



CT to receive nearly \$900k in multistate settlements over 2012 and 2015 data breaches

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Connecticut Attorney General William Tong announced last week that Connecticut is joining two multistate settlements for data breaches occurring in 2012 and 2015.

The data breaches “compromised the personal information of millions of consumers nationwide,” according to a state press release. Both breaches were connected to the consumer credit-reporting company Experian, and the 2015 breach also consisted of credit applications with T-Mobile.

The two companies have come to an agreement and will pay more than \$16 million, in total, to all the states involved with the settlements. Nearly \$900,000 of the payment will go to the state of Connecticut.

“Under the settlements, [Experian and T-Mobile] have agreed to improve their data security practices and

to pay the states a combined amount of more than \$16 million,” the press release said. “Connecticut will receive a total of \$886,175 from the settlements.”

The \$886,175 payment will go to the state’s general fund, according to the Office of the Attorney General’s media contact Elizabeth Benton, and is expected to arrive by January.

“[[The] money goes to the general fund,” Benton said in an email. “Payment is due within 30 days of the effective date of the settlement, which is Dec. 7. So, payment [is] expected before Jan. 7, 2023.”

According to Attorney General Tong, the settlements serve as a message to companies that they will be held accountable for failing to protect consumers’ personal information.

“Experian and T-Mobile had independent obligations to safeguard consumers’ personal information,” Tong said. “They each failed to do so in their own respects. Our

multistate settlement sends a strong message to companies that we will hold them accountable if they fail to take reasonable measures to protect consumers’ information—whether that information is managed on their own systems or entrusted to a third party.”

In the 2015 data breach, Experian reported that an unauthorized actor gained access to personal information on behalf of its client, which was T-Mobile, according to the press release. The information was linked to consumers who applied for T-Mobile’s postpaid services and device financing between September 2013 and September 2013. It included names, addresses, dates of birth, social security and identification numbers.

According to the press release, the 2015 breach affected 142,789 Connecticut residents. The corresponding settlement involves \$12.67 million from Experian, and the company has also “agreed to strengthen its due dili-

gence and data security practices going forward.”

Also included in the settlement are free credit monitoring services and two free copies of annual credit reports provided by Experian over a five-year period. Affected consumers can register for the services via an online form.

Benton spoke of the credit monitoring services as being a helpful resource for affected consumers looking to protect themselves.

“...Credit monitoring is an important way for consumers to protect themselves and we strongly encourage all impacted consumers to take advantage of this protection,” Benton said.

The separate settlement with T-Mobile covers \$2.43 million of the total payment received by the state. In that settlement, T-Mobile is expected to proceed with “detailed vendor management provisions designed to strengthen its vendor oversight going forward,” accord-

ing to the press release. This includes the establishment of a vendor risk management program, as well as vendor assessment and monitoring mechanisms.

The press release clarified that the settlement has no correlation with a T-Mobile data breach that happened in August 2021.

“The settlement with T-Mobile does not concern the unrelated, massive data breach announced by T-Mobile in August 2021, which is still under investigation by a multistate coalition of Attorneys General co-led by Connecticut,” said the press release.

Experian will pay an additional \$1 million to resolve a separate investigation regarding Experian Data Corp.’s failure to prevent or provide notice of the 2012 data breach, the press release also said. In that data breach, an identity thief assumed the position of a private investigator and gained access to sensitive personal information.



Connecticut Attorney General William Tong speaks in New London, Conn. on Oct. 26, 2022. Tong announced that Connecticut is joining two multistate settlements for data breaches occurring in 2012 and 2015.

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Professor Nicholas Smith redefines the Punk scene

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Visiting philosophy Professor Nicholas Smith has recently given “Punk” a new definition in his essay “Punk as Praxis.”

Professor Smith discovered punk music in Liverpool, England during the late-’70s, but only recently was he able to reflect on it from a philosophical point-of-view.

Punk originated in the late ’70s under a vastly different musical context, said Smith.

“It was in the context of degenerative pop music which had become very cliché: Bonnie Os. George Stewart. More progressive rock bands had become music virtuoso, so there were very long songs and albums with maybe one or two tracks, a lot of instrumental music— the Pink Floysds.”

In contrast, punk was direct both in sound and message, Smith described.

“The Sex Pistols came along. The Clash came along. And my favorite punk band, Buzzcocks came along. I loved the sound. Plus the sense of being part of something new, a culture and community that was challenging things and presenting an alternative, an alternative way of thinking and doing things to the conventional ways ... And, oh! I also really like fashion,” Smith said.

So when sitting down to write his article Smith asked “What is punk?” The common way of thinking about it as a set of songs on a playlist was not satisfying. Perhaps it was the attitude that accompanied those songs - the rebellion, anger and angst, but that was not satisfying either.

“Anarchy in the UK” by the Sex Pistols, “Garageland” by The Clash and “Boredom” by the Buzzcocks are all songs that embody the essence of punk according to Smith.

“It was more like a form of life. It was a way of doing

things. Making music, forming bands, producing, distributing songs, creating record covers and magazines. That’s all part of it ... action of a certain kind. So I came up with the idea, ah, well punk is praxis. So what is praxis? First of all, I tried to explain that [in my essay], and then in what sense is punk praxis,” Smith said.

Praxis, through the Aristotelian perspective, is defined as an “activity that is done neither in the service of a master nor for the sake of some product ... an activity that is its own end” via Smith’s essay.

In this way, Smith added, the youth is drawn to punk and it still has something to say.

The things punk challenged still need challenging Smith said.

“It challenged conformity and complacency. Part of it was a refusal of things, and I think those things still need refusing,” Smith said.

Punk artists challenged the menial, low-paid and insecure work that was promised to young people. It was a refusal to accept the end goal of just getting a job, earning money and spending it, he said.

“There’s a certain sense in which the American dream was being criticized. The Dead Kennedys in particular have a mind about that. Now it’s not as if that has disappeared. In fact, arguably it’s even worse now. The pervasiveness of inauthentic life is still with us,” Smith said.

Smith added that the time between now and the birth of punk has brought many changes. Changes in employment and social security did not allow Punk to remain untethered from the world of employment and capital.

“You didn’t have to write a hundred applications for jobs every week, you could just get a library card and you could go to the library without any money and spend your time educating yourself. You could go to university without having to pay,” Smith said.

The creation and pervasiveness of social media has made a big difference as well.

“Back then, it was very much a matter of getting together, doing things together face to face in local communities, and that was an important part of the culture—the fan scene, the record shop. The alternative to what still needs to be refused isn’t quite available today as it was,” Smith said. “Whether punk presents us with a viable alternative now like it did then is another matter now.”

Smith concluded by promoting the Undergraduate Philosophy Society where he gave a talk about his ideas.

“It was fantastic and really well organized. The discussion went on for ages afterwards, and we got to listen to a few great punk songs. I encourage other people to go,” Smith said.

If you would like to read Smith’s essay in full, you can find it on his website, <https://nicksmithphilosophy.com/>, for free or within “Punk Rock and Philosophy” by editors Joshua Heter and Richard Greene.



British power pop/punk rock band Buzzcocks performs at Cropedy Festival in 2009. Buzzcocks are the favorite punk band of professor Nicholas Smith.

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ARCTIC MONKEYS

reinvents their iconic sound on “THE CAR”

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It's evident that Alex Turner and his fellow bandmates are no longer interested in the sounds that first brought them into the spotlight; Arctic Monkeys' broody, exhilarating guitar riffs and pounding drums are absent from their new album "The Car" and are unlikely to come back.

Trading in the overdrive for a vibrant orchestra, the band creates a compelling soundscape of instruments to go with the crooning of lead singer Alex Turner. Each song features distinct sounds playing in the background, with the album's production quality as strong as ever. The band, along with their team of engineers and producers, have honed their craft over 20 years, creating music so cinematic and complex that it's fitting for any Christopher Nolan movie. Despite what some people may think, this change to a more mature, mellow sound should be welcomed.

"The Car" takes itself seriously, but never teeters into the realm of self-importance. Turner's always had a penchant for strong wordplay mixed with a paranoid self-reflection, but here, he truly dives deep below the surface. The album dedicates itself to love, maturity and the confusion that comes with the both of them.

This is not an easy listen by any means, and that can be off-putting to some. This is music that makes you think. It's the type of album you put on and get lost in the granularity of the sound and production, feeling as if you were in the very studio it was performed. "The Car" invites you to trade in beer and teenage angst for adult contemplation and wine. However, an album isn't a strong album unless it has clear highlights that leave an impression on the listener.

This album is worth listening to in its entirety. The songs mesh together so well that there's no clear deviation from the album's prevailing sound, and despite having two lead singles, none of the songs feel designed for the sake of radio play. The single "Body Paint" is simple in its approach to the point it could be seen as formulaic. Take bright synths, a punchy piano and Turner crooning over a doomed relationship and you get a recipe for success. A recipe that works

so well that we see it repeated for the other single "There'd Better Be a Mirrorball."

But not all love is woe on the album; Turner takes the time to reveal insecurities involving the band and their careers on the cuts "Big Ideas" and "Hello You." Reflecting back on the sound that first made them popular, Turner wonders aloud whether such success could ever be possible again. He recalls the excitement of the formation of the group on "Big Ideas" and then bids farewell to those times on "Hello You."

"Perfect Sense" is a fitting farewell for this relatively short album (it's only 37 minutes long), being that it's the shortest song on the album as well. Sparse in its construction, the song has Turner come to terms with the 20-year fame enjoyed by the band, seemingly making peace with the journey so far.

Across its 10-song catalog, the album is filled with moments of contemplation and acceptance. Though shrouded in mystery and a tangled mess of thoughts and ideas, Turner give us glimpses of himself in interesting ways. Each song feels like a slice of a dramatic soundtrack and that's no small feat. Production is soaring, chord progressions complex and vocals sparse yet powerful. Despite having slow enough songs to fill the final 30 minutes of a wedding, the album never feels like it meanders. Every song has a climax that almost makes it feel as though you are watching the climax of a film, and like a good film, a synopsis doesn't do it justice.

For all the raving I've done, the album is not without its flaws. Its production-heavy, with lots of complex changes within each song. It also wouldn't make for good playlist music since it ditches large parts of its rock roots for something more refined. These things can prove to be major turn-offs for those who were expecting to rock out. It lacks many memorable lines and most certainly isn't karaoke material for anyone - excepting those with the vocal range and training to match Turner's softest enunciations. But if you isolate this album in a vacuum on its own, what you'll find is something thematic, complex and capable of moving you with a strong narrative expressed through a series of vignettes. Arctic Monkeys is fully-grown and despite their rock past, that's a good thing.

Rating: 8.7/10



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‘PICTURING THE PANDEMIC’ CENTERS ON THE IMPACT OF JOURNALING AMIDST CRISIS



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On Nov. 15, the William Benton Museum of Art hosted a webinar dedicated to Hartford Public Library’s Project called “Picturing the Pandemic: Curation, Collaboration and the Power of Journaling.”

The webinar was hosted by Sarah S. Willen, an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Connecticut and Alexis L. Boylan, a professor of art and art history and Africana studies and director of academic affairs at UConn.

Willen and Boylan covered and discussed the project, which is an online journaling platform and a future research archive. The exhibitions dedicated to the project are located in facilities all over the world: in Hartford, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; Heidelberg, Germany and Mexico City, Mexico. In addition to international organizations and curators, it is also supported and influenced by local community partners at each exhibition.

“Picturing the Pandemic” provides an online platform for people to anonymously

journal their experiences and feelings during the pandemic in the form of written texts, drawn images, taken photographs and even audio recordings.

The hosts explained the motives for the creation of the project as well as the results and gains from it. According to Willen, the pandemic had an extreme effect on people, who lacked an outlet for conveying difficult feelings.

“We could see the world shaken and things we took for granted collapsing around us,” said Willen. “The goal was creating a space where people can express themselves freely and publicly.”

Besides being a current exhibition and platform for self-expression, “Picturing the Pandemic” also serves as a future research archive.

“After 25 years, the entire collection is going to become a public historical archive,” said Boylan.

The project is not just an artistic exhibition, but is also set to be a hub for scientific research on how human beings have been affected by the pandemic mentally and emotionally.

Over 18,000 people from 55 countries contributed more than 26,000 entries; the participants’ ages ranged from

four to 90 years old.

The project has also received plenty of media attention. It was discussed in an article in The New York Times and Psychology Today, as well as foreign media sources.

During the webinar, the hosts presented people’s audio entries — raw, genuine, expressive voice recordings in numerous languages, but mostly English and Spanish.

The artistic part of the project consists of visual entries: collage pieces, computer-illustrated works, photos, painting, drawings and even sculptural pieces.

“An image becomes a part of an emotional truth-telling process,” said Willen.

At the physical exhibition in Hartford Public Library, visitors are encouraged to write their own entries on a poster. The idea of journaling as self-expression was promoted by the hosts.

“One thing we’ve done to make sure this is an active experience is giving everyone who comes a journal of their own,” said Willen.

Overall, the webinar emphasized the importance and benefits of journaling: its multifunctionality as a space for reflection and learning, as well as a therapeutic resource.



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Not everyone loves the holidays



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Hey Huskies, welcome back to Inside Maddie's Mind for the last time before Thanksgiving recess. Don't get me wrong, I welcome the break with open arms. This semester really do be semester-ing unlike any previous semester, and getting out of Storrs for a hot sec would certainly alleviate some of the constant stress of my junior year experience.

It also seems like most of campus is in a similar boat - for the past few weeks, all I've heard people talk about is the fact that break is coming up. It seems to be a one-size-fits-all fix for any stressful situation or circumstance. My professors have been motivating their students with the idea that we "just need to get through this week and then we're off," and

my friends and I can only manage to talk about how we're all just hanging on until Friday when we can all go home.

This rhetoric often goes a step further, praising both Thanksgiving and the general holiday season as the perfect fix to all fall-stresses. It's true - Mariah Carrey is finishing up defrosting - we're about to be bombarded with reminders of "the reason for the season" and "the most wonderful time of the year."

But not everyone loves the holidays. We need to be more cognizant of that fact. Even completely setting aside the ethical issue of celebrating Thanksgiving, not everyone looks forward to watching the Macy's Thanksgiving day parade or sitting around a huge turkey - and we shouldn't act like they do.

Holidays do not just magically fix everyone's lives. They can add to stress in various ways and perpetuate uncomfortable or downright unsafe situations. Not everyone has a place to go for that major family meal. Not every family can manage or afford an extravagant table spread either, and the entire holiday season can be a persistent reminder of this. Families experiencing hardship or loss will have a harder time sitting at the table. There isn't a magical fix to these issues, but brushing them under the rug to save the image

of our picture-perfect holiday season isn't benefiting anyone.

Unfortunately, we do not normalize or even acknowledge any experiences regarding the holiday season that are unpleasant on any meaningful level. Yes, it's okay to joke about arguing with your mother-in-law over dessert or

SO ARE YOU COMING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?
T we et about "Thanksgiving clapbacks," but only if it's in a laughing manner. We don't talk about any uncomfortable holiday experiences with any sense of seriousness, and it's exclusive. If anything, we make people feel bad for not liking the holidays - which is an unreasonable and unrealistic narrative.

Not everyone is looking forward to the holiday season and that is perfectly okay. It's

normal, even if we hesitate to talk about it. There are people that dread going home for the holidays for reasons deeper than not getting along perfectly with extended family. This can be an extremely isolating experience, especially considering the pervasive themes of togetherness and unity that are paraded around this time of year. It's frustrating to know that you are the dis-sentencing

opinion on what is portrayed as the happiest time of year.

This is not my personal war against the holidays and I'm not testing the waters to see how an anti-holiday column might be received in a few weeks. If the holiday season is truly that mythical, wonderful time of the year for you, that's good. It's okay to be thankful for that. But assuming "everyone loves the holidays" or regarding the holiday season in general as a magical time or the ideal time of year is not accurate. Perpetuating such a narrative is exclusive. As always, the human experience is vast and we shouldn't act like it isn't.



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Is gene therapy a possible future for hemophiliacs?

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"Maybe a fairy tale, maybe a mystery, but sometimes the real heroes are found in the hearts of small children fighting big diseases." - Unknown.

Imagine it's Thanksgiving break. You finally get some time off from college to see your family. It's a nice warm Saturday. You go outside to make barbecue chicken with your favorite recipe while your dog wags his tail and licks his lips as he excitedly follows you outside. Your friend joins you to help. Oh no! The spatula suddenly fell. You and your friend both reach down to grab it but neither of you saw the small rusty nail under the grill. As you both struggle to retrieve the spatula the rusty nail cuts you both. After a few minutes you realize your friend's cut had stopped bleeding while yours keeps on continuously pouring blood. You're now stunned and wondering why you can't stop bleeding. Hmm, you wondered, what could this be? This my friend is the

life of a hemophilia patient.

According to the Center for Disease Control, hemophilia is a genetic condition in which the blood does not clot properly and is X-linked recessive. Due to this, spontaneous bleeding can occur from injuries. Internal bleeding is also common, which can lead to permanent disability and can become deadly if the damages spread to organs. Genes known as factor VIII and factor IX create clotting factors within the body and act to clot the blood whenever there is a cut. Blood travels through our capillaries, arteries and veins; however, when there's a tear within these we start to bleed. Platelets accompanied by clotting factors gather to close these regions whenever there is a cut. People with hemophilia do not have enough of one of the clotting factors, hence they bleed longer than normal people. If factor VIII is deficient, then that person is said to have hemophilia A and if factor IX is deficient the individual is said to have hemophilia B.

Currently, hemophilia is treated by taking injections which contain the missing clotting factors. This is done by injecting it

directly into the patient's vein. The problem with this is that the clotting factors will continuously decrease and must be replaced, hence the injection must be taken regularly. Imagine the immense pain small children and even adults must go through just for this treatment - this painful injection on a regular basis could torment anyone. What if there was a better way to treat the disease? What if the better way requires only a one-time injection? This is where gene therapy comes in.

Gene therapy is a method used to modify a person's genes to cure or treat a disease. In this case, the defective genes which produce clotting factors VIII and IX can be replaced with functional copies. To do this, a

vector is needed, which is used as a vehicle to deliver the genes. Liver cells produce clotting factors, hence the genes' need to be incorporated into the liver cells. A functional version of the VIII and IX genes are incorporated in the vector for delivery. Once delivered to the liver intravenously, it is now able to produce functional clotting factors back into the blood and enable blood to clot as it normally would in a person without hemophilia. The benefit of this treatment is that once the defective genes are replaced by functional ones, they will continue to produce the clotting factors as opposed to the current treatment, where drugs containing the clotting factors have to be taken regularly.

Gene therapy should be the default treatment for hemophil-

ia, as it is just a one-time injection and offers a possible cure to the disease unlike the current treatments. Currently, there are pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer working on gene therapy treatments, however these treatments are still in clinical trials. The downside of gene therapy for hemophilia is the relatively high cost for a single treatment, but if we factor in the costs for the multiple treatments currently being used now, it would eventually surpass the cost of one gene therapy treatment. Although the cost may be alarming, it is still more cost effective than life-long treatments. Would you rather take painful injections multiple times a week for the rest of your life or take a one-time treatment as a potential cure?



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Opinion StudyBreak

Photo of the Day | Strolling in the U



Students who finished class walk on Union Street in the Student Union on Monday, Nov. 14th. The warm union light gives a comfortable feeling.

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MOVE OVER DONALD, IT'S TIME FOR RONALD

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Three weeks ago, I authored a lengthy piece predicting the results of six key 2022 Senate elections. To summarize, I predicted the Senate would be divided 50-50, with wins by: Mark Kelly (D-Arizona), Herschel Walker (R-Georgia), Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-Nevada), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), John Fetterman (D-Pennsylvania) and Ron Johnson (R-

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Wisconsin). Though I did not include my House of Representatives predictions in that article, I expected the GOP to win a 15-25 seat majority in Congress' lower chamber.

As Election Day neared and polls showed Republican candidates gaining nationwide, I feared I might have to eat my words underestimating the so-called "red wave." However, the Democrats exceeded everyone's recent expectations last Tuesday by hanging tough in many key races.

In Pennsylvania, Fetterman somehow defeated Oz by more than I had predicted before his disastrous debate performance. And in Georgia, Raphael Warnock — with some help from the Libertarians keeping Walker below 50% — looks poised to edge past the football star and set up Georgia's second runoff election in as many years. Said runoff is scheduled for Dec. 6, which gives both parties an entire month to slip up.

Speaking of screwing up Georgia runoffs, it is widely believed that former President Donald Trump's influence there in 2020 hurt GOP Senate candidates Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue, costing the party control of the upper chamber. During this year's midterms, we have seen — and could see, given Trump's four-decade friendship with Walker — a similar story in which Republicans snatch defeat from

the jaws of victory. In this scenario, Democrats would not only hold, but gain Senate seats in a year with record inflation.

Truly crazy, but who is to blame? The GOP's underwhelming midterms performance may not be completely Trump's fault, but principled conservatives and right-leaning voters alike should be furious with the former president for endorsing candidates so impulsively in key races.

Look no further than Arizona and Pennsylvania — two states that narrowly voted for President Joe Biden in 2020, but should have been easy to flip red in 2022. Trump's picks, Blake Masters and Dr. Mehmet Oz, respectively, were simply not strong candidates. Given the national environment this year, more serious candidates like Arizona's Doug Ducey or Pennsylvania's David McCormick could have defeated Kelly or Fetterman.

In Nevada, Trump initially seemed poised to get away with endorsing 2020 election denier Adam Laxalt, but Laxalt was defeated by a late surge of mail-in/absentee ballots for Cortez-Masto. And in the Midwest, Trump got lucky by backing Ohio's Vance and Wisconsin's Johnson — both initially weak candidates until their opponents proved to be even weaker.

In conservative circles, the question after these midterms should be: "How much more

Trumpian sabotage are we willing to put up with?" For quite some time, the alliance between Trump and party leaders like Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) was uneasy but necessary to pass a political agenda and confirm judicial nominees. But now, Trump is no longer the GOP's best option, even in his "home state" of Florida. The time has come for Republicans to ditch Trump for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Besides the Senate and House elections, there were 36 governorships up for grabs across the country last week. Once again, Trump's impulsive ineptitude was on full display in these gubernatorial elections. Two MAGA candidates, Arizona's red-carpet vacuumer Kari Lake and Pennsylvania's concession-averse Doug Mastriano, both lost easily-winnable races, while Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp — who stood up to Trump's 2020 election lies — cruised to re-election over mainstream Democrat Stacey Abrams.

But this all pales in comparison to DeSantis, who gained his reputation as a darling of the right during the COVID-19 pandemic and has railed against the "woke ideology" permeating his state. On election night, DeSantis crushed Democrat and former Florida GOP governor Charlie Crist by nearly 20 percentage points. In doing so, DeSantis scored perhaps the only true "red wave" of the midterms, carrying the cities of Jacksonville and Tampa, as well as flipping Miami-Dade County to the GOP. According to NBC News exit polls, he won 46% of all non-white voters and bested Crist with voters of all education levels — unheard-of numbers for a conservative Republican.

It's really hard to do this victory justice, but look no further than Trump's raging jealousy to put the governor's win in context. Florida was a swing state just six years ago (and to a lesser extent, two years ago); now DeSantis knows he has "rewritten the political map." The fact that DeSantis won by TWENTY points on an otherwise disastrous night for his party only boosts speculation of his potential 2024 presidential run. Rupert Murdoch's media empire has all but declared DeSantis the GOP's new kingmaker — and for good reason — while Trump can only seethe from behind his piles of allegedly declassified documents at Mar-a-Lago.

Not surprisingly, DeSantis' victory has shown many Republicans what they refused to believe about the former president for years: Trump has no commitment to principles and is only out for himself, not his

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party or the people. This was already evident when Trump dubbed DeSantis "Ron DeSanctimus" at a Nov. 5 rally in Pennsylvania — an obvious projection of character that makes Hillary Clinton's "Presumptuous Donald" jab look clever. And on Truth Social last Thursday, Trump blasted DeSantis for winning fewer Floridian votes in the 2022 gubernatorial election than he did in the 2020 presidential election. This apples-to-oranges comparison certainly did not sit well with GOP voters, and it's honestly sad to watch Trump completely losing his mind.

For his part, DeSantis has not publicly acknowledged Trump's furious barrage, which further attests to his strong political skills. DeSantis' simple but effective communication style and his ability to build a broad coalition of supporters mean that, right now, his ceiling is up there with conservative icon Ronald Reagan. Of course, his floor is down there with Chris Christie, the disgraced former governor of New Jersey whom many Republicans thought could make a serious presidential run in 2016. But unlike Christie, DeSantis has shown that he rebuilds bridges after hurricanes instead of closing them to commuter traffic, so such a career flop may not be in the cards for the Florida governor.

The last time Republicans nominated a Ronald, he was a Hollywood actor who committed to principles over pettiness, and he inspired an entire generation of both American conservatives and freedom fighters across the world. Maybe, just maybe, it wouldn't be so crazy if the party cast aside Trump's increasing toxicity and did it again with DeSantis — who could be on his way to becoming the Reagan of our time.

Organic farming vs bioengineered food

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Organic farming is defined, according to Britannica, as an “agricultural system that uses ecologically based pest controls and biological fertilizers derived largely from animal and plant wastes and nitrogen-fixing cover crops.” Simply put, organic farming does not utilize chemicals that are created in a laboratory. Bioengineered food ingredients that are manipulated in a lab can be found in more than 75% of processed foods. It is essential to feed a growing population as well as distribute the foods in mass production in a short period of time, but maybe there should be a reevaluation of the extent to which GMOs are used.

The Corbin Hill Food Project highlighted the experience of an organic farmer named David Haughton. He shared how he had spent \$30,000 to produce a crop of organic apples that only yielded a measly \$200 profit. He witnessed how even though his apples were healthy to eat, people would reject buying them because of the signs left behind by pests. People cared more for how the food product appeared than the overall quality of the product. These are some of the main downfalls of organic farming - the small yield in profit, and the extreme dedication of time and effort to produce the crops.

Pesticides allow produce to arrive untouched by insects, making them more appealing to purchase and eat. GMOs allow food to be more nutritious and disease- and drought-resistant, allowing them to be preserved longer and provide us with some nutrients we need

organization fighting against GMOs in our food, warns that since virtually all genetically engineered food contain “antibiotic resistance markers,” antibiotics could be rendered useless in fighting human diseases, causing widespread infections. In addition, the use

digestion and find its way to the blood streams of consumers. The fact that IGF-1 is an important factor in the growth of cancers is frightening. Just because the source mentioned is anti-GMO does not mean we should ignore everything that is said. There

research should be done on the health issues GMOs cause in people, both in the short- and long-term.

That being said, organic farming is ideal. There are limitations such as needing more land, protecting the crops from insects and ensuring the food is delivered and sold quickly to prevent decay. These limitations cause organic farming to become an inconvenient source of food. However, I still believe we should incentivize organic farming. For example, we could set aside more land for farmers near urban areas, so they can deliver the products in less time. Pesticides should no longer be used, primarily to reduce the amount of chemicals we consume and what our environment experiences. Instead, we should consider creating traps, or maybe utilizing homemade pesticides, to decrease some pollution and environmental damage. As for GMOs, since non-perishables are produced en masse, more people can be fed and there will be less



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that we wouldn't otherwise find in a given food. These reasons sound appealing. Ideally and theoretically, GMOs work to feed everyone in the world nutritiously. However, there are other factors involved.

We know that everything has its pros and cons, but the fact that the cons of GMOs are somewhat hidden from us is frightening and dangerous. The Center for Food and Safety, a nonprofit advocacy

of GMOs also have a correlation to the growth of prostate and breast cancer, according to the CFS. In 1993, the FDA allowed the use of genetically-engineered recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone to induce dairy cows to produce more milk. The levels of a hormone called insulin-like growth factor-1 increased in dairy products produced from cows treated with rBGH. IGF-1 in milk could survive

may be truth here, even if it's exaggerated.

This study happened in 1993, and the FDA has since made some changes. There is no way we should fear GMOs and pesticides in our food, right? No, we should still be skeptical. Cancer can be caused by tobacco use, radiation, hormones and many other things. To blame genetically engineered foods as the sole cause of it is unfair. Extensive

fear of food poisoning from these foods even if they take a much longer time to be delivered. Therefore, I believe that a compromise should be made. One where pesticides are eliminated entirely, unless they are made with natural ingredients, and GMOs should still be allowed. Although the less relied-on, the better. Investments in organic farming should be expanded worldwide as well.



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Sports

Photo of the Day | UConn vs. Texas women's basketball



No. 5 UConn women's basketball defeats No. 3 Texas 83-76 at Gampel Pavilion on a chilly Monday night in Storrs, Conn., on Nov. 14, 2022. Preceding the matchup was the retirement of UConn women's basketball legend Swin Cash's number, 32.

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Point/Counterpoint

Who would you rather have lead your team: Daniel Jones or Zach Wilson?

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We are well into the NFL season, and two of the biggest surprises of the year stem from East Rutherford, New Jersey: The New York Giants and the New York Jets. Both teams in the NYC area have exceeded all expectations. The Jets are coming out of a bye week, having last taken down a Super Bowl contender in the Buffalo Bills, boasting a 6-3 record. The Giants are also thriving, racking up a 7-2 record. While the quarterbacks for each team, Zach Wilson for the Jets and Daniel Jones for the Giants, are far from each squad's best player, they have also played well enough, managing the offense and getting the job done when it counts. This begs the question: Who would you rather have lead your team? Sports Editor Jonathan Synott and Staff Writer Evan Rodriguez debate in this week's Point/Counterpoint.

Jon: This may be a hot take of sorts, but I believe firmly in Wilson's capabilities. He's had some bust-caliber performances, sure. The four-pick performance in 2021 against the Patriots in particular comes to mind. But the kid is still very young at 23-years-old, and has flashed the high ceiling seen by the minds at 1 Jets Drive before the team selected him No. 2 overall in 2021. Both he and the team have come alive in the fourth quarter, boasting an NFL-best 9.3 points per game in the last period. Against the Steelers in Week 4, Wilson got the ball with just over 13 minutes to go, down 10 points on the road. 10 completions of 12 passes for 128 yards and a passing touchdown later, the Jets got a much-needed victory. Wilson is an emerging star for the team, and is getting better by the week. He outplayed division rival Josh Allen in Week 9 in a game where he looked very comfortable, going 18-for-25 for 154 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. Wilson didn't throw a ton, but then again, he didn't need to, with the Jets needing a perfect game manager to complement the run game. The BYU product fits that role and his talents are sure to progress to help out the Jets further.

Jon: Sure, let's talk about quarterback help. The Giants are led by running back Saquon Barkley, one of the best in the game. Week in and week out, opponents are focused on stopping Barkley as priority number one, not Jones or the receiving core. This gives more opportunity to shine. With Jets star RB Breece Hall out for the year, Wilson doesn't have the luxury of a top-three back to take the pressure off. Furthermore, let's dive into the strength of schedule. Wilson has been through a gauntlet in his games this season, facing tough defenses like the Bills, Patriots and Dolphins, not to mention playing at Mile High against Denver. He is 5-1 as a starter and looks to get revenge against New England this week on the road. Jones, on the other hand, has had a much easier path, only facing the Titans, Cowboys, Ravens and Seahawks. In those tougher games, he is 2-2, throwing 63% (below average) with four touchdowns, two picks and three fumbles. Jones and the Giants are 5-0 against teams under .500, and I'm certain that when he faces quality competition after the bye, he will certainly not rise to the occasion like Wilson has been able to do.

Evan: If we're talking about the future for Wilson, I wouldn't say I'm convinced just yet on him. However, with the season that Jones is having currently, I'm taking him in a heartbeat at this moment. If you take a look at the personnel that Jones is throwing too, they are not elite receivers. The team's leading receiver is Darius Slayton and even with the talent deficit at receiver, Jones is still making it work. He's got the 8th highest QBR in the league while having just two interceptions, the best mark in the NFL. Jones has shown his mobility with 387 rushing yards to be a dual threat quarterback if the team needs him to be that. Wilson doesn't come close to the mobility of Jones, while having five interceptions on the season. He may have had more receiving yards if he had played the entire season, but then it goes back to the talent that Wilson gets to throw to every game. What if Daniel Jones had Garrett Wilson and Corey Davis to throw to every game? I think this conversation would be even more in favor of Daniel Jones with the work he has shown on the football field under new coach Brian Daboll. Sure, this conversation may be different a few years from now. But, the question was who we would rather have leading our team right now, and for this year, I'm picking Danny Dimes.

Evan: Of course, I don't disagree with you saying that Barkley is the star. There's no doubt about that. However, let's not act like the Jets don't have a quality back in James Robinson to help replace some of the hole left by Hall. He's going to get some attention from defenses with what he's shown, especially early in the season with Jacksonville. Furthermore, I believe that the Jets record should give more credit to their defense over Zach Wilson's production. Their defense has been one of the best in the NFL in 2022 and much better than the Giants. If we take away that superb Jets defense, Wilson's record is going to look a lot different, especially against teams like the Bills who could do some serious damage with their offense. Also, I would disagree with the Giants schedule being "much easier" than the Jets. Even with the teams you just listed, the Titans nearly beat the Kansas City Chiefs, the Cowboys are 6-3 with a top tier defense, the Ravens beat the Jets and the Seahawks have been one of the more surprising teams in the NFL this season with a 6-3 record as well. The Seahawks loss alone is more due to the 2 fumbles by Giants punt returner Richie James, who gave a tough Seahawks offense two extra possessions. While Jones may not have played his best, that loss is not on him. Even teams like the Packers, who have played against the Giants, have been able to hang in there against teams like the Cowboys and beat them. You say that you're certain that Jones will crumble against tougher teams, but with the help of Daboll and the Giants coaching staff, I believe that he'll rise to the occasion and show how much better of a quarterback he is than Zach Wilson.

AVA'S ANGLE

How the Mets should attack the offseason - trades and free agency

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The New York Mets fell short in their playoff run and there's a huge push for them to have a productive offseason. This year, they have a lot of key free agents: SP Jacob deGrom, CF Brandon Nimmo, SP Chris Bassitt, SP Taijuan Walker, RP Adam Ottavino, RP Seth Lugo and RP Trevor May.

The Mets already made a big splash, locking closer Edwin Diaz up. Last weekend, Diaz and the Mets agreed on a five-year, \$102 million contract. This makes Diaz the highest-paid reliever in history. They also just picked up Carlos Carrasco's \$14 million club option. These signings are just the start for the Mets, as Steve Cohen and general manager Billy Eppler are hard at work to bring the best players to Queens.

So who should the Mets target?

Free Agents

Jacob deGrom and Brandon Nimmo should be top priorities for the Mets. The team is under a lot of pressure to sign both of them. These two players went through the Mets farm system together and shared success in the majors. DeGrom and Nimmo know nothing else beyond the Big Apple. Starting with Nimmo, he adds versatility with a clutch bat, strong defense, high on-base percentage and is overall loved by fans. DeGrom, though he has struggled to stay healthy the past two seasons, is no doubt the

face of the franchise. DeGrom has been an elite pitcher for the Mets, winning the NL Cy Young Award back-to-back in 2018 and 2019 as well as dominating virtually every time he steps on the mound. If New York can't get both deals done, then the Mets are going to be forced to explore other players to replace them.

New faces to think about: SP Carlos Rodon

In 2021, Rodon had a breakout season, going 13-5 with a 2.37 ERA in 24 starts and finishing in the top five in the AL Cy Young ballot. This past season, he had even better stats, going 14-8 with a 2.88 ERA in 31 starts for the Giants. With the Mets having deGrom, Bassitt and Walker all in the free agency market, they are going to need to add some pitchers to their rotation whether they bring them back or not. The Mets hope to get deGrom back, but in the worst case scenario he walks, New York will need to replace him, and Rodon could be a really solid option. He will have a much cheaper AAV, which will give the Mets more flexibility to sign other players and he fits into the culture of the team.

SS Trea Turner

Although Turner isn't the biggest need, he's too big of a star for the Mets to not at least check on. The Mets shortstop position is locked with Francisco Lindor, but there is some flexibility with second base and Jeff McNeil. This past season with the Dodgers, Turner slashed

.298/.343/.466 with 21 home runs and 100 RBI. Additionally, his run game on the basepaths is one of the best in the league. He stole 27 bases for 30 attempts last season. Turner's offense would bolster the Mets lineup alongside Pete Alonso and Lindor. He would most likely take the lead-off spot in the lineup if Nimmo walks. Turner has expressed that he likes to play at Citi Field and how he wants to be back on the East Coast. Not to mention, by having his old teammate Max Scherzer on the Mets, there could be solid reasoning for Turner to come to Queens.

SP Kodai Senga

Per SNY's Andy Martino, the Mets will be one of the teams to meet with Japanese SP Kodai Senga. He is a 29-year-old star, throwing 144 innings with a 1.94 ERA and 9.7 K/9 last season. His record was 11-6 with 159 strikeouts. Senga throws very effective pitches with velocities up to 100 MPH. Despite some control issues that Senga reportedly has, the main concern for him is the transition from the NPB to the MLB that can sometimes be difficult for foreign pitchers. If New York can negotiate the right contract, Senga could be a fairly inexpensive option that also improves the Mets rotation.

Trade Targets:

SP Tyler Glasnow - Tampa Bay Rays

In the most recent news, the Mets, along with a few

other teams, are rumored to be engaged with the Rays, inquiring about their pitching. This makes fans immediately jump to their ace Tyler Glasnow. Glasnow is one of the best pitchers in baseball when he's healthy. Coming off of Tommy John surgery and severe injury issues the past couple of seasons, Glasnow signed an extension with the Rays that will keep him in Tampa through 2024. In his comeback at the end of the 2022, Glasnow looked sharp and is starting to get back in the groove of pitching every five days. With the Mets in the market for pitching because of deGrom's uncertainty, a possible trade for Glasnow could certainly catch the Met's attention, as there are few effective free agent pitchers.

CF Cedric Mullins - Baltimore Orioles

If Brandon Nimmo doesn't sign with the Mets, they are going to need to fill a gap in center field or move over right fielder Starling Marte. Mullins is unlikely to be traded from the Orioles, but is definitely someone the Mets should keep a lookout for. He's been a productive player for the Orioles during the last couple of seasons, making the All-Star roster in 2021. Mullins is a strong defensive center fielder, using his speed and athleticism to cover ground quickly. The center fielder has a high ceiling for the future and he could be a good fit for New York. He will remain under control until after the 2025 season, which would be a cheaper option for

the Mets, but with a high return. If not Mullins, Pirates CF Byran Reynolds could be another option to fill the potential voids in the outfield.

3B Rafael Devers - Boston Red Sox

Although the Mets already have Eduardo Escobar and a rising player in Brett Baty at third, they can easily be moved around to put one of the best third basemen in the league in the Mets infield. Brett Baty would probably be involved in the trade, since there wouldn't be a purpose for him if the Mets have 26-year old Devers. Unlike Baty, Devers is already an experienced player in the majors with 3,000 plate appearances. Devers is not exactly being shopped around, as the Red Sox are trying to extend him, but the Mets should not rule him out if talks continue to be far apart. Getting Devers would immediately improve the Mets, but he will be very expensive after this season and the Mets can only take on so many long-term contracts.

Overall, all these options would go full into play if the Mets don't sign deGrom and Nimmo. Getting both players back would reduce the urgency for the Mets to pick up efficient players and re-build their staff. DeGrom and Nimmo both play huge roles in their current position and the team would be different without them. Hopefully for Mets fans, they don't have to go down that path and will be able to obtain all the necessary pieces that will prepare them for a contending 2023 season.



Mets outfielder Brandon Nimmo signs baseballs for fans. According to DC writer Ava Inesta, he adds versatility with a clutch bat, strong defense, high on-base percentage and is overall loved by fans.
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Sports

Men's Basketball

Newton triple-double lifts No. 25 Huskies over Bulls



UConn men's basketball beat Buffalo 84-64 on Tuesday night, Nov. 15, 2022 at the XL Center in Hartford. Their next game will be at Gampel Pavilion on Friday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m.

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Early on in the night, star forward Adama Sanogo, in an effort to get his team going, set a perfect screen and rolled off his defender to catch a lead pass. Facing another opponent underneath the basket, he attempted a reverse layup. Sanogo was denied, not by Buffalo but by the rim. He dove to get the ball back, kicked it out to teammate Tristen Newton, who found Nahiem Alleyne for the open three-point attempt. Another miss. It wasn't the start the Huskies wanted.

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JOEY CALCATERRA

Heading into Tuesday's contest, the UConn men's basketball team hadn't lost to the Buffalo Bulls since Dec. 27, 1951. That almost-71 year streak was in danger of being broken early on until Newton erupted for a triple-double performance, finishing with 22 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists en route to an 84-64 victory. Newton becomes the first player since Daniel Hamilton in 2015 to hit that mark.

With Big East Preseason Player of the Year Sanogo off to a slower start than usual, the lack of veteran presence from injured

guys like Jordan Hawkins and Andre Jackson was certainly felt. Early on, the team was searching for that elusive bucket and just couldn't find it. At the under-12 media timeout, the team missed their last seven and were 4-for-18 on the night.

Enter Newton.

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UCONN HEAD COACH
DAN HURLEY

While the Huskies wouldn't snap their scoring drought until three minutes later, it was the East Carolina product dishing out the pass to Alleyne for a jumper. Newton got going from the line soon after, nailing seven of his eight in the first half from the charity stripe. He was energized, dynamic and balanced, adding five rebounds, seven assists and four steals alongside 15 first-half points. Newton attacked the rim all night long, finishing 4-for-11 from the floor but 14-for-17 from the free throw line.

"It's a huge confidence lift," remarked UConn head coach Dan Hurley. "I think he needed it, I think we needed it for him. Obviously, he was one of the top transfer guards based on what he's produced. I think that

bodes well for what we're trying to do this year when you see him perform at that level."

The transfer gave fans a taste of what his play was like at ECU, and why Hurley was so eager to grab him from the portal this offseason. When nobody else was stepping up, Newton took charge, setting the tone for Connecticut the rest of the game.

His highlight reel play came towards the end of the half, when the guard pickpocketed Buffalo's Devin Ceaser, driving to the dish for a dunk in traffic to the applause of the XL Center crowd.

Also impressing was graduate transfer Joey Calcaterra, who saw over 30 minutes of action, shooting 6-for-9 for 15 points. He and Newton worked well together, as Newton assisted his back-to-back three-pointers at the end of the first half.

"I just knew coming off the bench, I would need to provide a spark for the team, and that's really what I'm focused on," said Calcaterra postgame. "It feels good to be able to do that for us tonight, and I'm looking to continue to be aggressive."

Freshman Donovan Clingan was a force yet again, as the Bristol Central product went a perfect 5-for-5 from the floor with eight rebounds and two blocks. The 7-foot-2 giant took advantage of his height as always, flushing a few dunks while being an intimidator inside on defense. Amongst all of the talent on display, he turned more than a few heads.

"Clingan, I thought, was outstanding tonight," said Buffalo head coach Jim Whitesell postgame. "His size, he's got

great hands... he's gonna be a kid that's going to continue being a heck of a player, I was really ultra-impressed with him. Adama, he's an outstanding player, we all knew that going in, but Clingan I thought got valuable minutes."

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Fellow freshman Alex Karaban flashed his abilities as well, as the starting forward added three blocks of his own and was truly aggressive at the rim, taking initiative to get a few acrobatic layups. With two solid performances from the team's two first-years, UConn has plenty to be excited about later this season as the pair develops.

It wasn't the junior Sanogo's night, as the star forward finished with just 11 points on 4-for-11 shooting. Even when the Huskies were at their best, it looked like Sanogo was still off. His biggest blunder came late in the game when he couldn't decide between a dunk or a layup on a fast break, watching the ball slip into the crowd in the process.

With the Malian forward struggling, the rest of the team stepped up, with five guys mentioned by Hurley as having solid performances: Newton, Clingan, Karaban, Calcaterra, and guard Nahiem Alleyne.

"It's a deep team," Hurley said. "Obviously Adama didn't have a typical game, you're missing two of your best players, you're missing Samson... usually that's a recipe for losing, but with that we showed up."

With early games like these, upsets are certainly on the table not just in Storrs but across Division I basketball. It can be easy for teams to slip up, but Hurley is impressed with his team's ability to take care of business thus far.

"I mean, to be able to get out of here by 20, to be able to beat a good BU team, a Buffalo team that obviously had a lot of athletic players, and with everything that happens in college basketball in these types of games... I'm honestly thrilled with how easily we've been able to get out of these games considering all things."

With the win, the Huskies improve to 3-0 amidst their five-game home stretch. They pick things up again this Friday night in a late clash with UNC-Wilmington at Gampel Pavilion. The game will be broadcast live on FS2 at 8:30 p.m.

WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

UCONN SCOREBOARD



84 vs. 64

Men's Basketball Tuesday

Upcoming Games



Volleyball, 7 p.m. Wed. Providence, RI



Ice Hockey, 6 p.m. Thurs. Storrs, CT

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



@govnedlamont #HuskyNation wasn't that inspired when the Longhorns were introduced, and decided to read the Daily Campus instead.

TWEETS OF THE DAY



Joe Arruda @joearruda9

UConn holds a moment of silence for the UVA community after three football players were tragically killed this weekend.

Evan Rodriguez @EvanRodriguezCT

Jim Mora got the Inside College Football Ball with 84% of the vote. UConn fans showing their support for their favorite coach.

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