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UConn Health reports shortage of COVID-19 vaccine, cancelling 1st doses

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Last Sunday, UConn Health cancelled all appointments for first-dose COVID-19 vaccinations scheduled between Jan. 31 and Feb. 8, citing a vaccine shortage, according to an article published by the Hartford Courant. Patients scheduled for a second dose would still be able to get the vaccine.

The statement comes nearly a week after Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont announced an increase in weekly shipments of the vaccine, up to 54,000 doses, according to the article.

Vaccine shortages have also been reported by Waterbury Hospital as early as Jan. 28, and even the boost in weekly shipments is said to be insufficient.

“Our supply of first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine has been exhausted, and we have notified impacted patients who had first vaccine appointments scheduled at our clinics to reschedule their appointments for today, Monday and Tuesday morning,” Waterbury Hospital said in a notice.



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Gov. Lamont, despite complaints from the two hospitals, has maintained that the amount of vaccines was appropriate, and shifted the blame onto the hospitals.

“Lamont said he didn’t see a problem with the federal supply of vaccines despite the shortage at UConn Health and Waterbury Hospital, suggesting instead that the two hospital systems may have booked too many first-dose appointments,” according to the Hartford Courant article.

Lauren Woods, the Director of News at UConn Health, advised reading the updated version of UConn Health’s vaccination program on their website.

“As our UConn Health COVID-19 Vaccine Program website states, those eligible under phase 1a and phase 1b for vaccination are healthcare workers and those 75+ so far,” Woods said in an email.

Vaccinations scheduled after Feb. 9 are not expected to be subject to change. If your vaccination appointment is affected by this shortage, UConn Health advises rescheduling by calling the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 860-679-8888.

Research Spotlight: Assessing COVID-19’s effects on mental health with Dr. Rachel Tambling

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Researchers at the University of Connecticut are looking into how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting mental health. One such researcher is Rachel Tambling, an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences.

In typical years, Tambling researches clinical processes and outcomes. This means research into why people seek help for their mental health, how they seek help and whether they stick with it.

However, COVID has changed the path of some of Tambling’s research. Since the pandemic began, Tambling has started to look into its effects on mental health.

“I think that this is a really unique time in our country for mental health. I wanted to work with my colleagues on some research that would start to articulate the mental health impacts of a global pandemic,” Tambling explained.

This has taken a number of different forms. Tambling has contributed to studies on how parents talk to their children about COVID-19, what quarantine does for our mental health and whether the pandemic has had an impact on the effectiveness of couples’ therapy.

What Tambling and other researchers found in researching pandemic mental health was distressing. Rates of anxiety and depression are spiking during COVID-19.

“Our rates of depression that we’re finding in community samples and our work are parallel to what we would normally find in a clinical sample, like an in-treatment sample prior to the pandemic” Tambling said.

It’s scary. We’re dealing with massive rates of depression and very little



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help-seeking.” One study Tambling worked on is titled “Measuring Cumulative Stressfulness: Psychometric Properties of the COVID-19 Stressors Scale.” This study was done in collaboration with UConn researchers Beth S. Russell, Crystal L. Park and Michael Fendrich, as well as Kevin Hynes of Purdue University Northwest.

“The COVID Stressor Scale looks at or assesses the extent to which various potential impacts of the pandemic are distressing,” explained Tambling.

In this study, Tambling and the other researchers tried to quantify what causes people stress in the pandemic. They settled on a set of 23 factors that could be measured as causes of stress, ranging from fear about getting the infection to worries about job loss.

Of those stressors, the researchers found that uncertainty about how long quarantine and/or social distancing requirements will last was

the most likely the cause of pandemic stress. Fear of becoming infected and cancellation of planned or scheduled celebrations, entertainment, vacations or trips were also common causes of stress.

For Tambling, part of this research surrounding the pandemic is assessing where the nation is with mental health literacy.

“Mental health literacy is the concept of, ‘I can identify symptoms of various mental health concerns and know how to seek appropriate treatment and know who to ask,’” Tambling said. “My personal agenda is I really want to increase our mental health literacy.”

The structural issues with mental health in this country run deeper than we think, explained Tambling.

“We didn’t get here just because of the pandemic. We don’t do a good job with mental health in this country, at every level. And we’re paying the price for that now.”



USG hosts a Mental Health Town Hall workshop in the Wilbur Cross Building Monday night. The goal was to encourage students to have a dialogue with UConn mental health service and to voice concerns. PHOTO BY ALEX LEO, GRAPH PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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A gloomy Groundhog Day: Punxsutawney Phil says more winter



Groundhog Club President Jeff Lundy interacts with Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog, during the 135th celebration of Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pa. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. Phil's handlers said that the groundhog has forecast six more weeks of winter weather during this year's event that was held without anyone in attendance due to potential COVID-19 risks. PHOTO BY BARRY REEGER/AP

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — There will be six more weeks of winter, Punxsutawney Phil predicted as he emerged from his burrow on a snowy Tuesday morning to perform his Groundhog Day duties.

Members of Phil's "inner circle" woke up the furry critter at 7:25 a.m. at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to see whether he would see his shadow or not.

Shortly after this year's prediction was revealed, one of the members of the circle shared a message he said Phil had told him earlier in the day: "After winter, you're looking forward to one of the most beautiful and brightest springs you've ever seen."

The spectacle that is Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney still went on, but because of the coronavirus pandemic, revelers weren't able to see Phil and celebrate in person: This year, it was all virtual.

After the inner circle delivered the news, they hung around to take selfies and photographs of themselves with Phil against the fresh blanket of snow. One hundred and fifty cardboard cutouts purchased by fans and featuring photos of them in groundhog gear or with their pets dotted the hillside.

With few media outlets in attendance, Phil was able to avoid the usual throng of interviews and appearances. The quiet stood out during the pandemic-altered event.

"People have been referencing Groundhog Day. It has felt like at times we're all living the same day over and over again," one of the inner circle members said. "Groundhog Day also shows us that the monotony ends. The cycle will be broken."

"Today actually is Groundhog Day, there's only one," he added. "There is quite literally a new day coming over the horizon."

A livestream, which had more than 15,000 viewers at one point, played footage from previous Groundhog Days ahead of the big reveal.

Then of course, the prognosticator of prognosticators emerged at dawn. The lore goes that if he sees his shadow as he did this year, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, spring comes early.

Wearing top hats, members of the club summoned Phil from a new tree stump.

"You look beautiful," club president Jeff Lundy told Phil, who directed members to one of two scrolls.

A club member announced, "We have all passed through the darkness of night, but now see hope in morning's bright light. But now when I turn to see, there's a perfect shadow cast of me."

The livestream from Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill just outside Punxsutawney about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northeast of Pittsburgh, is made possible by the Pennsylvania Tourism Office's Holi-stay PA. Tuesday's event there — Groundhog Day is always Feb. 2 — was Phil's 135th turn as a weather oracle.

Phil this year, like many years in the past, gave his forecast during a major snowstorm that hit the entire Northeast.

The annual event has its origin in a German legend about a furry rodent. Records dating to the late 1800s show Phil has predicted longer winters more than 100 times. The 2020 forecast called for an early spring — however, Phil didn't say anything about a pandemic.

According to records dating back to 1887, Phil has predicted winter more than 100 times, the

club said. Ten years were lost because no records were kept.

Punxsutawney Phil may be the most famous groundhog seer but he's certainly not the only one. There are two other high-profile "imposters," as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club calls them, in the region.

Connecticut marked Groundhog Day with a hedgehog making the prediction after the state's official groundhog, Chuckles X, died last year. Like Phil, Phoebe predicted another six weeks of winter after seeing its shadow at the Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester.

New York City's Staten Island Chuck disagreed, predicting an early spring in a video shown on the Staten Island Zoo's Facebook page.

"We're going to have an early spring! Spring is coming," Brian Gomez, of event sponsor Investors Bank said in a video message.

US says Myanmar takeover was coup, promises sanction review

(AP) The United States on Tuesday declared the military roundup of civilian leaders in Myanmar a coup, and said it would look for ways to impose more sanctions or other penalties on the country's military and officers.

The military power grab poses challenges for the two-week-old Biden administration, which says it wants to support wobbly democracy movements globally, but also wants to avoid driving countries like Myanmar toward China.

And with Myanmar's generals already under U.S. sanctions over the deadly campaign against the country's Muslim Rohingya minority, it was unclear how much impact any new penalties could have. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a supporter of Myanmar civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, called Tuesday for "the strongest possible sanctions" and a U.S.-led effort to rally international condemnation against the coup leaders, including in the United Nations.

Biden administration officials had held off on describing the military's weekend roundup as an outright takeover. The country's military leaders said in a televised address they were taking power for a one-year state of emergency and claimed their move was lawful under the constitution. State Department officials said Tuesday they were satisfied the move met the legal definition of a coup.

The United States would "work closely with our partners throughout the region and the world to support respect for democracy and the rule of law in Burma, as well as to promote accountability for those responsible for overturning Burma's democratic trajectory," State Department spokesman Ned Price said. Burma is the former name of Myanmar.

Whatever penalties the U.S. decides on will spare direct humanitarian aid to the country's people, the State Department said.

The weekend military roundup swept up Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her years leading Myanmar's oppressed democratic opposition while under military house arrest, and other political and elected officials. Hundreds of parliament members were confined to a government housing complex.

The generals cited claims of fraud in November elections, which Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won by a landslide. State Department officials said there was no evidence of widespread fraud and said the coup was timed to prevent Monday's scheduled convening of parliament.

The roundups upended years of internationally backed efforts to promote democracy in Myanmar, which had been

emerging from a half-century of military rule and international isolation. After street protests against the military dictatorship, the generals allowed elections in 2015 that were won by Suu Kyi's party.

The United States gave Myanmar \$135 million in aid last year.

The impact of any new U.S. penalties against the military is likely to be minor. The United States already has sanctioned many of the country's military leaders and withheld assistance from the military overall. That was for vicious attacks that have sent hundreds of thousands of Myanmar's Rohingya minority fleeing the country.

Suu Kyi in recent years has defended Myanmar against allegations that military-led attacks in 2017 uprooting, raping and killing ethnic Rohingya amounted to genocide, costing her much of her support abroad.

In looking for ways to punish the generals for the coup, the State Department said it would look partly at any U.S. assistance programs that may be indirectly benefiting Myanmar's military or lower-ranking officers.

President Joe Biden on Monday called the latest military action an assault on democracy and the rule of law in Myanmar.

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GOP's McConnell blasts 'loony lies' by Ga. Rep. Greene

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell denounced newly elected Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on Monday, calling the far-right Georgia Republican's embrace of conspiracy theories and "loony lies" a "cancer for the Republican Party."

"Somebody who's suggested that perhaps no airplane hit the Pentagon on 9/11, that horrifying school shootings were pre-staged, and that the Clintons crashed JFK Jr.'s airplane is not living in reality," said McConnell, R-Ky., referring to a handful of conspiracy theories that Greene has publicized in the past. "This has nothing to do with the challenges facing American families or the robust debates on substance that can strengthen our party."

McConnell's explicit condemnation adds to pressure on House

Republicans to take action against Greene even as she is claiming renewed support from former President Donald Trump. It comes as House Democrats moved Monday to strip Greene of her committee assignments if Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., refuses to do so himself.

"It is my hope and expectation that Republicans will do the right thing and hold Rep. Greene accountable, and we will not need to consider this resolution," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md. "But we are prepared to do so if necessary."

Thus far, however, GOP leaders in the House have been reluctant to criticize Trump supporters, like Greene, out of concern that they could alienate the former president's most ardent voters, underscoring a bitter divide over how the

out-of-power party should navigate the two years until the next congressional elections.

Greene responded to McConnell late Monday with a broadside on Twitter, suggesting that "the real cancer for the Republican Party is weak Republicans who only know how to lose gracefully."

"This is why we are losing our country," she wrote.

McConnell's statement criticizing Greene was first reported by The Hill newspaper.

Democrats' willingness to act against a member of the opposing party underscores their desire to confront far-right politicians, like Greene, who are closely aligned with some of former Trump's fringe supporters, including extremist groups that were involved in the violent Capitol insurrection.

"If Republicans won't police

their own, the House must step in," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., who is sponsoring the measure to remove Greene from her posts on the House education and budget committees.

Greene's views were in the spotlight even before she joined the House last month.

The Georgia Republican has expressed support for QAnon conspiracy theories, which focus on the debunked belief that top Democrats are involved in child sex trafficking, Satan worship and cannibalism. Facebook videos surfaced last year showing she'd expressed racist, anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim views. Top Republicans denounced her at the time, hoping to block her from capturing the GOP nomination in her reliably red congressional district in northwest Georgia.

But after she won her primary, they largely accepted her. Since then, even more of her past comments, postings and videos have been unearched, though many were deleted recently after drawing attention.

She "liked" Facebook posts that advocated violence against Democrats and the FBI. One suggested shooting House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the head. In response to a post raising the prospect of hanging former President Barack Obama, Greene responded that the "stage is being set."

In an undated video posted online, Greene floated a conspiracy theory that falsely suggests that the 2017 mass shooting that killed 58 people at a country music festival in Las Vegas could have been a false flag operation to build support for gun control legislation.



Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., wears a "Trump Won" face mask as she arrives on the floor of the House to take her oath of office on opening day of the 117th Congress at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021. PHOTO BY ERIN SCOTT/AP

Big Tech leads stocks to broad gains; GameStop collapses



In this photo provided by the New York Stock Exchange, specialist Meric Greenbaum works at a post on the floor, Tuesday Feb. 2, 2021. Stocks were broadly higher in afternoon trading Tuesday, but shares of closely watched companies like GameStop and AMC Entertainment were falling sharply. PHOTO BY COLIN ZIEMER/AP

Stocks closed broadly higher on Wall Street, adding to the market's gains from a day earlier with solid contributions from Big Tech companies, banks and other sectors. The S&P 500 rose 1.4%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq each rose 1.6%. GameStop plunged 60% in the latest wild swing for the stock and several others that have become caught up in a speculative frenzy by online traders seeking to inflict damage on Wall Street hedge funds who bet the stocks would fall. UPS rose after reporting record revenue. Treasury yields rose, as did crude oil prices.

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UPDATE. AP's earlier story follows below.

Stocks were broadly higher in afternoon trading Tuesday, though shares of closely watched companies like GameStop and AMC Entertainment were falling sharply.

The S&P 500 rose 1.7% with each of its 11 sectors making gains. Banks and a mix of companies that rely on direct consumer spending were leading the way higher. Rising crude oil prices and solid earnings results helped lift energy companies, including Exxon Mobil and Marathon Petroleum.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 557 points, or 1.8%, to 30,767

as of 2:11 p.m. Eastern. The Nasdaq rose 1.7% as technology stocks made broad gains. Treasury yields rose in another sign of investor confidence. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.10% from 1.06% late Monday.

While the broader market was solidly higher, Wall Street was still closely focused on a set of beaten-down companies that have seen their shares surge due to intense online interest.

GameStop dropped 53.9% to roughly \$103 a share, and AMC Entertainment lost 42.3% to \$7.70 a share. Both companies have been in the spotlight for more than two weeks as an online community of investors pushed the stocks to astronomical levels.

Trading in those and several other stocks have been restricted by the popular online trading platform Robinhood since last last week following the bouts of extreme volatility. Robinhood needed to secure funding in order to meet deposit thresholds required by organiza-

tions that handle the trading orders placed by investors on its platform.

Robinhood eased some of the trading limits on GameStop and select other stocks Tuesday. For example, it now allows users to buy up to 100 shares and options contracts in GameStop and 1,250 in AMC. On Monday, the brokerage was limiting users to 5 shares in GameStop and 75 in AMC.

An online army of traders using the online site Reddit banded together for the past two weeks to snap up shares of GameStop, AMC and other struggling chains, stocks that have been heavily shorted (bets that the stock will fall) by a number of hedge funds. In the process, they've done heavy damage to those hedge funds in a stunning reversal of financial power on Wall Street.

But it's not clear how much longer the Reddit traders can hold the line. Intense media and Wall Street interest pushed many traders into these stocks late last week, with GameStop going as high as \$483 last Thursday. They began trading

this year at just over \$17 a share. The huge run-up in the stock price appears to have little to do with the future prospects of the mall-based retailer, which has been losing money consistently.

While a lot of people seem to be holding a line on some of these positions, the broader market is not showing many signs of strain because of it, said Darrell Cronk, chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Wealth and Investment Management.

"I hope the markets are moving away from some of the issues it dealt with last week and focusing on more of the true fundamentals," Cronk said.

Uber rose 7.2% after the company said it would buy liquor delivery service Drizly for \$1.1 billion in cash and stock. Solid earnings reports helped lift shares for several companies. Lab equipment maker Waters rose 7.6% after easily beating analysts' fourth-quarter profit and revenue forecasts. Exxon rose 1.8% and Marathon Petroleum rose 3.6%.

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We must make a commitment to racial education

This past Monday, the Undergraduate Student Government's Justice Now speaker series began with Angela Davis in the event "Abolition Movements in the 21st Century." While Dr. Davis spoke at length about the strategy and justification of abolishing police, prisons and nation states, her lecture also extensively covered the intersectionality of different identities in the struggle for freedom among other topics.

Today, the awareness and terminology of social issues may be co-opted by persons and institutions of all motives. Given this, the Justice Now initiative is a perfect example of how student leadership on campus can organize towards substantial, non-superficial racial education and change. Justice Now has not attempted to signal to our community that USG or another campus group is a force for racial progress — it is an attempt to distribute to the student body the lifelong knowledge of experts such as Angela Davis, Iyasah Shabazz, Eddie Glaude Jr. and Martin Luther King III on the perspectives of marginalized community members. These are two very different efforts, and the latter deserves our great admiration.

The University of Connecticut is a large school with a student body comprising many different identities and perspectives, some of which are given far more consideration in policy than others. This situation is expected at a major institution of higher learning in a society where racism, alongside other violences, is institutionalized. However, this situation is not permanent or necessary and it is our greatest duty as able-bodied and minded members of the community, particularly White community members who do not suffer from institutionalized racism, to apply ourselves to the task of change.

Barring major and unlikely changes to society in the United States, here at UConn the student body itself will be one of the largest vehicles for change on campus. Unless student leaders, with support from the student body, can organize events such as these highlighting the unique and marginal perspectives of different community members, the student body will remain fragmented and unaware of the ways in which different groups can contribute to and suffer from social injustices. More so, inequities and injustices will continue unless non-marginal and White community members can make commitments to supporting and engaging with genuine projects of racial education.

Urgently, given the threats that White nationalism, sexism and other political dehumanizations pose to our community on campus and the others we take part in, we must support initiatives like the Justice Now initiative which center on Black and other marginalized voices. Further, the White segments of the student body particularly must undertake personal investment and commitment to this education, and incorporate these findings into changed behavior. Injustice has never been ended by thought alone but by informed action and sacrifice.

We should thank the student leaders who organized the initiative and hosted Monday's event, and we should diligently progress further the state of racial awareness and action on campus by following in the footsteps of those who make this initiative possible.

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Indian government's response to protest violates human rights



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Protests in India have been occurring for months, regarding three farm acts passed by the Indian Parliament in September. Although the government maintains the laws will change farming for the better, many disagree; the laws minimize the government's role in farming, thus leaving them vulnerable for corporations to control prices.

Therefore, protests, especially in the state of Punjab, have been taking place for months in order to get these acts repealed and so there are protections put in place for farmers. However, the Indian government has not responded favorably, its actions questioned by organizations such as the United Nations and Human Rights Watch. Last week, the Indian government shut down the internet in the state of Haryana due to the protests. As of Monday, Feb. 1, the internet still had not been restored. Some argue these shutdowns are for public safety reasons; however, the shutdown raises numerous questions.

India has had a history of shutting down the internet during protests; in fact, it is the "global leader" in internet shutdowns. Shutting down the internet has many consequences, with one of the most prominent being that it limits the spread of information.

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi passed the controversial Citizenship Amendment Acts in late 2019, due to the protests that occurred afterward, India shut down the internet in Kashmir. United Nations experts expressed concerns regarding this shutdown, saying this shutdown would exacerbate tensions in the area rather than ease them. A study from the Stanford Global Digital Policy Incubator also found that internet shutdowns are counterproductive, and violence increases in areas where the government has shut down the internet.

Shutting down the internet during protests is hypocritical and should not be an option. The Indian government should not shut down the internet in certain regions in hopes that protests will just stop.

Police have also arrested multiple journalists covering the protests. According to the Human Rights Watch, the journalists have been charged with "sedition, promoting communal disharmony and making statements prejudicial to national integration."

Part of the reason why some of these journalists have been arrested is due to

violence that broke out on Jan. 26, where one farmer died and hundreds were injured. Journalists reported that the police



Farmers raise their hand as they shout slogans during a day-long hunger strike to protest against new farm laws on Jan. 31, at the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border, on the outskirts of New Delhi, India. Protests have been ongoing since the laws were passed in September. PHOTO BY MANISH SWARUP/AP

allegedly shot the farmer — which the police deny. Due to these reports, the journalists were arrested.

Many condemned the arrest of these journalists, saying that this is a form of stifling the media. However, there are many who have sided with the government that is currently spreading misinformation on social media, misattributing the causes of these protests. Some of these people have also shifted the focus from the peaceful protests — which make up the majority of the protests — to the violence that occurred on Jan. 26.



Indian farmers listen to a speaker at Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border, in New Delhi, India on Feb. 2. Yesterday Indian authorities heavily ramped up security along three main protest sites, using cemented iron spikes, steel barricades and deployed hundreds of police in riot gear. PHOTO BY MANISH SWARUP/AP

The Indian government is censoring individuals fighting for their rights. The farming laws passed are problematic and the government should review and revise them rather than shutting off the internet and imprisoning journalists.

Especially given that India prides itself on being the world's largest democracy, the actions taken against these civilians are concerning and horrifying. Part of democracy is listening to the dissent of individuals, and



A Delhi police woman officer looks at the protest site standing on a cemented barricade at Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border, in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. Journalists in India have been arrested for reporting on a police killing of a protestor. PHOTO BY MANISH SWARUP/AP

the Indian government is clearly not doing this. India's actions in cutting off the internet and arresting journalists should gain more attention — it is a violation of human rights, and the world should be watching.



Life

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The intersectionality of voting and activating the youth voting population

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The 2020 presidential election witnessed one of the highest voter turnout rates in the history of the United States, with the most recent counts by the United States Elections Project reporting 66.6% of Americans. In past elections, the United States has trailed behind most developed countries in voter turnout; however, there have been many drives taking place in recent years to get people excited about voting and ensure they cast their ballot.

One of the biggest increases in voter turnout has been among young voters nationwide. According to data collected by the United States Census Bureau, voter turnout among 18 to 29-year-olds went from 20% in 2014 to 26% in 2018, the largest percentage point increase for any age group. This sizeable increase in voter turnout rates among young voters ended up being a deciding factor in many important midterm elections for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Entering the 2020 election cycle, the youth voting population was once again identified as a key factor leading up to Nov. 3. For UConn students, this meant an increase in voter registration efforts campus wide as students and staff prepared to cast their ballots via mail or on Election Day. Despite the added challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, UConn students were determined to show up in force and utilize their platform to encourage others to use their right to vote.

UConnPIRG's New Voters Project works to activate youth voters who comprise the largest voting bloc in the country. The initiative involves class presentations, educational events and online outreach to ensure that every student utiliz-

es their right to vote and makes their voice heard on both local and national political stages.

"This past semester has been difficult, and a lot of our usual tactics have had to change due to being virtual, but I think the work we did was amazing, and I'm proud to say that we were a part of the movement that resulted in the largest youth voter turnout ever," Colleen Keller, a fifth semester history major, said.

Keller serves as the chapter chair for UConnPIRG and has been involved in many campaigns with the organization. Many voters were opting to use mail-in voting or early voting methods due to COVID-19 concerns, which created the need to have additional educational opportunities so that students were aware of how to properly submit a mail-in ballot.

"This year we focused on making the New Voters Project more educational so that students who were registered to vote knew how, where and when to do so," Keller said.

Keller and members of the New Voters Project, led by Campaign Coordinator Cheyenne Tavares, also focused their efforts on providing information on voting on campus, when the voter registration deadline was and why voting is important.

The NVP is the largest youth mobilization effort in Connecticut and has even garnered recognition from the Secretary of State's Office for their continued work to help register youth voters. The campaign has had great success in the past and in the 2016 and 2018 election cycles, they helped over 5,000 students register to vote.

One of the most poorly represented voting blocs within the country are homeless voters, which is why the New Voters Project made it their mission to also focus on providing homeless individuals on and around campus information about voting and how to register.

Keller said that UConnPIRG wanted to include them in the conversation and ensure their efforts included all voters, no matter what their current situation was.

"One thing that I was especially proud of this semester was the work that was done to provide voting information to homeless individuals around campus," Keller said. "Our Hunger and Homelessness campaign teamed up with NVP to put together an informative pamphlet on how to register and how to vote, which we were able to distribute at the No Freeze Shelter in Windham."

The work done through this campaign allowed homeless voters to once again become involved in the democratic process within our country and cast a ballot. The New Voters Project is a vital aspect of the UConn community and has allowed thousands of students and individuals to become an active member in our democracy.

"Our work on the NVP campaign is incredibly important to us as an organization because right now, voting is one of the major ways that things can change in our society," Keller said. "Within the systems that exist, the action of voting is one of the most powerful non-violent acts that we as citizens can take."

One of the largest organizations on campus is the Panhellenic Council, comprised of nine member organizations with over 1,000 women. As such a large group on campus, the Panhellenic community teamed up with PIRG's New Voters Project and made it their goal to increase voter registration and get chapter members excited to vote.

Annika Redgate, a seventh-semester political science major, served as the panhellenic representative for the UConn Vote Coalition through the New Voters Project. She spearheaded many important voter registration initiatives, like



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giving presentations on why voting is important and Instagram takeovers where she provided detailed information on various voting procedures and what to expect when you go to the polls.

"Voting is so important, as it is one of the only opportunities that regular citizens have to influence the government and have a say in who is leading the country, what policies are being created, making big decisions and overall representing the citizens," Redgate said.

Following the election, Redgate shared a survey with all chapter presidents in order to gather preliminary data about the effectiveness of the initiative. Out of the 226 responses, 99.6% were registered to vote, 65.9% voted by absentee ballots and 31% voted in-person on Election Day. These statistics show that the initiative was successful in getting people registered to vote as well as actually casting a ballot.

"I wanted to be involved as the representation for panhellenic in PIRG's new voter project as they advocate students to go out and vote in every election," Redgate said. "I wanted to do my part to help register and get out the vote, especially with college women like myself."

Voting is one of the most important constitutional rights, yet so many Americans take this privilege for granted. In 2020, we were able to witness one of the highest turnout rates of any past United States presidential election. Americans are placing a higher emphasis on casting their ballot and having their voice heard, a vital aspect to allowing all voices to be heard and have a say in government.

Voting is the foundation of any democracy, and the work that UConnPIRG and other organizations at UConn are taking part in is allowing power to be restored to voters, and fair representation within government at the local, state and national levels.

How a deeply polarized nation led to a violent attack on the Capitol

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On Jan. 6, a mob of supporters of former President Donald Trump stormed the United States Capitol. This attack against democracy, that resulted from a protest to attempt to overturn Trump's defeat in the 2020 presidential election, shook the nation and resulted in the lockdown of the Capitol, five deaths and over one hundred arrests. Weeks later, the effects of this violent insurrection are continuing to dominate the political sphere and there are many unanswered questions about where to go from here.

UConn political scientists gathered virtually to discuss the political implications of the Capitol insurrection during a panel titled "The Capitol Insurrection: The Political Aftermath," and offered fellow staff and students the opportunity to hear their thoughts about the political violence that occurred on Jan. 6.

"There is a tremendous impact of what transpired on Jan. 6 on the psyche of the American population," Beth Ginsburg, an assistant political science professor in residence, said.

This act was not isolated in nature, but instead a result of weeks of growing tension and unrest from the Trump administration and its supporters following his loss to President Joe Biden in the 2020 election. This clear act of political violence once again showed how divided our nation is, and many Democrats



An anti-scaling fence topped with razor wire surrounds the U.S. Capitol, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 in Washington, D.C. PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON/AP

and independents placed blame on Trump, claiming he incited the rioting. A poll conducted by Politico found that 44% of independents and 91% of Democrats said that Trump was solely or mainly to blame for the destruction at the Capitol, which

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took place during the certification of Biden's election victory.

Whether Trump is to blame or not, many questions were raised about how such an act could have escalated as far as it had, when protests such as those of the Black Lives Matter Movement that took place during the summer of 2020 were handled much differently. Ginsberg, who teaches in the areas of race and ethnicity, noted that white people were treated differently than people of color, which prompted her to ask what constitutes an acceptable protest versus one that is not acceptable.

Ginsberg is not alone in her thoughts, as many Americans have expressed their concern about the double standard of the Capitol Po-

lice. Even Biden said that if it had been a group of Black Lives Matter protestors, they would have been treated very differently. Race has, and will continue to be, a major factor in such events, and Ginsberg recommends that we must always take into account the opinions and beliefs of people who look different than us.

Another lingering question that resulted from the Capitol insurrection is about whether something like this will prompt further violent action by extremist groups that could potentially lead to a conflict similar in nature to the American Civil War.

"I think the civil war we may have might be in the Republican party itself," Ginsberg said. "I think we might be seeing more divisions and more stronger separations coming, and I think the party isn't quite sure where it is and where it wants to be."

Trump has left a mark on the Republican party that is going to take years to remedy. His willingness to say anything and his ability to be a magnetic figure to a lot of the public is something the panelists said allowed him to grow a large base of supporters who were willing to do anything for him, whether violent or not.

"As charismatic as he was, he also put the 'us versus them' very strongly in the political discourse ... he got people to support it by placing the blame on the others," Ginsberg said.

This blame game created a nation in which political violence became

almost inevitable, given the strong partisan lines that have come to define the country and the current political sphere. Many resulting issues of COVID-19 including healthcare, the economy, racial injustice and foreign policy led to even more polarization and tension among voters.

"Given all of this intolerance, insurrection and the attempted overthrow of American democratic practice was not simply thinkable, it was all but inevitable," Jeffrey Dudas, a political science professor and affiliate faculty of American studies, said.

Though Biden has promised to work across the aisle, as he was known to do during his time as a senator, this task might be harder than he thinks following four years of polarizing rhetoric used by the Trump administration. As Americans attempt to grapple with the lasting effects of the Capitol insurrection that occurred on Jan. 6, it is imperative that focus is placed on unity to help rescue a deeply divided nation.

"I'm a little concerned that acts of political violence will start to happen more and start to happen faster because the recovery is so quick, so it'll kind of take on a character like the news cycle," Susan Herbst, a political science professor and president emerita, said. "We need to re-discover what democracy is, what it feels like, what it looks like, how do you live in one, how does it operate ... I don't know how we go forward without that."

Finding 'Ohana

Say aloha to Netflix's newest family adventure flick

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With winter well underway and the cold weather showing no signs of stopping — especially now that Punxsutawney Phil has predicted six more weeks of winter — many New Englanders understandably are wishing for warmer weather and far-off vacation destinations. Netflix's newest feature film, "Finding 'Ohana," transports viewers to the lush paradise of the Hawaiian Islands in a way never seen before. Much in the tradition of "Indiana Jones" and "The Goonies," the movie takes a rag-tag group of explorers and sets them on a journey to unlock all of the secrets of the mysterious island of O'ahu.

"Finding 'Ohana" follows the quest of 12-year-old Brooklynite, Pili (Kea Peahu), a geocaching genius who enjoys nothing more than solving riddles and hunting for clues in her hometown of New York City. The film begins with Pili and her friend competing in a geocaching championship, outsmarting their adversaries to win the prize of a summer in the Catskills at geocaching camp. This will certainly be Pili's best summer yet!

Pili's plans come crashing down when Pili's mother Leilani (Kelly Hu) informs Pili and her irritable

teenage brother Ioane (Alex Aiono) that they must forego their summer plans to visit their ailing grandfather Kimo (Branscombe Richmond) in rural, off-the-grid O'ahu at the family farm. With summer camp now out of the picture, Pili is devastated, until a mysterious journal found in her grandfather's belongings puts Pili and her brother on a quest to find gold left by explorers and swashbucklers hundreds of years ago. With the help of two lovable locals — the friendly and quirky Casper (Owen Vaccaro), and headstrong Hanna (Lindsay Watson) — the team follows the clues to uncover centuries of Hawaiian history, all while battling the many dangers the island possesses.

In the end, Pili and Ioane find a treasure much more precious and valuable than the gold and silver they sought to uncover, which is by no means a spoiler, as the title of the movie explicitly states what they will find on their journey.

The film does a particularly strong job of showcasing the beautifully vibrant native Hawaiian culture, which rarely sees the representation it deserves in film. Various Hawaiian traditions and folklores are used to drive the story forward, and play an integral part in the film's resolution. Audiences have the ability to learn about Hawaiian culture through Pili and

Ioane's discovery of their family's heritage.

The movie's script even includes elements of the Hawaiian dialect, with words taken from Filipino, Japanese, Chinese and native Hawaiian languages to create an realistic depiction of O'ahu slang. While I will admit that the deliverance of these particular phrases at times seemed forced and unnatural, I still must applaud the effort made by the production team as it shows they have done their homework.

"Finding 'Ohana" is a family movie at its core, so it should be noted that many of the jokes and references are aimed toward children. That being said, it is still an enjoyable and feel-good movie for all as the overall message of the movie is applicable to all ages. Plus, the sheer amount of action and adventure taking place in Hawaii will quench the thirst of travel for any deprived vacationer left with cabin fever by the ongoing pandemic and the ruthless New England winter. All in all, "Finding 'Ohana" will leave you with a smile on your face and some aloha in your heart, and therefore is a must-watch this February.

Rating: 4/5



Netflix released the adventure movie "Finding 'Ohana," starring Kea Peahu, on Friday.
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Fantastic Films and Where to Find Them: Inception (2010)



Leonardo DiCaprio and Joseph Gordon-Levitt in "Inception."

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Christopher Nolan's epic sci-fi action film "Inception" took the world by storm in 2010, garnering well over \$800 million in box office revenue, widespread critical acclaim and eight Oscar nominations. These days, it is rare to see a film do extremely well at the box office and receive acclaim from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. This begs the question, what makes this a fantastic film?

Like many great movies, many factors made this film successful.

The first reason why this film was successful was its innovative story and plot. There have been movies about dreams or dreamworlds before, but none like "Inception."

It's difficult to sort this film into a genre. It's an action film, a science-fiction film, a heist movie, a drama and a thriller all wrapped up in one. That being said, "Inception" is also a very cohesive movie, always knowing its tone and how to execute its scenes.

Plot-wise, the film is complex, but rewarding when understood. It is close to impossible to understand all the fine details of the plot on first viewing, especially with the movie's fast pace. However, on a second watch, it is more understandable. The use of simultaneous layers of story is a very innovative storytelling technique and ties directly to the plot. With this unique structure and its unique visuals, the film feels like nothing you have ever seen before.

At its core, though the form and structure seem complex, "Inception" tells a simple story. Centering around Leonardo DiCaprio's character, Dom Cobb, the film is about Cobb's quest to get back to his family, revealing along the way how and why he wasn't with them. Nolan's writing and DiCaprio and Elliot Page's performances help deliver this emotional thematic storyline effectively, elevating this picture beyond your typical action blockbuster.

The whole cast is really on point in this picture. We already mentioned DiCaprio and Page, but top to bottom everyone is effective and has fantastic chemistry with one another.

What further elevates this picture is its visuals. Nolan loves to create films that are massive in scale, while having moments that are relatively smaller and more emotionally resonant. He excels brilliantly in visually evoking that in this

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film. There are countless sequences in "Inception" that will shock the audience in their execution. Those moments make you want to see this movie on as large a screen as possible. The film is also effective at delivering its smaller-scale moments, using effective imagery to symbolize certain emotional themes.

The film is already at a high level with all the strengths previously discussed, but its biggest hasn't been mentioned yet. In some movies, audiences don't realize or notice the musical score. In others, they stand out, but don't particularly enhance the picture beyond providing an interesting tonal musical accompaniment. Hans Zimmer's score for "Inception" is among the miniscule group of scores that elevate their picture to levels you can only dream of (no pun intended). You can honestly put Zimmer's score up with Ennio Morricone's score for "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" and John Williams' famous scores for "Star Wars" and "Jaws" as the most legendary scores in history. That's how good Zimmer's score is, and it plays a major part in why this film is successful.

My one gripe with the picture would be in its execution of its action. It executes it well with a few incredible sequences. Unfortunately, because of those incredible sequences, a few of the action sequences feel a bit more generic, as they aren't as unique as the others. That being said, this doesn't majorly hurt the movie, as its fast pace, unique story and structure keep you very invested and interested.

In conclusion, because of the great writing, cinematography, direction, acting and musical score, "Inception" can most definitely be called a fantastic film.

Where to Find "Inception": Streaming on Netflix



Leonardo DiCaprio and Christopher Nolan in "Inception."

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Rink Around the Rosie

NEW ICE RINK TO OPEN ON FEB. 4

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The new outdoor ice rink on the Great Lawn at UConn's Storrs campus will open on Thursday, Feb. 4, according to the uKindness website.

Skating sessions will be hosted each weekend, Thursdays through Saturdays. According to the website, the hours are as follows: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays; and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students can bring their own ice skates or rent them for free. Also, students must pre-register for a session; there will be no free skating period. They can pre-register for a slot every week online on Wednesdays at noon. Students should be sure to bring their IDs with them when attending their 45-minute session. However, if students arrive 15 minutes later than their scheduled time, then they may not be allowed on the ice, according to the rules on the uKindness website.

According to Joseph Briody, the interim assistant vice president for Student Affairs and director of Student Activities, the idea for the outdoor ice rink was brought up last year by Jess Gerum, the associate director of student activities and director of major events and programming. However, last winter's inclement weather prohibited the ice rink from being built then.

"Nonetheless, this past Fall, we revisited the idea and began working actually prior to break in December and continued throughout the past months," Briody said in an email interview.

In order to remain within proper safety protocols, masks must be worn at all times and no more than 15 people will be allowed on the rink at a time, according to Briody. Also, rental skates will be sanitized after every use.

The rink is 5,000 square feet, according to Briody, which he said is about one-third of the size of an NHL rink. Briody said he hopes the rink will be able to remain open throughout February, and that it may continue into March if weather permits.



Student Activities is building an outdoor ice skating rink for UConn Storrs residential students on the Great Lawn across from Wilbur Cross. The rink is set to open starting Feb. 4, weather permitting, after the residential quarantine has ended on campus.

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Book of the Month is essentially Netflix for books

"Originally founded in 1926, BOTM is a subscription service that allows members to choose, as the name states, a book to add to their collection every month."



"After purchasing a subscription, members can choose one of five new hardcover releases to add to their collection."

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I can't bring myself to splurge on a Netflix subscription, yet somehow I can totally justify spending just as much, if not more, on a book subscription box. I bought myself a 12-month Book of the Month subscription for Christmas back in 2019, and ever since I've eagerly awaited the first of every month: the day I choose one of the five new releases offered on the site.

Originally founded in 1926, BOTM is a subscription service that allows members to choose, as the name states, a book to add to their collection every month. After purchasing a subscription, members can choose one of five new hardcover releases to add to their collection. The great thing about BOTM is that you're not obligated to spend a credit on a book every month. Chances are, there will be months where none of the books offered peak your interest. If that's the case, just skip the month, and your credits will roll over. If you run into the opposite issue and find that too many books appeal to you, you can choose from a larger selection of add-ons, in exchange for an additional credit, or \$4.99.

As for pricing, BOTM isn't obscenely expensive for the service they provide. Most book subscription services go for over \$30 a month, plus shipping, although they often come with bookish trinkets or merch. BOTM keeps it simple, sending out just a book and a bookmark, keeping shipping free. A three-month subscription costs \$49.99, a six-month subscription is \$89.99 and a 12-month subscription goes for \$149.99. At the most, each book is \$14.99, which is lower than the price of most Barnes & Noble hardcovers.

However, that isn't something I'm all too willing to shell out every month. BOTM tends to offer \$10 off your subscription around major holidays. A discount code coupled with a referral can do wonders. Taking advantage of both, I managed to score 13 credits for \$149.99.

Once you've spent 12 credits, you automatically reach BOTM BFF status, which comes with some fun perks. You get an adorable tote with a book pocket, a free add-on during your birthday month and your choice of one of the five Book of the Year Finalists. For me, this means I'm technically getting 15 books for \$149.99. This equates to \$9.99 a book, which I find to be well worth it. That being said, you do have to plan accordingly to fully take advantage of your rewards. For example, it's important to make sure you have a credit available to use on another book during your birthday month, or else you won't be able to use your free add-on.

If you refer a friend, you get a set of Bookmoji pins and a free credit while helping them save, which is a lovely bonus.

As for ease of use, BOTM gets five stars from me. You can operate from either their website or app when choosing your book, and exploring each option is super straightforward. BOTM features popular and debut authors and new and early releases in a variety of genres each month, so there's almost always something you'll be interested in. You can click on each cover to learn more about the book, where there will be a brief synopsis, a review from a notable author and a sample of the book. There's a "Good to know" section, delving into details like pacing, point of view and setting, which proves useful to readers who have trouble getting through slower reads.



There are even trigger warnings, which I find to be an incredible addition. It's something you would never run into when reading the back of a book at a store because it can dissuade readers, but the truth of the matter is not every story is meant for everyone. Having a tool that warns you about the inclusion of domestic violence, PTSD or even just salacious content helps guarantee you'll love the book you chose.

From there on, you either choose a book or skip the month. If you choose the former, your book will typically arrive in just over a week. The books come in a fairly nice box and are typically shrink wrapped to prevent damage. If I am buying a new book, I admittedly want it in pristine

condition. However, BOTM could probably find a more environmentally friendly solution. Something to keep in mind is that BOTM does reprint the books they offer, so they do have their logo on the hardcover and the dust jacket. Each box includes a bookmark with a cute phrase on it. Some of my favorites include, "Leave me to my books," "All booked up right now" and "Until we read again."

As of late, BOTM has launched a beta version of Bookclubs: a site where you can put together a book club with some friends, picking one of the BOTM offerings to cover for the month. It works similarly to their normal service, where you have the option to opt-out for the month, but unfortunately you can't use BOTM credits on book club picks: You're stuck paying \$14.99 per book. I like the concept, but it's not very practical or affordable. It's far easier to put together a book club the old-fashioned way.

Overall, I genuinely enjoy Book of the Month. The service reminds me of the early era of Netflix, where you'd choose a DVD to be shipped out to you, except here, you get to keep the book. I have fallen in love with so many books and authors through the service, but if nothing calls my name, I never feel pressured to spend my credit, since it simply rolls over. Once my credits finish, there's a very good chance I'll choose it over Netflix again.

Rating: 5/5

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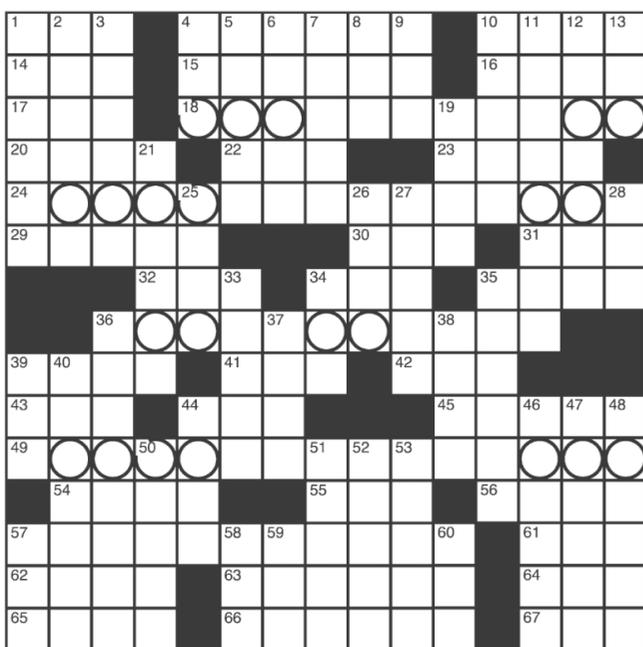
Photo of the Day | Who needs mountains?



Eighth-semester computer science engineering major and Daily Campus video editor Eric Wang launches off a jump on Horsebarn Hill Tuesday afternoon. Wang mastered a method grab on his snowboard after leveling out the jump. PHOTO BY MAGGIE CHAFOULEAS, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Playground game
 - 4 Theatrical backdrops
 - 10 Academic pds.
 - 14 4-Down may be added to it
 - 15 Tour
 - 16 Prose-fixing job
 - 17 Expert
 - 18 Settlement for prisoners
 - 20 Iberian river
 - 22 Countless years
 - 23 One with cinco dedos
 - 24 Place to display tchotchkes
 - 29 Die down, as a storm
 - 30 Type
 - 31 "What was ___ think?"
 - 32 High-level H.S. classes
 - 34 Prefix with cycle
 - 35 Linseed oil source
 - 36 She voices Elsa in "Frozen" films
 - 39 PC connections
 - 41 Little rascal
 - 42 "MASH" milieu: Abbr.
 - 43 Slippery swimmer
 - 44 Pre-1868 Tokyo
 - 45 Like Stout's Nero Wolfe
 - 49 Approximately 247 acres
 - 54 Govt. agency with an Informed Delivery service
 - 55 Cry from a crib
 - 56 Distant relative of the emu
 - 57 Pocket money ... and what's in the puzzle's circles?
 - 61 Supergirl's symbol
 - 62 Wheel cover
 - 63 "That's unnecessary"
 - 64 GPS indication
 - 65 Soap since 1965, familiarly
 - 66 Like plans yet to be finalized
 - 67 Grass in a roll



By Fred Ohles

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- DOWN**
- 1 Capital east of Denver
 - 2 Site with many home pages?
 - 3 Name spelled out in a Van Morrison song
 - 4 "The Racer's Edge"
 - 5 Golf course hazard
 - 6 Used as fuel
 - 7 Donald Jr.'s mom
 - 8 Many-voiced Blanc
 - 9 Capital WNW of Denver
 - 10 Psalm instruction
 - 11 Three-time "Modern Family" Emmy nominee
 - 12 Company that merged with Konica
 - 13 Oinker's digs
 - 19 Siberian city
 - 21 Eightsomes
 - 25 French military cap
 - 26 French film
 - 27 "Hogan's Heroes" colonel
 - 28 Sly critter

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 46 Old anesthetics
- 47 Makes sure of
- 48 Took off the board
- 50 Altar areas
- 51 Start of a demand
- 52 Bowling sites
- 53 "Well, shucks!"
- 57 Bygone Ford
- 58 Current events TV channel
- 59 "Woo-___!"
- 60 Savannah summer hrs.

Fun fact of the day

Armadillo shells are bulletproof. A Texas man was once injured when he shot an armadillo and the bullet ricocheted off.

Letter to the Editor

Grandpa makes it personal

As you can see from the photograph, I wasn't always an angry guy —it's not a genetic characteristic. My old UConn friend Joe (the Psychologist) tells me anger can also be a result of "environmental factors". Well, yeah. My environment is under siege, so I think outrage is an appropriate response. In fact, it's my biological imperative to fight for survival. Look again at these 1950s Connecticut woods. I'm not dismissing the smog and the DDT, but it is fall here, and winter is coming right on schedule. This past December 3rd, 2020, I surprised turtles still sunning themselves on logs. In the photo there is no bittersweet strangling those trees, no barberry hosting deer ticks, no woolly adelgids, phragmites or two-headed frogs. Invasive species each have an effect like a pandemic, and should be treated with similar alarm. And the once insidious, now blatantly obvious, temperature rise is far worse. That happy kid who once played hero in the bare trees has watched continuing deterioration of the Earth despite all the efforts that have been made.



I've been sore since the late 60s. That's me as a freshman in 1967 giving the peace sign in Gully Hall, assuming that sensible, ethical elders would make the world a better place when it was obvious it was not yet good enough. What followed were 4 years of busing to anti-war demonstrations in Washington DC, sleeping on church floors and dodging tear gas, marching the streets of New Haven during Bobby Seale's Black Panther trial, "Bloody Tuesday" - where students and faculty were hit in the head and 21 arrested on this campus. Countless efforts at UConn to change the world and the University, including the first Earth Day in 1970.



Hello, UConn 2021 - I know I'm mostly preaching to the choir here. And I know my actions genuinely conserve parts of our world. The work has been real and gives me real satisfaction. It just hasn't been enough (all of this kind of writing too hasn't been enough). So I'm through being merely a good environmental citizen. That's what each of us has done since the first Earth Day, since Rachel Carson, since TR went camping with Muir in the snow in 1903. "Somebody else" is not going to take care of it.

No, I don't want to be the leader, the talking head, most newsworthy, most progressive Green Person. There's a ballfield where the big things get done by those who have the constitution for it. I've been a benchwarmer (when I wasn't out alone happily catching fish). But now with my season coming to a close, I swing for the fences, expand the reach of my own mind and heart outward. I've been to several local and statewide demonstrations and I'm involved with Extinction Rebellion. Pre-virus I "advised" Fridays for Future at UConn a bit (I wish I could still march and yell in the streets). My 2019 exhibit at the Dodd Center, "Dayglo and Napalm", was an attempt to show you the enormous power you have, power that UConn students effectively used once upon a time. Now retired, I volunteered for a season at a National Park. I'm the Steward of a local conservation property, am active in Trout Unlimited. I use words, art, music, other bully pulpits, to encourage others (you) to do more than I can. I'm still angry. This might be as driven as I've ever been, strangely enough. It surprises me too. Forgive me for being so personal; it IS personal. It's not going to be my damn fault.

George Jacobi graduated from UConn in 1971 and is a longtime Mansfield resident. (photos provided by Jacobi)

Video game maker EA Sports announces return of NCAA Football

(AP) — Video game maker EA Sports announced Tuesday that it is bringing back its college football series, which was shelved eight years ago after the NCAA was sued for not sharing revenue from the game with college athletes.

Though there is still much to be sorted out when it comes to whether and how college players will be permitted to profit from the use of their names, images and likenesses in the game, Electronic Arts has already taken steps to re-launch the popular franchise.

There is no timetable in place for the next release of a college football game, the company said. But EA announced it has reached an agreement with College Licensing Company, which allows the game maker to use school marques and logos.

“We’ve heard from the millions of passionate fans requesting the return of college football video games,” EA Sports executive vice president and general manager Cam Weber said in a statement. “We love the energy, tradition and pageantry of college football and I am beyond thrilled to say we are back in development.”

The game was a big hit among players from 2005-13, but it was

discontinued as part of the fallout from a federal antitrust lawsuit brought against the NCAA by former UCLA basketball player Ed O’Bannon.

The NCAA Football video game did not identify players by name, but, instead, the game simulated teams and players as they played in real life.

The video game was part of a broad legal challenge and a judge ruled the NCAA had been inappropriately using the names, images and likenesses of college athletes. The NCAA, through its licensing partner, pulled out of the game during the trial. The game stopped being made and fans have been pining for it ever since.

The NCAA is in the process of trying to change its rules to permit athletes to earn money from their names, images and likenesses, but there are hurdles and complications to getting that done — including a case to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court later this year.

Last month the NCAA put on hold plans to pass legislation to allow NIL payments to athletes from third parties, with some limitations, because of scrutiny from

the Department of Justice. Multiple bills have been introduced in Congress that address college athletes and NIL rights, along with the NCAA’s ability to oversee the issue. Plus, numerous states have been acting on their own NIL bills, some scheduled to go into effect later this year.

Maybe most importantly, the Supreme Court will be hearing a case involving the NCAA and antitrust laws in the spring that could lead to sweeping changes or protect the status quo.

Earlier this week the NCAA filed a brief to the high court. The association is challenging a lower court ruling in a different case that said NCAA rules were not in line with antitrust laws.

“The NCAA and its member schools are committed to defending the rules that govern college sports — the same rules that create an environment where hundreds of thousands of student-athletes can receive the life-long benefits of a college education and compete at the highest levels of their sport. We look forward to continuing to make our case before the Court,” said Donald Remy, the NCAA’s chief legal officer.

Golf governing bodies start to reveal plans to curb distance

(AP) — Nearly a year after the “Distance Insights Project” declared that golfers are hitting the ball farther than ever, the game’s two governing bodies on Tuesday announced three proposed changes to equipment and testing standards.

Bryson DeChambeau might be interested in one of them.

One of the proposed changes includes a local rule that could limit the length of the shaft to no more than 46 inches, down from 48 inches. DeChambeau has been testing a 48-inch driver, though he has yet to use it in competition.

The USGA and R&A also proposed slight changes to how golf balls are tested for the overall distance standard and how drivers are tested to measure how much of a trampoline effect they have on impact.

The comment period for the shaft limit ends on March 4, while the deadline for comments on proposed test changes for golf balls and drivers is Aug. 2. In other words, any changes are still a long way off.

The original plan was to publish a specific set of research topics related to distance last spring, but the USGA and R&A put that on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the update Tuesday, they mentioned six “areas of interest” to explore, the first step in deciding whether to propose new rules. That included a local rule that would be available if tournaments wanted clubs or golf balls that resulted in shorter distances.

The areas of interest include reduction in the limit within the overall distance standard; performance and specifications of golf balls; reduction in the performance of drivers; and how much spin a golf club produces from all areas of the golf course.

Research is likely to take the remainder of the year. Mike Davis suggested as much when he announced last year he was stepping down as CEO of the USGA.

CASEY’S EXPLANATION

Paul Casey made a point two years ago of saying he would not be playing in the new Saudi International, citing his work with UNICEF and telling The Independent that he “would be a hypocrite” if he were paid to play there.

At the Saudi International on Tuesday, he said that after thinking about it the last two years, he learned UNICEF was not a political organization.

“Their focus is purely on the vulnerability of children around the world, and making sure they look after children around the world and doing everything they can to save them. And that’s important to me and that’s my focus with my charitable views and endeavors,” Casey said. “And so I was reminded that if you stay away, if you don’t engage, if you don’t talk, you don’t visit, then you’re merely kind of hardening positions, and so that actually doesn’t do any good.”

Casey added: “I will hold my hand up and say that the position I had two years ago was probably not the right position to have. And so that is why I am here.”

The Saudi International features Dustin Johnson among four of the top 10 in the world, making it the strongest regular European Tour field at least until the summer. Casey is coming off a victory in Dubai as he makes a push to earn valuable Ryder Cup points.

U.S. OPEN IS OPEN AGAIN

The USGA is proceeding with the hallmark of its biggest championship by announcing sites for the first stage of qualifying for the U.S. Open.

Qualifying at the local and sectional levels had to be eliminated last year because of the pandemic and complications involving so many local golf associations putting on 18- and 36-hole qualifiers from which roughly half of the U.S. Open field is determined.

The first stage of U.S. Open qualifying (18 holes) goes from April 26 through May 18 on 109 golf courses in 43 states and Canada. The next stage is 36-hole sectional qualifying. Those courses have not been announced. The U.S. Open is June 17-20 at Torrey Pines in San Diego.

For the U.S. Women’s Open, the 36-hole qualifying will be held on 22 golf courses between April 26 and May 13. The U.S. Women’s Open, moved to December last year because of the pandemic, will be June 3-6 at Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Still to be determine is whether the USGA will stage international qualifying for the Women’s Open. Since 2014, such qualifiers have been held in England and Asia.

FINAL WORD

“That’s why I love the game. It throws punches at you, you throw punches at it and at the end of the day, hopefully you’re the one standing.” — Patrick Reed.

Penguins trying to take advantage of unexpected layoff



Pittsburgh Penguins’ Pierre-Olivier Joseph celebrates the game winning goal by Sidney Crosby against New York Rangers’ Alexandar Georgiev (40) in an NHL hockey game Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, in New York. PHOTO BY BRUCE BENNETT/AP

NEW YORK (AP) — Sidney Crosby loves playing hockey. The more games crammed together for the Pittsburgh Penguins longtime captain, the better.

Getting some unexpected time off after a COVID-19 outbreak among the New Jersey Devils forced their visit to Pittsburgh this week to be postponed is less than ideal. Then again, Crosby is well aware that nothing in a pandemic is ideal, so the Penguins will adapt on the fly and see how it goes.

The break gives Pittsburgh a chance to catch its breath following a whirlwind stretch both on the ice and off. The season’s first three weeks have brought the abrupt resignation of general manager Jim Rutherford, a steady stream of defensemen to the injured list and now the first of what could very well be multiple COVID-19 interruptions.

Crosby admitted it’s rare to have so much “bunched together” but believes the Penguins — who are 5-4-1 — have done a decent job of navigating things. Pittsburgh put together a five-game point streak last month despite falling behind in each contest and using a revolving door along the blue line thanks to injuries to regulars Marcus Pettersson, Juuso Riihola, Brian Dumoulin and Kris Letang.

“Being down, trailing many times, being able to get back, it shows a lot of character, especially early in the season,” Crosby said. “I think that’s a positive sign.”

Coach Mike Sullivan has stressed to his players to “control the controllables” while allowing there are circumstances at play over which the Penguins have no say at all. The postponements this week were due to what happened in New Jersey, not Pittsburgh. A blizzard prevented the Penguins from returning home on Monday night, forcing them to practice at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

The postponements mean the Penguins won’t play again until they visit the New York Islanders on Saturday. Having an extended break in a year when so many games are crammed together is unusual. Then again, what isn’t?

“I think just from a sheer mindset standpoint, it’s not anything our guys or our coaching staff aren’t prepared for,” Sullivan said. “We have to expect inconvenience. We’ve got to expect uncontrollable circumstances are going to come our way and respond accordingly.”

The goal this week is to use the extended break to work on early issues, including a power-play that is struggling to develop any sense of rhythm. The Penguins are 23rd in the league, converting 13.9% of their

opportunities with the man advantage. Not exactly what they had in mind when they brought back former assistant Todd Reirden in the offseason to work with a group that includes some of the better playmakers in the league in Crosby, Evgeni Maklin and Jake Guentzel.

Of course, that’s part of the problem. Sullivan has been fighting a tug of war with his stars for the better part of his five-plus years on the bench. Too often they try for the pretty play instead of the simple one, a mindset that leads to fewer pucks on net and fewer opportunities for rebounds that could end up over the goal line.

“Players can have a tendency to think too much,” Sullivan said. “If you look at the personnel group we have, they’re at their best when they’re instinctive.”

Meaning, when they’re reacting and not overthinking things. It’s a delicate balance given the group’s respective talent level, but one Sullivan knows the Penguins need to find as they try to stay in the thick of what figures to be a highly competitive East Division race.

“I think as far as what we can work on after 10 games (are) special teams and just generating a little bit more offensively,” Crosby said. “It comes down to execution when you get chances and just making sure you’re doing it consistently.”

Sports

Photo of the Day | Throwback Wednesday Squad



The UConn's women's volleyball team faces the Temple University Owls at Gampel Pavilion on Friday Nov. 8, 2019. The match resulted in a 3-1 win for the Huskies. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Liquid Rises: The LCS and the Lock In tournament results

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In the League of Legends Championship Series, the top four teams of the preseason spent the weekend going head-to-head in the finals of the Lock In tournament to determine which team would win a monetary prize and money for a charity of their choice.

The semifinals took place on Friday and Saturday and the finals were on Sunday. All three series were best-of-fives, the first of the season for the LCS, as the quarterfinals were best-of-threes. Cloud9 faced off against 100 Thieves, while Evil Geniuses battled against Team Liquid.

The Cloud9 vs. 100 Thieves series was a close one. It began with two impressive wins by the Thieves, supported by impressive performances by top laner Ssumday and jungler Closer, leaving Cloud9 in an 0-2 hole.

Cloud9, though, fought back in the last three games, relying on their botlane of Zven and Vulcan, who both put up strong performances on champions like Miss Fortune and Tahm Kench. Zven was crowned as the player of the game in that series after two impressive Miss Fortune games back-to-back in games four and five, where he had a combined KDA of 19-1-12 and earned two pentakills.

In an interview after the series, Zven discussed the rocky start to the series, saying "I think we just played worse and they executed really well."

"Overall happy we won, but there's so much to work on before

we play against TL ... or, the winner of TL/EG. Which is TL," said Zven in the same interview, a prediction that would prove very accurate on Saturday.

The match between Team Liquid and Evil Geniuses was not, in any way, a close affair. Team Liquid won in a dominating 3-0 fashion, proving that Zven was pretty correct when saying he thought

their carries in order to secure the dominant win.

On Sunday, Team Liquid once again leapt out to an early 0-2 lead in the series. They rode on champions like CoreJJ's Leona or Santorin's Udyr enroute to two strong wins and a dominating lead going into game three.

However, once again, Cloud9 seemed to find their footing in

Zven and Vulcan performed well in the bot lane, this time on Kaisa and Leona, and Blaber brought out Udyr, a powerful champion in the meta right now, to help guide Cloud9 to their second game five after being down 0-2 in three days.

Game five was the one that would decide it all. While the series and the tournament have no bearing on the rest of the season,

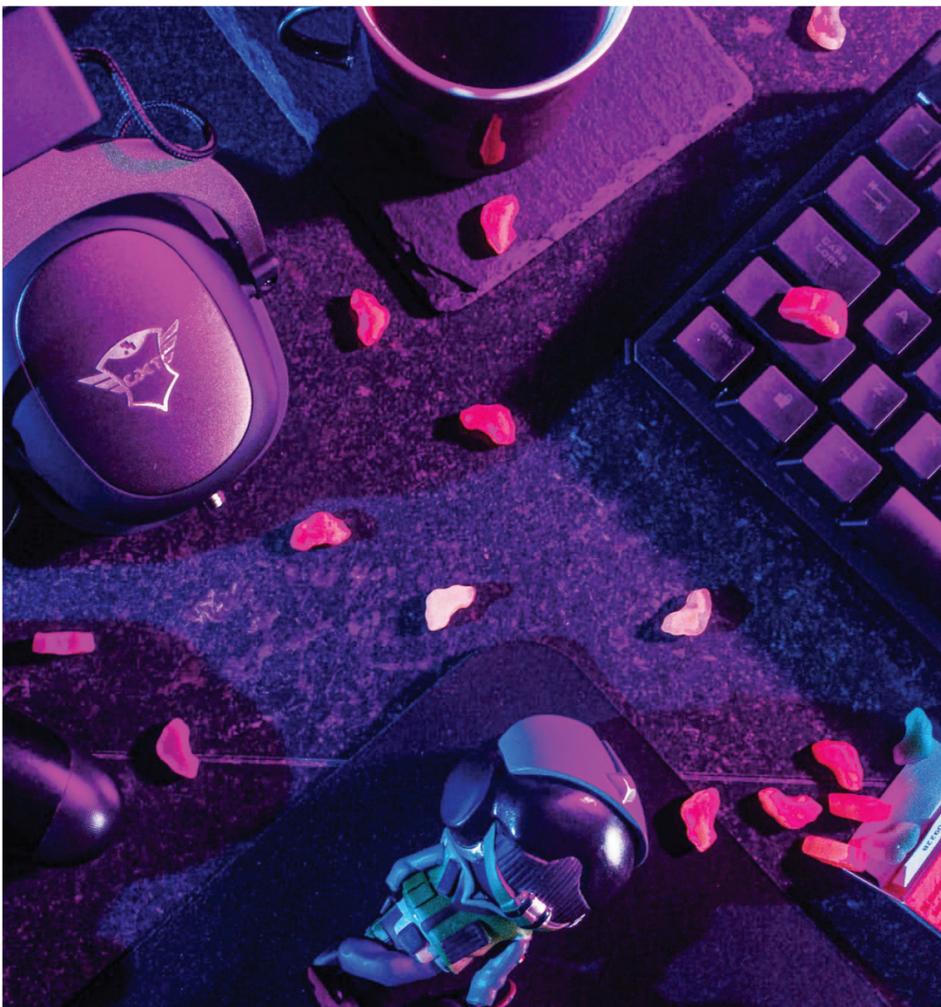
starting off your season with a victory can be a big motivator, especially a victory in such a hard-fought series over the team that is expected to be right there at the top with you.

And yet in game five, Cloud9 couldn't finish the reverse sweep. Team Liquid came back with a bang, finally finding the form they'd been missing in games three and four. They secured the Udyr this time, part of a strong draft that found Alphari a gangplank for the toplane and gave CoreJJ his very, very good Nautilus.

Team Liquid dominated game five, securing themselves first place in the Lock In tournament and probably first spot in everyone's rankings going into the start of the true LCS season.

Team Liquid's botlaner, Tactical, remarked after the series that he "didn't expect the first two games to be as one-sided as they ended up."

Perhaps that's what cost Cloud9 the series, those first two games that they couldn't get back no matter how well they played in three and four. Or maybe, on Sunday, Team Liquid was just the better team. Either way, they'll start the spring split as the team whom everyone wants to knock off their pedestal.



This past weekend, teams competed in the NCS finals. PHOTO COURTESY OF LUCIE LIZ VIA PEXELS

that it'd be them that Cloud9 was facing on Sunday.

Jensen's impressive performance in the midlane was a large factor in TL's victory, and despite the kill scores being close in Game 1, it ended up 13 to 15 in TL's favor. TL got every dragon, had a 10 to 1 turret lead over EG by the end of the game and played well around

game three. They fought back, drafting a powerful jungler in Olaf and giving Vulcan his Tahm Kench alongside Zven's Senna. The botlane and jungle combination made up for midlaner Perkz going 5-5-8 on his Zoe, as top laner Fudge put on one of his best performances of the tournament on Malphite.

Game four was more of the same;

Hendrick signs 2 sponsors for Kyle Larson's return to NASCAR

(AP) — Hendrick Motorsports signed its first two sponsors for Kyle Larson, a promising sign as the driver attempts to rebuild his image after his use of a racial slur derailed his promising career.

Cincinnati Inc., a machine tool maker, and heavy-duty truck manufacturer Freightliner will be the primary sponsors of Larson's new No. 5 Chevrolet for two races each in 2021. Both companies, existing Hendrick partners, will also be full-time associate sponsors for Larson.

Rick Hendrick signed Larson late last year in an attempt to give Larson a second chance. The driver was expected to be NASCAR's top 2020 free agent but lost his job and all his sponsors after Larson used a racial slur while racing online in April.

Larson was suspended the remainder of the NASCAR season but used the time educating himself on racial justice, volunteering with various causes and rebuilding his career.

Hendrick is willing to fund Larson himself but believes companies will realign with the driver once he's shown he grew from his error. He said the team will show its appreciation to Cincinnati and Freightliner "with high performance on and off the race-track."

"NASCAR has tremendous momentum going into 2021, and Kyle and the No. 5 crew will certainly be one of the most exciting teams to watch this year," the team owner said.

Cincinnati joined Hendrick Motorsports in 2019 with a 10-year agreement and is the "Official Metal Fabrication and Additive Equipment Provider" of the organization. Freightliner has been a Hendrick partner since 2004, has a contract through 2023 but will be a primary sponsor for the first time in the deal with Larson.

Tokyo Olympic organizers reiterate 'we will hold the games'

TOKYO (AP) — The president of the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee had a simple message Tuesday for fellow members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

"The games will happen. No matter what situation would be with the coronavirus, we will hold the games," Yoshiro Mori, who is also a former Japanese prime minister, told lawmakers. "We should pass on the discussion of whether we will hold the games or not, but instead discuss how we should hold it."

Mori has been the main cheerleader for several weeks in Japan, backed in Switzerland by International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach as reports have swirled that the Olympics might be canceled.

The IOC has aggressively pushed back and says the Olympics will open on July 23 with 11,000 athletes and tens of thousands of judges, officials, media, broadcasters, sponsors and VIPs. The Paralympics follow on Aug. 24 with 4,400 athletes.

A decision about fans at venues is to be made in the spring, but it seems likely that fans from abroad will be excluded.

Recent polls show about 80% of the Japanese public believe the games should be — or will be — canceled or postponed again. Organizers must convince them that the Olympics will happen and will be safe in a country that has controlled COVID-19 better than most.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga on Tuesday extended for another month a state of emergency order for Tokyo and nine prefectures. The original order went into force on Jan. 7 during a strong surge in new cases. Cases have been declin-

ing, but the coming Olympics leave no margin for error.

"The biggest problem is the way Japanese people see the Olympics now," Mori said. "And secondly, how we should proceed with the preparations for the games while combating the coronavirus. These two points are our primary focus."

Tokyo organizers and the IOC are rolling out their "Playbooks" on Wednesday. These are step-by-step rule books for athletes, officials, members of international federations and others that explain what to do before leaving home. They will detail testing in Japan, frequency of tests, rules for social distancing and strict rules of conduct until departing Japan.

Mori also defended the torch relay, which starts on March 25 in northern Japan and will crisscross the country for four months with 10,000 runners headed to Tokyo. There was early talk of scrapping the event, but heavy sponsorship by Coca-Cola and Toyota made that difficult.

"Basically, shortening — like changing from three days to two days, or one day, is out of the question," Mori said. "What I am saying is that we are aiming to find a way to avoid close contact (during the event)."

Olympic Minister Seiko Hashimoto, a former Olympian and a bronze medalist, said athletes are caught in the middle. Most go to only one Olympics and are now distracted with rumors of cancellation.

"Athletes are under mentally challenging conditions, asking themselves if it is OK," she said. "The government has to make sure to get rid of such concerns for the athletes."

The International Olympic Committee has aggressively pushed against cancelling or postponing the Olympics, and says:

The Olympics will open on July 23 with 11,000 athletes and tens of thousands of judges, officials, media, broadcasters, sponsors and VIPs.



Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee President Yoshiro Mori, center, delivers a speech at a beginning of a meeting on the preparation for the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics at the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) headquarters in Tokyo, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. PHOTO BY KAZUHIRO NOGI/AP



Japan's Olympics Minister Seiko Hashimoto delivers a speech at the beginning of a meeting on the preparation of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics at the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) headquarters in Tokyo, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. PHOTO BY KAZUHIRO NOGI/AP

On Baseball: MLB work stoppage in 2022 increasingly likely

NEW YORK (AP) — A work stoppage at the start of spring training 2022 seems increasingly likely after baseball players refused to negotiate with owners over a one-month delay for this spring training and regular season.

The breakdown Monday came after the sides were unable to reach a deal last June over the start of the pandemic-shortened 2021 season, although they did work out an opening-day agreement for expanded 2020 playoffs.

With the collective bargaining agreement set to expire Dec. 1, it is not hard to envision management instituting a lockout for baseball's first work stoppage since the 7 1/2-month strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

"I hope we don't have a work stoppage. I hope we are able to play," All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado said Tuesday during his introductory news conference following his trade to St. Louis from Colorado. "I think both sides want to play, and especially with this 2020 season and it got delayed and all the things that are going on in the country, it probably wouldn't be very good if we had a stoppage."

Baseball had five strikes and three lockouts from 1972-95, losing 86 regular-season games at the start of the 1972 season, 713 during midseason in 1981 and 669 games during the final two months of 1994, a stoppage that cut 1995 schedules from 162 games per team to 144.

Whatever ability to work together that developed after the last stoppage has dissipated, largely because union head Tony Clark, his staff and players believe economics have tilted toward owners and clubs during the labor contracts agreed to in 2011 and 2016.

Those agreements saw luxury tax rates increase and restraints imposed on signing bonuses for amateurs,



FILE - In this July 24, 2020 file photo, empty seats are viewed in Busch Stadium as St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Jack Flaherty throws in the first inning baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in St. Louis. Major League Baseball players rejected a proposal to delay the start of spring training and the season due to the coronavirus pandemic, vowing Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, to report under the original schedule. PHOTO BY JEFF ROBERSON/AP

while among the objectives players gained included increases in minimum salaries, earlier offseason deadlines, a decrease in team compensation for the loss of free agents and clubs assuming the cost of clubhouse food spreads.

Players have seethed in recent years over the way teams have delayed callups of rookie stars to delay eligibility for free agency and sometimes salary arbitration, while teams say it is their right to determine when players are ready for the major leagues.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred claims teams combined to lose \$2.7 billion to \$3 billion during the pandemic. Payrolls even before last year's regular-season without fans stayed in a historic narrow range of \$4.24 billion in 2017, \$4.23 billion in

2018 and \$4.22 billion in 2019, then dropped to \$1.75 billion last year, when players received 37% of salaries due to the 60-game schedule.

Players view club large-scale rebuilding as tanking. Both sides are troubled by regular-season attendance that dropped from 73.76 million in 2016 to 68.49 million in 2019.

Scott Boras, who negotiated more than \$1.2 billion in contracts during the 2019-20 offseason, says the losses will contribute toward an agreement next offseason. Boras is the sport's most influential agent, with clients Zack Britton, Gerrit Cole, James Paxton and Max Scherzer filling four of the eight seats on the union's executive subcommittee, which also includes Jason Castro, Francisco Lindor, Andrew Miller and Marcus Semien.

Angels suspend Mickey Callaway after behavior allegations

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pitching coach Mickey Callaway was suspended by the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday after allegations of inappropriate behavior toward several women who work in sports media.

The Angels announced their decision a day after the allegations against the former New York Mets manager appeared in a report by The Athletic.

The team "will work closely with MLB to conduct a full investigation," Angels spokesperson Marie Garvey said.

A person with knowledge of the Angels' decision to suspend Callaway says the coach has denied wrongdoing, which means he can't be fired for cause under California labor law without a full investigation of the allegations against him. The investigation by the Angels and Major League Baseball will begin swiftly, and could be completed this month.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because MLB isn't making details of the investigation public.

Callaway joined the Angels in October 2019, three weeks after he was fired by the Mets following two years in charge. Before that, the former major league pitcher spent five seasons as the Cleveland Indians' pitching coach.

The five women who spoke to The Athletic on condition of anonymity

gave detailed accounts of multiple instances of aggressive, inappropriate acts by Callaway over five years while he was employed by three teams.

Callaway sent uninvited and sometimes unanswered messages to the women via email, text or social media and asked one to send nude photos in return, according to the report. He often commented on their appearance in a way that made them uncomfortable and on one occasion "thrust his crotch near the face of a reporter" while she interviewed him.

Another time, he told one of the women he'd share information about the Mets if she



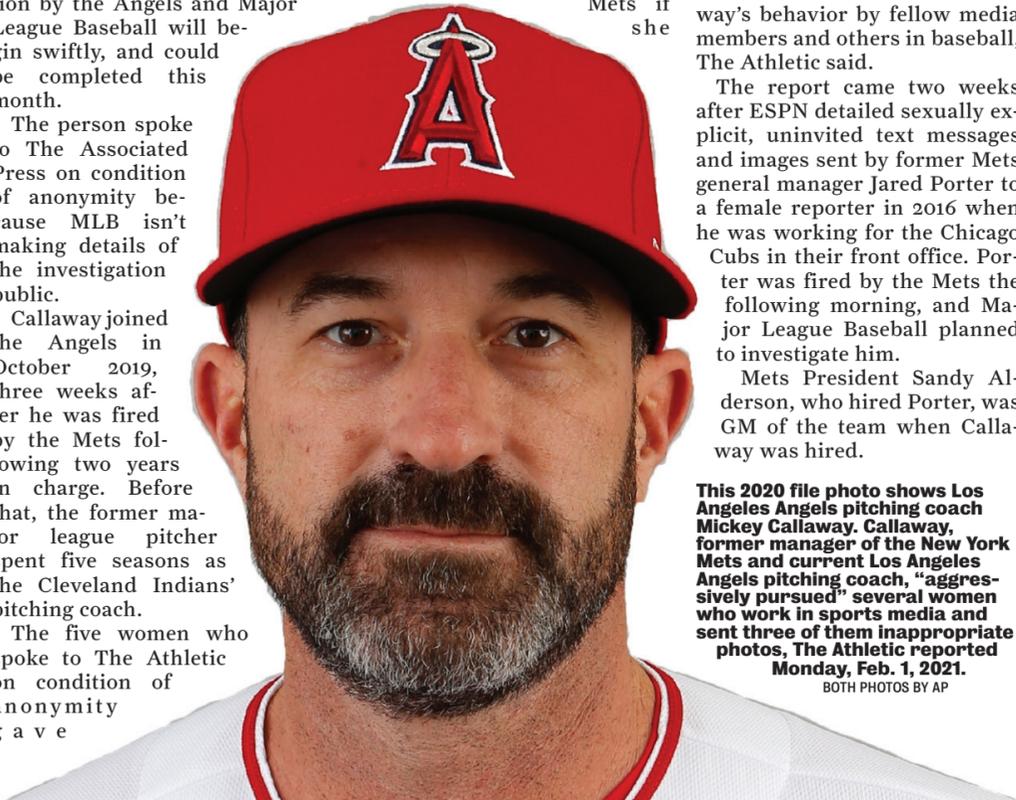
got drunk with him, the report said. More than one woman received a shirtless selfie or several from him, and one said he massaged her shoulders in the dugout when he thought nobody was watching, according to the report.

Two of the women said they had been warned about Callaway's behavior by fellow media members and others in baseball, The Athletic said.

The report came two weeks after ESPN detailed sexually explicit, uninvited text messages and images sent by former Mets general manager Jared Porter to a female reporter in 2016 when he was working for the Chicago Cubs in their front office. Porter was fired by the Mets the following morning, and Major League Baseball planned to investigate him.

Mets President Sandy Alderson, who hired Porter, was GM of the team when Callaway was hired.

This 2020 file photo shows Los Angeles Angels pitching coach Mickey Callaway. Callaway, former manager of the New York Mets and current Los Angeles Angels pitching coach, "aggressively pursued" several women who work in sports media and sent three of them inappropriate photos, The Athletic reported Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. BOTH PHOTOS BY AP





Sports

Women's Basketball Preview: UConn back at home, looking to build new winning streak vs. St. John's

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This Wednesday, Feb. 3, The UConn Huskies (11-1, 9-0 Big East) will play host to the St. John's Red Storm (5-9, 2-7 Big East) at 6:30 p.m. Eastern at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion.

The Huskies have historically had success against St. John's, particularly in recent years. UConn is 40-17 all-time against the Red Storm, with nine wins in their last 10 meetings, including three in a row prior to Wednesday's match-up. Both teams are currently on a one-game winning streak.

UConn can be very stout defensively (53.5 points-allowed-per-game), but head coach Geno Auriemma, who is seeking more consistency on that end, is not satisfied just yet.

"Our defense is not anywhere near where it needs to be for us to be a championship [caliber] team," he said. "But we still have time to get better at it."

The Huskies offense has been more consistent this season. Their 86.5 points-scored-per-game and 53% shooting percentage are both excellent, especially when paired with good defense. Much of the offense for the Huskies has come from their star guards, freshman Paige Bueckers and junior Chris-

tyn Williams. Bueckers, who is averaging 18.5 points and 5.7 assists-per-game was named this week's Big East Freshman of the Week for the sixth time since her first career game less than two months ago. Meanwhile, Williams (16.8 points) was on this week's Big East Women's Basketball Weekly Honor Roll. The two have combined for 94 points in the past two games.

The thing that's impressed Auriemma the most is her poise under pressure in such a young career. According to Auriemma, this poise supports her ability to control the game and involve her teammates in the action. "She's pretty consistent in her approach. She doesn't get too far ahead of herself. She doesn't get bogged down in what happened the previous play," he said. "She's got a great tempo. There's not any part of the game she feels uncomfortable in. That's kind of rare for a freshman. She's got command of the court. She has the ability to raise the level of [her teammates'] game."

For St. John's, their offense goes through sophomore Leilani Correa (18.8 points) and senior Qadashah Hoppie (18.0 points). No other player on St. John's is averaging double-digit scoring. UConn's main goal defensively will be stopping the Red Storm's top scorers.



After a rough start in the first half, the UConn women's basketball team dominated the second half against Tennessee 60-45 on January 23, 2020. Crystal Dangerfield led the Huskies with 14 points. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Point/Counterpoint: Who won the Matthew Stafford-Jared Goff trade?

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This past Saturday, it was announced that the Los Angeles Rams and Detroit Lions would be trading their first-overall pick quarterbacks, Jared Goff and Matthew Stafford, respectively. In that trade, the Lions also would acquire first-round picks in 2022 and 2023 as well as a third-round pick for 2022. Obviously, this is a huge shifting of the guard for both teams as they will move on from franchise quarterbacks to a new face under center, one for a playoff push and another to rebuild around.

Although this transaction cannot be official until the offseason officially kicks off in the middle of March, one question does hang on everyone's mind: Who won? In this edition of Point/Counterpoint, campus correspondents Evan Rodriguez and Cole Stefan will debate over who really won this huge trade.

Cole: Let me summarize this trade in two words for fans everywhere. Highway Robbery. The reason being is that there just has not been as much consistency as there used to be with Stafford, and the haul in return seems hefty. This past season, Stafford posted his first 4,000 yard season since 2017 and played every game for the first time since 2018. Although impressively decent this



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year, is Stafford really worth two first round picks if he might be past his prime? The third-round pick I can see, but two firsts for a 32-year-old quarterback? Surprising to say the least. I understand the Rams are willing to go all-in if they want to win another Super Bowl title — look at their strong defense — but getting Stafford, a veteran currently with no playoff wins? I am not sure if this is the right move the Rams could make to get a quarterback that can contest against other elite quarterbacks such as Russell Wilson and Tom Brady, among others. In addition, Stafford has had a lot of injury problems from wrist to back injuries, and only time will tell if Stafford's injuries are going to hurt him. These injuries could

also prove if Stafford might be past his prime, and if they are, then the Rams are in trouble offensively until they can draft in the first round again.

Evan: As stated before, Matthew Stafford had a great year this past season and the Rams are truly banking on that. If I'm the Rams with all this talent, I would go for a quarterback who could truly make use of all the weapons on this team. Goff simply wasn't doing that for Los Angeles. With Stafford, he can now prove himself on a team that truly cares about him and will surround him with a great defense headlined by Aaron Donald and some great receivers in Cooper Kupp and Robert Woods. Stafford

is in the most optimal conditions in Los Angeles and if he's able to do just as well or even better than his years in Detroit, he's proving to everyone that the Rams made the right trade. While there were other great quarterbacks on the market such as Deshaun Watson, the trade package would have been a bit too much for Los Angeles, who are in a "win now" mode and are unwilling to part with any valuable pieces on the team. Stafford is a great pickup for what they gave up and I truly believe that this makes them a competitor in a tough NFC conference.

Cole: In addition to the haul that was given up to get Stafford in their efforts to win now, I also want to look at what the Lions will be doing in terms of rebuilding again. It is indeed true that Stafford made household names out of Marvin Jones, Kenny Golladay and most importantly, Calvin Johnson. Goff kind of did the same thing to Kupp and Woods this previous season. Perhaps this is where Goff takes that next step in his game and proves why he was worthy of the first overall pick. Goff will also likely pass the ball more often (12th in passing yards in 2020) than he did in LA due to the Lions' running game being just okay (25th in yards per rush), whether it is DeAndre Swift or veteran Adrian Peterson as well as the decent number of receiving options he has. Plus, Goff can continue to develop his skills under new head coach Dan Campbell and new OC Anthony Lynn. But more importantly, the Lions now have

plenty of draft picks (five in the first round the next three years) to supplement their talent and hope that they can find consistent success. This could also be like the Laremy Tunsil trade in Houston that eventually led to the Dolphins (who nearly made the playoffs at 10-6) getting the third overall pick after the Texans decided to go all-in for the 2019 season. This is a huge risk here that will backfire on the Rams if everything goes wrong. Somehow, just watch the Lions nearly make the playoffs in a few seasons.

Evan: While the Lions truly did need the picks as they are in rebuild mode, Matthew Stafford is much more valuable to the Rams in this scenario. The Rams are still very successful, as they made the Super Bowl just two years ago in 2019. It's clear that Stafford will help reinvigorate an offense that was only 19th in the league in touchdowns per game, but first in fewest yards allowed per game on the defensive end. Even with the few offensive weapons that Stafford was given in Detroit, the Lions were still able to perform better than Los Angeles. Goff just wasn't the right fit on that team and I strongly believe he may not be the right fit as a starter in Detroit either. Looking at Stafford, while we know he will make use of Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp, he will definitely appreciate rushing weapons in Malcom Brown or Cam Akers this year. It's sure to be an interesting year watching Stafford dominate in a new role in Los Angeles.

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