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## UConn agrees to pay \$249,539 to settle gender-based pay discrimination allegations

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ROUTINE AUDIT UNCOVERS DISCREPANCIES, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES MOST AFFECTED**

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The University of Connecticut will pay \$249,539 to a total of seven female employees found to be underpaid in comparison to their male counterparts as part of an audit done by the United States Department of Labor.

The routine audit, not initiated by any complaint, began on Oct. 30, 2014 and concluded on Jan. 29, 2018. UConn disputes all claims made in the report.

"The seven cases each had individual complexities that were unique to those employees, but which UConn maintains was not due to gender," UConn spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said. "Although UConn disagreed with some of the methodology used by the auditors in reviewing those unique circumstances, the University felt it was in everyone's best interest to resolve the matter and move forward."

According to Reitz, five out of the seven women involved were in the athletics department. They include Women's Basketball Associate Head Coach Chris Dailey, Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Marisa Moseley, Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Shea Ralph,

Director of Women's Basketball Operations Sarah Darras and Director of Football Operations under Bob Diaco Sarah Lawless. Among them, a total of \$150,634 in back pay will be distributed.

According to state records, Dailey was paid \$250,035 in 2015. Her projected total pay in 2020 is \$268,848. The men's basketball team had no associate head coach in 2014, but both women's basketball head coach Geno Auriemma and then men's basketball head coach Kevin Ollie consistently made over \$2 million from 2014 onwards.

The remaining two women are law school faculty, receiving a total of \$98,905. Of this, \$92,290 will be awarded to one unidentified staff member as part of an obligation already identified and in the works to rectify by UConn, Reitz said. The remaining \$6,615 will be awarded to a different unnamed employee.

"UConn self-identified and rectified the issues several years ago in the case of one of the employees, correcting an error regarding their compensation," Reitz said. "That correction (\$92,290 paid to the employee in previous fiscal years) represents the largest among those listed in the DOL Conciliation Agreement."

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In addition to paying the women, as part of the settlement UConn has agreed to review and revise any outdated pay practices by doing market research and training those involved in the discrepancy, according to a press release by the DOL.

"The University of Connecticut has taken proactive efforts to address these discrepancies and ensure equal employment opportunity in pay practices," Office of Federal Contract Compliance Northeast Regional Director Diana Sen said.

## Amid pandemic, record setting UConn research thrives

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In fiscal year 2020, researchers at the University of Connecticut and UConn Health received \$19 million more in grant funding than in the previous year to set a record for the greatest amount of funding the university has ever received in grants, according to a press release from UConn Today.

The Office of the Vice President for Research reported that the university received more than \$285 million in grant funding since July 2019. In that time, UConn and UConn Health also spent more on "research and other sponsored activity" than ever before in the university's history, at nearly \$250 million.

This year, there was only a "relatively brief" period of time in March, when the livelihood of research at the university was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, UConn Vice President for Research Radenka Maric told UConn Today.

Despite restrictions on travel and in-person events delaying some research projects, "our faculty staff and graduate students remained committed to both their work and our collective health. They, along with our university and state leaders, should be commended for their success in keeping the research engine running," Maric said.

"This increase is an indication of UConn's commitment to create new knowledge and offer valuable experiential learning opportunities for our students," UConn President Thomas Katsouleas said.

Before 2030, Katsouleas — who is in his third semester at the university — hopes to double the amount of research done at the university for UConn to stand out as "a destination for industry partners" and entrepreneurs.

*"I am very proud of our entire research community for what they have accomplished in the last year."*

**PRESIDENT THOMAS KATSOLEAS**

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## Center for Career Development unveils Master Class Series

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Beginning Oct. 20, the University of Connecticut's Center for Career Development implemented a program to virtually connect students with employers and alumni in a series of four workshops, according to the Center for Career Development's website.

This program, dubbed the CLAS Master Class Series, is geared specifically toward students within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). The remaining three workshops, each lasting about 90 minutes, will take place Oct. 27, 29, and Nov. 4.

According to the website, each workshop will be facilitated by a presenter who will guide students through a class to develop a skill, and then engage them in a case-study in order to actively apply the skills they learned during the class portion.

"This event series is an opportunity for students within CLAS to gain technical and industry-specific skills they may not have the opportunity to receive in the classroom for their internships during undergrad and post-University of Connecticut careers," the website said.

Lisa Famularo, a career consultant in the Center for Careers Development, said that this series is very important for

students to gain knowledge and skills from current industry professionals.

"We also get a lot of feedback in the Center for Career Development that sometimes it's a little bit hard for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences students to, in comparison to the peers, to really see how their major and what they are learning in the classroom can apply to a real-world setting," Famularo said. "And so the main goal of this is to kind of help with that, and show how alumni and other professionals have taken what they learned in college and used that throughout their career, so CLAS students can have a little more of a perspective on how to do that."

One of the presenters was chosen through the CCD corporate-partner relations team, who works with employers looking to hire UConn students with a liberal arts background, according to Famularo.

"This is a great way for students to connect with them, get to know them and establish that relationship," she said.

They also reached out to UConn CLAS alumni who might be interested in returning and teaching current students any important or useful skills, Famularo noted.

"Actually, the remaining three are all alumni of UConn which we are super excited about because we always love having



The Center for Career Development is located in Wilbur Cross. The center is working to connect students with employers and alumni through the Master Class Series. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

alumni come back to campus," she said.

In order to participate in the program, students must have declared majors within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students must also be willing to share their name, class year and major, and must be available for all 90 minutes of the session, according to the website.

"This program is really geared towards CLAS students

because CLAS is such a large school, and there is a lot going on within the school, but there's not necessarily a ton of opportunities to directly apply what they're learning to a real-world setting, to make that connection," Famularo explained for why this series is specific to CLAS students.

Famularo said she hopes students gain valuable experience and skills from the workshop.

"This is meant to be a very

hands-on experience and we are hoping all the students who participate walk away with a tangible skill set that they can add to their resume and use to their advantage in the future," she said.

Currently, while the Center for Career Development is not sure whether this program will expand to other colleges or even to the spring semester, Famularo added that similar programs are currently being implemented for other colleges at UConn.

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## News

# UConn receives record amount of funding

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"I am very proud of our entire research community for what they have accomplished in the last year," Katsouleas said.

According to the Manager of Research Communications for the Office of the Vice President for Research, Jessica McBride, Ph.D., most research universities have a way for faculty members to bring their discoveries to the business world beyond academia.

At UConn, the Technology Commercialization Services of the Office of the Vice President for Research aims to "expedite and facilitate the transformation of UConn discoveries into products and services that benefit patients, industry and society," according to their website.

When a faculty member makes a discovery in research they think has commercialization potential, they can go through the Technology Commercialization Services to patent their research, or the Technology Commercialization Services will help that faculty member start up their business on their own.

In July, researchers at UConn were issued a patent for a

breathalyzer that will be able to detect four different diseases — diabetes, pulmonary inflammation, liver malfunction and high cholesterol levels — all at once. Eventually, the inventors hope to create a device that is user-friendly enough for diabetes patients to be able to use themselves.

"Tracking these biomarkers in the breath will enable users to monitor their health status and intervene with lifestyle changes or seek medical attention if there is a cause for concern," UConn Today wrote.

However, McBride explained not all research with potential for commercialization at the university results in a physical, marketable product. She mentioned UConn Health's Alcohol Research Center (ARC), which focuses on the treatment methods of alcoholism and, in June 2019, received \$7.5 million in federal funding to continue the program into its 45th year.

Each grant to the ARC, awarded by the National Health Institute and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), includes research funding for five years. The ARC was established at the

university in 1978 when the UConn Health Department of Psychiatry won its first of eight grants from the NIAAA — alongside nine other institutions.

Today, the ARC at UConn is the longest federally funded research center at the university, and the longest NIAAA funded center in the nation, with "unmatched longevity."

According to UConn Today, UConn's ARC has become "one of the longest-running and most prolific federally funded research centers of any kind in the U.S."

Additionally, McBride mentioned that the university's Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), which received nearly \$22 million in new grant funding in the 2020 fiscal year, focuses a lot of its research on society's response to major health problems, such as infectious diseases.

"Where they really shine is moments like right now," McBride said.

Since March, the InCHIP has been tapped by UConn administrators for their research to help guide the university through the COVID-19 pandemic and the reopening process.

## Senate to work through weekend to push Barrett onto court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wasting no time, the Senate is on track to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court by next Monday, charging toward a rare weekend session as Republicans push past procedural steps to install President Donald Trump's pick before Election Day.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he will begin the process as soon as the Senate Judiciary Committee wraps up its work Thursday. With a 53-47 Republican majority, and just two GOP senators opposed, Trump's nominee is on a glide path to confirmation that will seal a conservative hold on the court for years to come.

McConnell said Monday that Barrett demonstrated over several days of public hearings the "sheer intellectual horsepower that the American people deserve to have on the Supreme Court."

Without the votes to stop Barrett's ascent, Democrats have few options left. They are searching for two more GOP senators to break ranks and halt confirmation, but that seems unlikely. Never before

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as a court nominee been voted on so close to a presidential election.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer decried what he called the "farfical" process to "jam" through Trump's choice, even as the coronavirus outbreak sidelined GOP senators.

"The Republican majority is running the most hypocritical, most partisan and least legitimate process in the history of Supreme Court confirmations," he said during speech as the Senate opened.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is set to meet Thursday to vote on recommending Barrett's nomination to the full Senate.

By Friday, procedural votes

are expected, continuing over the weekend as Republicans push through the steps for a final vote to confirm Barrett as soon as Monday.

The 48-year-old appellate court judge from Indiana delivered few specific answers during several days of public testimony as senators probed her previously outspoken views against abortion, the Affordable Care Act and other issues before the court. She declined to say whether she would recuse herself from cases involving the election between Trump and Democrat Joe Biden.

Trump has said he wants the judge seated in time to hear any potential disputes from the Nov. 3 election. He also has said he's looking for a judge who would rule against the Obama-era health care law, which is headed to the court in a case justices are expected to hear Nov. 10.

If confirmed, Barrett would be Trump's third justice on the court. She would fill the vacancy from the late Ruth Bader Ginsberg, the liberal icon, locking in a 6-3 conservative majority on the high court.

## Police Blotter

*All individuals charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. All information is provided by public records released by the UConn Police Department.*

Oct. 9

Alexander Carmel, 31, of New Canaan, Connecticut, was charged with second-degree harassment, second-degree stalking and second-degree breach of peace. Carmel was arrested on an active warrant stemming from incidents where he purposely showed up to locations where he knew the victim would be and tried to engage in unwanted conversations with her. When the victim told him to stop, Carmel would continue the contacts both in person and electronically, and yelled at/embarrassed the victim in public. His bond was set at \$25,000 and his court date was Oct. 13.

## Feds say US colleges 'massively' underreport foreign funding

(AP) A scathing report from the Trump administration on Tuesday concluded that top U.S. universities have "massively underreported" funding they accept from China, Russia and other nations described as "foreign adversaries."

The Education Department released the report amid its effort to enforce a 1986 law requiring U.S. universities to disclose gifts and contracts of \$250,000 or more from foreign sources. After going decades with little federal oversight, the law has become a priority for the Trump administration amid concerns over economic espionage and trade secret theft from abroad.

The department's findings are primarily based on investigations it has opened at 12 schools, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Georgetown universities. Federal officials began investigating the schools amid suspicion that they had failed to report millions of dollars in gifts and contracts from sources in China, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

According to early findings in the report, most of the 12 schools have had financial dealings with Huawei, the Chinese tech giant that some U.S. officials say is a threat to national security, and at least one had ties directly to the Chinese Communist Party. Others had deals with the Russian government and institutions in Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

The report did not identify which universities were connected to those entities. Since coming under federal scrutiny, the 12 schools disclosed a combined \$6.5 billion in foreign funding that was previously unreported, the department said.

The Association of American Universities, which represents research universities, said the

report is "less a serious security assessment than it is a partisan and politically driven attack on America's leading research universities."

"While the Department of Education purports to be concerned about threats, it has consistently failed to respond to repeated requests for clarity, transparency, and guidelines," the group said in a statement.

Some universities had previously acknowledged errors in reporting and sought to correct them. Yale said it failed to submit foreign funding reports for the years 2014 to 2017 but later corrected the omission.

The department said its review is ongoing and that it is still gathering information from universities.

In announcing the report, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said her agency uncovered "pervasive noncompliance" from universities that have "significant foreign entanglement." "For decades enforcement was lax, but not anymore," she said. "We took action to make sure the public is afforded the transparency the law requires."

The report echoes warnings from federal authorities who say that competing nations are increasingly targeting U.S. colleges to steal research and technology. It cites recent cases of Chinese nationals accused of working or studying at American colleges while also working for the Chinese government.

The department said its review is only meant to promote transparency and not to determine the appropriateness of specific financial ties. Still, it says the agency plans to work with the Justice Department on any "potential enforcement against specific institutions."

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# Grand juror speaks after judge ruling in Breonna Taylor case

LOUISVILLE, Ky (AP) — A grand juror who won a court fight to speak publicly about the Breonna Taylor investigation took issue Tuesday with statements by Kentucky's attorney general and said the jury was not given the option to consider charges connected to Taylor's shooting death by police.

The anonymous grand juror had filed suit to speak publicly after Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron announced last month that no officers would be directly charged in the March shooting death of Taylor during a narcotics raid. The grand jury charged one officer with endangering her neighbors.

In a written statement after winning a judge's permission to break silence in the case, the grand juror, who was not identified, said that only wanton endangerment charges were offered to them to consider against one officer. The grand jury asked questions about bringing other charges against the officers, "and the grand jury was told there would be none because the prosecutors didn't feel they could make them stick," the grand juror said.

Cameron had opposed in court allowing grand jurors to speak about the proceedings. He said Tuesday that he would not appeal the judge's ruling. Grand juries are typically secret meetings, though earlier this month the audio recordings of the proceedings in the Taylor

case were released publicly.

Cameron announced the results of the grand jury investigation in a widely viewed news conference on Sept. 23. At that announcement, he said prosecutors "walked the grand jury through every homicide offense."

He also said "the grand jury agreed" that the officers who shot Taylor were justified in returning fire after they were shot at by Kenneth Walker, Taylor's boyfriend. Walker's lone gunshot struck one of the officers in the leg.

The anonymous grand juror challenged Cameron's comments, saying the panel "didn't agree that certain actions were justified," and grand jurors "did not have homicide charges explained to them."

The grand juror's attorney, Kevin Glowgower, said his client's chief complaint was the way in which the results were "portrayed to the public as to who made what decisions and who agreed with what decisions."

The grand juror had no further plans to speak about the proceedings beyond Tuesday's statement, Glowgower said.

Ben Crump, an attorney for Taylor's family, said Cameron "took the decision out of the grand jury's hands" and said the grand juror's statement was "confirmation of Cameron's dereliction of duties."

Cameron has acknowledged his prosecutors did not intro-



Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron addresses the media following the return of a grand jury investigation into the death of Breonna Taylor, in Frankfort, Kentucky, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

duce any homicide charges against two officers who shot Taylor, and said it was because they were justified in returning fire after Walker shot at them.

Cameron said Tuesday that it was his decision "to ask for an indictment that could be proven under Kentucky law."

"Indictments obtained in the absence of sufficient proof under the law do not stand up and are not fundamentally fair

to any one," Cameron said in a statement released Tuesday night.

In the ruling allowing the grand jurors to speak, Jefferson Circuit Court Judge Annie O'Connell wrote that it "is a rare and extraordinary example of a case where, at the time this motion is made, the historical reasons for preserving grand jury secrecy are null."

Taylor, a Black emergency

medical technician, was shot multiple times after Walker fired once at white officers executing a narcotics warrant. Walker said he didn't know it was police and thought it was an intruder. The warrant was approved as part of a narcotics investigation. No drugs were found at her home.

The case has fueled nationwide protests against police brutality and systemic racism.

## CONNECTICUT NEWS

### Profane messages briefly mar congressional debate

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Candidates in Connecticut's 1st Congressional District race on Tuesday condemned profane and threatening messages that appeared on screen during a virtual debate.

Democratic U.S. Rep. John Larson, Republican Mary Fay and Green Party candidate Tom McCormick were all at different locations when they took part via video conference in Monday's debate, which was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford and West Hartford Community Interactive.

"This type of hatred has no place in Connecticut," Larson said in a statement. He said it was despicable that Fay, Connecticut's first LGBTQ congressional candidate, and the moderator were attacked.

In an online video of the debate, one person sent messages with profane, sexual and anti-LGBTQ language that appeared on screen for more than two minutes as Fay and Larson spoke. The moderator told watchers the debate had just been "Zoom bombed" and the comments were blocked.

Fay said some of the messages also threatened bodily harm. She said she alerted West Hartford police.

"It was hateful. It was vulgar. It was disgusting. It was threatening," she said in a phone interview. "It was horrible. It broke my heart. It kept me up last night."

McCormick also condemned the comments but said the incident shouldn't be given undue attention.

### Baby who was found in dumpster is released from hospital

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — An 8-month-old girl found abandoned in a New Haven dumpster last week has been released from the hospital.

New Haven police said the baby, who is recovering from burns to her hands, was released Tuesday to members of her family.

The girl was found in a dumpster outside a New Haven apartment complex on Oct. 12. Police later discovered that her 21-year-old mother had been stabbed.

Police arrested 24-year-old Andiana Velez, of Hamden, who they said was the girl's babysitter.

Velez is charged with risk of injury to a child, second-degree assault and reckless endangerment. The assault charge, authorities said, stemmed from the stabbing. She is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

According to court documents, Velez, the child's mother and the baby were in a car at a gas station when an argument broke out and the 21-year-old was stabbed and ran from the scene.

Velez later told police she stopped at the apartment complex where she put the baby in the trash saying she "knew the baby would be found," according to court documents.

# Connecticut's infection rate climbs to highest since June

*Among those tested, 3% are COVID-19 positive, versus only 1.7% on Monday.*

*The number of people hospitalized grew by 22, to a total of 217.*

Connecticut's coronavirus infection rate has climbed to its highest level since June, Gov. Ned Lamont said Tuesday, urging residents to be disciplined "a little bit longer."

The Democrat said the percentage of people infected among those tested was 3%, up from 1.7% on Monday. Meanwhile, the number of people hospitalized for COVID-19 grew by 22 patients, for a total of 217.

"Connecticut is not an island unto itself," said Lamont, noting that infection rates are increasing in surrounding states and across the U.S. "That tells you it's going to take a little bit longer for us to get through this. A little bit longer (until) the therapies and vaccines are able to give us some security on the backside of COVID."

Meanwhile, Lamont backed off from comments he made Monday about a plan to change the benchmarks for when state residents and out-of-state travelers coming from states and territories with high infection rates must quarantine for 14 days.

Lamont said he and the governors of New York and New Jersey have decided there will be no advisory for travel among the three states.

"Rather than change the metrics overall, it made a lot more sense to say, 'Within our three states, let's treat it as one region. We'll be able to travel between each other,'" Lamont said during a news conference in Windsor about grants for small businesses.

Lamont said he planned to reach out to Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as well, noting they are also part of a region where people frequently cross state borders.

"That said, (we) urge everybody to stay close at home as best you can. No need to do nonessential travel," Lamont

said. For the rest of the country, he said, the existing metric will be kept in place, which is 10 cases per 100,000 population, or 10% positivity rates.

Lamont had said Monday that the benchmark would be changed to 10 cases per 100,000 and 5% positivity rates, given the fact Connecticut had exceeded the 10 cases per 100,000 criterion.

As of Tuesday, there have been 4,559 COVID-associated deaths in Connecticut, an increase of five since Monday.

In other coronavirus-related news:

#### SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

The state of Connecticut is making \$50 million in federal coronavirus relief funds available to small businesses that have been impacted financially by the coronavirus pandemic, providing one-time grants of \$5,000 to 10,000 employers.

Half the \$50 million will be allocated to businesses located in economically distressed communities in Connecticut, both urban and rural.

"So many of our small businesses have been struggling for months to protect their businesses, their livelihoods as well as our employees," said Glendowyn Thames, deputy commissioner at the state's Department of Economic and Community Development. "This has not been lost on this administration. Small businesses are truly our heart and soul of the economy and our communities."

The grants will be targeted to businesses with no more than \$1.5 million in annualized payroll expenses or fewer than 20 employees. They must be able to demonstrate a 20% or more revenue loss as of Sept. 20, compared to Sept. 20, 2019.

Thames said about 50,000 businesses, which employ

350,000 people across Connecticut, could potentially be eligible. Many of those were unable to access funds from the federal Paycheck Protection Program.

This is the second large-scale effort by the state of Connecticut to help small businesses. During the early days of the pandemic, DECD created an emergency loan program from scratch, which ultimately funded 2,123 one-year, no-interest loans, averaging \$19,705 a piece.

Because of the massive flood of applications, officials decided to cap loan amounts at \$37,500 — half of the \$75,000 originally promised when the program was launched in March — to help twice the number of businesses.

State Rep. Caroline Simmons, D-Stamford, co-chairperson of the General Assembly's Commerce Committee, said it's important for the state to now offer small businesses a grant program instead of more loans because they can't afford to take on more debt.

Scott Dolch, executive director of the Connecticut Restaurant Association, said while the funding announced Tuesday is welcome, it "falls clearly short of what other states are doing."

The maximum grant per business in Rhode Island is \$30,000; \$20,000 in New Jersey; \$100,000 in Delaware; \$350,000 in New Hampshire; and \$100,000 in Vermont. In Massachusetts, \$100 million in federal coronavirus relief funds have been set aside but the final grant amounts have not yet been determined.

"We hope this is just a first step to match what other states are doing to keep small businesses open," said Dolch, noting that most states are allowing businesses with up to 50 full-time employees or more to apply for grant funding.

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### ► Editorial

# Will winter housing be available to all students?

In a recent email, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl Lejuez addressed the University of Connecticut community with important updates about housing over the winter session. The email said all students currently living on campus who wish to return for the spring semester will have the opportunity to remain along with their belongings in their current housing assignments over winter break, and to check the Residential Life website for more information.

We are very happy our administration has ensured that undergraduates staying here for the spring will be able to keep their housing assignments over the winter if they need to. National circumstances including the anticipated, more deadly second-wave of COVID-19 as well as endemic housing insecurity and poverty today may pose a threat to our undergraduates. It is likely unreasonable and unsafe to ask all undergraduate students to return home for the winter and this would increase the odds of outbreaks at the beginning of the spring semester.

However, we are uneasy about the lack of financial accommodation for students looking to keep their winter housing. The "Winter Recess Housing" page of the Residential Life website lists standard fees for winter housing, despite the current substandard financial security of most Americans and likely many UConn students. Given these extemporaneous circumstances, many undergraduates could be faced with the choice of keeping themselves and loved ones safe or returning home due to financial concerns. Furthermore, helping students remain in winter housing if they elect to do so only lowers the risk of the outbreaks that could occur from thousands of undergraduates returning for the spring semester.

The idea of any undergraduate staying in winter housing given the current social situation on campus is unfortunate. But far more unfortunate is the risk to the physical and financial wellbeing COVID-19 has already posed to undergraduate students across the country, and UConn can do great work to limit the worst effects of these on our community members. The Daily Campus hopes that Residential Life and the rest of the administration work together to ensure that all students, during these uncertain and dangerous times, will have access to secure, safe housing regardless of their ability to pay.

### ≈ VOTING



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## What's in a name? Quite a bit, actually

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose / By other name would smell as sweet."

We're all likely familiar with the words from William Shakespeare's tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet." In this scene, Juliet laments that Romeo's name is Montague and hers is Capulet, and argues names are not significant to someone's identity.

This is something I would have to disagree with; names do matter, but people don't always realize this. Many people have been at the butt-end of jokes or artificial apologies when their names are mispronounced.

You know if you've experienced this. You've heard the, "Oh, I'm not even going to try to say it because I'll just butcher it." When you correct them you hear "whatever" or an indignant, "That's what I said!" Or maybe if you correct them, they'll still continue to mispronounce it. Sometimes they'll go so far as to make fun of it. You know whether or not you've heard these comments; they often hurt and make the situation uncomfortable.

And people may claim that I'm being "oversensitive" about this. I'm not; this is actually a form of microaggression which especially targets those of non-White European descent who do not have "White European" names. Dr. Ranjana Srinivasan, who has done work on name-based microaggressions, said those who do not have classic "White European" names often face name-based microaggressions in the forms of the assignment of an

unwanted nickname, biases about a person solely based on their name as well as teasing from peers and educators.

Sound familiar? To many, this is something that we've had to live with since we were little. We'd always know when the substitute teacher was going to call our names from the attendance list because of the hesitation. We're accustomed to responding to almost every variation of our names. We're so used to it that by the time we get to high school and college, it barely bothers us. But this should not be the case.

Names often represent people's culture or heritage and generally have a great deal of significance to them. When people's names are mispronounced or made fun of, it is damaging in multiple ways. Especially in school-aged children, it could easily be damaging to a child's mental health.

A relatively easy way to think about how name-based microaggressions affect children can be seen through a famous children's book, "Chrysanthemum," by Kevin Henkes. The protagonist, Chrysanthemum, loves her name until she goes to school and other students constantly make fun of her for being named after a flower and for having such a long name. Chrysanthemum becomes increasingly saddened by what her classmates tell her about her name, and by the end of the first day of school, she wishes she were named something else. Although this is not a racial, cultural or ethnic-based microaggression, Henkes makes it clear Chrysanthemum is being bullied for her name.

Apply it to real life: Rather than a

really long name, it is children with names that don't fit the "White European" category previously mentioned. Many of these children are made fun of and bullied for their names, and are filled with comparable emotions to what Chrysanthemum faced.

The way to avoid these name-based microaggressions is actually simple. If you have trouble pronouncing someone's name, ask them how to say it. I know that I, personally, would rather be asked numerous times how to pronounce my name instead of hearing "Oh, it's too hard, I don't want to mess it up" or "Do you have a nickname instead?"

If you pronounce someone's name incorrectly, remember to apologize sincerely, not a passive-aggressive, artificial "Oh I'm sorry your name is so long" kind of apology. A sincere apology with a promise to do better is necessary.

And to everyone whose name gets mispronounced: Work on correcting people. I know this is something I've struggled with, but the truth is your name is unique and special to you. It likely has some significance and people should learn to pronounce it correctly. Don't be afraid to tell someone how it's actually pronounced.

Moving away from these name-based microaggressions will make the environment around us much more welcoming, and it will eliminate a certain amount of bullying that some people, especially younger children, face. It is important to recognize this is a microaggression and understand that the way that people treat names they are not familiar with needs to change.

## Toxic Positivity: The Dangerous Extreme of Optimism

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Is the glass half empty or half full? This is an age-old question meant to label its respondents as pessimists or optimists, respectively. And in the age of an unprecedented pandemic, optimism may look like the better option. According to the Scientific American, COVID-19 is now the third-leading cause of death for Americans, killing more people than the flu, stroke, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. Outside of the obvious health concerns, Americans are also facing unemployment and social isolation unlike ever before. While facing an extreme public health crisis and the negative economic, psychological and social consequences that come along with it, positivity seems like a viable option. We remind ourselves constantly, "it could be worse." But optimism in excess does much more harm than good.

According to The Psychology Group of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the concept of "toxic positivity" is "the excessive and ineffective overgeneralization of a happy, optimistic state across all situations. The process of toxic positivity results in the denial, minimization and invalidation of the authentic human emotional experience."

This idea of toxic positivity can manifest itself in many common ex-



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pressions and emotional practices. These can include hiding or masking one's true feelings, feeling guilty for what one feels, using seemingly "happy" advice or quotes to minimize others' experiences or shaming others for expressing frustration. Whether you tell yourself to, "just get on with it," or "it is what it is," or someone else quotes these phrases at you, the true feelings

of the situation are dismissed in a matter of seconds.

Pushing away negative emotions just for the sake of optimism causes internalization of feelings of shame, distress, inadequacy and weakness. Carolyn Karoll, a psychotherapist in Baltimore, Maryland explains the negative effects by saying, "Judging yourself for feeling pain, sadness, jealousy — which are part of the human experience and are transient emotions — leads to what are referred to as secondary emotions, such as shame, that are much more intense and maladaptive." Secondary emotions are just as negative-feeling as the ones we push away with toxic positivity, so nothing is gained. Saving face by claiming "everything is fine" delays uncomfortable emotions, but only by pushing them under the surface. Eventually these emotions will build up stronger than before.

So how does one combat toxic positivity? The most important thing is to find balance. Solely being an optimist avoids difficult emotions, while focusing on pessimism allows no room for the positive side of the human emotional experience. According to Psychology Today, "Emotions are not 'good' or 'bad,' all positive or all negative ... Emotions help us make sense of things."

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# Life

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## ‘Research Connections’ panel emphasizes interconnectivity in research

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The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education has labeled UConn a Research 1 (R1) University, which means it engages in the highest levels of research activity. As a result, students have many opportunities to partake in undergraduate research during their time on campus.

The First Year Programs and the Office of Undergraduate Research have teamed up and designated October as the “Month of Discovery.” During this time, students are encouraged to explore the many research opportunities available on campus through attending virtual events and webinars like the Experience Innovation Expo, Research Connections and Fall Frontiers.

The Research Connections program serves as a catalyst to expose primarily first and second year students to the wide array of research taking place on campus. During this time, students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions and conversations with faculty, staff, graduate students and peers to learn about their research. This is a great chance to network with researchers and have the ability to find a mentor that aligns with your specific goals and interests.

The theme for this year’s Research Connections week is “Expanding Horizons” and there are six interdisciplinary student-moderated panels taking place that are focused on important topics that span across many departments at UConn.

The panels are meant to provide more information on the research the panelists are doing and will also provide advice to students who are looking to become involved in research. Students also have the ability to join a breakout room with one of the panelists to ask other questions they may have and engage in a more personal conversation.

The second panel of the week, “Life on Earth: Environmentalism & Human Rights,” featured a discussion about why the environment and human rights are two inherently connected issues and how the current climate crisis is affecting society.

The student moderator for this panel, Rebecca Feldman, a seventh-semester civil engineering major, guided the discussion by asking questions that ranged from tips on how students can become involved in research to the most pressing climate issues of our time.

Many first and second year students are hesitant to become involved in research because their cast doubts on their level of knowledge on a certain topic or don’t think they have enough experience to be considered for a lab position.

“It is never too early to get involved in undergraduate research,” Kristina Wagstrom, an associate professor of chemical engineering, said.

Students who become involved in research during the first and second years of their undergraduate careers will have more time to work in the lab and develop their ideas. Conducting research can also help students find out what genuinely interests them before embarking on a specific career path or applying to graduate school.

A point stressed by all of the panelists was the importance of collaboration with researchers in other departments and disciplines.

“To really do the kind of work I want to do and to make it meaningful, it is necessary to collaborate,” Wagstrom said.

Collaborating with others allows for different points of view to be introduced into the conversation and can open new areas of research on a topic. Oftentimes, interacting with people who have different skill sets from you will be a big factor in producing real change and tangible results in the research you are conducting.

“Journalism plays a really critical role in communicating with the public what scientists do,” Michael Willig, a professor

of ecology and evolutionary biology, said.

Willig emphasized the importance of incorporating politicians, economists, journalists and other social scientists and humanists into the scientific research process to help disseminate information to the public in a creative way that reaches their hearts and minds. By entrusting others to offer their own insights to your research process, the end result will have a better chance of encapsulating the full story.

The environment has been a pressing issue for many years, and scientists are worried for the future of society if we don’t transition to a more eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyle. Although many would rather turn a blind eye to the climate crisis, becoming informed about the environment and its inherent connection to human rights is necessary in order to create a sustainable and equitable world for future generations.

“The consequences of not doing something are so huge that it is almost unfathomable,” Willig said.

Willig suggests that having open, honest and civil conversations about topics and issues that you are passionate about and think are important is one of the best ways to work toward enacting real change. Engaging in these hard conversations will allow yourself and others to gain a wider perspective and possibly have a change in attitude toward certain topics.

The primary purpose of research is to inform action and it is an important, continual process that allows new levels of knowledge to be formed. As an R1 university, UConn has numerous opportunities available for undergraduate students to take part in research with professors.

If you are interested in climate change, human rights or any other issue, and want to get involved in enacting meaningful change to society, consider visiting the Undergraduate Research website to explore what opportunities are available to you.

## RICO NASTY STUNS WITH VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE

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Tuesday night, rapper Rico Nasty performed a virtual concert hosted by the Student Union Board of Governors. For those unaware of Nasty, she is a rapper from Palmer Park, Maryland, who is best known for songs such as “Smack a B\*\*ch” and “Tia Tamera” with Doja Cat. Both of those songs have a combined stream count of over 147 million on Spotify. She also averages almost three million monthly listeners on Spotify and has 115 thousand followers on SoundCloud.

As of this writing, Nasty has over 1.6 million followers on Instagram and over 664 thousand Twitter followers. She made the XXL Freshman List in 2019 which featured rappers such as Megan Thee Stallion, DaBaby and Roddy Ricch. She is set to release her debut album “Nightmare Vacation” on Oct. 30.

During her performance, Nasty had skeletons and cobwebs in her background to create a Halloween-themed set. Some newer songs Nasty performed were “IPHONE” and “Own It,” which will appear on her debut album. Other songs that were played include “Lighting” and “Smack a B\*\*ch.” Part of her performance involved a background track playing some audio from several songs while she rapped certain parts of songs.

“I hope wherever you are right now, you’re having a good f\*\*\*ing day,” Nasty said during the concert.

The last song Nasty performed was “Rage,” which originally appeared on her 2018 mixtape “Nasty.” Other tracks from “Nasty” she performed include “Countin’ Up” and “Trust Issues,” the latter of which was produced by Connecticut-born Kenny Beats. In 2019, Beats and Nasty collaborated on a mixtape titled “Anger Management,” which ended up making many end of year album lists from publications like Vice, Pitchfork and Rolling Stone.

There was no Q&A held after the concert, although prior to the show, SUBOG offered students a chance to enter an Instagram contest for a meet and greet opportunity with Nasty. In order to enter, students had to share a post about the meet and greet to their Instagram stories, follow UConn Concerts on Instagram and tag three of their friends.

“I miss performing for you guys,” Nasty said at one point during the show.

Nasty is set to perform at the Outside Lands Music Festival in San Francisco in Aug. 2021. She was originally supposed to perform at Rolling Loud music festival in Miami on May 9 of this year, however, due to COVID-19, her appearance was cancelled.

The SUBOG concert committee meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. In the past, they were responsible for hosting performances by Kahlid, Big Gigantic and Lil Yachty.



Michael Willig, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, speaks during “Research Connections” panel. Willig emphasized the importance of working with social scientists and humanists to translate scientific findings creatively. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR



Rico Nasty performs for SUBOG’s virtual concert on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020. Nasty’s set list included the songs “IPHONE” and “Own It.” PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

## Life

# Habitat for Humanity

## A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE

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Despite school being virtual, there are still so many amazing clubs to get involved in, one being Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a nationwide non-profit that focuses on giving everyone a comfortable home. Over 15 years ago, our own Habitat for Humanity chapter was created here at the University of Connecticut.

Co-presidents Julia Machaj and Steven Kao run the UConn chapter along with seven other executive members. Together, they facilitate and organize fundraisers and movements to gain traction and trips to different parts of the United States. Kao, a fifth-semester physiology and neurobiology major, said Habitat's goal is to provide comfortable housing to all.

"We fundraise and volunteer with communities to help build homes," Kao said. The goal is not

only to provide safe and affordable housing, but to empower these families to become active, contributing members of the society."

Habitat even works with our own nearby community, Willimantic. It can be difficult to feel your direct impact so far from home, however ours is right in our backyard. UConn Habitat teams up with the Habitat chapter of Eastern Connecticut State University to work together in creating a difference.

"Our fundraising efforts culminated in over \$10,000 being raised for UConn and Willimantic causes," Kao said.

Along with helping out our Connecticut community, Habitat volunteers are given the opportunity to go on Alternative Spring Break trips, where they travel to another community in the country. Students spend the week working on homes, while also making new Habitat friends along the way. Machaj, a seventh-semester mechanical engineering major, loved Alt Trips so much, she completed

two of them. Her first was in Medford, Oregon.

"As a freshman, this trip opened my eyes to a whole new world on the West Coast, where homelessness is much higher than in CT," Machaj said. "The dedication of the volunteers I met encouraged me to lead an Alt Break trip the following year to Kelso, Washington."

The multiple facets of Habitat is what makes it so successful. When students are not fundraising, they are staging events to garner attention on the drastic homelessness problem that is taking place across the world. One way students do this is by spending the afternoon in cardboard boxes by the Student Union. As their peers walk by, they are given the opportunity to ponder how some cannot just simply go back to a concrete house, but rather how a cardboard box truly is their home.

For Machaj, Habitat is not only about building a house, but rather about creating a community that is there for each other.

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STEVEN KAO, CO-PRESIDENT OF UCONN HABITAT

only having a house to live in, but having a community willing to back you and help you sustain a decent lifestyle," Machaj said. "Whether that help takes the form of building a house or taking financial education classes through Habitat, they are a hand up, not a hand out."

If you wish to be a helping hand in your community, Habitat for Humanity is the place for you. Students can get involved by contacting [uconnhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:uconnhabitat@gmail.com) to be added to the email list, or by finding Habitat for Humanity on UConncontact. They can also be found on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at [@uconnhabitat](https://www.facebook.com/uconnhabitat).



UConn Habitat members volunteer to build a home. UConn Habitat hosts Alternative Spring Break trips so students can fight homelessness while meeting new people. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

# 'TOTALLY UNDER CONTROL' OFFERS FRANK LOOK AT HANDLING OF THE PANDEMIC

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With an upcoming second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic to presumably hit this winter, documentary "Totally Under Control" was released on Hulu yesterday and gives a detailed look at what went on during the start of the pandemic through a scientific, political and economic lens.

Filmed in secret for over five months, the documentary guides the audience through blow-by-blow accounts, showing the lead-up to the first positive COVID-19 case in the U.S., how the administration missed opportunities to stop the spread of the virus and general, careless miscommunication of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S.

Oscar-winning writer and di-

rector Alex Gibney and his co-directors, Ophelia Harutyunyan and Suzanne Hillinger, use news footage and interviews featuring a handful of accredited journalists, scientific experts and government whistleblowers who were not only aware of handling of the coronavirus pandemic but were also a part of it.

"Totally Under Control" gives an unbiased layout of the warning signs even before patient zero at Wuhan, China with the United States' haphazard plan for a viral outbreak and the administration's choice to advise following practiced procedures for a viral outbreak. This followed an explanation of who was involved in the early signs of the pandemic, why the Trump administration had appointed them, where they were when implementing plans and why they went about doing so.

Partially due to the fact that we have been living in the pandemic for nine months now in the U.S., most Americans are growing increasingly unresponsive to news about COVID-19. However, the result of "Totally Under Control" is a crisp and frank filing of information without the dramatic music and over-editing many may find in an ordinary documentary, leaving the audience with a newfound understanding of what went on behind the scenes of the handling of the pandemic.

In the final seconds of the film, it is revealed President Donald Trump was diagnosed with COVID-19 the day after the filmmakers finished editing, almost as a warning to viewers that "Totally Under Control" is still an ongoing journal of one of the most chaotic years in modern American history.



Hulu releases cover art for "Totally Under Control," a COVID-19 pandemic documentary featuring interviews with prominent journalists and scientists. PHOTO COURTESY OF L.A. TIMES

Although one might find watching a documentary about a pandemic we're already living through repetitive, "Totally Under Control" will definitely be used in classrooms around the country to

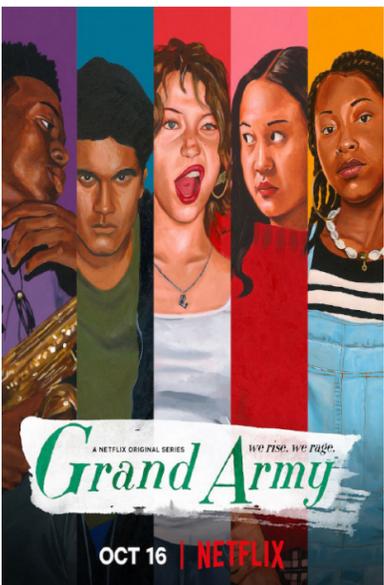
give a detailed explanation of the historical implications of the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic not just in the U.S. itself but for worldwide.

Rating: 4/5

# 'GRAND ARMY'

## An authentic but flawed concoction of Gen Z entitlement

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The Netflix series "Grand Army" releases cover art. Season 1 of the show explores sexism and racism in high school. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE

What is it about the high school experience that causes the media industry to thrive upon its dramatic depictions? "Skins," "Skam" and "Euphoria" are just a handful of shows

that have already established the enjoyment of young dedicated audiences, and yet Netflix still seems able to pop out a few more. The streaming service has been typecast for its usual recipe of coming-of-age material, which includes six cups of colorful frames, two tablespoons of spunky music and a pinch of a diversity just for good measure. But perhaps "Grand Army," the company's newest television release, is the product of a different formula.

To start off, the show's biggest and possibly most positive factor is its distinctive realism. There are no overly saturated filters, no quirky tunes playing as the main character gets ready for school. Instead, it begins with a group of girls rapping Cardi B's "Bodak Yellow" in a dirty locker room. This memorable opening scene sets the stage for the show's refreshingly realistic portrayal of a Brooklyn high school during a bleak winter in

New York City, a location that is prone to romanticization. In addition, "Grand Army" manages not to miss the important feature of New York's jumbled diversity, with four out of the five main characters being BIPOC. Unfortunately, authenticity and a diverse cast aren't enough to save the show from its messy utilization of its themes and characters.

Having only watched the first three episodes, my opinion may seem premature. However, there's a lot to say on what I've gathered so far, not just figuratively but also because the show itself explores a lot in general. "Grand Army" suffers from the same plague as "13 Reasons Why," one that causes symptoms of including every marginalizing aspect of society, which IndieWire diagnoses as "trauma porn."

Sexism, racism, Islamophobia, LGBTQIA+ issues and sexual assault are all matters that deserve attention, but it's difficult to communicate that fact when each topic is crammed into three episodes, let alone having to continue analyzing those same topics for the rest of the season. It's disappointing, considering the varying backgrounds of each character garners my interest in

getting to know them. After all, most shows can't say they have a closeted Indian American boy and a Jewish Chinese adoptee as their main protagonists. Social justice is a broad concept and rather than covering each subcategory, it would have been better to focus on one or two at most.

The other caveat that comes with over-inclusion is the tendency to focus only on certain portions of the story, leaving others out of the spotlight. Character-wise, "Grand Army" fits this description perfectly, as about 80% of the scenes I've watched in the first three episodes consist of the show's only White protagonist. After seeing countless moments featuring BIPOC in the trailer, I was excited to see the show have a more serious take on diversity, a characteristic that most other shows seem to lack. My expectations were ultimately unmet and instead I've had to witness the toxic interactions between Joey (Odessa A'zion) and her friends for the majority of the time.

It may not be a coincidence that "Grand Army" prioritizes the screen time of its sole White character, based on the scandal that emerged promptly after the release of the show's trailer.

Ming Peiffer, a former writer for the show, made a statement on Twitter explaining the negative treatment experienced by her and three other writers, all four individuals being BIPOC.

"Me and the 3 writers of color who worked on the show quit due to racist exploitation and abuse. The show runner and creator went full Karen and called Netflix HR on the Black writer in the room for getting a haircut. Yes you read that correctly. Who wants to interview us?" Peiffer tweeted.

Even without its controversial development, "Grand Army" establishes itself as a below average television series by using its alleged wokeness as a disguise for its poor delivery of Gen Z values. Matters like sexism, racism, Islamophobia, LGBTQIA+ issues and sexual assault are pressing problems for an increasingly progressive society, while Gen Z individuals are particularly troubled with the burden of finding their solutions. How social reform weaves within the process of personal development is a significant inquiry that young audiences can and should learn from, but "Grand Army" fails to properly address its answers.

Rating: 1.9/5

# BIG BRAIN ENERGY

## Inside the mind of someone with schizophrenia

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Schizophrenia is a type of psychotic disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, disoriented thinking and excessive negative symptoms that affects up to 200,000 people in the United States yearly, according to Mayo Clinic.

Though relatively common, schizophrenia is rarely explicitly included in the conversation around mental health and is hence stigmatized.

This week's column will be dedicated to elevating their stories: Those of hope and those of despair. Regardless, there is help available if you are struggling with schizophrenia and it is possible to live a full, happy life no matter your diagnosis. Just take it from survivors who have learned to be at peace with schizophrenia and are breaking down the mainstream stereotypes surrounding the illness.

"Schizophrenia seems to be the 'black sheep' in the world of mental health challenges, with little public discussion about what it's truly like to live with, leaving us with inaccurate media representations to shape our cultural image of the illness," wrote Tyler Dabel for Bridges to Recovery. "And yet if we are to support our friends or family members living with schizophrenia, it's vital that we first do our best to understand what they are really going through."

A woman by the name of Sandy wrote in to the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) website describing her experiences

with schizophrenia, which started when she was 44 and gradually worsened before she sought out help.

"I began to feel watched and suspicious of people. The delusions grew in intensity until I began to see all these amazing connections and clues leading me to the conclusion that I was part of a CIA covert operation," Sandy wrote. "This continued for six weeks until one night, I found myself by the river's edge in agony, trying to freeze to death. Something in me found a corner of disbelief... some fire that got me up off the ground and walking towards the hospital. There, they forced an admission, which began my journey into this difficult new chapter of my life."

Sandy relapsed six months after her first release from the hospital, and initially described her delusions as giving her a sense of safety and protection, which is why it was so difficult for her to fight them off. However, she is now able to actively live her life while remaining cognizant of her triggers.

"To honor the delusions, I boiled them down to their core meaning: protect and serve. I want to be of service to others. I choose to add that back into my life. I don't know yet how to protect and serve beyond everyday kindness, but it'll happen," Sandy wrote. "Another thing I've chosen to keep on doing is working. My work is only cashing and stocking, but being forced to pull myself together and to fight residual paranoia keeps me fighting my illness."

Alex, a guest writer for MQ: Transforming Mental Health's blog website, was diagnosed with

schizophrenia at the age of 20 while studying at the University of Leeds in England. She described a feeling of intense disconnection from her usual self while attempting to separate reality from the war in her mind.

"I couldn't relate to my friends any more. I wanted to, but I was unable to function with the deep terror the voices quickly installed within me. The voices were the first symptoms I experienced, and were to signal the intensity of the schizophrenia and psychosis which followed," Alex wrote. "It was so overwhelmingly weird to sit in a room surrounded by all

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your friends, and to be experiencing two levels of conversation. The first would be happening in the room around me, and the second seemed only to be taking place in my mind. Moreover, the paranoia would make it really hard to distinguish which was 'real' and which wasn't."

Almost three weeks after her first symptoms appeared, Alex's friends contacted her parents. Her dad came to pick her up from her college dormitory, but the mission to do so was not met without resis-

tance and agitation from Alex.

"I was sure dad was being influenced by the devil and was going to have a heart attack," Alex said. "I thought he was going to crash the car, and that we were being pursued by enemies and dangerous people. I screamed, and cried and railed against him all the way home."

Alex was eventually brought to the hospital, where she remained for intense inpatient treatment for 28 days, an experience she describes as necessary and life-changing.

"As much as it was horrendous, it was the best possible course of action. I was too far removed from reality to be able to function, and my parents simply couldn't help me on their own anymore," Alex wrote. "I was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia a few months later and began my long road back to recovery."

Alice Evans, who was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder at the age of 30, said recovery from the illness is possible and it is often therapeutic for her to incorporate her experiences into her work.

"I'm beginning to enjoy life. I'm running a business taking photographs alongside working as a visual artist. The work I make is largely film and poetry. I'm pursuing a PhD in filmmaking and am trying to get my life together," Evans said. "I work in schools to try to combat the stigma attached to having mental health conditions. I make artwork and poetry now, which sometimes reflects on my experiences of psychosis."

Katy is another survivor who wrote in to the Talk Health Part-

nership about her experiences. She was diagnosed with schizophrenia when she was 18, in her first year of college away from home. She described the voices she heard as becoming demanding and terrifying, eventually becoming debilitating.

"I was walking through town on a break from college when a male voice started talking to me. In the months that followed, this voice would tell me to harm myself but it also told me to harm other people," Katy wrote. "I didn't want to hurt anyone, and so I never did, despite some commands being unbearably loud. Two years after the first symptoms started, I neglected myself so badly that I was sectioned as a danger to self."

Katy eventually sought help and recovered through talk therapy, which allowed her to break down and gain a better understanding of her delusions. Still, she maintains the negative thoughts she experienced were not and are not indicative of her posing a threat to other people, a common misconception in the media that paints those with schizophrenia as violent.

"Nowadays, you wouldn't know I had schizophrenia, unless I told you. A lot of sufferers are quiet and shy like me, and we wouldn't and couldn't hurt anyone. Yet the attitude towards schizophrenia, and paranoid schizophrenia in particular, seems to be that we're all murderers-to-be who should be locked up for the safety of others," Katy wrote. "But schizophrenia doesn't mean I have evil eyes or an array of weapons. I'm just me. As Lewis Carroll wrote, 'I'm not strange, weird, off nor crazy; my reality is just different from yours.'"



# GET TOASTED

## @ BRUEGGER'S BAGELS

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Bruegger's Bagels in Storrs Center used to be a staple for many students before it unexpectedly shut its doors last year. Luckily, it happens to be a huge chain with locations a short drive from campus.

Confession: I never had Bruegger's until this weekend. I know, a Storrs student who never experienced making a morning run to the bagel chain — very shocking. I also haven't done a review of any restaurants this semester. This week's column has a few firsts, so let's dive in.

After a friend and I attempted to make brunch plans and realized it would be over an hour wait to be seated, we decided to go with plan B (Bruegger's). When we arrived, the parking lot was almost full, and the drive-thru lane was filled. That isn't surprising for any breakfast spot at 11:15 a.m. on a Saturday, so after we found parking and headed inside. The bagelry had a capacity limit due to the pandemic, but we got inside without having to wait, greeted by the aroma of bagels.

The first thing that caught my attention was the bagel oven. This was the first time I saw bagels being baked, so it was a welcomed distraction while we waited to place our orders. I felt like a kid at the grocery store watching the lobsters crawl around the tank in the seafood section,



The "Skinny Bacon Avocado Tomato Egg White Sandwich" features classic breakfast flavors on an everything bagel. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRUEGGER'S BAGELS

which let's be transparent here, is still entertaining 20-plus years later.

While I was looking at the menu, a seasonal sandwich caught my eye — The Skinny Bacon Avocado & Tomato Egg White on an everything bagel with one egg, so I ordered it along with the twice-baked hash brown.

The wait itself wasn't too long: A minute or two after paying, a good time considering the crowd, so props to the employees. After grabbing my approximately \$10 breakfast and heading outside to

eat on the trunk of my car, the moment of truth came.

Since the bagel was 'skinny,' a third of the bagel was cut out from the middle with a bagel cutter specifically for this purpose. Without the middle, I still got the crusty edge of the bagel and all the seasonings on top. It didn't have any tomato on it since the shop was out, but since I'd never had anything from the shop before, I don't know what I was missing out on, so no harm, no foul.

The bagel was honestly pretty tasty. I added some sri-

racha sauce for an extra kick, which made the sandwich all the better. The bacon added flavor, and honestly, the 'skinny' aspect of the bagel was welcome. There was less bread, so I appreciated the bagel's fixings more, which I could have missed out on if it was a full bagel.

Then came the hash brown. Honestly, I was hyped for this hash brown. Filled with cheeses and cream cheese and twice baked? As a cheese and crispy breakfast potato fan, I was intrigued. The outside of the thick hashbrown looked

crispy, but when I bit into it, I was underwhelmed.

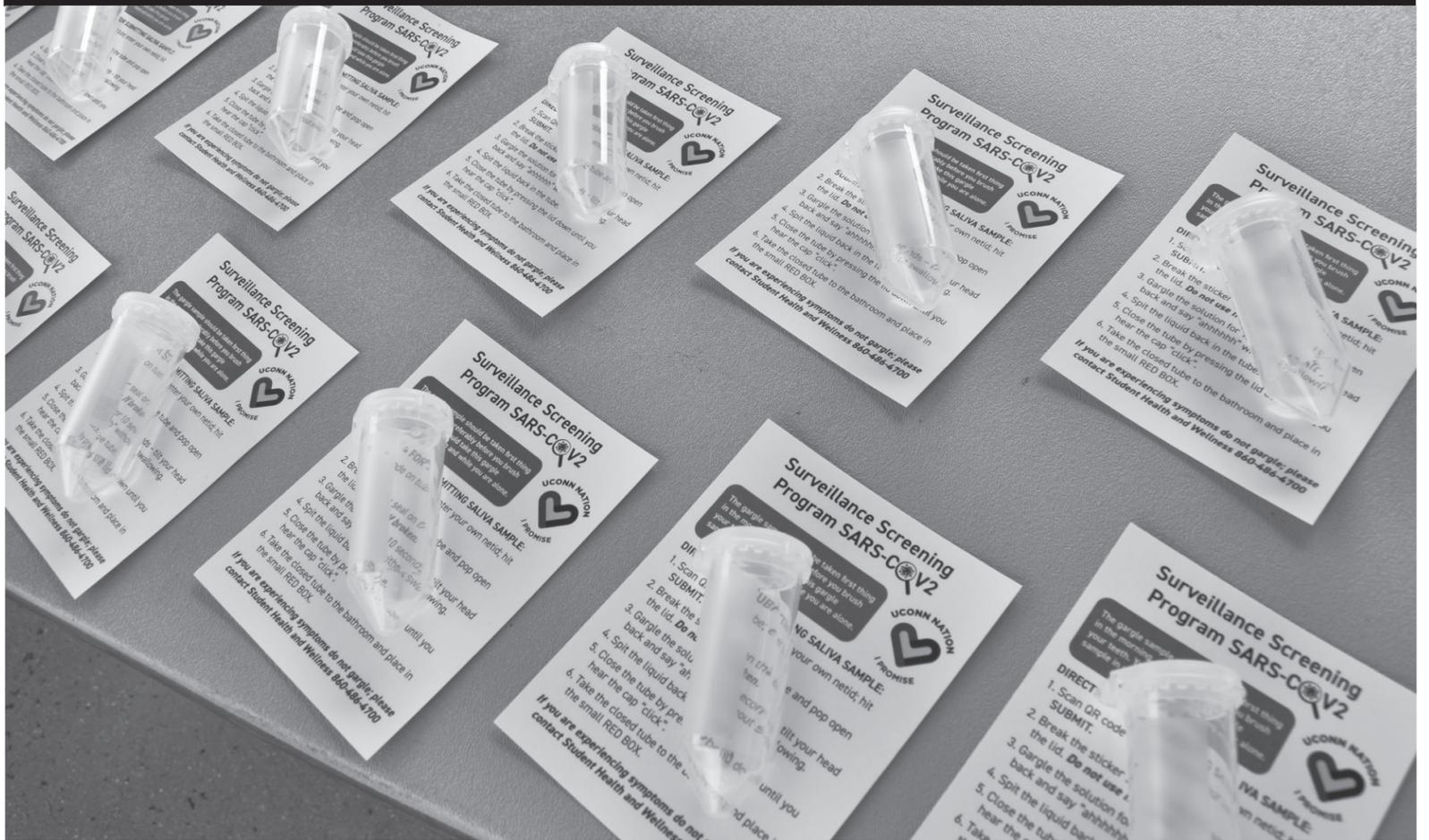
Was it cooked? Yes. Was it crispy? Not really. The cheese flavor was there, but I did not taste any cream cheese.

Overall, I can see why students miss Bruegger's. Although on the pricier end for a quick breakfast, the quality is good and the food is filling. I would check out Bruegger's again if there was one in my area, but maybe I'll replace the hash brown in my order with a coffee next time.

Overall rating: 3.68/5

# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | Exam day



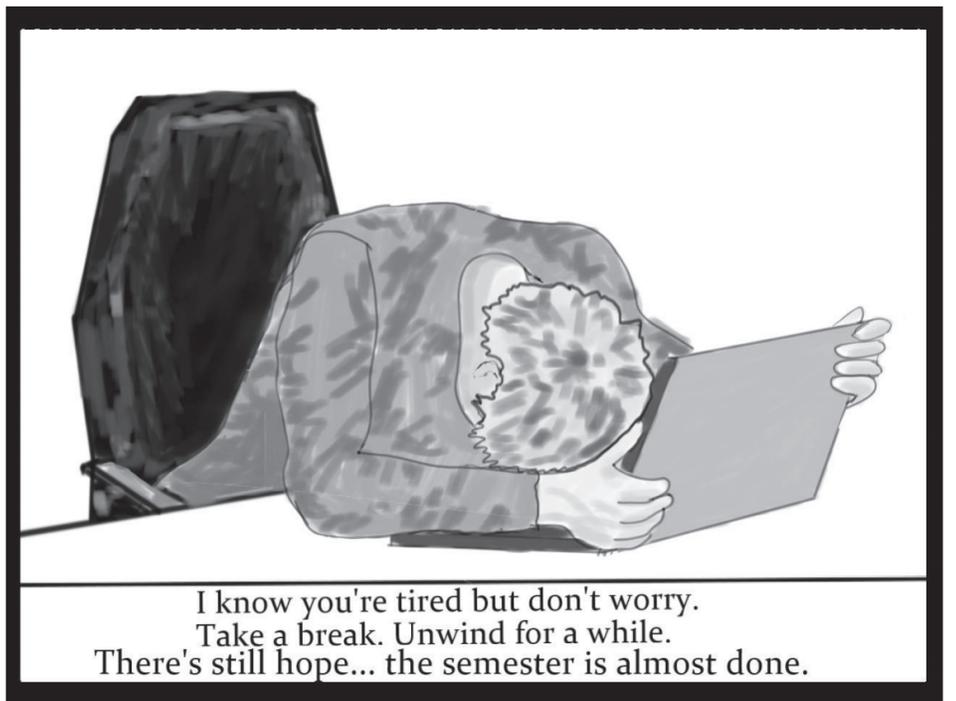
Student Health and Wellness conducts pool testing for COVID-19 outside the Student Union Tuesday, Oct. 20. PHOTO BY ASHLEY ANGLISANO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## It's OK to not be OK

POSITIVITY, cont. from p. 4

Emotions are a guidance that clue our mind in on what's happening, while also conveying information to the people around us. For example, you may feel sad about leaving a job. This indicates the experience was meaningful. Explaining to a loved one that you feel sad about leaving despite being happy for what the job gave you asks for comfort from them. In this situation, choosing to focus on only one aspect of the many emotions in play only tells half the story. Toxic positivity would ask you to move on without looking back, but being human allows nostalgia.

While there's no singular fix to all of life's emotional difficulties, listening and acknowledging the full spectrum of feelings felt is vastly important. When interacting with others, rather than telling them everything is fine, listen intently to what they are actually saying. Openness and emotional vulnerability allows awareness of your present experience without a judgement on your feelings regarding the situation. Remember: It's OK to not be OK.



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By Mike Peluso 10/21/20

### DYK?

**Trick-or-treating began in medieval times and was called "guising."**

SUGAR RATIONING HALTED TRICK-OR-TREATING DURING WWII.

**Jack-o-lanterns were originally carved from turnips, potatoes and beets.**

This will be the first Halloween with a full moon in 19 years.

**Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed."**

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Breaking down the futures of NBA bubble teams

**BUBBLE, cont. from p. 11**

**Houston Rockets:**  
*Play-in record: 4-4*  
*Playoff record: 5-7, lost in Western Conference Semifinals*

The Rockets season ended in a more or less predictable way, being exposed by the size of the Los Angeles Lakers. After trading away Clint Capela at the trade deadline for small guys to space the floor, Houston showed the world what the pinnacle of small ball could do, turning around Russell Westbrook's career and achieving the fourth seed in a competitive Western Conference. However, their success was not without questions and hiccups. As much as Houston continued to put up astronomical three point numbers as a team, they also struggled against dominant big men like Anthony Davis and Nikola Jokic. In the playoffs, Houston looked ready to take on LeBron James in Round 2 as they went up 2-0 over the Oklahoma City Thunder, only to lose three of the next four games to James Harden's former running mate Chris Paul. In a battle in Game 7, the Rockets finally came out on top, but not without serious

doubt about the construction of their team. Everything fell apart in the next round as the Lakers blew by Houston, completely shutting down Westbrook and getting torn apart by Davis. The Rockets future is hanging in the balance following the dismissal of coach Mike D'Antoni and longtime General Manager Daryl Morey, as well as questions on the longevity of the small ball style. Rumors have also begun about the tenure of Superstar James Harden, as ownership seeks new management, leaving the basketball world in limbo as we await the fate of Harden in Houston.

**Indiana Pacers:**  
*Play-in record: 6-2*  
*Playoff record: 0-4, lost in first round*

Indiana was never expected to be a contender in the East this year, so their first round exit to the eventual Eastern Conference champion Miami Heat was not a shocker. However, that didn't change the fact that being swept in Round 1 after such a promising play-in performance wasn't a disappointment for the front office, who fired head coach Nate McMillan following their elimination. At the time of writing this, the vacancy

still hasn't been filled, and the future of this team remains in limbo. One thing is certain however, and that's the unbelievable bubble performance put together by forward T.J. Warren. He averaged 31 points per game over the six play-in games he played in, including a 53-point bomb in his first game against the Philadelphia 76ers. However, in the playoffs he cooled off significantly, as he went up against his rival Jimmy Butler and the Miami Heat, only averaging 20 points per game, and dwindling under pressure. The future of this team is curious, and depends greatly on the success of the new head coach and the fate of former all-star guard Victor Oladipo as he has been blowing smoke signals to the front office asking for a trade, only to counter himself and request that he stays. Trading Oladipo could bring back more young talent for a growing team under new leadership, but it could also bring in a star desperately needed alongside all-star Domantas Sabonis if they want to make a run for the Eastern Conference. Either way, look for this team to be back in contention within a few years.



**Houston Rockets point guard Russell Westbrook lays the ball up while being defended by Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis in the second round of the 2020 NBA playoffs.** PHOTO COURTESY OF @HOUSTONROCKETS ON TWITTER

# McCarthy's 1st season in Dallas coming apart over turnovers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mike McCarthy is a big believer in winning the turnover battle.

His first season as coach of the Dallas Cowboys is coming apart because of how badly his team is losing that battle.

Dallas is minus-12 in turnover margin, the worst in the NFL through six games since 2013 and the worst for the franchise since its inaugural — and winless — season of 1960.

The Cowboys (2-4) committed four turnovers without getting one in a 38-10 loss to Arizona on Monday night, and take no solace in being in first place in the woeful NFC East heading into Sunday's visit to division rival Washington.

"I have a continuing issue with ball security on my football team," McCarthy said. "That's something I personally take a lot of pride in and how it reflects on how you play the game of football. I'm not getting it done right now."

Ezekiel Elliott has five fumbles (four lost), already within one of the two-time rushing champion's career high for a full season from 2018. Andy Dalton threw two interceptions in his first start replacing the injured Dak Prescott.

"In practice, I've been focusing in on just kinda keeping it tight and not having it loose," Elliott said. "I don't know. I need to figure something out."

The Cardinals scored 24 points off those turnovers, and 13 of Dallas' NFL-leading 15 giveaways have led to points — 11 of them touchdowns. The only two this season that didn't result in points were interceptions near the game's end.

The 84 points off turnovers given up by the Cowboys are also a reflection of a defense that has slipped to 31st against the run and allowed at least 250 yards rushing in two of the past three games. For the season, Dallas is allowing 5.15 yards per carry.

"We turned the ball over. We didn't handle the adversity of it," McCarthy said. "These are things that have gone on so far this year and we need to turn it (around) because it's affecting the outcome of games clearly."

## WHAT'S WORKING

Nothing, other than having the lead in a division with three one-win teams, and even that doesn't mean much to normally optimistic owner



**Arizona Cardinals safety Budda Baker (32) strips the ball from Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) in the first half of an NFL game in Arlington, Texas, Monday, Oct. 19, 2020.** PHOTO BY MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

Jerry Jones. "I'm not in the feel-good mood frankly that we got manna from heaven being in the East," Jones said on his radio show Monday. "When you're not playing any better than we are, it's hard for me to basically look to the endgame, which is to win the East, and get excited about the fact that we're better than anybody."

## WHAT NEEDS HELP

Plenty, starting with trying to play with a lead for a change. The Cowboys never led in two of the three games on a rare long homestand that finished 1-2.

Prescott gave the Cowboys chances to win despite deficits of 15 points or worse in three straight games. While Dalton led two fourth-quarter drives to field goals to beat the New York Giants two weeks ago, he never provided the sense Dallas could

recover from 21-0 down in the second quarter against Kyler Murray and the Cardinals.

## STOCK UP

Receiver CeeDee Lamb continues to be a steady presence. He's the only rookie since at least 1950 with five or more catches in the first six games of his career after catching seven passes for 64 yards.

## STOCK DOWN

Dalton was fortunate that he didn't have at least two more interceptions on several ill-advised throws. One came early, and Arizona linebacker Jordan Hicks was the only remotely close to the ball. He couldn't hang on to the ball, and probably would have scored if he had. Also, the analytics don't look good compared to Prescott on throws without pressure and getting

the ball down the field.

## INJURIES

Four-time All-Pro right guard Zack Martin's health will be a big topic this week after he missed most of the Arizona game with a concussion. McCarthy said it will likely be late in the week before the Cowboys know if he can play.

Dallas is about to be on its third left tackle with Brandon Knight injuring a knee against the Cardinals and needing surgery. McCarthy said Knight will be out at least a couple of weeks. He was starting in place of seven-time Pro Bowler Tyron Smith, out for the season after neck surgery.

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said the club expects to get back-up tackle Cameron Erving back from a knee injury that has sidelined him since the

opener. Erving could slide into Knight's spot.

## KEY NUMBER

94 — It might not be a huge boost to the pass rush right away. But it's still a lift for the Cowboys to get No. 94, Randy Gregory, back from suspension. He's eligible for the first time this week, and Stephen Jones said he's expected to play.

## NEXT STEPS

The visit to Washington is the first of two straight NFC East road games (Philadelphia is the second). Lose both, and Dallas is probably headed for a top 10 draft pick for the first time since 2016. The Cowboys had that fourth overall pick (and drafted Elliott) in large part because they finished 4-12 after quarterback Tony Romo broke his collarbone in Week 2.

## Sports

## Throwback Photo of the Day | Gameday at the Rent



The UConn football team takes the field for a game against SMU on Nov. 11, 2018 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. The Huskies would lose this game by a final score of 62-50 despite a six-touchdown performance by UConn quarterback David Pindell. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Charlie Morton: The unsung hero of Tampa

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When I wrote my article about the Tampa Bay Rays, I knew what this team could and would accomplish throughout this 2020 MLB postseason. Domination was demonstrated as they fought through tough series with the New York Yankees and Houston Astros. With an amazing pitching rotation and some underrated stars, how could you not? However, what I did not expect to occur was the dominance of one 36-year-old former all-star from Flemington, New Jersey. That man is former World Series champion, Charlie Morton.

When the Rays entered the postseason as the second-best team in baseball, Morton himself entered with fairly unimpressive stats with a 2-2 record in nine games and a 4.74 ERA. Morton looked as if he was only there to simply provide veteran leadership to a young Tampa Bay Rays team with little experience deep into the MLB postseason. With further examination of Morton's previous entrances into the MLB playoffs, Morton has pitched quite mediocly other than a solid two-game run in 2019 as the Astros eliminated the Rays in five games in the ALDS. However, this season was different, and Charlie Morton made that happen with fantastic performances throughout this postseason.

In Morton's first appearance of the postseason, we saw a reliable five-inning performance that allowed his club to come out on top in a demolishing 8-4 win over the Yankees. His most recent series against his former team, the Houston Astros, was where Morton put on a show that is sure to be remembered well amongst baseball fans. With an outstanding bullpen behind him, the Rays needed five solid innings from Morton to go up 2-0 in the series and he exceeded expectations as he allowed no runs and tallied five strikeouts through five innings. His next outing on the mound would be his most impressive as he gave up no runs and only two hits through five innings of pitching as Tampa was on the brink of elimination in Game 7 of the ALCS.

With Morton, he is in a great position with Tampa Bay, as he is only looked upon to pitch about five innings of baseball rather than the opposing pitchers. They go deeper into pitching counts and are more prone to allowing runs late into the game in crucial situations. Less pressure is expected upon the veteran to pitch longer into games, and he can hand the ball off confidently to a Tampa Bay Rays bullpen that led the regular season in saves and has pitched very well in these MLB playoffs. With Kevin Cash allowing Morton to pitch with this kind of mindset in these MLB playoff games, he is dominating and is sure to impress even more as



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Charlie Morton throws against the Houston Astros during the sixth inning in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series, Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, in San Diego. PHOTO BY GREGORY BULL/AP

Tampa Bay approaches the World Series.

For Morton, this is his second appearance in the World Series after a previous appearance with the Houston Astros, where they won a controversial World Series title in 2017. Morton returns to face a different-looking Dodgers team that features a plethora of dangerous hitters such as Mookie Betts, Corey Seager, Justin Turner, Joc Pederson and many more. Morton's experience against many players on Los Angeles will be no easy matchup for this Dodgers

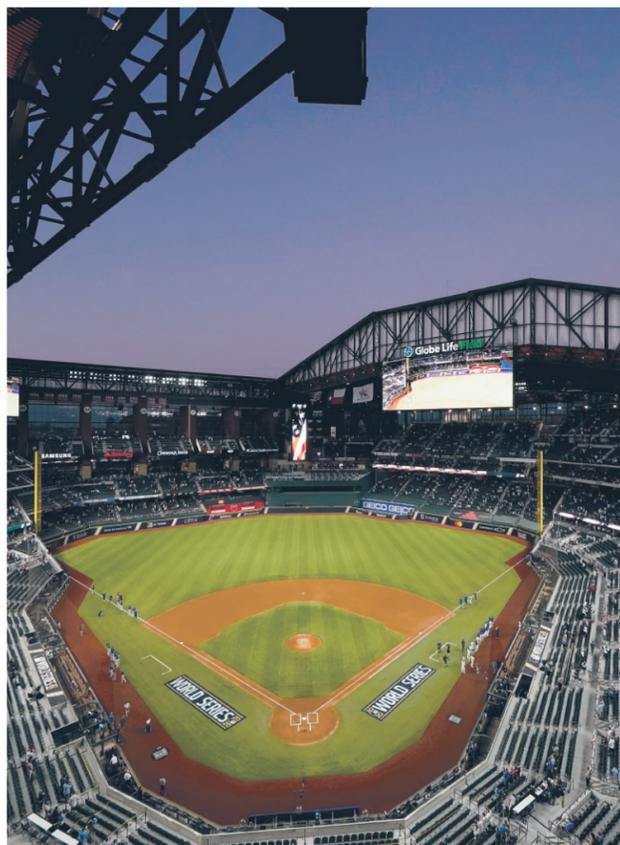
team. Morton enters the World Series with the expectation of domination after excellent performances against the Yankees and the Astros.

Tampa Bay will most certainly need some of the great pitching we have seen from him this far. He has been so consistent and can be expected to pitch exceptionally well for the five innings that Tampa needs from him. For pitchers like Tyler Glasnow and Blake Snell, they have been shown to be slightly inconsistent at times, and with an unforgiving Dodgers

lineup that boasts an outstanding pitching rotation as well, runs won't be easy to get.

For Morton, he is the unsung hero of Tampa. He is the man that will be a difference-maker in an exciting World Series matchup. He will be relied upon as a key player rather than just an average veteran on a stacked playoff team. When he steps on the mound, runs won't come very easily for this Dodgers team and they know it. It should be evident at this point for LA: Watch out for Charlie Morton.

## Pandemic World Series draws smallest crowd in over century



Tampa Bay Rays and the Los Angeles Dodgers gather on the field for Game 1 of the World Series in front of a sparse crowd on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, in Arlington, Texas. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Julie and Lance Smith walked through the mostly empty course of Globe Life Field.

Tampa Bay infielder Joey Wendle is married to one of their cousins, and they weren't going to miss his World Series debut.

"It's so weird," said Julie Smith, 38, from Gadsden, Alabama.

"It's kind of nice in a way, too," Lance, 39, said before they headed to their seats in the first deck behind home plate.

They wore masks, but many fans ignored the requirement for facial coverings except while eating or drinking at their ticketed seats.

A crowd of about 11,000 was expected for Tuesday night's World Series opener between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Tampa Bay Rays, spread in groups of up to four, mostly in alternate rows and none directly behind each other among the forest green seats. That would be the smallest for a World Series game in about 111 years.

Major League Baseball planned to make about 11,500 tickets available for each game, about 28% of the 40,518 capacity at the retractable-roof stadium of the Texas Rangers. The new \$1.2 billion venue opened this year and replaced Globe Life Park, the team's open-air home from 1994 through 2019. During batting practice, through the new

stadium's glass walls, the sun glistened off the red brick of the old stadium across the street beyond left field, a field now used for high school football.

Behind home plate, the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium gleamed like a spaceship.

World Series games are usually festive, packed early with fans celebrating the dual accomplishments of their team making it to baseball's ultimate stage and of their snagging hard-to-find tickets, usually displayed in plastic hanging from lanyard draped around their necks.

But this World Series had a surreal, at times somber aspect caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic. The small crowd was supplemented with fan audio from stadium speakers.

No fans were allowed to any of the 898 regular-season games this season, which were played in empty ballparks due to governmental health restrictions.

Players' families were allowed starting for the 18 first-round games, the 15 Division Series games and the AL Championship Series between Tampa Bay and Houston in San Diego, with fans added for the Dodgers' matchup against Atlanta in the NL Championship Series in Arlington, an average of 10,835 for the seven games.

Roughly the same amount of tickets were sold for each World Series game.

Behind third base, a group of fans in Dodgers gear watched after flying in.

Brian Casey, a 29-year-old from Glendale, California, booked a plane ticket ahead of Sunday night's win over the Braves, knowing he had 24 hours to cancel without penalty, then made a decision after the Dodgers rallied for a 4-3 win. He was in attendance when they last won the World Series in 1988 as a kid and was at Dodger Stadium when they played Boston in 2018. He watched Tuesday with Ryan Radenbaugh, 37, from Burbank.

"We just went to buy souvenirs and it was all Rangers stuff," Radenbaugh said.

Noah Garden, MLB's chief revenue officer, said the pandemic made it difficult to get gear shipped in the short time after teams won pennants last weekend.

MLB made the decision to play with the roof open. It was closed until the Dodgers started to warm up about 3 1/2 hours ahead of first pitch, then slid open as the public address system played Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra," known to many as the opening music from Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey."

# NBA Bubble Recap Part 1: Breaking down each team's bubble performance and future

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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.

**Boston Celtics:**  
*Play-in record: 5-3*  
*Playoff record: 10-7, Lost 4-2 in Eastern Conference Finals*

The Celtics were one of the breakout teams of the 2020 season. Led by new arrival Kemba Walker and the All-NBA Third Team performance of Jayson Tatum, the Celtics cruised to a surprising 48-24 record and claimed the third seed going into the playoffs. There, they beat both the Philadelphia 76ers and the Toronto Raptors before losing to the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference finals. The Celtics breakout star was also the one who claimed his first All-NBA Team selection this year: Tatum. He averaged 25 points, 10 rebounds and five assists throughout the playoffs and was crucial in lifting his team over the scrappy Raptors in Round 2. This team has an incredibly bright future ahead, with Tatum and Jaylen Brown still growing into their own, and another year for the team to jell together. The only question this team faces is how long will their window for a championship last. Tatum's rookie deal will come to an end at the end of next year, so the team will need to commit much more money than they are now in order to



**Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum goes up for a layup guarded by Miami Heat center Bam Adebayo during a 2020 Eastern Conference Final game in the Orlando bubble. The Celtics ended up losing the series, but they still have an incredibly bright future.** PHOTO COURTESY OF @CELTICS ON TWITTER

keep him around. On top of this, Kemba appeared to be showing signs of breaking down late in the season, and Gordon Hayward's contract severely limits Boston's ability to get the crucial bench depth they need.

**Brooklyn Nets:**  
*Play-in record: 5-3*  
*Playoff record: 0-4, Lost 0-4 in the first round*

The Nets were one of the teams heading into the bubble with little expectations. Superstars Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving opted out before the league's restart alongside impact players Spencer Dinwiddie and Deandre Jordan. With what looked like a borderline G-League squad, the Nets entered the bubble behind the leadership of 26-year-old Caris LeVert. When the Nets ended the play-in games with a 5-3 record, fans considered that alone a win.

They fell back to earth in the first round against the Raptors, getting swept, but not without a fight in Game 4. As mentioned previously, LeVert was the breakout star for the Nets, showing that he can be a primary ball handler and a scorer, and instantly become an asset as a sixth man or valuable trade piece to bring in more depth. As we look forward to next season, Brooklyn will go from a seventh seed this year, to a possible title contender as they will finally get the services of both Durant and Irving and look to sit atop a suddenly competitive Eastern Conference.

**Dallas Mavericks:**  
*Play-in record: 3-5*  
*Playoff record: 2-4, lost in first round*

For Dallas, the fans got what they asked for from the bubble. Sure the record was disappoint-

ing, but once they reached the playoffs we saw how bright the future was for this team. Without their second man for most of the first round, Luka Doncic and the Mavericks were able to keep their series against the Clippers close behind epic performances and a clutch game-winning three from Doncic. He was the breakout star for the Mavericks, as he took steps towards the levels of all-time greats, including his aforementioned game-winning 3-pointer with a bruised ankle. With a stellar 31 point, 10 rebound and nine assist performance over six games, and in the playoffs no less, the postseason breakout of Luka is undoubtedly the first of many for the young European star. Despite their first round exit, he has shown this team will be a threat in the Western Conference for years to come,

even if it's not in the team's current iteration. In the next few years, Dallas will have plenty of decisions to make to build around Doncic, one of which is deciding whether Kristaps Porzingis is the guy they want next to him. With a stacked free agency including back-to-back MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, moving on from the Unicorn to free up cap space could be on the menu, but they have time to decide before the trade deadline next year.

**Denver Nuggets:**  
*Play-in record: 3-5*  
*Playoff record: 9-10, lost in Western Conference Finals*

Never has there been a more magical run in the NBA than the one we saw from the young Denver Nuggets. The only team ever to come back from two 3-1 deficits in the same postseason, a Jordan imitation from Jamal Murray and an assertion from Nikola Jokic as the best passing big man of all time. We had heard for years that the Nuggets could be a contender in the West, and finally we were shown why. The team that never dies will forever be legendary in basketball history. Way back in the beginning of the bubble, we saw some incredible performances from some relatively unknown guys, and among those was Michael Porter Jr. During the play-in games, Porter had a stretch of four games with 20+ points, including a 37-point onslaught against the Oklahoma City Thunder. He proved to the NBA world he could be an offensive threat on an already loaded Denver squad, and can hit nearly any shot over any defender. With the emergence of Murray as a consistent playoff scorer, Jokic as one of the two best centers in the league and the continued growth of Porter Jr., the Nuggets have the time and potential to be a contender in the West for many years to come.

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## NFL Risers and Fallers: UConn's Matt Peart makes first start



**Former UConn and current New York Giants offensive lineman takes the field. Peart made his first career start as the left tackle for the Giants on Sunday against the Washington Football Team.** PHOTO COURTESY OF @GIANTS\_RJ ON TWITTER

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**Faller: Dallas Cowboys**  
Last week I said I wasn't going to put the Cowboys in as a faller because the Dak injury was completely out of their control, but after this week, I have to. It's not even because of their play. Like yes, it was really, really bad, but the team seems to be absolutely falling apart from the inside. Tuesday, some of the internal frustrations started making it to the public, as Jane Slater of NFL Network reported. Slater reported that one player said the coaching staff is "totally unprepared. They don't teach. They don't have any sense of adjusting on the fly," and another player said "they just aren't good at their jobs."

I had thought the Cowboys could still cruise to a division title even after the Dak injury, but after getting this peak at the locker room, I'm not so sure anymore. I think the division winner will come from this week's Thursday night game between the Eagles and Giants, and

that's just sad. This whole division is a joke, and the Cowboys are the biggest one of all.

**Riser: Matt Peart**  
UConn fans, guess who made the first start of his NFL career on Sunday? That's right! After the Giants' first-round pick Andrew Thomas was benched late due to disciplinary reasons, Peart made the spot-start — and he shined. Although he ended up splitting the game with Thomas, making 26 of the 48 total offensive snaps while Thomas made the other 22, he performed extremely well for a third-round rookie just being thrown in at left tackle.

Pro Football Focus graded Peart the highest of any player on the Giants offense who played at least 25 snaps. He was great by veteran standards, much less for someone making his NFL debut.

**Faller: Josh Allen**  
After a phenomenal first couple games, Josh Allen has finally come back down to Earth. I've never been an Allen fan, I think he's just a flat out bad quarter-

back and more of a product of his team. But even I couldn't deny his start to the season. It was great. But all throughout, I was waiting for the other shoe to drop, and it has.

I know Aaron Rodgers had a worse week, but he has a track record that Allen just doesn't have. Aside from the first four games of this season, he has never proven himself to be a good QB at the NFL level. Now, with back-to-back stinkers under his belt, he's starting to get back to the Josh Allen we all know and love — the one that tries a no-look lateral mid-tackle in a playoff game. Listen, I'm not saying we should just ignore his first couple weeks of work, but his name was being brought up in MVP conversations when he just flat out isn't close to that. At best, he's a slightly above average QB. At worst, he's singlehandedly losing the Bills games due to his poor decision making. I believe he's more of the latter, but only time will tell.

## Esports: Cloud9 will be fine without Licorice

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Many fans were upset with the decision. It feels cheap, especially considering Cloud9 had so recently stated the team wouldn't be changing. Licorice wasn't a problem in 2020; he played well. The only reason for this change seems to be the OPL's collapse and Fudge becoming a player who has residency in North America. The team seemingly believes that however good Licorice is and has been for them, Fudge will be better.

region, it is certainly a more major region than the now-gone OPL. And while Fudge deserves a chance, trying to live up to what Licorice did in his first split is going to be hard, but that's what the bar is.

There is also the question of Licorice; what team will he go to? It's certain that most of the other NA teams are going to want him — he was likely the best top laner in the league in 2020, only potentially really behind TSM's BrokenBlade. In addition, he's not an import, which makes him much more desirable to teams that have their import slots filled.

*Fans have insisted [Cloud9] lost the offseason for the last half decade, and every time they come back better and win more games and definitely do not lose the offseason*

That's a big burden for a player who has not played his first professional game in North America yet. His record is already impressive; he won the OPL in 2019 Summer and made Worlds, though his team at the time, Mammoth, did not impress on the Worlds stage. As a member of Cloud9 Academy, he and his team won both regular splits and both playoffs in 2020. There is little Fudge has done as a professional player that has not ended in victory.

And yet in 2021, Fudge will be taking his first steps into the higher echelon of league. Even for those who do not believe that North America is a major

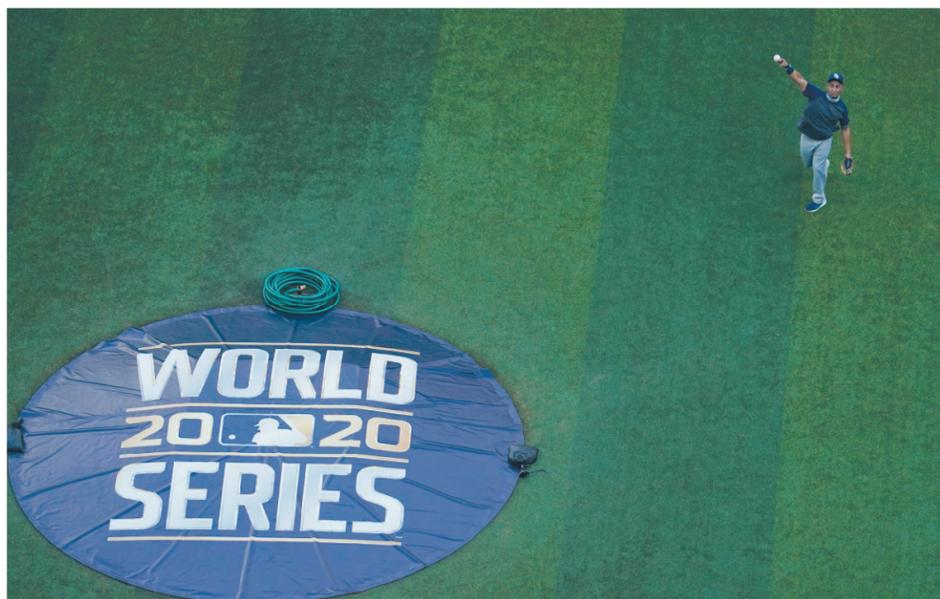
Free Agency won't open for a few weeks, till after Worlds, but Licorice's potential new home is already set to be the biggest signing of the offseason.

Cloud9, meanwhile, will be fine. Fans have insisted they lost the offseason for the last half decade, and every time they come back better and win more games and definitely do not lose the offseason. Games aren't won in the off-season, and they aren't won on paper. In six months, no one will remember who they thought won or lost the off-season; they'll just remember who won or lost the games.



# Sports

## Point/Counterpoint: Who's winning the World Series?



A Tampa Bay Rays player warms up during batting practice before Game 1 of the World Series Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, in Arlington, Texas.

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This week, the World Series gets underway between the American League champion Tampa Bay Rays and the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers. The Rays are in just their second World Series in franchise history, while the Dodgers are in their third in the past four seasons. The Dodgers are certainly the favorite on paper, but if this postseason has shown us anything, it's that you can't count out the Rays and their new-school analytics style of baseball. Prior to the start of Game 1, we're giving our predictions for how this series will play out.

**Mike Mavredakis:**  
This is going to be a very close series. The Tampa Bay Rays are as balanced and exciting a team as we've seen in recent years. They have the starting pitching, they have the bullpen and they have Randy Arozarena.

Taking a look at the starting matchups — it's going to be Glasnow versus Kershaw in Game 1. Give me Glasnow there, he throws the kind of gas the Dodgers have yet to really see this postseason.

Then we get Snell against TBD in Game 2; Snell has been solid this postseason but not overpowering. I have a feeling the Dodgers righties might tee off on the former Cy Young winner. Mookie Betts has a .892 career OPS with six RBIs against the lefty, who used to be in the same division as Snell before the Boston Red Sox traded him. The Dodgers could theoretically throw rookie Dustin May here after he threw just one inning in Game 7 of the NLCS. I'd say a high scoring game but the Rays pull it out with some late heroics against the Dodgers bullpen.

Then it's Walker Buehler in Game 3, so that's a wrap on that game.

From there, all hell is going to break loose. I think the Rays have the bullpen depth to hold

the Dodgers offense down. I am concerned their offense won't be enough, considering they didn't score more than five runs in any ALCS game.

**Danny Barletta:**  
I definitely agree this is going to be a close series. I think it will go at least six games, but I believe it will be the Dodgers who come out on top. As manager Dave Roberts said after the NLCS, this is their year. It has to be. They've been probably the most consistently good team in the past decade, winning the NL West in the past eight years. However, they fell short in the playoffs in each of those years. I believe this year is different.

LA's pitching staff is lethal with the three-headed monster of Kershaw, May and Buehler. They added a top-three player in baseball in Betts to an already star-studded lineup. Corey Seager killed it in the NLCS with five home runs, and if former MVP Cody Bellinger can find his form after that big go-ahead home run in Game 7, even the Rays aces will have some trouble.

In reality, this should be a no-brainer, and the Dodgers actually have the talent to sweep, but I think the Rays will steal a couple of games to make it interesting.

**MM:**  
There is some part of me that has trouble believing in this Dodgers team. They got taken to the very edge in the NLCS against a Braves pitching staff that outperformed. Ian Anderson and Max Fried are

very good pitchers, don't get me wrong, but they are no Tyler Glasnow and Blake Snell. The Rays have the arms to stifle a Dodgers lineup that has two MVPs among its ranks. They

had the third-best team in ERA in baseball this season and the same team ERA in this postseason as the Dodgers, despite playing more games.

The Rays and Dodgers both employ a similar on-field approach. The Dodgers have more offensive talent, the Rays have better pitching and defense. It's going to come down to a few plays at the margins. Either way it goes, it should be a wild ride. I think Kevin Cash has a creative enough mind to get it done. I could be wrong, that's baseball. My final answer is Rays winning in a seven-game thriller.

**DB:**  
I think there's a decent chance this goes seven games, and as we know, in a Game 7, anything can happen. However, I see the Rays in the same way I saw the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals. They're a fun team that's easy to root for that took a different approach to their success (The Heat not having a real superstar and leaning on a different guy each night, the Rays in their use of the opener and never letting a starter face a lineup three times). However in both cases, once they get to the championship, they're facing a team that's just better.

It's true the Dodgers got pushed to the edge by a very good Braves team. But the Rays were also pushed to the edge by a sub-.500 Astros team. They were a couple of runs away from joining the New York Yankees as the only team to blow a 3-0 lead in a playoff series. They survived and are here now, but it's not like they dominated while the Dodgers barely snuck by.

In addition, Glasnow and Snell are great pitchers, and they may ball out in this series, but neither one has been particularly dominant this postseason. Snell had a bad outing against the Yankees, while Glasnow had a rough game against the Astros. So it's not like these guys are a guaranteed shut-out on the mound. I actually don't believe the Rays have an advantage in starting pitching, and the Dodgers are way ahead of the Rays on offense. So I believe much like the NBA Finals, LA will dominate for the most part, but Tampa will find a way to push it to six games.

## NFL risers and fallers Week 6

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It's Tua time! After starting the season 3-3 under Ryan Fitzpatrick, the Miami Dolphins have decided to make a change in quarterback, naming No. 3 overall pick Tua Tagovailoa the starter. This was an inevitable change, though it was still surprising considering the success Fitz has had this season. It makes sense though; Miami clearly thinks they can make a playoff push, so they're going to go with who they deem the better quarterback at this point in time. I'm not sure I agree, but hey, I'm not an NFL coach (if you would believe that).

Aside from Tua and the Dolphins, here were some of the other big storylines from this past week of football.

### Riser: Tennessee Titans

I will say, I was very hesitant to buy into the Titans for one reason and one reason alone — Ryan Tannehill. After watching all of his years in Miami, it's hard to really believe he's good. But finally, I'm sold, and now I'm all in on Ryan Tannehill and the Tennessee Titans. Tannehill looks good, Derrick Henry is the best running back in the NFL and their defense, while it hasn't looked incredible, still has some playmakers.

They're also 5-0, one of just three remaining undefeated teams, along with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks. With an unstoppable force like Henry and an apparently top-10 quarterback in Tannehill, I think they can beat any team in the NFL.

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Tennessee Titans running back Jeremy McNichols (28) gets past Houston Texans strong safety Justin Reid (20) in the second half of an NFL game Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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## ON OCEANIA, CLOUD9 AND LOYALTY

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Riot Games announced on Oct. 7 that the Oceanic Pro League, the professional League of Legends League in Oceania, would not be returning in 2021. The decision was a shock for the community; the OPL just had their best performance at Worlds with Legacy Esports and has exported talented players.

In order to ensure Oceanic players still have opportunities to perform at the highest levels, Riot Games in the same announcement said "Beginning with the 2021 season, we are adding OCE to the competitive territory for the LCS, so OCE players will no longer take an import slot on LCS rosters." In addition, Oceanic teams will still have a chance to make Worlds, as qualifying events will be held within the region.

Perhaps no team benefited more from this decision than Cloud9. Their academy top laner, Fudge, is an import from the Oceanic league, so the fact that he no longer would take an import slot massively increased his value. Many fans expected the team to sell him for a high price; Fudge is one of the most prom-

ising academy players in North America.

Few people expected the opposite. In 2020, Cloud9 started Eric "Licorice" Ritchie, who was once again one of the best top laners in the league and helped the team win the Spring Splint dominantly. Despite that performance, the team struggled in summer and missed Worlds. Even after this setback, Cloud9 confirmed in early September the roster would be staying together for 2021.

Then the OPL collapsed, and Fudge wasn't an import anymore. Cloud9 already has two imports in mid laner Nisqy and bot laner Zven, so starting another import wouldn't be possible. But with Fudge no longer taking an import slot, he could start alongside Zven and Nisqy.

Licorice announced on Monday he will be looking for a new team after Cloud9 informed him he would not be on their starting roster heading into the 2021 season. Free Agency hasn't even opened yet and the biggest move may have already happened; Licorice was rookie of the split for Cloud9 and is still a top player who will certainly have a number of teams chasing him.

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#### Teams we're paying attention to



#### Athletes we're paying attention to

Blake Snell

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The Dodgers will lose the World Series because they are the Dodgers.

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