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USG senate passes sweeping LGBTQIA+ legislation

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On Wednesday night, the University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government Senate passed legislation that will advocate for further LGBTQIA+ rights at the University.

The bill, entitled A Statement of Position Regarding the Rights of Queer and Trans Students at UConn, advocates for UConn administration and staff to review current policies and make necessary changes that LGBTQIA+ students and allies have brought to their attention. This legislation aims to hold the UConn community accountable for intentional or unintentional microaggressions toward the LGBTQIA+ community.

The areas covered in the legislation are names and pronoun rights, housing rights, mental health rights, bodily autonomy rights and accountability for gender-based oppression. USG Senator Will Schad, a sixth-semester political science major, said it's meant to be a living document, updated to include more advocacy as needed.

"My idea for this legislation is a grand list of many demands by queer folks on the campus to get them better represented and their rights protected," Schad said. "I think it will be effective as a living document to be used next year to spearhead the advocacy on behalf of our queer students."

One of the authors, second-semester student Nell Srinath, said the bill is merely pushing for further university

administration accountability, not policing or criminalizing behavior, which was a concern brought up in discussion.

"A wholehearted commitment to these goals is what will, in the end, mitigate the risk of radicalizing people against our queer and trans community," Srinath said. "I think being able to look at these goals and try our best to understand them and why [the LGBTQIA+ community has] them in mind, is very important."

Srinath added, "Solidarity, empathy and connection with our fellow student body is what will create the culture that mitigates violence, microaggressions or any other infraction against queer and trans students on campus. Solidarity is what brings us all together and will address a lot of concerns."

The bill passed with an overwhelming majority. Senator Kazi Iqbal, a fourth-semester music teacher education major, said the bill hopes to bring many issues facing the queer and trans community to light. Whether it be issues like minimal gender-inclusive housing, dead naming by professors and staff or a lack of gender options on campus forms, students need a forum from which to be heard.

"I strive for opening up these conversations and having that space to understand why pronouns are important or why it's important to respect these identities," Iqbal said. "Some people might think that censoring will push people to one side, but that's not what we're trying to do. We're trying to open the space up and educate."

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FIRST/LAST SENATE

It will be the last senate for the 2020-2021 senators and the outgoing administration, and the first senate for 2021-2022 senators, and the new administration.



On April 7, 2021, UConn USG held its "First/Last Senate," which was the last senate meeting for its 2020-21 senators and the first for its 2021-2022 senators. The senate passed legislation which will further advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights at the University.

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UConn professor works on developing Zika virus vaccine



A University of Connecticut student is given her COVID-19 vaccine. Recently, Paulo Verardi, an associate professor at UConn has had successful results in animal trials and is moving onto the next steps to produce a Zika virus vaccine.

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A University of Connecticut associate professor recently had successful results in animal trials and is moving onto the next steps to produce a Zika virus vaccine.

Paulo Verardi, associate professor of virology and vaccinology, with help from then-Ph.D. student Brittany Jasperse, were among the first researchers to file for a grant with the

"We are all in this together and we have to get out of this together."

PAULO VERARDI.

National Institutes of Health and receive a federal grant to work on a Zika vaccine.

In the pre-clinical animal trials, the

mice that were given a single-dose Zika virus vaccine showed no sign of the disease in their bodies or blood. Those in the placebo group who did not receive the vaccination allowed for virus replication.

"The animals that were vaccinated did not show evidence of virus replication," Verardi said. "We could not detect the virus in them."

The need for a Zika virus vaccine is partly due to its link with microcephaly, a serious birth defect that can lead to babies having underdeveloped

brains. When Verardi was visiting family in Brazil in 2015, he noted the rising cases of Zika and microcephaly and decided to keep tabs on the cases upon his return to the United States.

After he heard about a Brazilian physician discovering a link between Zika and microcephaly, Verardi said he called Jasperse to work on starting a vaccine.

"If the mother gets infected [with Zika], the virus goes across the placenta, reaches the fetus, goes to the brain and can cause microcephaly," Verardi said.

Additionally, Zika virus is part of a group of viruses known as flaviviruses. Flavivirus includes dengue virus, yellow fever virus and West Nile virus. Verardi said having a successful Zika vaccine could be useful for producing vaccines for other related flaviviruses.

According to a UConn Today article, Verardi and Jasperse developed and tested multiple "vaccine candidates" to create virus-like particles. These virus-like particles resemble the particles native to the immune system, which trigger an immune system response. To produce the Zika virus-like particles, they worked with the viral vector vaccinia virus.

The next steps for the Zika virus vaccine are to increase the production of the virus-like particles and to conduct human clinical trials to test the vaccine. Verardi has filed provisional patents with UConn's Technology Commercialization Services to help generate the vaccine. One of the key challenges of conducting the human trials will be finding participants in areas where the disease is highly prevalent.

A key demographic for this vaccine would be women of childbearing age, due to its connection with microcephaly, Verardi said.

"If you were pregnant or thinking about getting pregnant, you would want such a vaccine," he said.

Although Zika spreads primarily through mosquito bites, there have been documented cases of virus transmission through semen. Therefore, Verardi added that men could also be another target audience for this vaccine.

"Even in certain cases, a man would benefit from [a vaccine], not because it would benefit themselves, but they wouldn't transmit to women and, therefore, the virus would not be transmitted to the babies," Verardi said.

Verardi said it is key to start developing vaccines for emerging viruses when the viruses are first detected, similar to his approach with the Zika virus. By starting early, it will help the scientific community to better prepare for outbreaks.

"You buy health insurance. You pay for it. You pay ahead of time. When something bad happens to you, the health insurance has a system ready to provide you health care," Verardi said. "What we need is the same for the entire planet where we provide insurance against emerging infectious diseases and neglected tropical diseases."

Verardi said vaccine development and production has been put into the spotlight due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that in the past 12 years, there have been many epidemics and pandemics, including the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the 2014 Ebola epidemic and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He stressed that vaccine development production will remain relevant.

"We are all in this together and we have to get out of this together," Verardi said.

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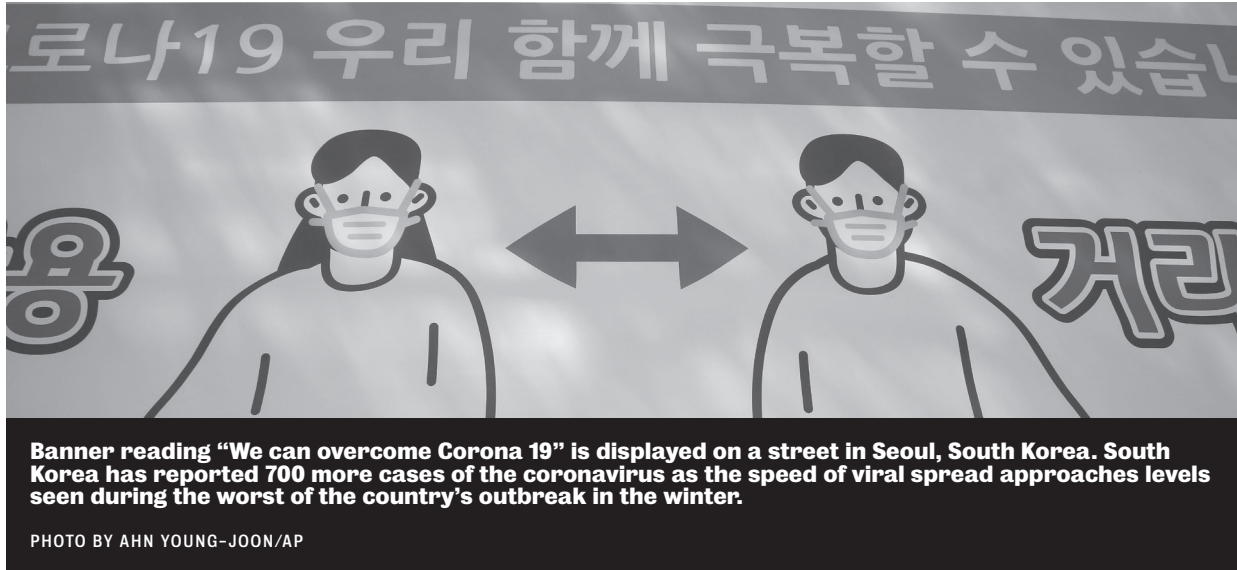
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News

The Latest: Spread of coronavirus ramping up in South Korea



Banner reading "We can overcome Corona 19" is displayed on a street in Seoul, South Korea. South Korea has reported 700 more cases of the coronavirus as the speed of viral spread approaches levels seen during the worst of the country's outbreak in the winter.

PHOTO BY AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea has reported 700 more cases of the coronavirus as the speed of viral spread approaches levels seen during the worst of the country's outbreak in winter.

The numbers released by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency on Thursday brought the national caseload to 107,598, including 1,758 deaths.

The daily jump was the highest since Jan. 5 when 714 cases were reported.

Around 500 of the new cases are in the densely populated Seoul metropolitan area, which has emerged as the center of the country's epidemic since a winter surge that peaked with

more than 1,200 infections added on Christmas Day.

Health authorities, who are also wrestling with a slow vaccine rollout, are expected to announce measures to strengthen social distancing following a meeting Friday.

THE VIRUS OUTBREAK:

VACCINES: More than 108.3 million people, or 32.6% of the U.S. population, have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some 63 million people, or 19% of the population, have completed their vaccination.

Expert: Chauvin never took knee off Floyd's neck area

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Officer Derek Chauvin had his knee on George Floyd's neck area — and was bearing down with most of his weight — the entire 9 1/2 minutes the Black man lay facedown with his hands cuffed behind his back, a use-of-force expert testified Wednesday at Chauvin's murder trial.

Jody Stiger, a Los Angeles Police Department sergeant serving as a prosecution witness, said that based on his review of video evidence, Chauvin applied pressure to Floyd's neck or neck area from the time officers began pinning Floyd to the ground until paramedics began to move him to a stretcher.

"That particular force did not change during the entire restraint period?"

PROSECUTOR STEVE SCHLEICHER

"Correct."

JODY STIGER

"That particular force did not change during the entire restraint period?" prosecutor Steve Schleicher asked as he showed the jury a composite of five still images.

"Correct," replied Stiger, who on Tuesday testified that the force used against Floyd was excessive.

Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson countered by pointing out what he said were moments in the video footage when Chauvin's knee did not appear to be on Floyd's neck but on his shoulder blade area or the base of his neck. Stiger did not give much ground, saying the officer's knee in some of the contested images still seemed to be near Floyd's neck, though he agreed

his weight might have shifted at times.

In other testimony, the lead Minnesota state investigator on the case, James Reyerson, initially agreed with Nelson that Floyd seemed to say in a police body-camera video of his arrest, "I ate too many drugs."

But when a prosecutor played a longer clip of the video, Reyerson said he believed what Floyd really said was "I ain't do no drugs."

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's death May 25. Floyd, 46, was arrested outside a neighborhood market after being accused of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. A panicky-sounding Floyd struggled and claimed to be

claustrophobic as police tried to put him in a squad car, and they pinned him to the pavement. Bystander video of Floyd crying that he couldn't breathe as onlookers yelled at Chauvin to get off him sparked protests and scattered violence around the U.S.

Nelson has argued that the now-fired white officer "did exactly what he had been trained to do over his 19-year career," and he has suggested that Floyd's drug use and his underlying health conditions are what killed him, not Chauvin's knee, as prosecutors contend. Fentanyl and methamphetamine were found in Floyd's system.

Biden to unveil actions on guns, including new ATF boss



Giffords Law Center Senior Policy Advisor David Chipman speaks at a House Judiciary Committee hearing on assault weapons on Capitol Hill in Washington last September. The Biden administration is expected to nominate Chipman to be director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

PHOTO FROM FILE/AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden will unveil a series of executive actions aimed at addressing gun violence on Thursday, delivering his first major action on gun control since taking office.

He'll also nominate David Chipman, a former federal agent and adviser at the gun control group Giffords, to be director of the Bu-

reau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, according to senior Biden administration officials.

Biden has faced increasing pressure to act on gun control after a spate of mass shootings across the U.S. in recent weeks, but the White House has repeatedly emphasized the need for legislative action on guns. While the House passed a

background-check bill last month, gun control measures face slim prospects in an evenly-divided Senate, where Republicans remain near-united against most proposals.

Biden will be joined by Attorney General Merrick Garland at the event, and most of the actions will come from the Justice Department.

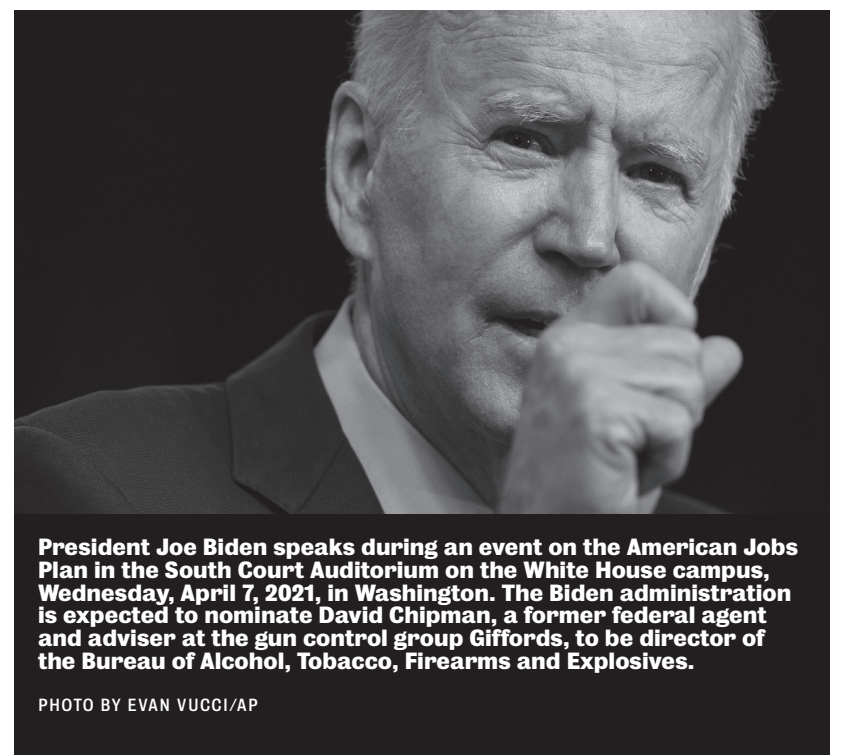
Biden is expected to announce tighter regulations requiring buyers of so-called "ghost guns" to undergo background checks. The homemade firearms — often assembled from parts and milled with a metal-cutting machine — often lack serial numbers used to trace them. It's legal to build a gun in a home or a workshop and there is no federal requirement for a background check.

The president's plans were previewed by a person familiar with the expected actions who was not authorized to publicly discuss them.

Senior administration officials confirmed that the Justice Department would issue a new proposed rule aimed at reining in ghost guns within 30 days, but offered no details on the content of the rule.

The Justice Department will also issue a proposed rule within 60 days tightening regulations on pistol-stabilizing braces, like the one used by the Boulder, Colorado, shooter in a massacre last month that left 10 dead. The rule would

designate pistols used with stabilizing braces as short-barreled rifles, which, under the National Firearms Act, require a federal license to own and are subject to a more thorough application process and a \$200 tax.



President Joe Biden speaks during an event on the American Jobs Plan in the South Court Auditorium on the White House campus, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in Washington. The Biden administration is expected to nominate David Chipman, a former federal agent and adviser at the gun control group Giffords, to be director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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India reaffirms pledge to Paris accord in meeting with Kerry

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Narendra Modi told U.S. climate envoy John Kerry that India was committed to meeting its climate change pledges, and Kerry said the U.S. would support those goals with affordable access to green technologies and financing.

India's External Affairs Ministry disclosed their comments after the two met Wednesday in New Delhi. Kerry is visiting the United Arab Emirates, India and Bangladesh before President Joe Biden holds a virtual summit on climate change on April 22-23.

Modi said cooperation between India and the U.S., particularly on financing innovation and faster deployment of green technologies, would have a positive impact on

other countries, according to the statement.

Modi told Kerry that India was on track to meeting its pledges under the 2015 Paris climate change agreement. India committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions intensity of its gross domestic product 33% to 35% by 2030, increase non-fossil fuel power capacity to 40% from 28% in 2015 and substantially boost forest cover to reduce carbon dioxide.

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar recently said India already has achieved 21% of its pledge to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 33-35% by 2030.

The Paris accord aims to keep the increase in average temperatures worldwide "well below" 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) compared to pre-industrial levels.

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



U.S. special envoy for climate John Kerry attends a press conference with French Environment Minister Barbara Pompili in Paris March 11, 2021. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Kerry India was committed to meeting its climate change pledges, and Kerry said the U.S. would support those goals with affordable access to green technologies and financing.

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Virginia becomes first Southern state to legalize marijuana



Virginia State Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Richard Saslaw, center, along with Sen. John Cosgrove, R-Chesapeake, left, talk with new Sen. Travis Hackworth, R-Tazewell, during the Senate reconvene session at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond, Va., Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Virginia became the first Southern state to legalize marijuana Wednesday, April 7.

PHOTO STEVE HELBER/AP

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia became the first Southern state to legalize marijuana Wednesday, as lawmakers voted to approve Gov. Ralph Northam's proposed changes to a bill that will allow adults to possess and cultivate small amounts of the drug starting in July.

Northam sent the bill back to lawmakers substantially changed from the version that squeaked out of the General Assembly in February. The amendments lawmakers agreed to Wednesday would accelerate the timeline of legalization by about three years, well before retail sales would begin, a move that's been cheered by racial justice advocates.

"The time has come for our state to legalize marijuana. The amendments ensure that while we're doing the complicated work of standing up a commercial market, we aren't delaying immediate reforms that will make our Commonwealth more equitable for all Virginians," House Majority Leader Charniele Herring said in urging her colleagues to approve the governor's changes.

Democrats said the bill was a matter of urgency, a necessary step to end what state figures

show is a disparate treatment of people of color under current marijuana laws.

Northam's amendments cleared the House 53-44 with two abstentions during a one-day session held for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on the year's legislation. In the Senate, lawmakers deadlocked 20-20 and Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax broke the tie, voting to approve the changes.

The final version of the legislation would allow adults 21 and up to legally possess up to one ounce (28.3 grams) of cannabis without the intent to distribute beginning July 1. It also would allow the home cultivation of up to four plants per household beginning July 1. Public use of the drug will be prohibited.

"This is not going to generate some ganjafest at Jiffy Lube pavilion out in the parking lot, because that is smoking in public. Just like you can't drink in public, you can't smoke in public under this," Democratic Sen. Scott Surovell said.

It will be years before legal retail sales follow legalized possession. The bill lays out the complex process of creating a new state

agency to oversee the marijuana marketplace, with sales beginning and regulations taking effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

Many parts of the bill dealing with the regulatory framework will have to be reapproved by lawmakers next year. The possession and cultivation pieces will not.

Republicans, who overwhelmingly opposed the bill when it initially went through the General Assembly, railed against the latest version, citing several reasons.

GOP Del. Chris Head called the bill "a train wreck."

"The hard-fought compromise that barely made it out of this chamber and over to the Senate has just been discarded. And why is that? It's because some activists want marijuana legalized and they want it legalized now, consequences be damned," he said.

Some Republicans took issue with labor provisions in the new version of the bill, in particular a change that says the government can revoke or suspend licenses issued under the new law in cases where an employer has refused to "remain neutral regarding any union organizing efforts by employees."

Judge tosses former Rep. Katie Hill's suit against tabloid



Katie Hill, D-Calif., is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington on April 3, 2019. A lawsuit by former U.S. Rep. Hill against the Daily Mail was dismissed Wednesday, April 7, 2021, by a judge who said the tabloid was protected on First Amendment grounds when it published nude photos of her.

PHOTO FROM FILE/AP

"I sued the Daily Mail for their publication of my nonconsensual nude images."

KATIE HILL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A lawsuit by former U.S. Rep. Katie Hill of California against the Daily Mail was dismissed Wednesday by a judge who said the tabloid was protected under the First Amendment when it published nude photos of her.

Judge Yolanda Orozco wrote in her decision that she accepted the Daily Mail's argument that the publication of the photos was "a matter of public issue or public interest."

Hill's lawyer, Carrie Goldberg, indicated her client would appeal.

"DM said, and the court agreed, that Katie's nudes were their free speech. We think the appellate court will disagree," Goldberg tweeted Wednesday.

"I sued the Daily Mail for their publication of my nonconsensual nude images," Hill wrote on Twitter. "Today, we lost in court because a judge — not a jury — thinks revenge porn is free speech."

Hill has also sued her ex-husband, Kenneth Heslep, and conservative news site redstate.com, alleging they distributed "non-consensual porn" that helped torpedo her political career.

Hill, 33, resigned from Congress in 2019 after nude pictures of her and an aide were leaked.

She acknowledged having an inappropriate affair with a female campaign aide but denied allegations of a relationship with a male congressional staffer. A relationship with a congressional staffer would have violated House rules.

Hill had been part of a Democratic wave that knocked seven California Republicans out of office in 2018 when she defeated Republican Steve Knight for the 25th Congressional District seat, which covers northern Los Angeles County and part of Ventura County.

Republican Mike Garcia won Hill's vacant House seat in November's election.

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CARRIE GOLDBERG

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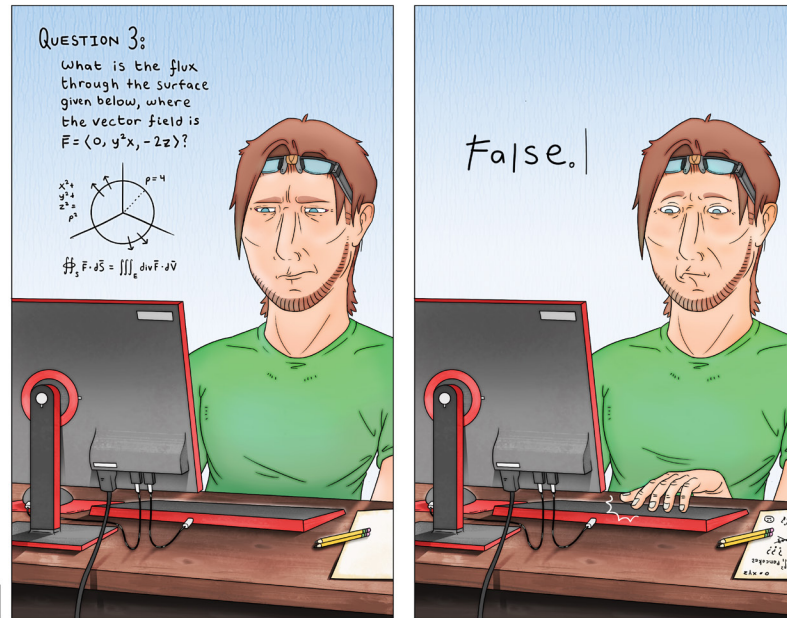
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Carson's Commentary First quarter finance report

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Last Thursday kicked off the second quarter of this year, and next Thursday is the dreaded Tax Day for millions of Americans. Being wedged right between these two dates, I thought today would be the perfect time to talk about money and markets. So, allow me to offer my big takeaways from the first quarter of 2021, as well as its implications for the near future.

In many ways, the first three months of this year were a mere carryover from the volatility that plagued global markets throughout 2020. The United States, along with much of the world, continues to struggle with COVID-19 recovery. But you'd never know it judging by the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which closed at 30,000 for the first time last November. Not even the storming of the U.S. Capital or the Suez Canal fiasco could slow American markets, as the Dow only saw minor drops at

the end of January and the beginning of March.

But there was one stock that shot through the roof when everything else dipped in late January: GameStop. After sitting below \$20 per share for the first two weeks of the year, the electronics retailer closed at a ridiculous \$347.51 on Jan. 27 after a mischievous group of Redditors blew up its stock and forced Robinhood to briefly suspend trading.

As I predicted, Robinhood came out of the debacle unscathed. But I, on the other hand, caught a case of Reddit fever when I saw the WallStreetBets sub hone in on its next target: Sundial Growers. With so many states (including Connecticut) examining the legalization of recreational marijuana and its share price rising steadily through the first week of February, I really thought the Calgary-based pharmaceutical was going to be the next GameStop. As its value approached \$3, I bought several dozen shares. But since

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the hedge fund managers were not going to be fooled by Reddit again, Sundial plummeted. As of its close on Wednesday, it sits at an abysmal \$1 per share. I'm waiting for a slight bounce back before I inevitably have to sell my shares at a loss.

Of course, no discussion of stocks would be complete without

the mention of Tesla. Elon Musk's baby shot up to a high of \$880 per share on Jan. 8, briefly making Musk the richest man in the world. Tesla has fallen a bit since then, and the panicked investors selling during the downturn have not helped the situation. Since dipping to \$563 on March 8, the electric car giant has recovered gracefully; its value hovered in the high-600s this week. The lesson from this? Don't put all your faith in Musk, but don't count him out either.

The last, yet certainly not least stock to discuss is none other than Bitcoin. The popular cryptocurrency shot up in the first 2.5 months of this year, but it now seems poised to level off a bit. Not that "leveling off" means much to the average investor — Bitcoin is still going for over \$56,000 a pop. But even if fractional shares are your thing, I would still hold off on Bitcoin until it inevitably drops a bit.

As for the future, the linger-

ing of COVID-19 unfortunately means international markets will likely remain volatile. But as people get vaccinated and more states follow in the footsteps of Texas, Mississippi and Connecticut by reopening businesses and cutting capacity limits, Americans have reasons to keep their money at home. Every country is in a different stage of pandemic recovery, so going global just doesn't make sense for casual investors right now. (Perhaps I should have followed my own advice and skipped out on the Sundial debauchery.)

Obviously, this is all temporary. The Biden Administration's tax reform proposals will likely reach Congress in 2022, and all investors know higher taxes on the upper and upper-middle classes are not great for markets. But if a year of COVID-19 has taught us anything, a lot can change in a full year. For now, tread optimistically — but cautiously — in all your investing endeavors.



Common Sense

A missed chance for gun control

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It's always been evident that America has a gun problem. In March alone, there was a mass shooting every week. I was so afraid, I couldn't even go to the laundromat in my little hometown where nothing really happens. But despite the chaos, President Biden disappointed.

Let's be honest, the Second Amendment doesn't make sense. We aren't being invaded or fighting a revolutionary war. Sure, everybody interprets it in their own way, but even if "the right to bear arms" is really a pro-gun statement that allows someone to own a handgun for self-defense or a rifle for hunting, there is absolutely no purpose in possessing anything beyond that. Our gun laws are not just dangerous, but also outright embarrassing. Why do some states allow people to own automatic guns? I honestly don't know. There is not a single reason I can think of as to why someone would actually need a machine gun, much less understand what difference it makes if it was manufactured in 1986.

For someone with a long history of gun legislation, it was odd that Biden decided to focus more on his infrastructure plan rather than the policies that have been killing Americans

every year. Almost anybody who has spent a good deal of their life in Connecticut will remember where they were when the Sandy Hook school shooting happened. A lot of us at UConn, including myself, were just about to enter middle school. But even after all those kids died, it was obvious that people cared more about their supposed rights than lives. Even today, we still see misinformation about what happened that day being spread to keep a fragment of our flawed constitution alive.

It's disappointing to know even though we've taken so long to really put this issue on the forefront, Biden did so little where he could have done so much. Even still, I don't think he's completely to blame. There are many who are reluctant to realize that gun-control is necessary in this country. But if there's one thing I learned from statistics class, it's you shouldn't rely on YouTube comment sections for accurate information on policies you care about. Gun control, whether it is meant to push an agenda or not, is important.

However, on a lighter note, the National Rifle Association is facing so many lawsuits that they're bound to go bankrupt. CEO and Executive Vice President of the NRA Wayne LaPierre also couldn't take the March heat and hid on a friend's yacht, afraid

of what all the threats he was getting meant for his life. But when that logic is applied to someone of a poor background, the NRA doesn't care. The whole company is panicking regarding what their downfall would mean for gun laws.

President Biden is expected to take long-awaited executive action on guns this week. However, critics say his policy changes won't do anything since the weapons he seeks to ban won't be covered by legislation. Others say all of this panic for banning in general is nonsense and authoritarian — a common and boring argument. If the growing number of mass shootings we've had over the years isn't enough to show someone there's a problem, what is? With the pandemic, many thought the numbers would go down, but March proved otherwise. Every year, the situation just seems to get worse. April has just begun, and we've already had quite a number of shootings.

An issue like gun violence shouldn't be taking years to fix. America has a problem. How many more thousands does it take to die in order for us to care as a nation?

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Advocating for the Syrian refugee crisis through art and architecture

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Mohamed Hafez never pictured himself as an artist until he was one. Hafez was born in Damascus, grew up in Saudi Arabia and went to school for architecture in America's Midwest. After completing his education, Hafez wanted to return to Syria. However, in 2003, George W. Bush implemented the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System. NSEERS required that Muslim immigrants be interrogated and documented every time they left or returned to the U.S. This made it difficult for Hafez to return home, according to Hafez in his Zoom presentation, "Unpacked: Exploring Refugee Stories through Art," on Wednesday night.

"Out of homesickness one night I started collecting some materials that I had collected because [as] architecture students we build a lot of models so [we] end up with a lot of scrap materials," Hafez said. "And I remember this was the very first piece I did, one night I started working on this piece and I found it very therapeutic, cathartic and healing. Of course, I was too young and naive to understand therapeutic art. I was connecting to home and it passed time. I worked on it for twelve hours straight because I really enjoyed it. So I started making more, so I started developing this interest in architecture and art."

At the start of his art career, Hafez only created his three-dimensional models of Damascus as a pastime while he worked at an architectural firm. His artwork is characterized by his experience growing up in Damascus. He described Damascus as having not only beautiful architecture, but also a mosque next to a synagogue, next to a church and an art gallery with nude sculptures that contained thousands of years of history.

"I was emotionally attached to this place that I was witnessing being blown out of existence in the Syrian world," Hafez said. "I would come home from this busy day and I see images like this, seeing beautiful cities like Damascus, Aleppo being wiped out of existence ... we all saw in the Syrian war there isn't any shortage of blood. The atrocities ... were sort of broadcasted right in front of our eyes 24/7, but for me ... I was witnessing the atrocities as an architect, not only a Syrian."

As the Syrian war escalated, Hafez expressed his frustration through his artwork. He added that from an artist's and architect's perspective, he understood how long it took to build those buildings. Through all the devastation, Hafez still tries to instill hope by embedding Quranic phrases in his artwork.

"It just happened that as I was making artwork it reflected the personal life changes of me and my own family," Hafez said. "My earlier works from 2003 reflect a very peaceful country, pristine architecture, but my work moves into the destruction pieces ... when it moves to the refugee crisis. One of my family members became a refugee. So, I started to try to understand what it means to be a refugee, what it means to lie on the tiny floats across the ocean, knowing that there is a 50% chance that the boat is capsizing."

Hafez said the refugee crisis really hit close to home for him when his relative had to seek refuge in Sweden. As Hafez continued to create, he discovered a new medium — suitcases — and he became known as the baggage guy. Hafez said he realized that people carry both physical and emotional baggage, which inspired him to make suitcases his new medium. It was also a universal object that many people from countries all over the world, especially immigrants, can relate to. As he began to showcase

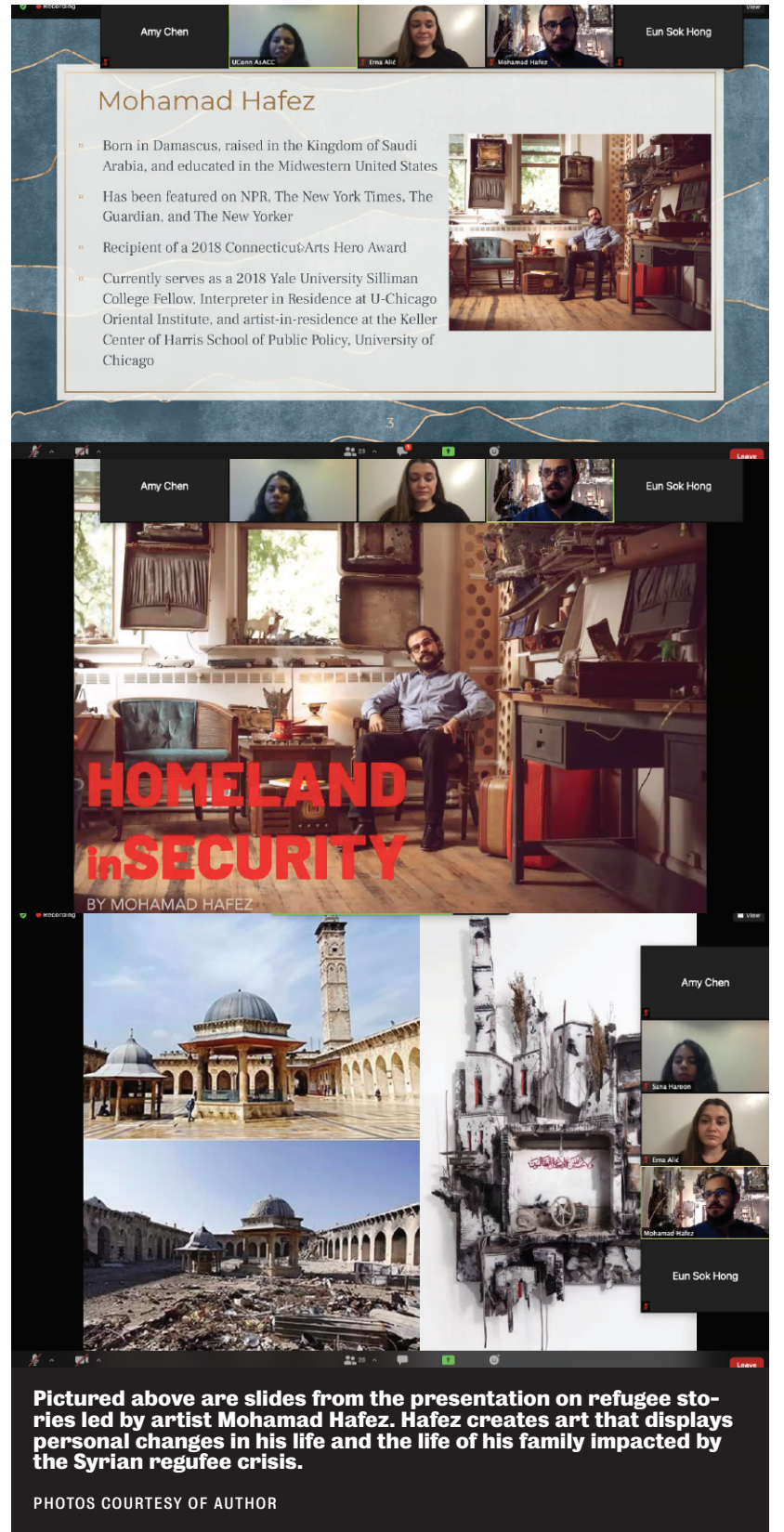
this idea, Hafez said he was gifted suitcases from many different American immigrant families.

"Art is very educational, art is a global medium that goes as far east ... far west, far left [and] far right, without even speaking," Hafez said. "If you introduce the artist as a Muslim, Syrian immigrant, a lot of people would close their ears to the message, but I decided to keep my mouth shut and make art that will speak on my behalf and my people's behalf [to] show them the power of art and sharing loss, cultural loss, without really flashing photos of dead people, we've all [had] enough of that."

He developed his suitcase pieces into an exhibition titled, "Unpacked: Refugee Baggage." To add to his exhibition, Hafez and his team also interviewed and recorded the stories of immigrant families so visitors could listen firsthand. He even created pieces based on what these immigrant families described their homes as having looked like.

"As a young architect my career was starting to soar and grow at full speed, and you realize that there are thousands of architects out there that can build and design beautiful glass skyscrapers," Hafez said. "But how many of those architects are also Syrian, Muslim and Arab, brothers to refugees, immigrants, born and raised in the Middle East but educated in the Midwest, can speak both languages ... relate to different worlds and build these cultural bridges during high tensions of xenophobia? There are only a handful of people that are alive today that are able to do such work and have the responsibility. It's not a luxury, it's an absolute responsibility."

He hopes to educate people about Middle Eastern culture, and he also recognizes his art as a form of activism and a way to inspire others to use their voice to speak up in whatever way they can.



Pictured above are slides from the presentation on refugee stories led by artist Mohamad Hafez. Hafez creates art that displays personal changes in his life and the life of his family impacted by the Syrian refugee crisis.

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FUN FESTIVITIES FOR SPRING BREAK IN CONNECTICUT

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Spring break is quickly approaching, and for many of us, it may look far different than the standard break festivities. However this doesn't mean it can't be fun. Believe it or not, there are many things to do in the small state of Connecticut ... you just have to look hard enough. I've rounded up a few activities that will cater to all different sorts of people: foodies, nature-lovers and those who just want to bask in the sun.

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Visit Gillette Castle and Hike

Gillette Castle is a well-known area for most Connecticut natives. It's exactly what it sounds

like: the castle of a man named William Gillette. Located near Lyme, Connecticut, it's surrounded by sprawling acres of beautiful land regularly maintained by the state (it's now a state park). Not only are there beautiful views of the Connecticut shoreline, but there are also trails that lead to the water that visitors can hike. It's the perfect activity for a warm spring day.

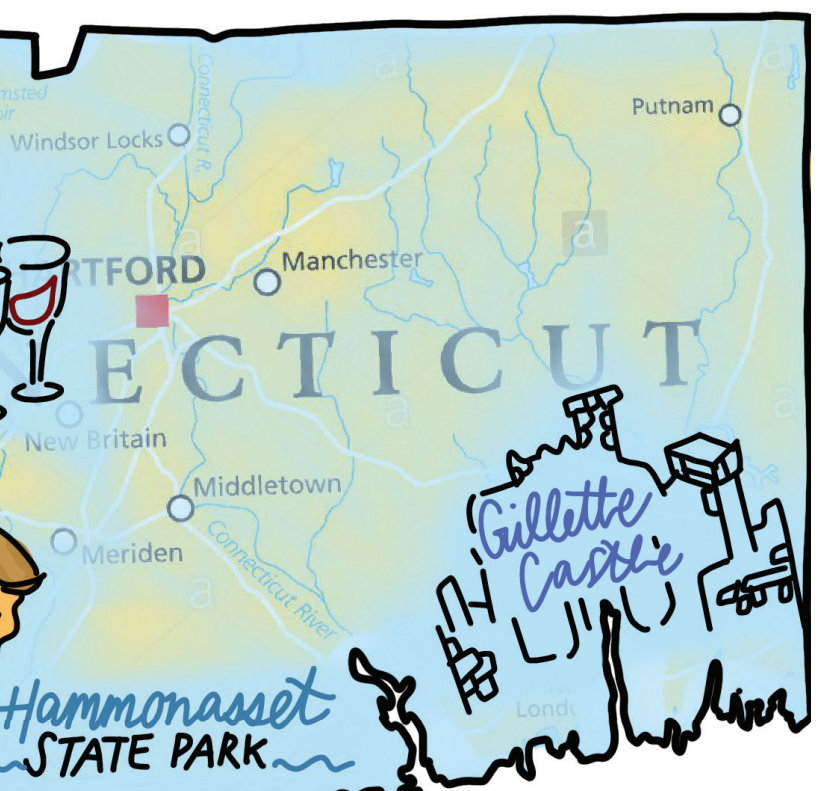
Try New Delis

If you love food, especially sandwiches, then this will be right up your alley. Take a trip to Greenwich and stop by Rinaldi's and Villa Nuova. Rinaldi's is a classic Italian-American deli that specializes in the most delicious sandwich combinations you'll have tasted in a while, I promise. I usually order The Bruin with Cones: chicken cutlet, bacon, mozzarella, homemade barbecue sauce and cones

(which are essentially mashed potatoes formed into balls and then fried). Come on, you can't say that doesn't sound delicious. Villa Nuova is similar, but on the more authentic side. I would recommend the Marco Polo panini: prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, tomatoes and pesto. It doesn't get any better. I swear, you won't be disappointed.

Vibe at a Vineyard

If you're over 21, vineyards or



breweries are always a great option. Sipping on a delicious drink under the sun never sounds like a bad idea. There's tons in upstate Connecticut where there's plenty of farmland, including Brown Vineyard in Litchfield and Cassidy Hill Vineyard in Manchester. Depending on the place, you could even turn it into a picnic with a yummy charcuterie board or any snacks of your choosing. It's also the perfect excuse to dress up and chat with friends!

Go Camping

For all the nature-lovers reading this, camping is the perfect

way to spend a couple days of spring break. Hammonasset State Park located in Madison has acres of land designed for campers, plus the addition of grills and the beach. Gather up a couple of your friends or family members, pack your coolers and get on the road. The most precious thing about camping is it brings you down to earth and reminds you that all you need in life is good food and good company.

Pizza Tour

Lastly (and possibly the best) is a PIZZA TOUR!!! (If you're from New York, you may want to

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skip this part). I will admit, I do believe New Haven is the pizza capital of the world. My personal favorite is Pepe's, but it may not be yours! Visit Wooster Street in New Haven and stop by all the iconic pizza places: Sally's, Pepe's, Modern and Bar. Each has their own unique touch and trust me, all are delicious.

A group of UConn students hiked at Devil's Hopyard State Park in Connecticut in fall 2019. The park offers views from the top of a short hike.

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Slaves in 18th century Spain: Changing the dichotomy between slaves and free people

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During 18th century Spain, Muslim slaves were seen as a corporation, according to Daniel Harshenzon, associate professor at the Department of Literature, Cultures and Languages in a presentation titled "Islamic Institutions and Slaves' Collective Action in 18th Century Spain," through Zoom from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

"[A] long inquisitorial report submitted to the Spanish king in September 1769 left no room for doubt, [that] the hospital of the Muslim arsenal slaves in Catargena functioned as a mosque," Harshenzon said. "They recited the Adhan, the call to worship, from a room on the second floor and believers come in twice a day, they leave their shoes downstairs walk up the stairs barefoot, kiss the steps and loudly prayed in the large hall adorned with a lamp and covered with prayer mats."

According to Harshenzon, slaves in 18th century Spain were merchants that earned wages. The story of the mosque in a Christian-dominated Spain began with Faxxia. She was a free Muslim woman who bought a house with the money saved up from slaves to serve as a charity hospital and space for the poor. At first, the hospital mosque was met with objection from the local population, but was later accepted, according to Harshenzon.

"To understand the formation and maintenance of Islamic communal institutions and European ports, we need to refocus the story and narrative upon royal slaves, their interactions with the marine jurisdiction which they bound, different groups of Maghrebs (North Africans), local and political actors," Harshenzon said. "The recent documentary of 18th century Cartagena provides an ideal side for this investigation."

According to Harshenzon, municipality authorities, the Algerian government and the arsenal council played large roles for slave rights. Slaves were viewed and treated as a social body and were protected by the Algerian government. They not only had religious spaces and legal rights but also economic rights. Slaves were allowed a savings account to

buy property. Specifically, galley and royal slaves played a major part in helping the slave community manage things like taxes, Harshenzon stated in the presentation.

In comparison, freed slaves in Cartagena, also known as Berberiscos, were free to marry Christians, and to exercise economic and commercial rights. However, Harshenzon said that bonded slaves had a benefit of rights in the collective group setting. When Berberiscos tried to establish a Quranic school for their children, they were suppressed by the bishop at the time, according to Harshenzon.

"While the Berberiscos (also known as Maghrebs) were free citizens and a few of them might have afforded certain protections in their capacity as members of the local guilds, they were not incorporated as a group and lacked the privileges by members of a corporation," Harshenzon said. "In contrast, the bonded mean they didn't enjoy the benefits of residency but they were protected by their status as slaves and thus could behave and be perceived as members of a social body."

Christians in Spain and other municipalities viewed the slaves as a corporate body. Muslim slaves adapted to the Christian Spain culture, according to Harshenzon. He added that there were a few moments that really defined Muslim slave legitimacy in Spain. The first moment was when Muslim slaves were granted the hospital mosque. Another was the negotiation between the municipalities and slaves over demolishing the mosque because the space was needed for infrastructure. Lastly, slaves were also offered compensation for the demolition of the mosque.

"The case of Cartagena sheds an exceptional light on how bonded Muslims used Islamic and Maghrebi concepts and institutions to make sense of their communal existence under Christian rule," Harshenzon said. "Enacting an Islamic institutional hybrid organized by locals as a Latin institution hybrid. The slaves carved out a Maghrebi-Islamic jurisdictional space in one of Spain's important port cities."

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DAY OF BIRTH DRINKS AND DESSERTS

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This is going to sound self-absorbed considering the state of the world, but hear me out - I think I jinxed myself freshman year. My 19th birthday had the misfortune of landing smack-dab in the middle of the week on a weary Wednesday and featured a research proposal interview, event coverage and the longest senate meeting so far that year. At the time, I bemoaned my situation and lack of ability to properly celebrate with friends and family; the auxiliaries of premature or delayed festivities on the weekend just don't have the same appeal. Instead, I put my hopes on the sought-after Friday and Saturday for my 20th and 21st birthdays, respectively. It seemed far away at the time, but for 2021, I envisioned getting my first Beaver and commemorative T-shirt at Ted's, bar-hopping to Huskies and Tav and making my first purchase at the liquor store(s). Well, my day of legal consumption has come - this Saturday, April 10 - but I can't necessarily party it up in the way I intended. (Let's not talk about the fairly somber event that was my 20th birthday.) Nonetheless,

I'm not going to let my unrealistic expectations damper my hopes. Despite the stressful nature of the past year, things are looking up; more people are getting vaccinated thanks to wider availability, we're hoping for a safe return to in-person operations at UConn in the fall and things might be falling in place for my senior year.

With that long-winded intro, let's get into the meat (or the sweets) of my column today. Cake is the quintessential birthday food, yet it's universally known that people will indulge in other treats in addition, whether because of preference, sentiment or both. I love cake, but as a foodie, I must admit my partiality towards the other deserving desserts, which I will feature here. And, as I'm turning 21, it's only fitting I present a wish list of the drinks I've been wanting to try. So, without further ado, here are the drinks and desserts I will dream about for my 21st year around the sun.

Espresso martini (and other coffee-flavored concoctions)

Even before I became a regular coffee drinker during quarantine, I knew I would become

just as much of an addict as most of my family, considering my fondness for the flavor - and I was right. This cocktail made with

espresso, coffee liqueur and simple syrup caught my eye for a classy, sweet dessert drink. I also certainly wouldn't object to other coffee-liqueur-infused drinks with Kahlua and Bailey's.

Cinnamon buns

Who wouldn't love a birthday bun? Cinnamon buns are perhaps my favorite sweet, and those from Cinnabon are the best in the business - not just from a chain, but in general. The generous proportion of cinnamon butter swirled into the pastry and the

rich, tangy cream cheese frosted on top creates a very indulgent treat. However, I may have to de-

fer to these ube sweet rolls from Sweet Desert Bar in Los Angeles for a change. As a Filipina, it's only fitting I'm an ube fiend, and I know the creamy, nutty taste will shine as a goody filling.

Mimosa

Everyone has a fruity drink they're fond of, but I figure I should try the classic boozy brunch pick. As I see it, champagne is a necessity for a celebration, and I was addicted to orange juice as a child, so endless mimosas are the dream drink of young Hollie.

Lovely Levain's

Out of the more classic desserts, cookies have my heart. They're so unassuming and humble, yet serve as a vessel of that desirable crisp outside, melty inside that so many other foods strive to achieve. You can toss any combination of ingredients and flavors into these discs of deliciousness, from a comforting classic of chocolate chip to boujee bakery-style pistachio sea salt, what-have-you. But I long for the day I try the legendary goliath cookies from Levain's, a New York staple.

Long Island Iced Tea

As a newbie, you couldn't have expected me to know there's not iced tea in this drink. I don't think I could have guessed the combination of liquids in it, though - vodka, rum, tequila, gin, triple sec, sour mix and a splash of Coke? I have no idea how that will taste, but I definitely am tempted to try.

Honorable mentions: Sex on the beach, affogato sundae from Caffè Panna, scorpion bowl, slutty brownies and wine tasting.

Have suggestions for what I should add to my featured foods? Don't be afraid to dish it out.

THIRSTY THURSDAYS

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All great things must come to an end. And while I'm sure Thirsty Thursdays will be carried on in the future (because who doesn't want to write about alcohol?) I will no longer be your drunken guide. But now is not the time to be sad, it's time to celebrate. Celebrate a much needed spring break. Hopefully, we can also celebrate the end to asynchronous and unwanted online learning. And for some of us, celebrate our last month of college. So, no tears my friends. Bust out the champagne. It's time to say cheers.

Champagne is the height of classiness. Marketed as a more refined and expensive bubbly wine than prosecco, it is the perfect way to splurge and celebrate the end

of things. And lucky for us, it makes for absolutely scrumptious cocktails.

French 75: This cocktail is believed to be created by American soldiers stationed in France during WWII, who used champagne in place of soda in their rendition of a Tom Hollins. It is made of one ounce of gin, half an ounce of lemon juice, half an ounce of simple syrup, four ounces of chilled champagne and ice. Once the drink is properly chilled, strain the ice and pour into a chilled (very boujee!) champagne flute. If you don't feel like a soldier relaxing in a picturesque French village while drinking this, then throw it out and try again. Clearly you messed up somehow.

Platinum Sparkle: Fantastic! A drink with a very silly, wedding party-esque name. The best part? It also looks like something a bride would drink. So how do you make it? All you'll need is ice, one shot of vodka, half an ounce of maraschino liqueur, half an ounce of Lillet Blanc, half an ounce of lemon juice, half an ounce (although I would definitely add more) of

champagne and one maraschino cherry for garnish. The very fact that this drink contains two liqueurs is evidence of its celebratory nature.

Lush: Although I am not a lush, I am a diehard fan of this drink, and really any drink that incorporates elderflower liqueur. Add ice to a shaker, throw in an ounce of vodka, half an ounce of Grand Marnier and a shot of elderflower liqueur (it actually calls for syrup, but the liqueur is far superior) and shake well. Then, strain the concoction into a martini glass, add a generous amount of rosé champagne and garnish with frozen champagne grapes (available at your local Trader Joe's). This drink is a stunning blush color, and is sure to make you feel as classy as someone going to a Broadway after-party (where the drink is rather popular).

I hope you all enjoy these cocktails. I, for one, will be trying each of them out over the coming weeks to celebrate the end of this crazy semester. And really, this crazy college career. Happy spring break, everyone. Cheers!



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The ocean splashes ashore on the beach at Rocky Neck State Park on a partly cloudy Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Warm temperatures and sunlight brought out many after a winter being stuck inside. PHOTO BY ELIZABETH HE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Connecticut: Combating voter suppression begins at home

OP-ED

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Voting means many things to many people.

For some, it is a civic duty, cherished as one of the ways that we can shape the world as we see fit. For others, it is a safeguard of ideals to preserve systems, or a mechanism to introduce completely new ones. Above all else, voting remains the critical measurement of the health of democracy as we know it. Yet, here in Connecticut, recent proposals that came before the General Assembly this year should remind us why we must never take the ease with which we vote for granted.

As a vehicle for change, voting has delivered. It is an idea deeply intertwined with the founding of our nation, and is a conduit for progress in an ever-changing world. Our ability to vote has gradually expanded through immense strife and struggle spanning many generations to better reflect the ideas of this great nation.

Although there is voting access, there are some who feel threatened by a healthy, well-functioning democracy. These people spout conspiracies of fraud and impropriety, claims that cast a blanket of doubt on the legitimacy of our entire electoral system. While the United States endures a raging pandemic, recent headlines have brought another insidious and deeply-ingrained disease to light: voter suppression.

On March 25, 2021, national headlines were flooded with news that the infamous Election Integrity Act of 2021 was signed into Georgia law by Republican Governor Brian Kemp. After the Peach State unexpectedly flipped blue, both in its 2020 presidential count and its two Senate seats, the suppressive partisan forces came out of the woodwork to prevent such an event from happening again. This act, among other things, limits access and erects more identification barriers to receiving absentee ballots, and even criminalizes distributing water bottles to voters waiting in lines at polling places.

As explained by the Center for Science and Democracy, most changes to electoral law that have occurred in the last century have expanded the ability of citizens to participate in our elections. In 1920, the franchise was expanded to women in the 19th Amendment. Throughout the 1960s, constitutional amendments and pivotal legislation banned restrictions that targeted the political participation of African Americans nationwide.

Most of today's voter suppression is comprised of deceitful state regulations and legislation intended to deepen chaos, confusion and distrust amongst average voters. Photo ID laws, changes in polling place access and early deadlines for registration have made it significantly more difficult for Americans to participate in their democracy. Many of these proposals are introduced under the guise of combatting "fraud," a largely debunked narrative still promulgated by major news sources, and their ramifications disproportionately affect this country's most deprived communities. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, as of March 24, approximately 361 bill concepts were proposed across 47 states consisting of these restrictions.

In recent years, Connecticut has taken proud steps to combat voter suppression and expand ballot access. In 2012, the state enacted Election Day Registration, which allows voters to register in a centralized location within their town or city on the day of an election and vote. Proposals to amend the State Constitution to allow for early voting have continually been raised in legislative chambers for consideration, and leadership, both on the Government Administrations and Election Committee and from Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, have pushed Connecticut policy to expand ballot access in meaningful ways.

Even still, this year 11 bills were initially proposed to Connecticut's General Assembly that the Brennan Center deemed suppressive or restrictive in nature. These proposals included adding photo ID requirements (Connecticut currently does not require a photo ID) and eliminating Election Day Registration outright. Most of these received little support on the GAE Committee, if they managed to garner a vote at all.

Despite being in a progressive state for voting policy, we must not forget that these proposals, even if not formally advanced, have the potential to cause significant damage to our institutions. In order to protect our democracy, we have to fight to keep it, both in Georgia and in Connecticut. In the years to come, there will continue to be proposals for subtle rollbacks and infringements upon the ability of our citizens to vote.

Therefore, we must continue to testify and strive to support the free expression of all Connecticut voters to exercise their civic duty unimpeded. Voting should not be a partisan issue, and making it so undermines the very mission of representative government. Connecticut must advance protections for no-excuse absentee ballot voting, implement greater automatic voter registration and send a clear message to our voters that, above all else, their voices will be heard.

This year, the Connecticut General Assembly has the ability to determine our state's way forward for years to come. It is imperative for the health of our democracy that we keep our elections free, open and, most importantly, fair.

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF WORDS WITH OVER 250,000 OF THEM.

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Martinez (2B, 2 RBI), Vázquez HR leads Red Sox past Rays 9-2

BOSTON (AP) — Christian Vázquez homered, Xander Bogaerts had three hits and J.D. Martinez went for extra bases for the seventh game in a row on Wednesday to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 9-2 and complete a three-game sweep.

Nathan Eovaldi (1-1) allowed one run, three hits and three walks over seven innings with seven strikeouts. The Red Sox, swept by lowly Baltimore in their opening series over the weekend, beat the defending AL champion Rays in three straight by a combined 26-9.

Coming into the series, the Rays had won eight straight at Fenway Park and 13 of 14.

“On Sunday, going home it was a tough one,” said Red Sox manager Alex Cora, whose team now heads to Baltimore. “Hopping on this plane, it’s going to be a different feeling. But nothing changes. We need to work to get better.”

Ryan Yarbrough (0-1), who pitched 5 2/3 shutout innings in his first outing this season, added three more scoreless before Bogaerts singled in a run and scored on Vázquez’s line drive over the Green Monster in the fourth. Vázquez also homered on Tuesday night to tie it in the ninth inning before Boston won it in the 12th; he caught the entire game.

“He needed a break, but obviously he’s really good against lefties,” Cora said. “He’s one of the toughest ones in that clubhouse. He wants to play every day. That catching position is a tough one; He nails it.”

Boston added six in the fifth -- all with two outs -- thanks to sloppy Tampa fielding.

Martinez doubled with runners on first and second to score two runs -- his major league-leading sixth double this season. Bogaerts singled on a hard-hit ball that shortstop Willy Adames couldn’t handle, then Vázquez followed with an RBI single.

Hunter Renfroe then hit a ground-er to shortstop and Adames threw it wide of first base. As the ball rolled around in the netting above the photo pit next to the dugout, both Bogaerts and Vázquez scored.

Christian Arroyo followed with a double to make it 9-1 and send the Rays to their fourth straight loss. In all, Yarbrough was charged with a career-high nine runs -- six of them earned -- and nine hits in five innings.

Martinez, who homered in the 2020 finale, is the first Red Sox player with at least one extra-base hit in each of the team’s first six games since David Ortiz started the 2005 season with six straight. Martinez also has had two or more RBIs in each of the last four games.

Boston had double-digit hits for the third straight game.

“I feel like we have one of the best offenses in baseball,” said Eovaldi, who has allowed one or zero runs in each of his last six starts dating to Aug. 20. “Other teams are sleeping on us right now, which is fine. I feel like we’re going to be able to go out there and compete.”

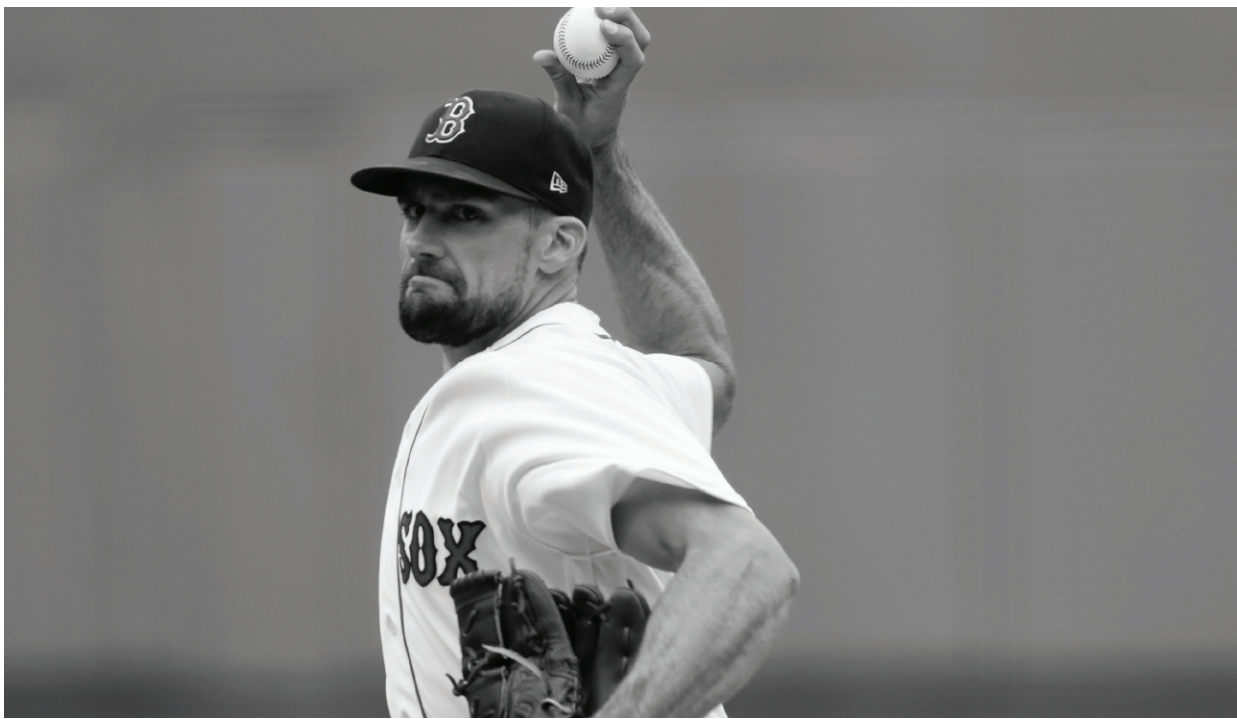
TRAINERS ROOM

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodríguez (left elbow inflammation) will come off the IL and start the series opener in Baltimore on Thursday. Tanner Houck, who started Saturday’s game against the Orioles and allowed three runs in five innings, was optioned to the team’s alternate training site in Worcester.

UP NEXT

Rays: LHP Rich Hill pitches in the series opener against the New York Yankees.

Red Sox: Rodríguez makes his delayed debut when the Red Sox open their series at Baltimore.



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Fenway Park, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in Boston.

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Boston Red Sox's Christian Arroyo celebrates his RBI double in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Fenway Park, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in Boston.

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Panda! Sandoval helps Braves sweep doubleheader against Nats



Atlanta Braves' Pablo Sandoval watches his two-run home run during the seventh inning of the second baseball game of the team's doubleheader against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in Washington. The Braves won 2-0.

PHOTO BY ALEX BRANDON/AP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yes, Pablo Sandoval is 34 and in his 14th year in the majors, a two-time All-Star and a World Series MVP. He still needed to prove himself in spring training to earn a roster spot with the Atlanta Braves and a \$1 million, one-year deal.

He’s sure paying dividends quickly.

The guy affectionately known as Kung Fu Panda hit his second pinch-hit homer in a week Wednesday, driving a two-run shot to the deepest part of the ballpark off a Washington reliever who took over after Stephen Strasburg’s six scoreless innings and lifting the Braves to a 2-0 victory over the Nationals for a doubleheader sweep.

“I don’t want to lie,” said Sandoval, who hit three homers in one game for the San Francisco Giants in the 2012 Fall Classic. “It’s one of those moments when you get goose bumps.”

Atlanta entered the day 0-4 but got headed in the right direction during the opener, when Ronald Acuña Jr. led the way with a double and a pair of singles to help the Braves win 7-6.

Sandoval signed a minor league contract in January with the Braves, then earned a job, which sure looks like a wise choice by the club.

“No situation’s going to be too big,” manager Brian Snitker said. “Not only in that role, but in the clubhouse, too. This guy is awesome to have on your team.”

Sandoval came off the bench to homer on opening day, then did the same Wednesday. He turned on a 96 mph fastball from Tanner Rainey (0-1) with a 3-2 count, sending it more than 400 feet following Dansby Swanson’s two-out single in the seventh and final inning.

“I missed my spot,” Rainey said, “and he didn’t miss his swing.”

The righty hadn’t faced hitters since the exhibition finale in Florida nine days earlier. A coronavirus

outbreak that hit the Nationals kept them from working out or playing for nearly a full week.

Luke Jackson (1-0) earned the win in Game 2 by pitching around a pair of walks in the sixth.

Sean Newcomb got three strikeouts for the save.

“That’s closer stuff, right there,” Snitker said.

Strasburg hadn’t pitched in a regular-season game since being shut down last August and having carpal tunnel surgery on his right wrist.

Reaching 95 mph with his fastball, Strasburg struck out eight and walked two while exceeding his total inning output for 2020, which was just five.

The 2019 World Series MVP made only two appearances last year. The 32-year-old right-hander’s preparation this spring was slowed by a left calf issue, but he showed zero signs of being anything but at his best Wednesday, retiring his last 10 batters.

“That was awesome to see,” manager Dave Martinez said. “Man, he looked great.”

The only hit Strasburg allowed was a single to the game’s second batter, Ozzie Albies. The only real trouble came in the third, when Strasburg walked Acuña and Albies, bringing Freddie Freeman to the plate. But Strasburg retired the reigning NL MVP on a fly to center.

“My execution was not very good most of spring training,” Strasburg said. “I thought my execution was a lot better today and it’s a step in the right direction.”

Strasburg, who doubled in his first at-bat, was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth after 85 pitches.

Huascar Ynoa went five scoreless innings for Atlanta, allowing two hits.

In Game 1, the Braves put up five runs in the second inning off Erick Fedde (0-1), then held on with a save

by Will Smith a day after he gave up a walk-off hit to Juan Soto.

Smith, Atlanta’s fifth pitcher, didn’t have an easy time of things, though.

Trying to protect a 7-5 lead Wednesday, the first batter he faced was Soto. This time, Soto walked, and Starlin Castro drove him in with a double. Then, with two men on, Smith got Andrew Stevenson to ground into a double play.

“This was kind of an agonizing week,” Snitker said after Atlanta avoided what would have been its first 0-5 start since 2016. “A good day to end the road trip.”

STRASBURG’S SESSION

Strasburg said he managed to get in a throwing session with a bullpen catcher while the Nationals were idle by crawling through some bushes and hopping a fence to get into a Little League field in Virginia.

“I didn’t want to do that again,” he said.

HUMDRUM

Even though 4,927 spectators were present — unlike last season, when all fans were banned — there still was fake crowd noise piped in, offering an odd, and annoying, hum of a soundtrack.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Braves: RHP Mike Soroka, sidelined since August after tearing his Achilles tendon, will be shut down for two weeks because of inflammation in his right shoulder. He threw an inning during a simulated game Tuesday and does not have any structural damage, Snitker said. ... Game 1 pitcher Max Fried was hit by a batted ball but neither he nor Snitker sounded too worried about the lefty’s leg. “Nothing too serious,” the pitcher said.

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Photo of the Day | Should've known better



UConn men's soccer players watch as Providence's goalie tries to make a save on a shot on goal. Providence beat UConn 2-0 on Feb. 27 at Morrone Stadium in Storrs. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Danny's top 5 sporting events as a UConn student

TOP 5, cont. from p. 12

4. Men's basketball vs. Florida, Nov. 17, 2019

This is actually the only game on this list that I was at solely as a fan. I have really great memories of this day. The game happened on my 21st birthday, and my parents and sister came down from outside of Boston to see me. We went to this game together, and it was a blast. It was their first ever UConn basketball game, and boy was it a good one.

The Huskies were coming off a brutal loss against St. Joseph's, so I didn't think they had a chance against Florida, who was ranked No. 15 in the country at the time. But, I underestimated the Gampel Pavilion advantage. The place was sold out that day, and the crowd was as loud and rowdy as I've ever seen. Florida could never get comfortable that day. Even though UConn didn't play a great game either — they shot under 20% from three — they still made enough plays to come away with a huge 62-59 win. Christian Vital and Tyler Polley led the way with 15 points each.

This was an awesome game and one of the most electric atmospheres I've ever seen at any sporting event. It was also a terrific birthday present for me.

3. Men's hockey comebacks vs. BU and UMass, Feb. 21 and 28, 2020

Ok, I'm kind of cheating with this one because it's actually two games. But, they happened just a week apart and they're so similar that I just roll them together as one event in my mind. I was on the men's hockey beat for this season, and looking back, it

was probably my favorite beat I was on here at UConn. Men's basketball was obviously fun this year, but with such limited access due to COVID-19, I didn't get to have the full experience of covering the team in person.

This men's hockey season, however, was just magic, especially starting in mid-January when they went on this incredible run, beating seemingly every team they faced. However, it wasn't until these two games that I truly believed this was a team of destiny. Both Boston University and UMass were ahead of UConn in the standings. It didn't matter. Both of them were ahead on the scoreboard late in the third period. It didn't matter. UConn wasn't going to lose.

In the BU game, the Huskies were playing terribly in the second and third periods and were down 3-2, but something changed in the final three minutes. With an extra skater, they just started peppering the BU goalie with shots. Finally, Ben Freeman knocked in a rebound to tie the game with under a minute left. Then, on the first shift of overtime, Freeman made a steal in BU's zone and found Sasha Payusov for the game-winning goal. The XL Center went crazy. This game alone probably would have made my list, but then a week later, the same thing happened.

Against UMass on Senior Night, the Huskies were trailing late again, this time 2-1. I remember sitting in the press box thinking, "They can't possibly do this again, can they?" Just then, Marc Gatcomb scored to tie the game. At that point, I knew UConn was winning. I just thought it would be in overtime again, but the Huskies weren't wasting any time. They kept the puck pinned in the UMass zone for the entire final minute, and finally



Christian Vital (1) drops the mic after addressing the crowd following UConn's exciting 77-71 win over Houston at Gampel Pavilion on March 5, 2020. It was the final home game for Vital as a Husky, and the season was canceled a week later due to the pandemic. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

with eight seconds left, Kale Howarth found a rebound in the middle of the ice and sent it into the net to win. The XL Center was even more filled that night, and it was the loudest I ever heard it for a hockey game.

Obviously two weeks later, the season got canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic right before the Hockey East Tournament was about to start. I'm convinced that if it had happened, UConn would have made a surprising run and possibly could have won it. That was a special team.

2. Women's basketball exhibition vs. the U.S. Women's National Team, Jan. 27, 2020

This exhibition was an absolutely incredible event to be a part of, and it really had nothing to do with the game itself. I volunteered to cover this event for UCTV the week before because I thought it would be cool to see the current UConn team facing off with some UConn legends. But I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

There was so much happening at once that night at the XL Center. Just one day earlier, Kobe and Gianna Bryant were among the nine who died in a helicopter crash. I didn't realize how much that affected the UConn community until that night. Kobe was a huge supporter of women's sports, and Gianna dreamed of being a player at UConn. Every player on UConn's team knew Kobe and Gianna. Geno Auriemma knew Kobe and Gianna. Every player on Team USA knew Kobe and Gianna. UConn set up a special chair with a UConn No. 2 jersey on UConn's bench to honor Gianna, and the game started with a tribute to all the deceased.

But at the same time, it was a night of celebration. UConn's 2009 and 2010 National Championship teams were honored pregame on the 10th

anniversary of the repeat undefeated champions. So quite literally, almost every UConn women's basketball legend was under the same roof. You had Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Breanna Stewart (playing in her first game since her Achilles tear), Tina Charles and Katie Lou Samuelson on Team USA. You had Maya Moore and Renee Montgomery, among others, as part of the 2009 and 2010 team celebration. You had Rebecca Lobo calling the game on ESPN.

It was such an amazing night that I will always remember. Everywhere you turned, you were surrounded by legends of women's basketball. I remember postgame bouncing around to interviews with all of them. I was just in awe. I'm getting goosebumps just remembering the range of emotions of that night. Oh yeah, and Team USA won 79-64.

1. Men's basketball Senior Night vs. Houston, March 5, 2020

It's hard to put anything above that Team USA exhibition event, but the game itself wasn't all that interesting, which allows this game to take the top spot. This was the loudest I've ever heard Gampel Pavilion. Christian Vital and Alterique Gilbert were honored for Senior Night before the game, and the team came out with a different fire that night. I was writing a story for UConn Athletics about Vital and Gilbert, but I wasn't on deadline, so I really got to just sit back and enjoy the game.

The players were clearly feeding off the energy of the crowd, and vice versa. Every basket UConn made, the crowd seemed to get louder. I'm not sure how Gampel's roof stayed on that night. Houston took a seven-point lead into halftime, but UConn came out hot in the second half and was able to tie the game at 41 less

than four minutes in. From there, it was back and forth the whole way until Vital took over in the last few minutes. He hit some big shots down the stretch and sank eight clutch free throws to seal the game.

Vital was not going to let his final home game end in anything other than a win, and he finished with a heroic 26-point performance in the 77-71 win. Houston was ranked at the time, and they went to the Final Four this year with almost the same team, so that was a really impressive win. I think it could have sparked a run in the conference tournament had it been played, but just a week after this game, everyone's lives would change as the pandemic really set in.

Two memories will always stand out for me in that game. The first was Vital addressing the crowd after the game and the crowd just showering him with love and appreciation. Vital had a tough career at UConn, but that's how I and a lot of other people will remember him. The second was something Houston's coach Kelvin Sampson said in his press conference after the game. Sampson, who coached at Gampel quite a few times over the years as the coach of Oklahoma and Indiana, said, "It sounded like the old days in here tonight." When I heard that, I knew UConn basketball was going to be back on the map really soon.

Well, that's it. I had to leave some great games off of here, including the Ray Allen number retirement game, baseball's thrilling comeback against Bryant earlier this week and women's soccer's season finale in 2019 that ended on an offside call to wipe UConn's game-winning goal off the board. But I'm confident that these are the five best games I've gotten to attend as a UConn student. Thanks for sticking with me.



UConn captain Wyatt Newpower (20) skates with the puck in a game against Boston University on Feb. 21, 2020. UConn won the game 4-3 in dramatic fashion with two late goals. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Gilson's Sports Guide: Watch women's basketball



UConn guard Paige Bueckers (5) attempts to control the ball against a trio of Arizona Wildcats during the second half in the national semifinals of the women's Final Four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament at Alamodome. PHOTO BY TROY TAORMINA/USA TODAY

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If I were to sit here and tell whoever is reading this column that I've been a fan of women's sports since I was a kid, I'd be lying big time. Up until recently, I fell into stride with most people, believing men's sports were more exciting, required more skill and were more worthy of my time.

But after spending just the past half-year covering UConn women's basketball, I can now truthfully say that I'll undoubtedly continue to watch them for the foreseeable future. Their games are just as exciting, require just as much skill and, while lacking in the highlight dunks, are just as worthy of your time. If you don't believe me, let me throw some numbers your way that prove you might now be in the minority.

According to SkullSparks, UConn women's basketball ranked third among both men and women's teams in social media interactions, trailing only Illinois and Michigan MBB with 1,888,590 interactions. Viewership statistics show that ABC reported 1.6 million people tuned into the Sweet 16 matchup between UConn and Iowa, while ESPN said the title game between Stanford and Arizona peaked at 5.3 million viewers.

Were the men's numbers better? Sure, but not by much. And even so, how much of that is due to a preference of who to watch versus a sheer matter of circumstance?

In 2019, Deadline found that ESPN, the host of the women's tournament final, brought in an average viewership of 730,000 people aged 18-49. Meanwhile, ABC, who aired this year's men's national championship, garners an average of 5.7 million viewers on primetime

events. A huge difference.

Furthermore, the women's game was shown at 6 p.m., where the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 41.4 percent of people who watch TV do so at that time, compared to 54.8 percent beginning at 9 p.m., when the men's game tipped off.

So sure, the men had better numbers, but the women put up historic numbers themselves with fewer opportunities to do so when compared to the men. But enough of the numbers — this column is about why you should watch women's basketball in the future, not why you should have in the past. So, let's get into it.

One of the biggest misconceptions of the women's game is that it's predictable. Ever since UConn won four of four national titles with Breanna Stewart and won 111 straight games, people believe that the Huskies will always come out on top and therefore the game isn't worth watching, but this couldn't be further from the truth. While the women's tournament didn't have as many upsets as the men's — which, let's be honest, had borderline too many — it had enough to shut down anyone who believes the outcome always occurs as expected.

In the last four national championships since 2016, there have been four different champions: South Carolina, Notre Dame, Baylor and now Stanford. For you UConn-centric fans, while the Huskies have made the Final Four each of the past four years, they have seen three different opponents, their lone repeat being Notre Dame in 2018 and 2019.

And whereas UConn's trips to the national championship from 2012-2016 all ended in relative blowouts, the last four titles have been decided by an average of four points, with the last two ending in just a one-point game. Anyone who says they don't watch the sport be-

cause it's too easy to predict clearly hasn't watched a game in the past five years, because this is the most balanced we've seen the league in a long time, with any team able to go the distance.

As for the game itself, many people's complaints stem from the lack of athleticism, speed or flare in the women's game. But with more talented players coming in every year, we are entering the prime time in terms of talent for college basketball.

Paige Bueckers, Caitlin Clark and Hailey Van Lith represent some of the most exciting and prolific guards in the game. Their ability to score at will from all points of the floor while also being incredible distributors is next to none. All of them are freshmen.

Aliyah Boston, Cameron Brink and Charlisse Leger-Walker are some of the best frontcourt players the nation has to offer, using their height and strength to bully around opponents inside on both ends of the floor. Brink and Leger-Walker are freshmen while Boston, a semi-finalist for Naismith player of the year in 2020 and finalist in 2021, is just a sophomore.

For incoming players, UConn's Azzi Fudd represents the best and most hyped-up prospect since Breanna Stewart. With a smooth jumper, great ball handling and a drive to be the best, she and Paige are sure to form the next great duo in college basketball history.

So, if none of that sounds interesting to you, go ahead and keep watching the men's games for some speed and highlight reel dunks. But for those of you who want to see equally great basketball night in and night out as we usher the next greats into the game, I implore you to watch women's college basketball next season. You won't regret it.

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Stanford guards Kiana Williams (23) and Haley Jones (30) walk off the court after winning the national championship game of the women's Final Four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament against the Arizona Wildcats at Alamodome. PHOTO BY TROY TAORMINA/USA TODAY



Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer cuts the net after winning the national championship game of the women's Final Four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament against the Arizona Wildcats at the Alamodome. PHOTO BY KIRBY LEE/USA TODAY



Sports

Roundtable: Where should James Bouknight get drafted?

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With the college season officially behind us, basketball fans can look forward to seeing some of their favorite players make it big in the pros. For UConn, James Bouknight is slated to be the first lottery pick out of Connecticut since Jeremy Lamb and Andre Drummond back in 2012. With his skillset, he is sure to have an immediate impact wherever he ends up. But where should that be? In today's roundtable, the DC Sports section will be giving our takes on what team would be the ideal landing spot for Bouknight to thrive as he takes the next step into the big leagues:

Evan Rodriguez
Campus Correspondent

After looking over each team's needs, I truly believe that James Bouknight's perfect fit would be with the New Orleans Pelicans. With Eric Bledsoe currently sitting at the starting shooting guard spot, a fresh new face is great for the Pelicans, especially if they can flip Bledsoe for some quality talent off the bench. Even if they decide to keep Bledsoe, the ability to allow Bouknight to come off the bench and get accustomed to NBA-level competition is not a bad decision at all. All in all, Bouknight would be the perfect fit for a young Pelicans team if they want to grab some quality talent for the future.

Cole Stefan
Campus Correspondent



UConn guard James Bouknight (2) shoots the ball over Maryland forward Donta Scott (24) as UConn forward Isaiah Whaley (5) looks on during the second half in the first round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament at Mackey Arena. PHOTO BY JOSHUA BICKEL/USA TODAY

Decisions, decisions, decisions. Bouknight specifically said he wanted to play for a team that will let him play almost right away. With that said, I feel like Bouknight is going to end up with either the Detroit Pistons or Orlando Magic. With the Pistons, Bouknight can work along-

side Killian Hayes to form an incredibly dangerous backcourt that drives the rebuild forward. With the Magic, Bouknight can help with the team's rebuild by providing some serious talent and depth to the backcourt that can lead to something magical when Markelle Fultz returns

from injury. Am I suggesting that Bouknight is going to start right away? No. Do I think he could get minutes late in blowouts as well as close games when needed? Absolutely. The future is bright for Bouknight, and I am excited to see where his path takes him.

Ty Reeves
Campus Correspondent

As much as I wish Bouknight would stay another season at UConn, making the jump to the NBA is definitely the best decision for him. A lot of the early teams are already guard-oriented, so finding the perfect landing spot for Bouknight is going to be complicated. A lot of people are going to say Detroit or Orlando, but Orlando already has a plethora of guards and Detroit is the laughing stock of the league. I think Memphis is the best spot for Bouknight and will give him the opportunity to grow as a player. Who knows, maybe we will see a backcourt tandem of Ja Morant and James Bouknight in the near future.

Danny Barletta
Sports Editor

As of right now, the Toronto Raptors have the No. 7 pick in the draft, and I'd love to see Bouknight go there. It's a really good franchise with a really good coach and a couple of really good players for him to learn from and work with. Even if Kyle Lowry doesn't re-sign, there's still Fred VanVleet, OG Anunoby and Pascal Siakam. Especially if they lose Lowry, the Raptors will be very thin at the guard position, so Bouknight could potentially come in and play a role right away. Toronto isn't playing well this year, but it's only a couple of years removed from a championship. Bouknight could be a key piece in getting them back to that level in the future.

DB's Weekly Take: My top 5 memorable UConn sporting events as a student

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This week is my last week on campus as a UConn student, and as a result, I'm feeling very nostalgic and sentimental. So, I figured I would use that nostalgia for my column this week. In my four years at UConn, I've been to a lot of games, most of them as a reporter, but some as a fan, too. I'm going to try and rank the five best UConn sporting events I've seen in person in that time.

The criteria for inclusion on this list includes, of course, the quality of the game itself, the atmosphere of the game and any special meaning the game had, either to the team or to myself. But the most important thing it must check off is being an exciting game to watch. So for example, UConn football vs. USF on Nov. 4, 2017 is a very special game to me because it was my second date with my girlfriend Kayla, who I've now been with for 3.5 years and have a beautiful baby daughter Natalie with. However, UConn lost that game 37-20 (big surprise, huh?) and it was never close, so that game won't be featured on here.

That being said, it's still hard to narrow it down to just five, and the list you're reading probably has already been altered at least 10 times. But here it is:

5. Women's basketball NCAA Elite Eight vs. Louisville, March 31, 2019

This number five spot was definitely the hardest to fill because I still feel like I left out a bunch of great games, but I couldn't not include this one. As a sophomore, I got to cover the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight in Albany for UCTV, and it was awesome. Albany definitely isn't the most fun city, but it was really cool to cover such a major event.

Both games were really good too. The Huskies sneaked by a tough UCLA team in the Sweet 16 69-61 only to face Louisville, who was ranked No. 5 in the country at the time and was one of only two teams to beat UConn during the regular season. It was a great game that UConn led pretty much throughout, but Louisville just wouldn't go away. After trailing by as many as 11, the Cardinals cut the lead all the way down to two, but the Huskies hit their free throws when they had to. Katie Lou Samuelson went off for 29 points, and Christyn Williams (then just a freshman) came up big with 16 points and a huge steal at the end to seal the game.

The 80-73 win sent UConn to its 12th straight Final Four, but we won't talk about what happened there against Notre Dame. This win is also significant for being the final win in the incredible careers of Samuelson and Napheesa Collier. This one had to make the list.



Napheesa Collier (24) dribbles up the court in the 2019 NCAA Women's Elite Eight against Louisville at the Times Union Center in Albany. UConn won 80-73 to go to its 12th consecutive Final Four. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, ASSOCIATE VIDEO EDITOR /THE DAILY CAMPUS

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Urbane Cole From Hell @UCFH I kinda miss the @uconn field hockey fans mistaking my account for their team account

Bryan DeNovellis @bryandeno In the span of 2 weeks, Seton Hall has gone from rebuilding to reloading. On paper, I think the Pirates will be a Top 4 team in the Big East along with Villanova, UConn and Xavier. Look out for Butler too.

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