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Your guide to the 2020 election

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Do you feel confused by all of the rules put into place for voting? Do you need help figuring out where to go and how to vote? This guide will answer all those questions and more to prepare you for this year's presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The first thing you should do is make sure you are registered to vote. To check whether you are registered, visit vote.org and enter your information, including your name, address and date of birth. If you are registered to vote, you are allowed to vote on Election Day at your registered polling place or by mail, as long as you drop off your ballot at your town election office by Election Day, Tuesday Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., rather than actually mail it. The deadline to request an absentee ballot was Oct. 27.

To submit your absentee ballot, leave it in your town's state ballot box. In Mansfield, the drop box is located in front of Town Hall. Over 600,000 residents have returned their absentee ballots in Connecticut as of Monday.

Speaking of Election Day, if you are not registered to vote, you can register to vote on Election Day at your town hall and select polling places. Polls in Connecticut are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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When it comes to voting in Mansfield, polling stations include Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield Library/Buchanan Auditorium and Mansfield Fire Station. To find your polling location, type CT Polling Locations into Google and fill in your address.

If you are in need of a ride to the polls, Lyft is offering 50% off rides up to \$10 to polling locations across the country. This will run between 4 a.m. and 11 p.m.

If you or someone you know has a physical disability, Connecticut allows voting to be conducted through a touch screen or through a verbal device instead of with pen and paper. Connecticut also allows for as-

sistance when casting a ballot. The only people not allowed to help a voter cast a ballot are the voter's employer or agent of employer, an agent of a voter's union or a candidate that appears on the ballot. The only exception to this rule is if the candidate is part of the immediate family of the voter who needs assistance.

The final question that remains is what happens if you are in quarantine on Election Day? In this situation, you would be hand-delivered an emergency ballot. Voters in quarantine must have a ballot at least six days before the polls close and they must sign a statement that they are unable to make it to the polls. Failure to do so will result in a one-year prison sentence or a \$5,000 fine. The original intent behind this was to stop false statements from being made about why someone cannot make the polls. The law was written before the COVID-19 pandemic.

A final reminder that if you are voting in person on Election Day to make sure to bubble in your choices completely, or your vote will not count. Good luck to everyone voting.

UConn Stamford dorm in quarantine



The University of Connecticut, Stamford campus shut down a dorm building at 900 Washington Blvd. in Stamford due to increases in COVID-19 cases. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN STAMFORD

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On Saturday, the residents of University of Connecticut's entire dorm at 900 Washington Blvd. in Stamford were placed under quarantine after an increase in COVID-19 cases in the building.

There are 235 students living in the residence hall. According to an email sent to students, there have been six positive COVID-19 cases among Stamford residents in the last week.

Three of the six Stamford cases were identified through university surveillance testing and the other three cases were identified through outside testing.

The quarantine order is expected to last 14 days, and all students will be tested during

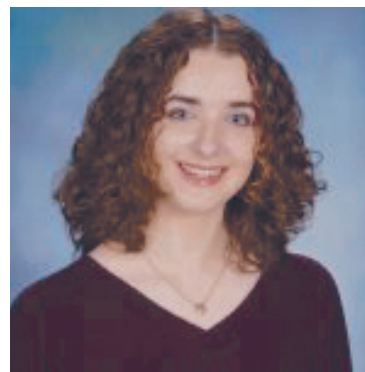
this period. According to a UConn tweet, additional testing will be arranged to accommodate the Stamford population.

According to UConn's public COVID-19 dashboard, all commuter students taking in-person classes on the Stamford campus are required to be tested before returning to the campus.

UConn's updated public COVID-19 dashboard shows one new off-campus positive case in Storrs, with the individual already in medical quarantine, and two new on-campus employee positives as of Nov. 2.

Residents of UConn Stamford will hear from Student Health and Wellness for updates on their quarantine status. SHaW also offers independent exercise and meditation opportunities safe for students in quarantine.

Three UConn alumni to be new YIIP scholars



Former University of Connecticut students David Onwuka, Tebyan Khalfalla and Christina Valera were selected as Young Innovative Investigator Program (YIIP) scholars. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN HEALTH

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Three University of Connecticut alumni have been selected to be part of the Young Innovative Investigator Program (YIIP) Scholars.

YIIP, created by the Connecticut Convergence Institute, began in 2013 and only selects underrepresented minority students, said Lana Angelo, YIIP program manager.

"These new YIIP scholars are recent college graduates who will complete intense graduate level coursework and conduct high caliber research in elite biomedical laboratories on the UConn Health campus," Angelo said.

Dr. Cato T. Laruecin, CEO of the Connecticut Convergence Institute for Translation in Regenerative Engineering, said YIIP scholars will conduct intensive research to prepare them for careers in science and biomedical sciences.

"The program provides tools for the YIIP Scholars to

conduct intensive research, excel in an academic environment and develop the skills to become high level candidates for graduate or medical schools," Laurencin said. "Increasing the number of underrepresented minority students in the fields of science and medicine is one of our primary goals as an institute."

New YIIP scholar David Onwuka, UConn alumni and molecular and cell biology major, is excited to be part of the two year program.

"I feel very grateful to be chosen for the YIIP Program. This program is very selective, choosing only five applicants annually," Onwuka said. "I am hoping to enhance my skills as a researcher and increase my knowledge through the biomedical science classes, while making lasting connections with the staff and students at the Health Center."

Tebyan Khalfalla and Christina Valera, UConn alumni and physiology and neurobiology majors were selected

alongside Onwuka to be YIIP scholars this year.

Onwuka recommends other minority students apply if they are interested in research and a future in the scientific field.

"I heard about this program through my undergraduate research principal investigator and I applied because I felt this was a program that would help refine my academic and scientific abilities, allowing me to be better equipped for a future in medicine," Onwuka said. "Also, I felt that my academic background and undergraduate research experience would make me a strong candidate for the program. There is a lot of support and guidance in this program as well, and students shouldn't hesitate to apply if this seems like a direction they want to go in."

The YIIP advisory committee reaches out to over 400 individuals when searching for new candidates every two years, Angelo said.

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Research Spotlight: Investigating community gun violence

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Mary Berenstein is a professor of sociology at the University of Connecticut. Berenstein's research, which focuses on collaboration within social movements, has earned her two research grants for 2020.

The grants focus on Berenstein's work with the gun violence movement in particular. Specifically, she is interested in how groups work together across lines of racial difference.

"So in other words, how do activists in urban areas who may be racially oppressed work to combat what has been termed community gun violence? Activists in more suburban areas often focus more on issues of mass shooting or sometimes suicide prevention. How do these groups work together?" Berenstein explained.

Community gun violence is sometimes overlooked due to lower fatality rates, said Berenstein. Since suicide makes up around 60% of gun-related fatalities and homicide around 37%, those numbers are more quick to draw attention.

"But those numbers don't count the over 100,000 people who are injured by guns every year and survive their injuries. If we also take that into consideration, we really have to center the problem of community gun violence," Berenstein said.

Community gun violence, as it turns out, is a very multifaceted issue that has its roots in historical systems of oppression.

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"What you really have is a history of systemic oppression and poverty. If you couple that with an increasingly polarized class structure over time, what we see is increasing mass incarceration of black and brown people, along with economic precarity," Berenstein said.

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Health Beat: UConn Center on Aging studies COVID-19 treatment for older folk

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On Oct. 22, the University of Connecticut Center on Aging, in collaboration with the Harvard Medical School Marcus Institute for Aging Research, launched a federally funded study into the immune system benefits of the drug RTB101 and how it can be used to help older people fight COVID-19, according to UConn Today.

Clinical trials of the drug RTB101 in thousands of people age 65 or older have shown to improve their bodies' immune system responses to viral respiratory infections including COVID-19, but have also proven to be an inhibitor of the gene coding protein mTOR, which helps drive the process of cellular growth.

In 2009, researchers at the Jackson Lab, a biomedical research institution located at the UConn Health Center in Farmington, found that inhibiting the mTOR protein extended the lifespan of mice. Drugs like RTB101, which inhibit the mTOR protein, have potential to help older people, who are more severely impacted by COVID-19, respond to the virus.

According to the Director of the UConn Health Center on Aging, Dr. George Kuchel, the study aligns well with the overall mission of the research center — to “improve the health and independence of older adults through research, education and clinical care.”

“The current challenges confronting all of us demand that everything is done to help improve the ability of our older population to confront COVID-19. Interventions designed to boost immune responses by targeting biological aging represent a powerful and highly innovative new approach for dealing with this and any potential future pandemics,” Dr. Kuchel said.

Individuals who are at least 65 years old and have recently tested positive for COVID-19, but have not shown any symptoms, or those who have been exposed at home to someone with COVID-19, may qualify to participate in the study. Participants will be monitored while taking treatment once a day for two weeks, and for one additional week after.

According to UConn Today, those who are interested and may be eligible to participate in the study should contact the study coordinator, Lisa Kenyon-Pesce, at kenyon-pesce@uchc.edu.

RBG muralized in Philadelphia



A man walks past a mural of Ruth Bader Ginsburg painted on a boarded-up business on the eve of the 2020 General Election in the United States, Monday in Philadelphia. PHOTO BY MATT SLOCUM/AP PHOTO

LSU frat member arrested on charges including hazing

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A fraternity member was arrested Monday on charges including hazing in connection with an incident that reportedly hospitalized a Louisiana State University freshman.

University police arrested Phi Kappa Psi member Terry Pat Reynolds II on Monday on charges of criminal and misdemeanor hazing and of failure to seek assistance, University spokesman Ernie Ballard III said.

“The university has stated on multiple occasions that hazing will not be tolerated and

the university acts swiftly when any hazing allegations are brought forth,” his emailed news release said.

It was not immediately clear if Reynolds had an attorney who could speak for him. He was released on \$13,500 bond, according to the East Baton Rouge Parish jail's online roster.

News outlets cited arrest documents that said the victim was dropped off at a hospital about 3 a.m. on Oct. 19 and immediately had to be put on life support.

According to arrest documents, he had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.451% — nearly six

times the level considered legal proof of intoxication.

The student, who was not identified by school officials or law enforcement authorities, has since been released from the hospital, news outlets reported.

Detectives identified Reynolds as a suspect after looking at text messages sent from confiscated phones of fraternity members who brought the victim to the hospital, according to news reports.

The Phi Kappa Psi chapter was suspended while campus police investigated.

YIIPs at UConn

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“In an effort to increase diversity among the pool of academic scientists, we promote our program heavily at HBCU, and Hispanic and Native American serving colleges and universities,” Angelo said.

The students will conduct individual research in biomedical labs at UConn Health, Angelo said.

“Typically we would meet in person regularly for information seminars and informal lunches, but I am arranging virtual meetings so the students can still interact and develop supplemental skills,” Angelo said.

Applications for the next cohort of YIIP scholars will begin in fall 2021, Angelo said. “The best way to keep up

to date on our recruitment efforts is to visit our website or watch for announcements in the Student Daily Digest,” Angelo said. “I can always be reached by email if any students have questions.”

Angelo said she hopes YIIP Scholars can carry the skills they learn with them into their careers.

“Our hope is that all of our graduates will carry the experience and knowledge gained through YIIP into their future endeavors with all populations and with specific emphasis on underserved communities,” Angelo said. “One of our former YIIP Scholars described the program as giving her the skills and tools necessary to conduct research that benefits everyone in order to close the health disparities seen in many communities.”

Gun violence a public health issue

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“When you have communities that are effectively cut off from adequate housing, education, economic programs, that fosters a gray economy, and also violence.”

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Berenstein explained that some of the gun violence experienced by suburban populations may be different from community gun violence for those reasons.

“There are really different arms of the gun violence prevention movement. There are groups that are very focused on changing laws and policies, which are very important,” Berenstein said.

Berenstein listed some examples of policies including thorough background checks, extremist protection orders and police accountability laws.

The other side of the gun violence movement is community-based programs. Berenstein gave the example of violence interrupters.

“What [violence interrupters] do is they may be on the street and hear there's a conflict between two groups, and they work to intervene and to prevent that. The other thing that violence interrupters do is connect those most at risk for gun violence with the kinds of services they need,” Berenstein said.

These services can be things like conflict mediation, mental health services, support for families affected by gun violence and economic support. One such group of violence interrupters is the Compass Peacebuilders of Hartford.

“There's all kinds of work being done on the ground that's not unrelated to policy, but it's a different kind of activism from lobbying. It's related, but a different approach,” Berenstein said.

According to Berenstein, we as a society need to be looking closer at gun violence, which she qualified as a public health epidemic.

“We really need to look at what the root causes of gun violence are, and how we can reduce gun violence in a way that does not exacerbate mass incarceration, in a way that's more preventative, in a way that addresses more structural inequality. And we need to look at how we can address violence in other communities, such as suicide,” Berenstein said. “We need to make sure that people who own guns, as is their right, do so in a safe manner and aren't a threat to themselves or others.”

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EXPLAINER: States to watch on election night

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden each has a path to win the White House. The former vice president is competitive in all the battleground states Trump carried in 2016, and has put a handful of traditional Republican states, including Georgia and Arizona, in play. Trump can win by defending a wide swath of territory he won in 2016, but his hopes for reelection are heavily dependent on the swing states of Florida and Pennsylvania.

Grab the binoculars and focus on these 10 states as election returns start rolling in:



FLORIDA IS WORTH 29 ELECTORAL VOTES

All eyes are on Florida, a swing state known for razor-thin election tallies. If President Donald Trump doesn't win Florida, he's going to have a rough time capturing enough states to stay in office. If Democrat Joe Biden doesn't win the state, he still has other pathways to victory.

Don't put the state in either candidates' win column too early. After the polls close, Florida election officials are expected to announce the results of millions of mail-in ballots cast early. If more Democrats voted

in advance, it could make it look like Biden is winning. It's important to keep watching as ballots cast on Election Day trickle in. The remaining votes might heavily favor Trump and allow him to eke out a win just as he did in 2016. Moreover, polls close an hour later in Florida's Panhandle, which is a Republican stronghold.

PENNSYLVANIA IS WORTH 20 ELECTORAL VOTES

Trump won the long-running Democratic state of Pennsylvania in 2016 by a little more than 1 percentage point. Biden has had a slight advantage in most polls, while some suggest Trump remains positioned to capture the state again.

Trump's hopes of winning boosted after Biden, in a presidential debate, called for phasing out fossil fuels. That created an opportunity for Trump in a state with a robust natural gas industry.

Biden, who was born in Scranton, claims some favorite-son status in the state and he's traveled there a lot during the campaign from his home in nearby Delaware.

Bucks County, once Philadelphia's most GOP-heavy suburb, has been trending Democratic. Trump lost that county by less than 2 percentage points in 2016 and has seen his standing in the suburbs steadily erode since then.

OHIO IS WORTH 18 ELECTORAL VOTES

Trump glided to victory in Ohio four years ago by 8 percentage points, but recent polls show this year's presidential

race tightening in the Buckeye State.

Trump's support in key suburbs has eroded and he has worked to keep a hold of the near-historic margins he earned from voters in rural areas of the state in 2016.



As early voting began in the state, Biden expanded his ad buys into every corner of Ohio. Biden's push into traditionally Republican areas signaled his campaign's hope that the state could be within his grasp.

Biden also added a last minute campaign stop Monday in Cleveland, which his campaign hopes will juice turnout for him.

GEORGIA IS WORTH 16 ELECTORAL VOTES

Population changes are driving politics in the Peach state.

Georgia, long a GOP stronghold, hasn't voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since the 1990s, but parts of the state are leaning Democratic. Trump easily won the state by 5 percentage points in 2016, but Biden maintains he has a shot and made campaign stops in Georgia during the final week of the campaign.

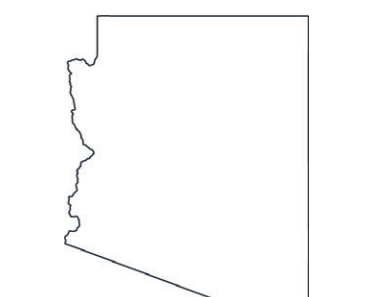
The GOP grip on Georgia is loosening as the number of older, white, Republican-leaning

voters die. They are being replaced by younger people — some having moved to fast-growing Atlanta from other states — who vote Democratic.

MICHIGAN IS WORTH 16 ELECTORAL VOTES

Michigan was long considered a Democratic stronghold in presidential contests. But Trump won it by less than 11,000 votes in 2016 with support from working-class voters and a boost from Hillary Clinton's poor showing with Black voters in Detroit.

Biden has teamed up with former President Barack Obama to campaign in Flint and Detroit, predominantly Black cities where strong turnout will be essential to putting



the state in Biden's win column.

Trump isn't ceding Michigan to Biden. In his campaign visits, Trump argued that he has promoted trade policies that have benefited Michigan's auto industry, while pillorying the state's Democratic governor over restrictions she has implemented to try to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

ARIZONA IS WORTH 11 ELECTORAL VOTES

Arizona has a long political history of going Republican.

It's the home state of Barry Goldwater, a five-term, conservative senator who was the Republican nominee for president in 1964.

Trump won Arizona in 2016, but it is no longer an ironclad GOP stalwart.

A fast-growing Latino population — politically activated during the past decade by anti-immigrant legislation — plus explosive growth among suburbanites skeptical of Trump has energized Democrats.

In 2018, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema became the first Democrat in three decades to win an U.S. Senate seat. Democrats also won three statewide offices, five of nine congressional seats and made gains in the state legislature that year.

WISCONSIN IS WORTH 10 ELECTORAL VOTES

Trump won Wisconsin by fewer than 23,000 votes in 2016. To win it again, he needs to perform well outside urban areas like Milwaukee and Madison. His record on handling the coronavirus pandemic is at the forefront in many voters' minds as cases of the virus spike in Wisconsin.

Biden is expected to win urban areas and recent polling suggests Trump is not doing as well as he did in 2016 in GOP-leaning suburbs around Milwaukee.

Those are key areas for successful Republican campaigns in the state. It's unclear whether Trump can lure enough votes in the more rural areas to offset Biden strongholds in Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay.

Trump 'army' of poll watchers led by veteran of fraud claims



Voters wait in line outside the Bucks county government building in Doylestown, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, on Monday. PHOTO BY MIKE CATALINI/AP PHOTO

WASHINGTON (AP) — A veteran Republican operative who got his start in politics by helping to persuade a judge to throw out hundreds of mail-in ballots is organizing an "army" of volunteers for President Donald Trump's campaign to monitor voting in Democratic-leaning areas on Tuesday.

Mike Roman, Trump's director of Election Day Operations, is a former White House aide from Pennsylvania who gathered claims in 1993 of voter fraud, resulting in a court ruling overturning election results and getting his candidate seated in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

It's a strategy that Trump has been advocating on Twitter and on the stump.

For months the president has been trying to undercut the validity of mail-in ballots, a long-used method of voting that was up this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last week, Trump has also suggested that any votes tabulated after Election Day are suspect, even as his campaign has

opposed plans by elections officials to start counting mail-in ballots early.

Roman, who previously ran the secretive in-house intelligence unit for the political network led by GOP mega-donors Charles and David Koch, has organized a purported 50,000 poll watchers, many of them through an "Army For Trump" website that asks his supporters to "enlist" in his reelection fight. The campaign also has hired full-time staff in at least 11 battleground states to organize the effort, several of them young lawyers.

"Our Elections Day Operations are designed to make sure that everyone that is legally entitled to vote has the opportunity to vote, once," Erin Perrine, the Trump 2020 director of press communications, says in a video aimed at recruiting volunteers. "We all know that the Democrats will be up to their old dirty tricks on Election Day to make sure President Trump doesn't win. We cannot let that happen."

Connecticut reimposes COVID restrictions as cases rise

(AP) — Connecticut will reimpose some restrictions on businesses and gatherings, including reducing the capacity in restaurants again, as coronavirus rates increase in the state, Gov. Ned Lamont said Monday.

State judicial officials also postponed a plan to resume jury trials.

Lamont, a Democrat, said the latest rules will take effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday, with neighboring Massachusetts likely taking similar steps. He urged people to work from home if possible and suggested that those over age 60 and with chronic medical conditions remain home as much as possible as well.

"We are putting in these restrictions on a statewide basis now to make sure we don't have

to do more severe things later," said Lamont. The state had allowed leaders of local communities with increased cases of COVID-19 to roll back the state's third phase of reopening.

Restaurants' indoor capacity limit will revert back to 50%, down from 75% under the phase 3 reopening that started last month, with eight people maximum per table. The establishments also will have to close by 9:30 p.m., but can continue takeout and delivery past that time. Officials said it's part of an effort to stop bars from masquerading as restaurants and drawing large crowds. Bars have not been allowed to reopen in Connecticut.

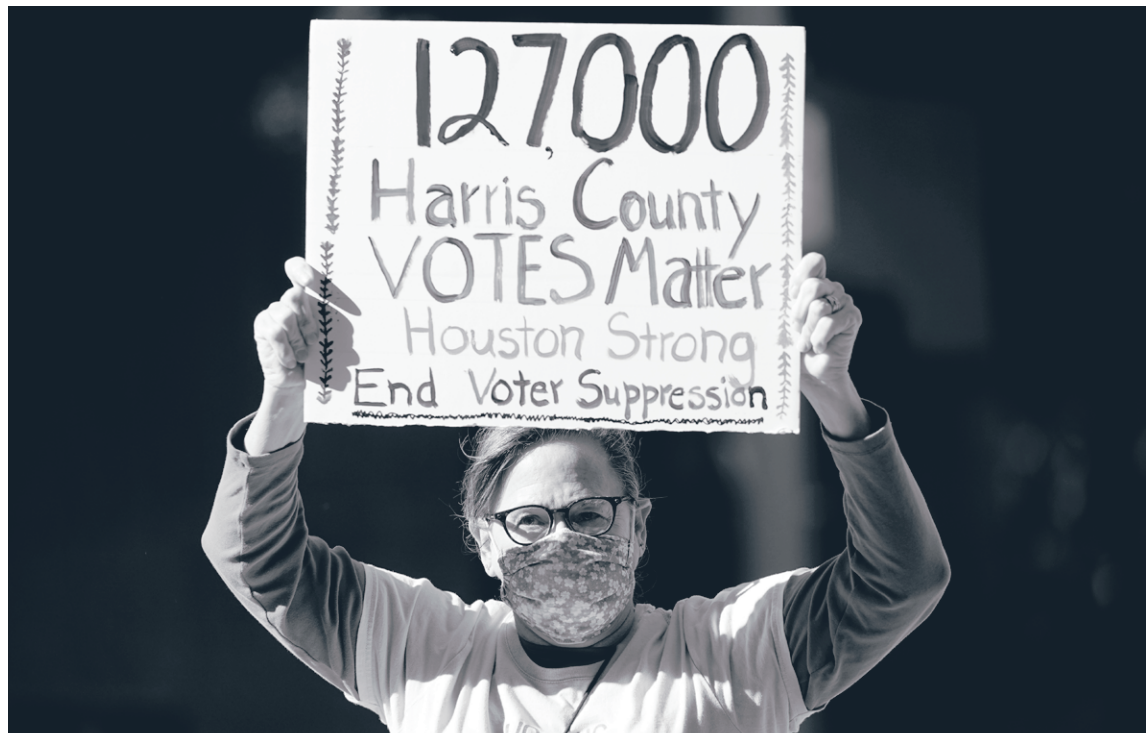
Scott Dolch, executive director of the Connecticut Restau-

rant Association, said the restriction "presents a renewed challenge" to an industry that has been hit hard by the pandemic. He said imposing a 9:30 p.m. closing time without offering new grants or forgivable loans "will be the final straw for many Connecticut small businesses already just barely keeping their doors open."

The state recently unveiled a \$50 million grant program to help struggling small businesses, but the amounts are capped at \$5,000 each.

"The governor noted that other states are using a similar closing time, but failed to mention that those states also have small business grant programs that dwarf what Connecticut is currently offering," Dolch said in a written statement.

Judge rejects GOP effort to throw out 127,000 Houston votes



Demonstrator Gina Dusterhoft holds up a sign as she walks to join others standing across the street from the federal courthouse in Houston, Monday, before a hearing in federal court involving drive-thru ballots cast in Harris County. PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP PHOTO

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday rejected another last-ditch Republican effort to invalidate nearly 127,000 votes in Houston because the ballots were cast at drive-thru polling centers established during the pandemic.

The lawsuit was brought by conservative Texas activists who have railed against expanded voting access in Harris County, where a record 1.4 million early votes have

already been cast. The county is the nation's third-most populous and a crucial battleground in Texas, where President Donald Trump and Republicans are bracing for the closest election in decades on Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's decision to hear arguments on the brink of Election Day drew concern from voting rights activists, and came after the Texas

Supreme Court rejected a nearly identical challenge over the weekend.

"We cannot allow participation to be limited simply because there are those who choose to think that they have the ability and the authority to decide who votes," Democratic Rep. Al Green, of Houston, said outside the courthouse after the ruling. "It's the Constitution that determines who votes."

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Stay Strong, UConn: We won't know the election results tonight.

Election day. It's finally here. Amid increasing partisan tensions, during a pandemic, after four years of a contentious presidency, today is election day. While many University of Connecticut students have already voted among the 93 million early ballots cast, others will — or at least, should — be making their way to the Mansfield community center, fire station or their hometown polls to vote in-person instead.

Many young people find their political awakening in college. It may be the first time they can vote, or the first time their beliefs have been formally challenged. They may be enticed to a political outreach group that shapes or refines their views. Even just being around and speaking with other interested young people can motivate students to expand their political views and horizons.

As such, watch parties are custom during election season. Even with the pandemic restricting gatherings this year, this custom is set to continue at UConn. The Undergraduate Student Government is hosting a watch party at the Student Union tonight, and many dorms have their own events planned. However, it is important that we all, regardless of political affiliation, temper our expectations tonight.

In part because of the astronomical absentee voting, and in part because of complications due to COVID-19, we will likely not know the winner of the election tonight. We may not know tomorrow, or the next day, or even next week. Voter suppression is a huge concern this election, with long lines and ballots being mis- or undercounted. Even after all the votes have been counted, the Supreme Court is likely to vote on the validity of certain ballots in states like Pennsylvania.

As such, any celebration tonight is likely to be premature, from any side. The tension on campus and across the country has been mounting, and the election is at the front of everyone's minds. As such, it hurts to hear that we can't relieve this tension and start planning for the future just yet.

Being a large public university, UConn is also ripe to be a battleground of conflicting views toward the election, both from student and external movements. Certainly, this only raises the tension in many students' eyes, knowing that our campus will be tense for a while longer.

It is important that we keep all this in mind going forward today and for the near future. We must all remain calm and steadfast in listening to the facts. We must wait and respect the election results, as delayed as they may be. And we must support each other as a campus community in these tense, stressful times; many will be left frustrated or fearful regardless of how today ends. The Daily Campus, for our part, is committed to reporting and updating our community on the facts and developments as this prolonged, tense viewing party continues. We encourage campus leaders and administrators to work diligently to maintain our culture and community, as well.

And finally, if you haven't yet — VOTE!

SCOTUS should follow state courts' lead on term limits and justice selection

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The United States Supreme Court is a fundamentally broken institution. As one of the three branches in our federal government's checks and balances system, it makes perfect sense that our nation would need a judiciary to round out the structure, but describing the out-of-control monster that the Supreme Court has become as merely that is incredibly ignorant. Starting with *Marbury v. Madison*, when the Marshall court gained the power of judicial review, this supposedly equal branch has transformed into a body that not only does its job, but also has become the nation's premiere legislative authority due to the inaction of the branch that's supposed to make laws. In the past 100 years for example, landmark supreme court cases, not congress-passed laws, have delivered much of the country's civil rights progress. This means incredibly important rights relating to reproductive health, marriage equality and much more are held up only on judicial precedent, with no law on the books guaranteeing them.

The fate of those civil rights granted to Americans are now in serious jeopardy as Donald Trump's three appointees have tilted the court to a 6-3 conservative majority. His last appointee,

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Amy Coney Barrett, was sworn in last week amidst a national outcry charging the Republicans with hypocrisy, spinelessness and an overall lack of morals. That's all incredibly valid criticism, but that's not what this article is about. Let's talk about the future. We cannot have a system where the dominant party of the era simply secures a court majority and then runs with it. Life terms in a world where people can live lives far longer than the founding fathers could have dreamed of make no sense, and the argument that it allows the justices to be nonpartisan can be easily debunked when one looks into Barrett's history. Alongside life terms, the fact that we have a branch of government not elected by the people in a country that constantly loves to call itself a democracy is lunacy. So if we dealt with these two issues and made justices elected by the people and limited their terms, maybe we would actually be able to fix this mess. To some people this might seem like drastic, unprecedented change, but allow me to introduce you to the answer: the U.S. State Supreme Courts. Each state

has its own highest court, so let's take a look at how they're structured.

The first issue to look at is term limits. According to ballotpedia.org, only 3 of the 50 states grant life terms to their justices, and it's slightly limited even in these cases. Only Rhode Island is the ultimate outlier, with a system identical to the federal one, but the other two, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, have clauses requiring justices to step down at age 70 (Let me remind you that three SCOTUS Justices would be pushed out by this, with two more hitting 70 in the next five years). Those are the weird outliers of the 50 though, and when you factor them out, the other 47 average term limits of 8.5 years. That's almost exactly the term limit of a governor. Huh, it's crazy when things actually make logical sense.

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U.S. State Supreme Court term limits:
- 3 of 50 states grant life terms to justices
- 47 states have average term limits of 8.5 years

Voting – An American right

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Nov. 3, 2020 is finally here, and as soon as the polls close in America, there will be another president in office for the next four years. The 2020 presidential election is one of the most controversial, and it makes some people question if it is even worth voting. Sure, maybe you feel uneducated in the world of politics and think it's unwise of you to participate in something that you have no knowledge on. Or maybe you don't like either candidate, and feel as though it's better off for you to not have a say in something that doesn't matter to you. Whatever the reason might be for you to not want to vote, I am here to tell you why voting is an important right of American citizens, and nobody of age should be missing the opportunity to have their voice heard today.

When an American citizen turns 18 years old, they are allowed to vote in the elections. When the Constitution was written, the founding fathers decided how the new country would vote. As can be seen today, there is a Senate, a House of Representatives and a president. The Senate and House of Representatives are elected by popular vote, so anyone eligible to vote can pick who they would like in these posi-

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tions. The president and the vice president on the other hand are chosen by the Electoral College. For those who don't know, each state has a number of representatives in the Electoral College based on the size/population of the state. This Tuesday, American citizens will vote in their state to count toward the popular vote. The representatives in the Electoral College will then choose the president and the vice president, so it's an indirect process for Americans. We make our voices heard on Election Day, and then the representatives for our state, with the popular vote indirectly influencing their choices, will make the final decision.

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Election roundtable

by The Daily Campus
Opinion Section

Who do you have winning the Presidential election today?

Carson Swick, Staff Writer: A week or two ago, I would have said Biden in a heartbeat. But the combination of massive pro-Trump events and the buzz surrounding Hunter Biden's laptop is giving me flashbacks to Hillary Clinton's emails in 2016. The election is still Biden's to lose, and I expect that he holds onto his leads in the Upper Midwest (Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin) to squeak out a victory. Regardless, I don't think Biden is winning this election by more than a handful of electoral votes. Here's my predicted map ... if Trump keeps Arizona or flips Nevada, he wins.

Ben Gladstone, Contributor: Trump will win based primarily on Hispanics and libertarian whites in the Southwest, while losing votes in the Midwest.

Harry Zehner, Opinion Editor: My gut is telling me Trump but my head is telling me Biden. I'm no Joe Biden fan, but I think for most people who do not want to see another Trump term it will be hard to get over the shock of the 2016 election. It felt almost like a formality that Hillary would be our next president then, and while battle-scarred pundits have refrained from similar predictions this time around, the polls are even better for Biden than they were for Clinton. Still, I can't shake the feeling that something is going to go awry.

What will be the biggest surprise of the night?

Carson Swick, Staff Writer: Pennsylvania stays red. President Trump has targeted the Keystone State relentlessly in the last two weeks, as he hopes to capitalize on Biden's inconsistent statements about fracking. Trump even called out to Pennsylvania voters at the second presidential debate. If one thing is certain in this crazy election cycle, it is that Trump's base of white, blue-collar laborers will not abandon him now.

Ben Gladstone, Contributor: Pennsylvania initially goes to Biden, but it's close and Republicans in the state legislature give Trump the electoral votes after a long court fight.

Harry Zehner, Opinion Editor: CNN has less than 20 pundits on their election night panel. In pre-COVID times, CNN was known for fielding a "who's who" of washed up politicians, recently fired Trump administration figures and c-list pundits on their election night panels. This time around, social distancing might force them to reconsider.

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Life

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Hope thrives during Native American Heritage Month

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To kick off Native American Heritage Month, the University of Connecticut welcomed author Joshua Whitehead to give a virtual keynote speech commemorating the rising of Indigenous voices.

Native American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions, culture and history of Indigenous people within the United States. The month traces its history back to efforts by Dr. Arthur C. Parker from the Seneca tribe and Red Fox James from the Blackfoot tribe to have a day of recognition for Indigenous peoples. It wasn't until 1990 that Native American Heritage Month was proclaimed by the federal government, but has been honored as such ever since.

Joshua Whitehead, an Ojibwe member of the Peguis First Nation in Canada, designates the intersection of Indigenous and queer identities as its own separate identity: "Indigiqueer." He touched upon the emergence of renown for Indigiqueer or Two-Spirit artists such as Billy-Ray Belcourt and Ariel Twist and renown for Indigenous women artists such as Tanya Tagaq as particularly important.

In the age of the COVID-19 pandemic, Whitehead noted the "historical triggers" of the pandemic make Indigenous art crucial.

"We are called upon and awoken in this time of pain and mourning but also this time of accomplishment and revelatory politics," Whitehead said. "These, I believe, go hand-in-hand: destruction and the throng of collective singing. Thus, hopeful

Quoting historical Métis leader Louis Riel on the impact of art on the Indigenous identity and vice versa, Whitehead recited, "My people will sleep for one hundred years, but when they awake, it will be the artists who give them their spirit back."

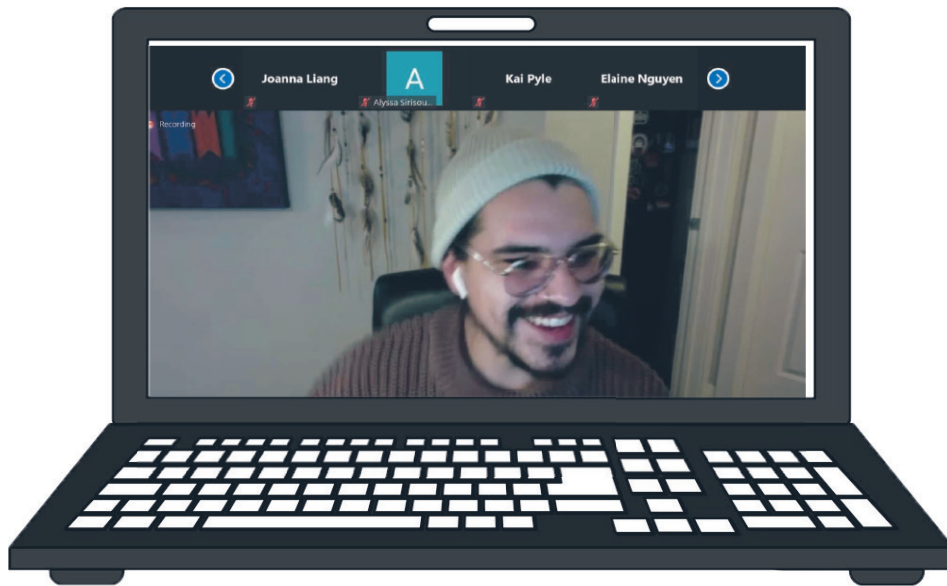
by his identity, but also by his traumatic grief for his deceased grandmother. Whitehead has grappled with the pressure to commodify his struggles for the efficacy of his art.

"[A] lesson not taught in creative writing classes is that eco-

exploitation of personal traumas for literature in relation to the consumption of BIPOC works by non-BIPOC readers, arguing that writing is naturally voyeuristic in part due to White colonialist, capitalist institutions that process them for entertainment.

"It immediately becomes ... a constraint, and a type of literary colonialism, because they're not fully produced on the same par, say, [as publishing] with an Indigenous press, that had Indigenous funding, that wasn't actively engaged in pipelines and divestments, and was Indigenous edited — that's the utopic dream for me," Whitehead said about being a non-White artist in the current environment. "That's the type of future I would like to see."

The main takeaway from Whitehead's speech is that there will always be hope in the tumultuous times we are contemporary to. Using his knowledge of the Cree language, Whitehead compares the Cree word for "hope," "pako-seyimowin," to the Cree word for "rising to the top," which is "pekopewin." As a result, the acts of hoping and rising are irrevocably intertwined, in a sort of linguistic symbolism that is meaningful for all this Native American Heritage Month.



A screenshot of Joshua Whitehead's discussion with students and faculty. Whitehead is an Ojibwe member of the Peguis First Nation in Canada served as the keynote speaker in the Native American Month celebration. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

utopias emerge ... So we have to build and build now in order for us to find some type of sanctuary in which we and all others can live — indigenous, BIPOC ... This is the time that we must collectively build."

Additionally, Whitehead detailed his writer's craft utilized in his novels "Jonny Appleseed" and "Full-Metal Indigiqueer", which address topics such as sex, queerness and trauma. His work is not only informed

onomics of trading in one's mental health for a slice of readership is damning," he stated. "I am teaching myself to be a person first and a writer second."

Whitehead used the term "literary voyeurism" to describe the

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Those who are close to me know that I was blessed with a voice just as everyone else, but it is how I use my voice which makes it all the more better. We often participate in various media events such as the Video Music Awards or the Grammys, but what about when it is time to speak up for America?

Whether you speak up verbally or nonverbally, this year's election is the most important. While you may feel as though you are one in 7 billion, your actions can move mountains. You may be asking yourself, "Lesly, these are beautiful words, but have you even voted?" The answer is yes, love! I made sure I handed in my absentee ballot in early October. Now, I sit here and I wait for the rest of the country to exercise their right; you included, friend (if you haven't done so already). This may be a stressful time — trust me I understand. Before you go, be sure to breathe and stay informed. Go to the polls and vote! Your future, as well as that of many others, will be waiting for you.



by DC Life Section

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This may sound shocking, but this is not my first time voting in a presidential election. Back in 2016, I went to the polls with my mom and cast my first ballot with a lot of excitement. Four years later, and I was in my pajamas filling out an absentee ballot before the deadline. It's weird to vote by mail because I feel like I'm filling out a survey instead of my pick to run the country. Also unlike 2016, I am more jaded with the current political system. While I encourage anyone who is able to vote to go and do it, keep in mind to research each of the candidates in all of the categories. The last thing this country needs is to elect someone that wasn't challenged by the American people through research.

Happy Election Day everyone! To commemorate the day, and arguably one of the most important elections of our lifetime, the Life section decided to make a roundtable of their plans for voting. Hopefully these will inspire you to go out and vote, if you haven't already.

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Exercising our democratic right to vote is important, especially during this monumental election. This is my first election season, as I just turned 18 in June. With the pandemic, I've been unable to experience the benefits of being a legal adult until now. I registered to vote as soon as my birthday passed and received my voter registration card three weeks later. Websites such as vote.org have been incredibly helpful for checking my voter registration status and helping me request an absentee ballot. I requested my ballot in the beginning of September and received it in the mail a couple of weeks later. I followed the instructions and mailed my ballot. I chose to vote through an absentee ballot to lock in my vote early and stay safe during the pandemic. Mail-in ballots had to be mailed two weeks before the election to ensure they would be received in time and considered valid. If you still have your absentee ballot, make sure to drop it off at a local ballot box because it will not be mailed in time. If you are voting at the polls, wear a mask and stay safe! This election is a point of anxiety for almost everyone, including me, but voting has allowed me to feel somewhat in control of the outcome. No matter what happens tomorrow on Election Day, I know that I have done my part.

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I always imagined my first time voting would be somewhat of an exhilarating experience: The jitters of waiting in a long line, throwing my ballot into the ballot box and walking out with a "I Just Voted" sticker, feeling like the main character who just did the country a favor. In reality, my first voting experience consisted of me filling out a ballot in the comfort of my bedroom, sealing it in an envelope and driving two miles to drop it off at the nearest town hall. Although it's not what I expected, mail-in voting isn't the only major noticeable aspect of this election. The rumors of it being "the most important" or "most historic" election in recent years have resulted in high stakes, leaving many of us in anxious anticipation as cities like New York and Washington, D.C. board their stores in case of riots. While I'm not the best source of advice when it comes to relieving these worries, the most adequate instruction I can give aside from voting is to indulge in some self-care. Based on the direction of 2020, choosing a candidate for "Most Chaotic Week" will be tough, with this week being a safe contender. So be sure to look out for yourself when things go to shambles. Happy election!

'Love Goes,' but Sam's heart will go on

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There are only a few artists in this time who can cut onions from miles away and still get something out of me: Adele, Rex Orange County, Ellie Goulding and Solange. But then there's Sam Smith, and let me just say they can cut a whole bag full. On Oct. 30, Smith dropped their third full-fledged studio album "Love Goes." This album is beautiful, but for the most part Smith kept me on my feet to dance through their heartache and artificial revelation.

"Love Goes" is an album in which Smith explores everything love has to offer. It speaks on effervescent young love, enigmatic relationships, youth, acceptance and letting go of love completely. In this album compared to their other two, they do an amazing job switching from a ballad to a dance record. While I personally have never experienced what Smith has, because I believe love is a scam, this album does an amazing job of putting you in Smith's shoes.

Alright friends, I know I'm rambling on about the entirety of this album but I want to talk specifically about two songs which contrast heavily: "Dance

("Til You Love Someone Else)" and "Love Goes (feat. Labrinth)."

"Dance ("Til You Love Someone Else)" is the epitome of modern pop. To speak on never getting over another lover, but accepting

such and moving on with an upbeat tempo is powerful. This song is equivalent to me coming to you after something terrible happened in my life, and I just say "welp c'est la vie, let's dance!" Of course, my negative emo-

tions are abrupt, but to bounce back from heartache is beautiful; it is an opening for new beginnings despite experiences of the past.

The title track "Love Goes (feat. Labrinth)" is everything. At first I thought by

the title, the song would speak on how love eventually fades away, but it was more than that. The song was about falling out of love completely. It contradicts the idea that love is forever or that love involves loving someone incessantly. I feel as though the violins, pianos and trumpets complemented the title track so well, it almost feels like the grand finale of side one, regardless of the fact that there is still one track left.

Smith probably won't ever read this, but if they stumble across this, I just need to say thank you for this light in the darkness of 2020. On a scale from 1 to 5, this album is right up there with a 4 to 4.5 out of 5! To everyone, if you have ever been in a state of falling in and out of love, if you are currently in love or if you are just trying to find good pop music, check out Smith's new album! The ballads are killer, the wordplay is to die for and the meaning behind both is even better. It was definitely worth the hour I spent, and I plan on giving it another listen with a box of tissues so I don't get as caught off guard.

Rating: 4.5/5



The album cover for Sam Smith's latest album, "Love Goes." This is Smith's third album featuring love songs and dance music as they explore what love is. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA.COM

DOES THE NEW "BORAT" MOVIE LIVE UP TO THE ORIGINAL?

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In 2006, Sacha Baron Cohen's mockumentary comedy "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" was released to wide critical and box office success. In the film, Cohen portrays Borat Sagdiyev, a fictional racist, antisemitic and misogynistic Kazakhstani reporter who is sent to the United States by his government to make a documentary about American culture. The movie contains many unscripted segments in which Borat talks to unsuspecting Americans with the goal of getting them to admit their own bigoted views by first stating his. The film quickly gained a cult following, cementing itself as an undeniable comedy classic. In addition to being laugh-out-loud funny, "Borat" serves as an atypical analysis of American culture.

With similar goals in mind, the follow-up to this cult classic, "Borat: Subsequent Moviefilm" has been released on Amazon

Prime Video. At the beginning of the movie, the audience learns that the events of the first film have brought great shame to the nation of Kazakhstan. Borat has spent the past 14 years in the gulag as punishment for putting the documentary together. After coming to an agreement with the Premier of Kazakhstan, Borat is released from the gulag and sent back to the United States with the mission of delivering his 15-year-old daughter, Tutar (Maria Bakalova), as a gift to Vice President Mike Pence in order to mend relations between the two countries.

One important detail that separates this movie from the first is Tutar's role in the plot. The majority of the unscripted segments of the film revolve around the process of getting Tutar ready to marry a rich and powerful American man, with the shock value coming from the amount of real people that are not only willing but also eager to aid in this process. Throughout the movie, Cohen and Bakalova work together to confront people with this insane scenario and see how they react to it. The presence

of Borat's daughter makes a great addition to these pranks. The two actors are able to play off of each other extremely well and succeed in creating many hilariously uncomfortable scenes.

The movie's plot is admittedly sloppy. There are several scripted scenes intended to provide exposition to the improvisational portions of the film by showing conversations between Borat and Tutar. These scenes were clearly written after the other footage was shot as a way to tie the movie together. Although the plot is not airtight, these scenes are still just as funny as the rest of the movie. Cohesive storytelling is not really the point of the "Borat" movies. The humor and political satire are more important and, in those aspects, the film does not disappoint.

Considering the overwhelming success of its predecessor, "Borat: Subsequent Moviefilm" had a lot to live up to. Thankfully, the real-life interactions in the movie are every bit as absurd and whimsical as in the original. This movie will keep you laughing out loud from start to finish.



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Experience stylish gameplay and a flurry of bullets in 'Superhot'

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"Superhot" brings a unique and polished take on the first-person shooter genre, despite being seemingly simple on the surface.

Developed and published by Superhot Team in 2016, "Superhot" takes all the common mechanics and gameplay of a first-person shooter and stops it in its tracks. Literally. What sets "Superhot" apart from other indie games in the first-person shooter genre is its unique time mechanic where time does not progress unless the player moves. The gameplay makes you feel like you're John Wick, but in "The Matrix." Since you basically have all the time in the world, you can plan out split-second decisions in a game where everything is a one-hit kill. The game does a great job of making you feel like a badass. If a bullet is flying at you, you can see it stop right in front of you when you stop moving, allowing you to side-step it or toss an object at it to destroy it mid-flight. You can throw a bottle at an enemy, stunning him, and then catch his gun mid-air and shoot him with it. You can even chop guys in half with a katana.

The time mechanic allows "Superhot" to be a first-person shooter at first glance, but really a lot more strategy is involved in later levels as things get a bit harder. Aside from this, there is a later ability called a "hot switch" that allows the player to teleport into the body of an enemy, a useful tactic for quickly getting out of harm's way. Once you complete a level by killing all the enemies, the game replays what you did in real time, making it a super satisfying experience to rewatch what you did.

"Superhot" also has a very minimalist visual design that, surprisingly, works out well and synergizes with the gameplay. Everything looks very sharp in design; all the backgrounds and levels are colored white, while

enemies are colored red and any interactive objects are colored black. This simple color coding system actually works out well for a game that's so heavily focused on its gameplay. Since the enemies are red, they drastically stand out from their white surroundings and since a glass bottle is colored black, players will know that they can throw it at enemies to stun them for a couple seconds.

The one area where "Superhot" falls short is its story. It's somewhat fourth-wall breaking, as it takes place with you, the main character, being told by one of your friends about an exciting new game called "Superhot." The main character's friend sends over the files and you begin to play it. The more you play it, the more things become a bit unsettling and mysterious as the game starts to talk back to the main character. It juggles around themes of freedom and control, specifically with artificial intelligence. However, I finished the main story levels — 34 in total — within 40 minutes. Just as the story begins to get good, it ends.

Though the main story can be awfully short, there's still a lot of fun to be had in the endless mode and other challenge

missions that you unlock after completing the main story. There are several endless stages you can unlock through playing and subsequent challenges that might amp up the difficulty on a stage.

Although it suffers from an awfully short story, "Superhot" is a marriage of innovative and stylish gameplay with clever visual design that can keep players entertained for hours, especially with its extra game modes. It's \$25 on Steam but should you ever find it on sale, do consider checking it out.

RATING: 4/5



"Superhot" is a first-person shooter game designed by Superhot Team in 2016. While the story is short, the innovative use of time makes for new and interesting gameplay. ILLUSTRATION BY KAITLYN TRAN, STAFF ARTIST/THE DAILY CAMPUS

A ZERO WASTE PROJECT



Tips for sustainable storage



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I waste a lot of produce. When I go to the grocery store, I try to buy vegetables I know I'm going to be cooking with, but a lot of the time one meal won't use a whole bag of spinach, or I'll get peppers with the vague notion of maybe making stir-fry. Fast forward a week and there's a soft, wrinkly bell pepper sitting next to a bag of slimy spinach wasting away in the back of my fridge.

Part of the solution to this problem is to just plan meals better and keep track of what I have in my fridge and my cupboard, but better food storage can also mitigate the amount that ends up in my compost.

Why make this swap?

Food waste is becoming a widely acknowledged problem — 40% of our food in the U.S. and one third of food globally is never eaten, ac-

ording to the Natural Resources Defense Council. While plenty of this food is wasted in restaurants, grocery stores and factories, this doesn't discount the impact of food wasted in households.

As the NRDC explains it, "An enormous amount of resources and energy go into growing, processing, transporting and eventually disposing of all that wasted food."

The NRDC tackles food waste on a larger scale, but in terms of a personal zero waste journey, reducing food waste is one step closer.

What I did:

I've been seeing a lot of charts on Pinterest (where I get all my brilliant zero waste ideas) about ways to store food more efficiently, so some of the most basic changes I made came from here.

I love carrots, because they're one of the only snacks that make me feel healthy and I actually enjoy

eating, but mine always turn white and gross. Turns out, if you store carrots floating in water, you can avoid this whitening, which really just indicates the carrots have dried out. Even after they turn white, by putting them in ice water, you can revive them.

I buy most of my bread sliced and in a plastic bag for 88 cents at Walmart, but when I buy fresh French bread, or when my mom makes me a loaf of homemade bread, I normally try to wrap it as best as I can in the paper packaging or a plastic bag and hope it doesn't dry out. If you're buying fresh bread (which is much more zero waste than my Great Value fix), it lasts longest stored in a cloth, pillowcase or in a wooden box. I don't have a bread box, but I did at least repurpose an old pillowcase.

Herbs and green onions are like flowers — stand them up in a glass of water, and they'll stay fresh a lot longer.

Potatoes and onions should both be stored in a dark, dry environment, which I was already doing, but interestingly they shouldn't be on the same shelf, because they actually release chemicals to ripen one another quicker.

I also learned through my research that those drawers at the bottom of your refrigerator are "crisper drawers" which are actually supposed to keep different fruits and vegetables at certain humidities to keep them lasting longer.

My wrinkly peppers, for example, should be stored in a mesh bag in a low-humidity drawer.

Avocados should be left out on the counter until they're ripe, but once they start to turn soft, putting them in the fridge will keep them at peak ripeness a little longer.

As for that spinach I keep throwing out — store spinach in an airtight container with paper towels to absorb any moisture. Since I swapped out my paper towels a couple weeks back, I did this with a cloth napkin, and hopefully it will have the same result.

I started my research on Pinterest, but ultimately switched over to a really nifty website called savethefood.com, where you can go through and click on different produce items to see not only the best way to store it, but also the best way to freeze it and what to do once it has started to go bad.

What this means for you:

Obviously, based on what you're eating and cooking, you might be using totally different produce from me, so I definitely recommend going to savethefood.com to figure out the best way to store your kitchen items. Some of these storage methods do require a little more work: You may have to take the food out of its original packaging, or for bread, you might want to sew your pillowcase into a form-fitting bread bag, but at the end of the day, food stored equals food saved from the trash.

Coming up next:

Reusable cotton swabs



A loaf of bread wrapped in a cloth pillow case. This is just one of many ways to effectively store food to last longer without plastic containers. PHOTO PROVIDED BY AUTHOR

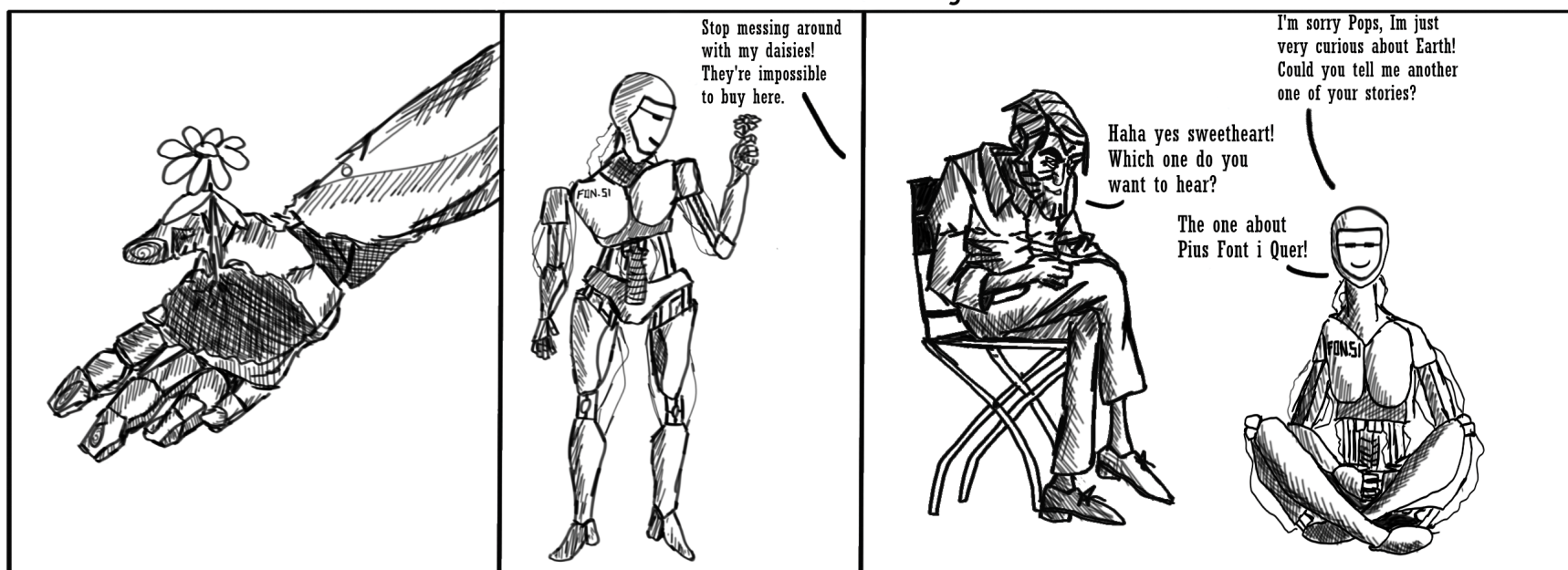
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Photo of the Day | Winter Weekends



Henry Davis, of Berlin, Connecticut uses the weekend to backpack 15 miles in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. The full moon illuminated the snowy ground during a frigid night. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Stories of The Underdogs



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You have a right to vote, use it

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America has come a long way in its voting freedoms. Certain amendments have broken down barriers, allowing for all American citizens 18 and older to vote. People in the past have fought long and hard for everyone to have this right. At the same time, some of the closest elections in history have been affected by the singular votes of Americans, showing how important your vote is. No one should be following the ideology that one vote out of a million won't affect anything. Let's look back at the year 2000, when Al Gore just barely lost the Electoral College vote to George Bush. There was a recount in Florida, where Bush had won

the popular vote only narrowly, thus leading to a Supreme Court case. According to National Geographic, "Bush won Florida by .009% of the votes cast in the state, or 537 votes. Had 600 more pro-Gore voters gone to the polls in Florida that November, there may have been an entirely different president from 2000-2008."

I am well aware that your vote does not directly impact the outcome of who is to be president because as I explained before, it is an indirect process. But with enough voters in each district or county, the vote will matter for the electoral representatives. Most states even have a "winner takes all" system. Now, if this wasn't enough to convince you to vote in this

upcoming presidential election, let's not forget that the local state elections are just as important. These local turnouts are decided by a smaller portion of voters, so your vote could be more meaningful in terms of local issues.

Your vote matters, plain and simple. Whether you are mailing in a ballot or visiting your local polls, make sure to choose a president in this upcoming election. Whether it feels like it or not, your vote can indirectly have a huge impact on who will become our president for the next four years. As an American citizen it is your right, and it has been something people fought hard for, so make sure to check a box today and get that sticker.

SCOTUS should be reformed

SCOTUS, cont. from p. 4

Now, that solves the problem of justices lasting forever, but we also need reforms that make the court more representative of the people. For that, enter the 21 states that hold elections for their justices. Sure, it's not a majority, but just a short while ago primary elections were simply a formality. It's the precedent that matters, and the fact that the system exists proves it can work. We need to stop pretending that justices are robotic decision-creation machines with zero bias. Instead of ignoring it, people should be able to judge their judicial candidates just as they judge the rest of the candidates. They are human, after all.

So there it is, two completely precedent-supported methods to reform the U.S. Supreme Court. I would be remiss not to mention that there is a very viable other option in adding justices to the court. While there is sound logic to back this, it's become a very polarizing issue due to people not being willing to actually come to the table. These other two options are much less arguable, as there is concrete proof that they can work, and I should also mention that there isn't a single state in the union with more than nine justices.

No matter what the solution may be, the bottom line is that we need court reform, and the tools to create change already exist. Now all we have to do is use them.

DYK?

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Election Roundtable

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If Trump loses, how do you think he will react?

Carson Swick, Staff Writer: Trump will cry foul, demand recounts and probably throw out some "fake news" accusations in the process. However, I don't think Biden (particularly his supporters within the Democratic establishment) will back down either. There will be unrest in the streets no matter who wins this election; that is, if a winner is even declared on election night or soon after. With that said, I am fully prepared for Bush v. Gore 2.0.

Ben Gladstone, Contributor: Trump runs for local office in West Virginia and builds a 5,000 foot tower on the Potomac, dropping waterproof leaflets into the water filled with conspiracy theories.

Harry Zehner, Opinion Editor: I think there is a serious danger of armed unrest, primarily from the right. The events this summer in Kenosha felt like a dress rehearsal in media-glamorization and defense of white supremacist violence. A Trump defeat and a few tweets later, we could see that kind of violence on a larger scale. There will be unrest either way, but a Trump loss poses a scarier reality.

7th Heaven: Unbeaten Steelers keep winning without 'A' game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Eric Ebron is tired of the critics who keep trying to nitpick the NFL's last unbeaten team.

"A lot of people say, 'You all beat the Ravens, you all really are legit,'" the Pittsburgh Steelers ever-talkative tight end said after his team rallied past Baltimore on Sunday to improve to 7-0 for the second time in franchise history.

"I'm like, 'But, we went 6-0. How are we not a legit unit?'" he added. "So, now that we beat the Ravens, more people understood that we're legit, and we're coming with our A-game every single time."

That's the thing, save for a blowout against Cleveland last month, Pittsburgh has been more decent than dominant. Yet they matched the 1978 team's mark for the best start ever on a day they were out-gained by 236 yards, were frequently pushed around in the trenches on both sides of the ball and spent the first half on the receiving end of the kind of physical beating they typically dole out.

Coach Mike Tomlin repeatedly chastised his club for miscues while at the same time praising its perseverance.

"I am proud of these guys," Tomlin said. "I am proud of the fight. I am proud of how they supported one another. But it is important that we don't lie to ourselves. We did not function well in a lot of ways."

Yet in the end, it didn't matter, not with the defense making up for in splash what it lacked in sturdiness. Pittsburgh forced Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson into a career-high four turnovers while getting contributions



Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Robert Spillane, left, celebrates with free safety Minkah Fitzpatrick after scoring on an interception of a pass from Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, not visible, during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, in Baltimore. PHOTO BY NICK WASS, AP

from players that were nowhere near the top of the depth chart in early September.

Inside linebacker Rob Spillane began his second career start with a pick-6 on Jackson on the game's first series. Rookie outside linebacker Alex Highsmith — who played as a defensive end in college at Charlotte — stepped in front of a pass by Jackson on Baltimore's first possession of the second half to set up a touch-

down reception by Ebron, the spark that helped Pittsburgh claw out of a 10-point deficit.

When veteran defensive lineman Tyson Alualu exited early with an injury, second-year player Isaiah Buggs overcame some early wobbles to record five tackles, one less than he had in his previous 14 appearances combined.

It's why quarterback Ben Roethlisberger took offense when asked what the impact

of players not normally called on to make plays starts making plays.

"I would say, 'Says who?'" Roethlisberger said. "Who says they're not supposed to make big plays? We expect big things from everybody. ... It's fun to see everyone contribute. That's what makes this team special. Everyone does it. Everyone helps each other out."

The Steelers have needed to rely on that depth repeat-

edly and are now entering a user-friendly stretch of their schedule. After three straight games against teams that were a combined 14-2 at kickoff, Pittsburgh's next three opponents — Dallas, Cincinnati and Jacksonville — are 5-17-1 before Baltimore visits Heinz Field on Thanksgiving night.

The chance of stubbing their toe is always there, but if the Steelers have proven one thing over the last two months, it's that they can stumble without falling.

"To be able to walk out of a building on the road, with a win, gives us a lot of momentum," linebacker T.J. Watt said. "But like I said, there is going to be a lot on the film for us to learn from for this game."

WHAT'S WORKING
The Steelers largely abandoned the run following an anemic first half and opted to spread the Baltimore defense out by using five receivers and allowing Roethlisberger to draw it up as he went along. The results were quick passes that moved the chains combined with the occasional rainbow down the field that frequently drew flags. The Ravens were called for pass interference three times, including a 20-yard infraction on Marlon Humphrey in the fourth quarter that set up the winning touchdown.

WHAT'S NOT
Regardless of the outcome, giving up 265 yards rushing is a concern. The Ravens are the best rushing team in the league for a reason, but more pressing for the Steelers than the production is the way Baltimore consistently blocked so effectively.

Winless Jets on verge of making dubious franchise history

NEW YORK (AP) — The winless New York Jets are on the verge of making franchise history.

And they want nothing to do with it.

After a 35-9 beatdown in Kansas City, the Jets will look to avoid the first 0-9 start in team history. And they'll have to do it next Monday night against the AFC East-rival New England Patriots in front of a prime-time TV audience.

"We've just got to win one," quarterback Sam Darnold said Monday. "If we win one, who knows?"

Well, this week, it would prevent this year's squad from holding the dubious distinction of being the only team in Jets history to lose its first nine games. Under Rich Kotite in 1996, New York opened 0-8 before getting its only victory of a 1-15 season.

That is generally regarded as the worst year in team history. But this bunch might give that one a run.

"Guys are still hungry to get a win," safety Marcus Maye insisted.

That's despite so much uncertainty surrounding the team in what quickly became a lost year.

Gase has been on the hot seat all season, with the heat as high as it possibly can get — but he remains in charge, for now.

Injuries have been a constant factor, and even Darnold is uncertain to play against the Patriots while his banged-up right shoulder is evaluated this week. There's optimism there, but the inept offense has yet to see all three of its starting wide receivers — Jamison Crowder, Breshad Perriman and Denzel Mims — on the field together.

General manager Joe Douglas has also been making moves with a clear eye on the future. He has cut running back Le'Veon Bell and traded linebackers Avery Williamson and Jordan Willis, and nose tackle Steve McLendon in the last few weeks. Douglas might not be done dealing before the NFL's trade deadline Tuesday.



New York Jets head coach Adam Gase watches play against the Kansas City Chiefs in the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, in Kansas City, Missouri. PHOTO BY CHARLIE RIEDEL, AP

All of that, plus the piling losses, might take a toll on most locker rooms. But Gase says that's one thing — and perhaps the only thing — that has remained positive throughout this tough first half of the season.

"I think our guys are absolutely focused on winning one game, period," Gase said. "Whoever we're playing, they are focused on winning that game."

WHAT'S WORKING
Douglas' phone. The GM has been busy the past few weeks, making deals and tweaking the roster with an eye on the future.

With the departures of Williamson, McLendon, Willis and Bell, Douglas has shown that he's collecting as many picks as he can to completely rebuild the roster for the future. That doesn't necessarily mean the current Jets are writing off this year.

"I never look at waving a white flag," Gase said. "That's not in my DNA. This is our pro-

fession. When things like this happen, guys aren't ever going to be shocked by this. We're in a profession of we've got to win games. When we don't, things change and younger guys get opportunities to play."

WHAT NEEDS HELP
Second-half adjustments. For the second straight game, Gase handed over the offensive play calling to coordinator Dowell Loggains and the Jets got off to a solid start moving the ball. But, things went south in the second half — again. A week after gaining only 4 yards in the second half against Buffalo, the Jets had just 63 over the final two quarters at Kansas City.

STOCK UP
Quinnen Williams. The defensive lineman has been solid in his second season after a ho-hum rookie year. Teams have inquired about the 2019 first-rounder, but Gase said the Jets had no interest in dealing him.

Williams, who's dealing with a hamstring injury, leads the

Jets with three sacks and has been a consistent playmaker. He had two tackles for loss against the Chiefs.

"He's at the very top of our league for an interior guy in the run and pressures and hits and tackles for losses, and he's only going to continue to get better," defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said. "I believe that."

STOCK DOWN
Chris Herndon. It was already a dismal season for the third-year tight end, but it was made even worse Sunday when he caught his only pass of the day for a 3-yard gain — and then fumbled it away. Herndon went from being regarded as one of the key weapons on offense to barely contributing. He has just 14 receptions for 101 yards.

INJURED
Darnold was going to have an MRI and get a second medical opinion on his right shoulder as a precaution. Both Darnold and Gase sounded optimistic about the quarterback's chance-

es of playing next Monday night. ... Perriman remains in the concussion protocol, while Crowder's injured right groin will be monitored throughout the week. ... C Connor McGovern (knee) and K Sam Ficken (right groin) could miss practice time.

KEY NUMBER
2 for 12 — That's what the Jets did on third downs at Kansas City, continuing a season-long struggle in those situations. New York ranks last in the league in third-down efficiency and it's a big reason for their overall ineptitude on offense.

NEXT STEPS
If there's a chance for a victory any time soon, it could be Monday night. In what has been a lopsided rivalry in recent years, the Jets could have a chance to steal one against a struggling Patriots team that has lost four in a row for the first time since 2002. It's either win or cement a place in the franchise record books.

Sports

Throwback Photo of the Day | Under the lights



In this file photo, the UConn Women's Soccer loses to East Carolina University in Dillon Stadium. UConn put forward 15 shots, but were unable to find the back of the net. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS



BALANCING THE BUBBLE BUDGET

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Sports are an awe-inspiring spectacle, an escape for millions, a ticket out of poverty for a talented handful and one of the most lucrative industries on earth. The NBA product in particular has become increasingly profitable, with the average net worth of an NBA team surpassing \$2 billion for the first time in 2020. This statistic is up a staggering 14% from last year, the most significant increase of all major American sports. The low barrier of entry to play the sport in conjunction with the personal connection the game offers between star players and fans has captured global interest. As NBA basketball begins to sweep across the globe as a primary export of U.S. culture, NBA owners and executives have begun looking to capitalize further on surges in popularity rates through market expansion. However, will the handling of the coronavirus pandemic and a strained economic relationship between the NBA and China be poised to hinder this robust growth?

The NBA's revenue dropped 10% to \$8.3 billion for the 2019-20 season, including tangible losses from the pandemic and China's abrupt cancellation of NBA media coverage. China backed out due to Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey making pro-Hong Kong comments via Twitter. As the season concludes with the crowning of champions Los Angeles Lakers, it is time to assess the discernable financial damage in the present and project any potential future economic downturn for the league. This analysis is critical in dictating the strategic moves of NBA executive personnel and those of the players during off-season free agency.

The costs of the pandemic in regards to the NBA can be broken down into three parts: higher fixed operating costs due to the pandemic, an abundance of opportunity costs and several potential long-term variable costs.

The NBA stated that the cost to run the human resources nightmare of the NBA bubble was over \$190 million upfront. This investment had to be made with the knowledge there would be no fan attendance, with fans making up 40% of the league's annual revenue through ticket purchases and concession spending, in order to satisfy the league's billion-dollar television contract.

Additionally, viewership ratings were among the worst in league history due to the league's competition with the NFL as a result of the prior hiatus and much of the league's biggest markets, such as New York, Chicago and San Francisco, being out of the playoff picture. The 2020 season finals which featured a LeBron James-led Lakers team only received approximately seven million viewers this year, a 50% drop from last year's finals and the lowest in NBA history since the statistic started being tracked in 1974.

Lastly, the financial burden of the pandemic has been projected to traverse into the 2020-21 NBA season. League sources have already predicted the salary cap to decline anywhere from \$3-12 million, which would affect the pockets of NBA owners paying the luxury tax, the roster possibilities of teams and free agency options for players going forward. The league is pushing for the return of NBA basketball on Dec. 22, 2020, to salvage a portion of television revenue from a potentially 72-game regular season and playoffs. However, even if the league was able to circumvent the backlash for such a short player offseason, it would still lose an estimated \$4 billion due to the lack of in-person ticket sales, concessions and decreased merchandise selling opportunities.

Moreover, the NBA's increased reliance on television media revenue as a result of the pandemic has made strained relations with China all the more costly for the league. The Chinese government ceased all media relations with the NBA, terminating agreements to publicize teams, players and sell any league memorabilia, which is estimated to cost the NBA \$4.8 billion per year, indefinitely. This figure also includes the loss of a \$1.5 billion media negotiation which entailed exclusive rights to stream NBA content all over China.

The NBA now has to find a way to compensate for the loss of half a billion Chinese viewers to NBA games, the 300 million active enthusiasts that play recreationally and regularly purchase NBA merchandise and the opportunity to use China's international sphere of influence to advance the league's brand. China's NBA market dwarfs that of the United States and the league has not even scratched the surface of the market's full consumer potential.

To the average fan, losses of a few hundred million dollars sound like chump change to a billion-dollar enterprise like the NBA. Many may even dismiss the long term implications of the pandemic and the loss of the Chinese basketball market. While the NBA will remain more than solvent, what does this mean for the people that work for the NBA that are not millionaires? The trickle-down economic effect of the league losing revenue affects owners, managers, players, team staff, arena workers, members of the media and more. Many of these staff workers do not have deep pockets like players and executives and rely on their salaries for basic necessities. With all the large sums of money being lost, the financial burden is still most severe on the common man. The NBA is a positive economic stimulus in many parts of the United States that don't have the benefit of being centers of commerce and industry. Small-market teams that depend on winning games and capturing fan attention through basketball rather than the spectacle of show business and the glamour of historic arenas are hurt disproportionately from the unfortunate happenings of 2020. While the league, the nation and the world at large recover from the pandemic, I hope people can appreciate the tremendous leadership and discipline of the NBA and its players to provide a binding haven of relief for people through basketball despite all odds.

The Patriots are finally, finally on the way down

PATRIOTS, cont. from p. 12

To that I say you are right, so let's look at every draft since 2016 and see what Bill has managed to find. In 2016, the Patriots selected cornerback Cyrus Jones, guard Joe Thuney and quarterback Jacoby Brissett with their first three picks in the draft. Jones played 31 games in the NFL before becoming a free agent in 2019, and is still out there as we speak. Thuney is the best selection from this draft and continues to be a valuable asset on the Patriots offensive line, and Brissett played two games for the Patriots before being traded to the Indianapolis Colts, only to be replaced by the bones of Philip Rivers. So far we have two misses and one hit. With their first three picks in 2017, they selected defensive end Derek Rivers, tackle Antonio Garcia and defensive end Deatrich Wise Jr. Rivers has played 11 total games in the NFL and has yet to see the field this season, Garcia has never played a snap and Wise has turned out to be a good defensive end, but not a game breaker by any means. For fairness' sake, the tally stands at four busts, two hits. In 2018, their first three picks were tackle Isiah Wynn, running back Sony Michel and cornerback Duke Dawson. Wynn has been injured most of his career, including missing his entire rookie year and half of 2019, and is only now making his first consistent starts on the offensive line. Michel gave the Pats a terrific rookie season but has contributed little since, and Dawson has played 20 games and been a nonfactor on defense. Tally stands at six busts, three hits. 2019 was the year of wide receiver N'Keal

Harry, with cornerback Jojuan Williams and defensive end Chase Winovich following behind. Harry has been a massive disappointment in his early career, Williams is invisible on the field and Winovich has been a good end for the Patriots in his young career. I'm going to leave out the 2020 draft, as we have not seen enough from the picks to determine their worth, but the complete lack of a receiver selection in this draft is puzzling to say the least. The final tally: eight busts, four hits. Clearly not a great track record. Add to

and the offense again struggled as Brady threw a season ending interception to former teammate Logan Ryan, ending his career in New England on a pick six. That offseason, Brady left for Tampa Bay to join Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, and since then the Buccaneers have picked up Antonio Brown, Gronk and Leonard Fournette. While his exit from New England seemed improbable, in retrospect it was inevitable. A combination of bad drafting, lack

weekend). We all knew Brady's presence was important, but very few people knew he was the literal life or death of this offense. The decision to play around with Tom and let him walk looks worse and worse by the minute, as Brady leads the 5-2 Tampa Bay Buccaneers to Super Bowl contention, while looking like a possible league MVP.

How to Rebuild a Dynasty

After starting 2-1, the Patriots have lost four straight games and are the

only bonafide number one receiving option, either through the draft or from a blockbuster trade at the deadline or during the off season. Finally, they need to be sellers at the deadline. Shipping off older players and high salary guys needs to be a priority for a team desperately looking to get back into contention sooner rather than later. Some might argue that defense needs to be one of those three priorities, but I'm not as concerned about the defense as most are. They are missing almost their entire linebacking core thanks to opt outs and injuries, which is likely to change next season as we hopefully (please let it finally end) move past the COVID-19 pandemic that has plagued us for the better part of 2020. On top of this, Bill has a much easier time finding quality defensive players in the draft than offensive weapons, even in later rounds or undrafted altogether. For these reasons I feel that the way back to success is through picking a reliable quarterback in the draft, finding a young or proven number one receiver that can lead your team for years to come and finally being sellers at the deadline and moving on from players who are not part of your short and long-term future.

The Patriots have a lot of work ahead of them if they want to return back to the glory of the Brady era, as Belichick and Robert Kraft fight through a history of bad drafting, poor trading and the loss of the greatest quarterback of all time. However, New England does have a road map of how to get back to the top, they've done it before back in 2001, and with the same guys at the helm, who's to say they can't do it again? If there is anything I learned over 20 years of winning, it's that you should never bet against Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots.

that the complete failure to draft on the offensive side, and we get the team we see now. With no new weapons, and an aging Julian Edelman, it is no wonder that Brady wanted out as he moved to Tampa Bay.

Brady Bridge is Falling Down

Bill's bad drafting helped push the Patriots to their current struggles, but as we saw for 20 years, Brady can cover any hole. So it was a massive surprise when we saw the offense struggle last year with Brady at the helm. In wins Brady was upset with the offense's lackluster performance, and in losses he was despondent. The national media took victory laps claiming he was washed up, while local media pointed to a lack of weapons for him to throw to. Yet the Patriots were only one win off of a first round bye, and would have gotten it if not for a loss in Miami in the last game of the year. As if things couldn't get any worse, the Pats met the Titans in the wildcard game,

of financial respect from the front office and the comments from Bill Belichick following "deflategate" all lead to pushing out Brady. This was made official through his final contract which forbade the Patriots from using a franchise tag on him, ensuring he would be a free agent at the end of the 2019 season. With seemingly no backup plan besides fourth-round pick Jared Stidham, the Pats signed free agent Cam Newton just before training camp, and he easily claimed the starting job. As we have seen however, filling in the shoes of the greatest of all time is no easy task, and Newton has struggled under the same offense Brady led to an 11-5 record last season. Newton has thrown an unbelievable two total touchdowns all season (for reference, Patrick Mahomes threw five touchdowns in one game this

team in the NFL that has not scored a single offensive point in the first quarter. They rest at third in the AFC East behind the Dolphins and Bills, and their playoff hopes are essentially over. This team needs a rebuild badly, as they are the oldest team in football this year, and more importantly, they need a reliable quarterback. Keeping on track to get a top-10 pick or better in this year's draft will present them with plenty of options at that position, including Ohio State QB Justin Fields, Alabama prospect Mac Jones or even North Dakota State play caller Trey Lance. Secondly, they need a

Goff's clunker in Miami might show limits of Rams' ambitions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jared Goff started the regular season on a roll. As the Los Angeles Rams hit the midway point of the regular season, their franchise quarterback has fallen into a rut.

The Rams (5-3) began their bye week sifting through their stack of mistakes from a 28-17 loss at Miami in which Goff's 355 yards passing meant much less than his two interceptions and two costly fumbles.

Over the past three games, Goff has completed just 58.3% of his passes with five touchdowns, three interceptions and a 78.3 quarterback rating. In LA's first five games, Goff completed 71.7% of his throws for eight TDs, three interceptions and a 108.8 QB rating.

Although Goff's inability to stay consistent is a reflection of the Rams' overall offensive flaws and coach Sean McVay's misadventures as a play caller, Goff realizes a large part of the Rams' success rests on his rangy shoulders.

If Los Angeles intends to be more than a fringe NFC playoff contender this season, Goff likely must step up to a level he has reached only intermittently in his career.

"Not even close to good enough on my part, and throughout the whole game," Goff said. "Just need to be better. Got to be better. I will be."

The Rams are hitting their bye week at the midway point of a season featuring several solid wins and potential, but also ample reason to doubt Los Angeles' credentials as a Super Bowl contender. Goff's play reflects most of those concerns.

Goff committed his four turnovers all in the first half in Miami, matching his career high for an entire game. The Rams trailed 28-7 after that wave of mistakes, yet still had plenty of time to catch up.

They couldn't, managing 10



Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jared Goff (16) looks to pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Florida. PHOTO BY WILFREDO LEE, AP

points from 307 yards of offense after that. The Rams had 92 offensive snaps — the franchise's most since 2005 — and outgained the Dolphins by 326 yards, but trailed by double digits for the final 38 minutes.

Goff wasn't to blame for everything, of course. His offensive line, so good earlier this year, made errors both in pass protection and in the running game. A handful of drops — including a crucial, blatant mistake by tight end Gerald Everett late — impeded the Rams' late rally.

Goff and the Rams repeatedly failed to execute on big plays that should have got them back in the game, allowing Miami to win fairly comfortably despite getting shut out by Los Angeles' defense in the second half.

"Our defense played really well and gave us all the opportunities we needed," Goff said. "It starts with me, and I've got to be a whole lot better."

WHAT'S WORKING
The defense looks great. Coordinator Brandon Staley's unit has held four of its last five op-

ponents under 300 yards and two under 150 after limiting the Dolphins to 145. The defense also hasn't allowed a second-half touchdown in five consecutive games. It's clear which side of the ball isn't doing its share lately.

WHAT NEEDS HELP
Goff's performances are often a reflection of McVay's effectiveness as a play caller, and the Rams' offensive mastermind was off. McVay threw the ball 61 times against one of the NFL's best pass defenses, re-

peatedly hesitating to trust his solid ground game against the Dolphins' less-impressive run defense. Sure, the Rams fell behind and needed to catch up — but 32 of those 61 passes were thrown before halftime. "I have to do a much better job for our team," McVay said.

STOCK UP
Safety Taylor Rapp is playing his way back into prominence. After getting hurt in training camp and losing his job to rookie Jordan Fuller, Rapp has capitalized on Fuller's injury absence. After a key interception last week against Chicago, Rapp's strong game in Miami included a forced fumble in the second quarter.

STOCK DOWN
New special teams coordinator John Bonamego's units gave up an 88-yard TD punt return. New kicker Kai Forbath made his extra points and a 23-yard field goal, but he also had a comically bad miss on a late 48-yard attempt that would have trimmed the Rams' deficit to one score. Not a confidence-inspiring performance.

INJURED
CB Jalen Ramsey fell ill Sunday morning and didn't play. McVay didn't provide details, citing privacy concerns, but said Ramsey was allowed to return home on the team plane. ... RB Darrell Henderson got off to a strong start, but couldn't finish the game due to a thigh injury.

KEY NUMBER
21 — The number of Goff's passes intended for receiver Cooper Kupp, who caught 11 for 110 yards. That's the most targets for any NFL player since 2015.

NEXT STEPS
The bye week won't be relaxing for the Rams with tougher matchups awaiting. They host powerhouse Seattle on Nov. 15, followed by a fifth trip to the East Coast this season to face Tampa Bay.



Sports

Hey Dave: What's next in Barcelona's history?

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If you read my previous column about Ansu Fati, you might remember comments I made about other young prospects being sold off without being given a chance in the senior team. I also discussed the club in its limbo stage of history because of its board. Well, fans of the Catalonian club no longer have to worry about that, because on Oct. 27, the parasite that is Josep Maria Bartomeu announced his resignation from the club. The rest of the Board of Directors also resigned.

When this news broke, Culers had nearly the same level of rejoice as Americans when they found out SEAL Team Six killed Osama bin Laden. Okay, maybe not to that extreme, but you should get the sense of how great this news was for fans.

This was a long time coming. Hell, Bartomeu even admitted that after the 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinal, the easiest thing to do was to resign then and there. But instead, he wanted to wait. The initial plan was to wait until the middle of November for a fan's vote of confidence; which, let's be real here: No sane fan would vote for him to stay. Instead, he decided to take action and leave a club he greatly destroyed during his six-year tenure. Following his resignation, many wondered what chapter in Barcelona's 120-year history would unfold next. Quite frankly,



Barcelona's Lionel Messi gestures after missing a chance during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Alaves and Barcelona. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO BY ALVARO BARRIENTOS, AP

I see nothing but great hope for the future of the club.

Like I said, Bartomeu left behind a historic club in a completely different position than when he joined the Blaugrana in 2014, from embarrassing Champions League campaigns three years in a row to extremely questionable transfers both in and out of the club and the massive decline in the club's La Masia, where many of Barcelona's players in the past came from.

So, what should fans expect in the near future? Obviously the appointment of a new president, but there are two major candidates that could be appointed: Joan Laporta, former club president, and Victor Font, who seems to be heavily favored for the position. While Laporta brought Barcelona a golden era and had

La Masia boom under him, I strongly believe Font will do the same, but go even further, in a good way. Font is behind the 'Si al futur' project, where he and other club members will seek to bring the club back to its glory days. Font also wants to bring back Pep Guardiola, who was one of, if not the most, successful coaches in Barcelona's history.

But one question still remains: Will Messi still push for a transfer out of the club? After making clear public statements that he hated Bartomeu and the rest of the board, I think the chances of him staying gradually increased. I say this because how the outcome of this season, in both domestic and European competitions, could influence his decision. Given the club currently sit in 12th in La Liga, no one can truly be sure.



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Two years ago, DAMWON Gaming had not played a match in the LCK. They had qualified at the end of summer, but wouldn't play their first games until the next year. In just two years, they went from never playing an LCK game to qualifying for Worlds twice in a row to, this past weekend, becoming legends.

On Saturday, they fulfilled what many thought was their destiny, besting Suning in an incredible 3-1 series and becoming the first Korean team to win the League of Legends World Championship since 2017. They ended China's streak, beating the underdog Suning and ending the Chinese organization's miracle run in what might go down as one of the best finals in history.

The first three games were close. Suning battled fiercely in Game 1 before finally succumbing to DAMWON's superior teamfighting. Despite winning Game 2 and being close to a major comeback in Game 3, Suning crumbled in Game 4 and were demolished by DAMWON, who could clearly taste their destiny.

After two years of relatively poor play from Korean teams internationally, this was the first time a Korean team had made the finals since 2017. It was a refreshing change to be reminded of just how good a dominant Korean team can be at this game. It was especially refreshing on the heels of DAMWON's defeat at the hands of G2 in 2019, and as T1 missed Worlds after a disappointing summer.

Canyon, DAMWON's jungler, claimed MVP for the finals on the back of his impressive performance on Graves and Nidalee, ignoring his one very questionable Evelyn game in Game 2. Despite this, no one on DAMWON Gaming had a bad day, which is perhaps the biggest reason that even in the closest moments it felt like their series to lose. Suning, as good as they are, needed DAMWON to make more mistakes than they made.

This kind of loss is unfortunately the type of defeat that might haunt the young Suning roster. It shouldn't; they made it two rounds further than

anyone expected and put up a good performance against a team that they had no business even being close to. The fact that they lost in the end isn't a surprise, since most people viewed DAMWON as massive favorites and just taking a game is a good performance by Suning, especially considering the last several finals had been 3-0.

It is also important to note that, in this year of the coronavirus, this was a tournament that went off seemingly without a hitch. The finals even had fans; many less fans than in previous years, of course, but six months ago it seemed unlikely that Worlds would happen at all. Simply having the event felt like a win, but having a finals that is already set to become iconic in the fabric of the best series in history makes the pain of the rest of the year in this sport sting a little less. Riot Games deserves praise for their handling of Worlds this year.

The Grand Finals were a series that set both of these teams up for the future. DAMWON is also a relatively young lineup, with an average age just under 21, and they could potentially use this victory as the start of a legacy the League of Legends community hasn't seen since the days of T1's dominance. At the same time, performing this far ahead of expectations for Suning is a promising sign for their future. This is a team with two players under twenty in Huanfeng and Angel and Suning, perhaps most importantly, has all of their players signed through next year at least. Suning will probably be back with the same roster in a few months and they could absolutely dominate the LPL and face DAMWON again at the international events in 2021.

But that's for the future. Today, DAMWON Gaming are the World Champions, a very well deserved title for a team who came into the event as the favorites and met every challenge, every obstacle, every team in their path with a single-minded focus on victory. For the first time since 2017 it felt as though there was a team who was just better than every other team. DAMWON Gaming earned their title and, with the Summoner's Cup finally in their hands, they reached the pinnacle of League of Legends and showed the world that sometimes, the best team really does finish first.



Column: The Death of the Dynasty

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We all knew it was coming eventually. One day the Patriots' stranglehold on the NFL would have to come to an end, but no one could have predicted this. Going all the way back to the 2019 wild card round when Tom Brady took the field once again late in a close game, something Patriots fans had come to chalk up to nearly a guaranteed win, ended in a disastrous pick six to seal Tom Brady's exit from New England. Fast forward to Sunday night, with Cam Newton and the Patriots taking the field with a chance to win in Buffalo and keep their playoff hopes alive, only for Superman himself to fumble the game away on one of his trademark QB scrambles. The fans won't admit it, so I will do it for you. It's done, the greatest dynasty in sports is dead. So how did we get here?

Plugging the Holes

Ever since the GOAT himself stepped onto the field for his first NFL snaps in 2001, the Patriots had complete dominance over the league. Six Super Bowl titles and nine appearances will earn you that recognition, and for 20 years, nobody doubted the Patriots. However, signs of cracks were always prevalent. Bill Belichick gets deserved credit as the greatest coach of all time, but his track record



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick leaves the field after an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, in Foxborough, Massachusetts. PHOTO BY CHARLES KRUPA, AP

as a general manager leaves much to be desired. Sure he made some huge moves, like the Randy Moss trade and drafting Rob Gronkowski, but for every good move he also delivers some questionable ones. In the 2020 draft, one that experts had predicted to be possibly the best wide receiver class in the history of football, Bill drafted no receivers, instead opting for rela-

tively unknown linebacker Kyle Dugger and some below average tight ends that have a combined one reception for eight yards and a fumble in 2020. You might be saying to yourself, "Dylan, that's one draft, plenty of good GM's have had a bad draft."

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