenomenal, giving up the fewest yards and sixth-fewest points per game so far this season. They held the Titans, who had scored 30-plus points each of the last four weeks, to just 22 on Sunday. They even bottled up Derrick Henry, at least as much as he can be, holding him to 75 yards on 20 carries and one score.

Everyone knew the defense would be good though, the real surprise this season is the offense. With Big Ben coming off a season where he missed all but two games, many, including myself, thought the 38-year-old quarterback was all but done. Boy were we wrong. Despite only being No. 21 in yards per

game, the Roethlisberger-led offense is No. 6 in points per game. They're punching it into the endzone when they've got the chance. Even though Roethlisberger didn't have his best game on Sunday, he still is having his best season in terms of passer rating since 2014. If he stays on this pace, it will be the fourth-highest passer rating of his career. The Steelers are legit, and this team has cemented

themselves as serious contenders.

#### Faller: Buffalo Bills

Yes, the Buffalo Bills won. Yes, they only gave up 10 points. Yes, they're 5-2. But this was a bad week for Buffalo. They played the Jets, the same team that went into the game 0-6 and was coming off a 24-0 loss to the Miami Dolphins. The same

team that has lost by more than one score every single game this season. On Sunday, the Bills broke that last streak, only winning 18-10. They didn't even score a touchdown, kicker Tyler Bass hit six field goals.

The Bills should have blown out this team. They should have ended the game by halftime. It shouldn't have even been a contest. Instead, the offense stagnated and let the Jets hang

around until the very end. Sure, the defense made sure the Jets didn't capitalize on any of their opportunities, but that's more of an indictment on the Jets than it is a result of the Bills defense. The Jets are pathetic, and the Bills played down to their level. If they want to be anything more than a first-round exit, they need to do better.

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Pittsburgh Steelers' Chase Claypool (11), James Washington (13) and Kevin Dotson (69) leave the field after an NFL game against the Tennessee Titans Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, in Nashville, Tennessee. The Steelers won 27-24. PHOTO BY MARK ZALESKI/AP

## NBA Bubble Recap Part 2: Breaking down each team's bubble performance and future



Marcus Morris helps his teammate Paul George off the floor in a NBA Western Conference Semifinals game between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Denver Nuggets. The Nuggets would go on to win the series 4-3. PHOTO COURTESY OF @LACLIPPERS ON TWITTER

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The 2020 NBA season has finally wrapped up, and the bubble champion Los Angeles Lakers have emerged victorious. In a truly bizarre year that saw the season stretch 355 days from start to finish, basketball fans were treated to some of the best basketball you could ask for. With so much basketball over the past three months, it

can be hard to remember all of the great moments and breakout stars, but it is crucial to keep these in mind as we move into the 2021 season and the futures of each bubble team. Here's part two of my four-part series breaking down each team from the Orlando bubble.

**Los Angeles Clippers**  
Play-in record: 5-3  
Playoff record: 7-6, lost in Western Conference Semifinals  
As the second best team in

the West, the Clippers were contenders from the moment they signed Kawhi Leonard and traded for Paul George. In the play-in games, they looked even better than the Lakers above them, seemingly putting to rest any doubts about their lineup's ability to gel and play together. They beat a bruised and battered Mavericks team in six in round one, and moved on to take on the Denver Nuggets.

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## Bellator 250: Mousasi vs. Lima headlines action-packed week

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After a one-week break Bellator is back with another title fight, but at a friendlier time slot for East Coast viewers. The three-fight main card starts at 8 p.m. EST this Thursday on CBS Sports Network.

Before the main card kicks off, Connecticut's Nick Newell fights Zach Zane in a light-weight bout, with Newell being one of the more successful MMA fighters out of Connecticut. His wrestling and jiu jitsu are outstanding and once he finds an opening for a submission he is a dangerous finisher. He has made a name for himself in the MMA world, and has done so with a congenital amputation on his left arm, which ends just below his elbow. On media day he spoke about how much it means to be able inspire others with the condition to be all that they can be. Zane, his opponent, is also known for his grappling skills and has 10 wins by submission, to Newell's 11, which will make for a very entertaining fight. Newell believes

Zane's style is the more aggressive of the two, and he thinks that Zane continually coming forward will give him many opportunities as he remains composed and calculated.

To open off the main card, Veta Arteaga meets Desiree Yanez in the women's flyweight division. Yanez makes her Bellator debut after several cancelled bouts with her previous promoter, Combate Americas, during the pandemic. In her last fight she lost a split decision in a title fight with Combate, and she now finds herself making her Bellator debut against a former title challenger. Across the cage, Arteaga has lost two straight, the first of which was against champ Ilima-Lei Macfarlane. Arteaga believes that over this extended time away from the cage, she has been able to improve her game and work on delivering controlled aggression. These two women are top flyweights and both could potentially be featured in the women's flyweight tournament that Bellator has been teasing.

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#### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

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