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Members from local and statewide nurses' unions protest outside of the UC Medical Center on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019. SYDNEY ASHER | PHOTO CONTRIBUTOR

Nurses picket near medical campus

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Members of local and statewide nurses' unions held an informational picket outside the UC Medical Center Tuesday evening in response to the hospital's termination and disciplinary actions against unionized nurses.

Ohio Nurses Association (ONA) officials said in a statement that the picket is in response to the Medical Center's "prolific attempts to silence the nurses' voice" after it disciplined

Michelle Thoman, president of the Registered Nurses Association (RNA), ONA's local chapter at UC, and fired Jennifer Donaldson, RNA vice president. Thoman worked on the specialty surgery floor, and Donaldson worked in labor and delivery.

UC Health did not respond to The News Record's request for comment on the picket. UC Health spokesperson Amanda Nageleisen said in a statement to media outlets earlier this summer the union issued false statements regarding

Donaldson's termination, not naming the nurse.

"After a lengthy investigation, we found that the nurse in question, working in labor and delivery at UC Medical Center, chose to leave her patients to go to a break room to film a live social-media video," Nageleisen said. "This nurse did not perform the appropriate handoff of care and abandoned her responsibility to monitor the fetal heart rates of the patients in her care."

"The nurses' union is grieving
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UC volleyball victorious in Michigan State Invitational

SPENCER SCHULTZ | SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati volleyball team was victorious in East Lansing, Michigan, last weekend, finishing 2-1 in the Auto-Owners Insurance Spartan Invitational.

The Bearcats began the tournament with an upset victory over No. 21 University of Tennessee in straight sets (3-0). The team dominated on all cylinders, outnumbering the Lady Volunteers in every stat including eight service aces. Redshirt senior Jordan Thompson continued her dominance, finishing with 26 kills and helped the team

finish with a season-high .407 hitting percentage.

"Offensively we were super sharp," UC Head Coach Molly Alvey told BearcatsTV post-match. "We also put a lot of pressure on Tennessee with our serve and its one thing we've talked about in the past week ... I thought it was not just a win, but a really well played match all-around."

The success didn't translate into the team's second match against host Michigan State University, losing in four sets. The Spartans entered the match with a 3-0 record having only lost one set by two
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The UC volleyball team finished 2-1 and won the Auto-Owners Insurance Spartan Invitational. CINCINNATI BEARCATS VOLLEYBALL VIA FACEBOOK

Theft on the rise near UC



Three weeks into the fall semester, UCPD has received multiple reports of theft and burglary. **TNR FILE ART**

QUINLAN BENTLEY | CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Cincinnati's Department of Public Safety has received at least five reports of theft and four reports of burglary just three weeks into the fall semester.

According to the most recent statistics by Public Safety, there were 96 reported thefts on UC's uptown campus in 2017, with the number of on-campus burglaries and vehicle thefts being higher than the two previous years.

According to UCPD Chief Maris Herold, the past two decades have seen a significant reduction in property crimes.

However, these numbers are dwarfed in comparison to statistics released by the city of Cincinnati, who reported a total of 1,268 property crimes from July 28 to Aug. 21 alone.

Of those, 260 occurred in the city's fifth district, which houses UC's uptown campus.

"Each year at the start of the fall semester, we see a spike in theft and burglary on and around campus," said James Whalen, director of Public Safety. "We put a lot of resources towards that."

In all the reported burglaries the suspect was able to gain entry to the victim's residence through

an unlocked door or window.

This happens to be a common tactic, Herold said. "Offenders tend to use unlocked doors and windows to gain access and primarily target gaming systems, computers and other electronics, cash, and occasionally car keys to see if they can find the victim's car on the street."

In fact, some of the items stolen include wallets, keys, backpacks, shoes, laptops, gaming consoles, a bicycle and, in one case—a handgun.

A student affected by the thefts spoke to The News Record on the condition of anonymity.

The student's backpack went missing from a locker room in the Campus Rec Center (CRC). When UCPD retrieved the bag, they found that \$62 had been stolen.

"I had a really bad gut feeling that my bag was going to be stolen, but I pushed the thought to the back of my head when I tossed my bag in my locker," the student said. "I actually pulled out my phone to take a video of my backpack in the locker and the associated locker number before I headed upstairs."

No arrests have been made at the time of writing.

The student said they were lucky to have

retrieved their other items. However, not everyone will be as fortunate, which is why Whalen encourages students to keep careful watch over their possessions.

"Reported crimes are investigated to the extent possible, and the goal is to identify the offender and recover the stolen property," Whalen said. "It is common for someone to be studying and get up to use the bathroom or get a snack and leave their laptop or backpack sitting unattended. Unless you have a friend with you, always take your belongings with you."

Of the 48 arrests made by UCPD so far this year, 32 were related to property crimes.

"In general, property crimes tend to have a lower-case clearance rate than violent or person-based crimes," Herold said. "The main reason for this is that person crimes tend to have far more evidence as to who the perpetrator was or could be."

Public Safety urges students to pay attention to their belongings and to always keep vehicles and residences locked. In the case that property is stolen, students are advised to immediately contact UCPD or Cincinnati Police.

UC nurses rally against Medical Center

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the unjust discipline of Thoman and termination of Donaldson, with the Medical Center delaying grievance hearings on four separate occasions citing 'unpreparedness' and claims of an evidentiary video that has since, according to the Medical Center, been overwritten and therefore unviewable," according to a statement from the Ohio Nurses Association. "The video was to support the Medical Center's dishonest and ludicrous accusation of patient abandonment against Donaldson."

RNA secretary, Kelly Hickman, said the best-

case scenario would be for Donaldson to be reinstated and for Thoman's disciplines to be lifted.

"We're here because the hospital administration has decided to attack the voice of the nurses at the UC Medical Center," she said. "They've done that through attacks to our union directly. You have to get rid of the disciplines that are bogus, but the big picture is that they need to work with nurses and the nurses' voice to help better the conditions at the [UC Medical Center]."

Bob Cousins, deputy executive officer of labor relations for ONA, said the medical center has intimidated nurses and

made them afraid to advocate for themselves.

"Just recently we had a local union meeting, and some of these nurses work 24/7 so some of the nurses have to call into these meetings," Cousins said. "We actually had managers calling and listening in on the membership meeting. That's intimidation."

A grievance hearing is set for Thoman to take place Sept. 11. Cousins said this hearing has been rescheduled four times.

Cousins expects termination to be the next step for Thoman, as she already received a final written notice.



Top and bottom: Members from local and statewide nurses' unions picket outside of the UC Medical Center on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019. **ALEX MARTIN | PHOTO EDITOR**

A&S dean not intimidated by failing budget model



KEELY BROWN | NEWS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati has appointed a new dean to lead the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences (A&S).

Dr. Valerio C. Ferme started his term as dean of A&S July 1. He started his teaching career at the University of Colorado Boulder, where he worked for almost 20 years, and previously served as dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Northern Arizona University.

Ferme recently completed a term as president of the American Association for Italian Studies. As the author of three books, five co-edited and co-translated volumes and multiple essays, he was also the recipient of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Excellence in Teaching Award at the University of Colorado, and received special recognition from

the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement for his work on behalf of staff and underrepresented groups.

Ferme, originally from Milan, Italy, attended Brown University as an undergraduate student and earned bachelor's degrees in biology and religious studies. He completed his masters work in comparative literature and Italian studies at Indiana University, and later earned his Ph.D. in comparative literature at the University of California, Berkeley.

"One of the reasons why I like being in administration is the idea of being someone who can connect people—I can actually make a difference," Ferme said. "Helping people move along and achieve their successes, whether it is students, faculty or staff, brings me to work every day and makes it exciting for me."

Ferme joins UC at a pivotal

moment in the history of A&S. Numerous deans have led the school and failed to balance the failing performance-based budget (PBB) model—leaving A&S, the university's largest college by revenue, millions of dollars in debt.

However, A&S' frightening financial history doesn't faze Ferme, who said he is in the process of understanding the budget in order to find a solution.

"It's really important for me to get a very good grip about the budget," Ferme said. "I think we have solutions—I think some of them just require some time and implementation. There is an understanding in the upper administration that the college needs to be supported in order to get out debt, so we can start clawing back at some of the deficit."

According to 2018 statistics provided by the UC Office of Institutional

Research, McMicken is the largest college at UC, housing 8,481 students or 18.5% of the university's total population. Ferme is hopeful he will be able to connect with each student to help them achieve their academic goals.

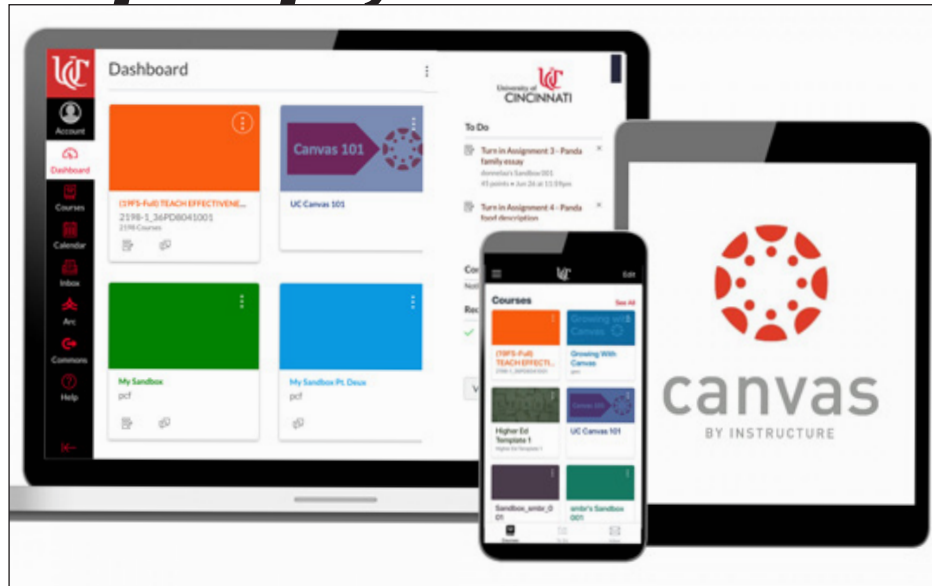
"In a college that is so varied, you have a lot of different people with different personalities, different interests, different ambitions and different needs," Ferme said. "We're coming up with our strategic plan for the college."

Ferme also has an "open door policy," and encourages students and staff to come into the office and meet him.

"If we can't be here for students to make sure that they feel that they're welcome, then maybe we need to do something differently," Ferme said. "It's really about making myself available to students."

A&S Dean Valerio C. Ferme. PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Bye bye, Blackboard: UC transitions to Canvas



UC is transitioning its courses away from Blackboard to Canvas, a new learning-management system. PHOTO PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

KATHLEEN HORNSTRA | DIGITAL PRODUCER

The University of Cincinnati is transitioning away from learning-management system Blackboard to Canvas.

Over the past two years, a "Learning Management System Task Force" involving faculty, staff and students began to review Blackboard and other learning management

systems.

Canvas, which is widely utilized by other universities such as Indiana University, University of Michigan, Yale and Stanford,

provides opportunities to reimagine courses and teaching practices.

Courses began appearing on the new system this summer. There are roughly 1,500 courses on Canvas at UC this semester, which means students may have courses on both Blackboard and the new platform.

"I like Canvas and don't mind the switch, but the fact that half of my classes are on Blackboard while the others are on Canvas is a bit frustrating," said Macy Shah, a second-year accounting, insurance and risk management student.

Melissa Newman, assistant professor of management in the Lindner College of Business, has been teaching at UC for eight years. She said while there has been a bit of a learning curve in teaching her courses on Canvas

instead of Blackboard, the college's design team has made the transition as smooth as possible.

"Some of my online MBA students have struggled a bit with the layout of modules and discussion boards, but now that we're into the second week, most of those issues have been resolved," Newman said.

The migration of Blackboard communities and organizations will occur between spring 2020 and summer 2020. In the summer of 2020, all colleges will be using Canvas. UC will support Blackboard through June 30, 2020. After this date, content users will no longer be able to recover content directly from Blackboard.

Canvas claims to offer increased collaboration, communication and engagement through unique features not seen in

Blackboard such as:

Online Discussion Forums
Designed to increase student participation and implement feedback, which allows further topic discussion.

Conferences
Students and instructors can set up video conferences, which can be used for meetings or teaching lessons with a guest speaker. Conferences can also be recorded and saved for up to two weeks.

Peer Review
This authorizes anonymous or non-anonymous peer reviews.

"I like the setup a lot better," said Abdulla Ahmed, a third-year neurology student. "It's more intuitive and a lot more efficient than the old website."

Living Openly: Organization brings LGBTQ faculty together



Amy Lind, an employee at UC for 13 years, co-founded the LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Association.

PROVIDED BY AMY LIND

DAVID REES | FEATURES EDITOR

Working at The University of Cincinnati for 13 years now, Amy Lind was department head of Women's Gender and Sexuality of Studies (WGSS) in the College of Arts and Sciences when she began to help develop UC's

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Faculty and Staff Association.

Lind noticed UC had a black faculty association, a Latino faculty association and the LGBTQ Center for students, but nothing for LGBTQ faculty and staff. Collaborating with the then

director of the LGBTQ Center, Jayson Douglas, she decided to make a faculty and staff association for all LGBTQ employees.

After submitting a proposal and garnering support from fellow professors and the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and

Special Initiatives, Keisha Love, the LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Association were officially established in September 2018.

The organization had seven concrete objectives listed in their proposal:

- Launch a LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Association to connect dispersed faculty and staff on all campuses.
- Enhance opportunities for LGBTQ faculty success in teaching, research and service.
- Enhance opportunities for LGBTQ staff success.
- Ensure the LGBTQ community is an essential part of UC's inclusive environment.
- Support the LGBTQ Center and LGBTQ student organizations on campus.
- Strengthen UC's relationship with Greater Cincinnati LGBTQ communities.
- Create a Sustainability plan for long-term LGBTQ faculty and staff enhancement efforts.

Quickly after its establishment, the association hosted its inaugural luncheon on Sept. 17, hosting about 60 faculty and staff.

"We are creating community," Lind said. "We are spread across campus from sports management to the college of arts and sciences. We're just now getting to know each other."

Being a member of the LGBTQ community herself, Lind recognizes she is one of the few faculty and staff who is out as LGBTQ on campus. Now the director and faculty chair of UC's Taft Research Center, Lind recalled when she was the department head of WGSS.

"We as a department (WGSS) received threats," Lind said. "I have never been targeted personally, but I have felt the micro-aggressions when sitting in various classroom settings. People don't understand what it is like to be queer. I can present as straight. Some people can't. As an

educator, I constantly have to decide whether I'm going to out myself to argue against someone's queer or trans phobia."

Constantly working to increase LGBTQ visibility at UC, Lind will be teaching a queer studies class at the 4000 level in spring 2020. Additionally, UC is working toward developing an LGBTQ graduate certificate.

"I think some of the older faculty who identify in the LGBTQ community, it's hard for them to come out and we need to recognize that and have these conversations," Lind said. "We as staff, faculty, and students need to be recognized and acknowledged."

In the coming weeks, Lind and the LGBTQ association will decide new goals and initiatives, like collaborating with students and the LGBTQ Center, for this year at its fall board retreat.

UC student starts blog for female writers and poets

SHANNON SMITH | CHIEF REPORTER

A University of Cincinnati student is hoping to encourage creativity and community by starting a storytelling platform for women on campus to share their writings, poems and more.

Camryn Morrow, a second-year human development and community engagement student, recently launched her website "Sister Outsiders" with presences on Twitter and Instagram Aug. 31.

Morrow graduated from the School for Creative and Performing Arts, a high school in Over-the-Rhine, in 2018. There she studied creative writing and wanted to find a way to continue practicing this passion in college.

The inspiration for Sister Outsiders came from Audre Lorde, a civil rights activist and writer who wrote a collection of essays by the same name in 1984.

"Her essays were all about breaking silences and finding your identity," Morrow said. "I wanted to create a space where people could do the same and find strength in being vulnerable."

Morrow's goal is to unite women on campus through a common love of writing. She said she hopes they can learn from each other while creating a community of feminist writers.

"I hope to explore my passions and make a mark on campus, to shine a light on the many stories that go unheard and empower women to create their own

revolutions," she said.

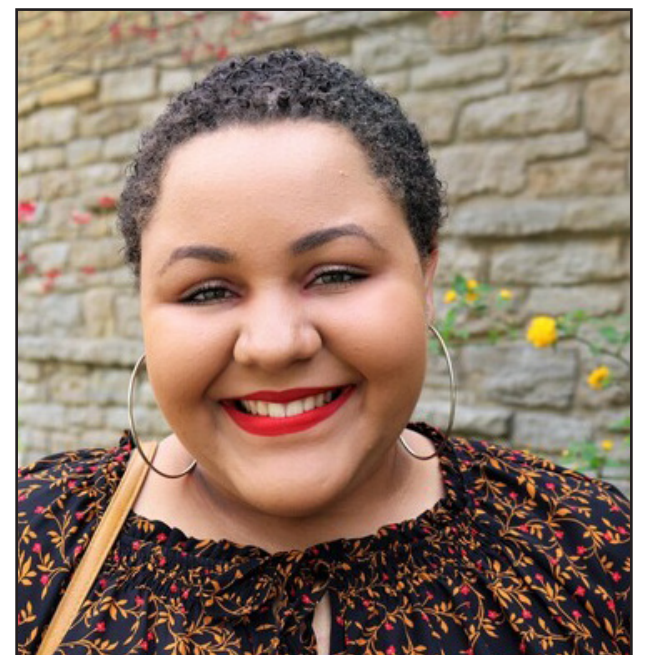
Sister Outsiders hopes to create a sisterhood by exploring the complexities of identity and embracing the similarities and differences among women. Using storytelling as a form of protest and tool for change, the written works are chosen to bring attention to the realities of women on campus.

After less than one week, Morrow's passion for community and storytelling has already been positively relayed by women on campus. The website has already received numerous writing submissions to be featured and has gained over 200 followers on Instagram.

Renner, a fourth-year photojournalism student who identifies only by her last name, followed the account because "writing can be beautiful, a raw outlet for self-expression." She submitted excerpts from one of her favorites pieces this week. While it wasn't her own work, she still felt the writing would be appreciated by the platform's following.

"I just wanted to share the piece because I thought Camryn [Morrow] would enjoy it," Renner said. "The thoughtful works of people who identify with the unique elements of womanhood empowers me to not only accept my complex feelings but harness them to manifest work which amplifies the truth."

You can check out Sister Outsiders on Instagram and Twitter (@sisteroutsiders) or at sisteroutsiders.weebly.com.



Camryn Morrow, a second-year human development and community engagement student, has started her own blog, Sister Outsiders.

PROVIDED BY CAMRYN MORROW

UC releases new climate action plan outlining future sustainability efforts

DAVID REES | FEATURES EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati has released a new climate action plan outlining the university's future sustainability efforts.

More than a decade since publishing its original climate action plan, UC continues its pursuit toward carbon neutrality.

"The original climate action plan created our office of sustainability and helped launch our bike kitchen, among other things, and a lot has changed in the last decade," said Daniel Hart, director of sustainability. "It seemed an appropriate time to reevaluate our sustainability efforts and set a new blueprint framework."

UC has earned a gold ranking from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE.)



University of Cincinnati's Bike Kitchen is a free service that offers bikes for students to borrow for free and also offers repair services.

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While the 2008 plan was explicitly for climate action, the new plan is about both sustainability and climate action. The plan also lays out sustainability elements dealing with culture and how to incorporate sustainability into social avenues on campus.

To develop a new framework of action, the Office of Sustainability spent two years meeting with different students, faculty and staff, food services as well as other groups to figure out how to integrate their goals into the plan.

The extensive 95-page plan outlines the university's efforts in 14 categories, some with flexible deadlines, other with end goals by 2030, 2050 or 2075.

Goals include:

- Education — Increase accessibility to courses dealing with sustainability and creating ecologically literate graduates.
- Research — Increase and expand sustainability research opportunities
- Campus Engagement — Empower students, staff and faculty to practice sustainable efforts and integrate sustainability in various programs, groups and organizations inside and outside of the classroom
- Engaging the Greater Cincinnati Community — Build opportunities for collaborations with the city and community outreach
- Planning and Administration — Develop sustainability efforts for events and a "Green Office" designation program
- Buildings — Continue to create green buildings through renovations
- Landscape — Protect and enhance green space on campus
- Water — Conserve and utilize water efficiently
- Energy — Reduce use and cost of campus energy and lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Transportation — Expand programming to encourage bike use and increase multimodal transportation

• Food and Dining — Increase the amount of food-procured sustainably within a 250-mile radius

• Purchasing — Purchase from sources that cause the least negative environmental ramifications

• Waste — Reduce waste through repurposing and recycling

• Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emission — 45% reduction by year 2030, 80% by 2050 and carbon-neutral by 2075

In addition, UC has signed on in conjunction with the city of Cincinnati to reduce its water waste by 50% before 2030.

"One of the beautiful things about this plan is anyone can pick and find a topic of interest to them," Hart said. "We have tables that lay out our priorities and next steps, along with our implementation worksheets which set the steps and plan out how to put it into action."

Now, UC Sustainability is working to spread word of the new initiatives and goals created by the plan. To do so, it is looking for different groups and individuals on campus to steward and shepherd the ideas.

"One of the most tangible ways for students to get involved is through the president's advisory council made of students, staff and faculty," Hart said. "This is one of the best formats for students to interact and a huge focus for us is putting this plan into action, such as some have done with the Sustainable Fashion Initiative and our student workers at the UC Bike Kitchen."

UC also now provides students the opportunity to earn an Environmental Literacy Certificate of Achievement through participation of the office of sustainability's co-curricular educational and engagement series. Students are required to attend four specified discussion units and can work to complete the certificate all throughout their UC career.

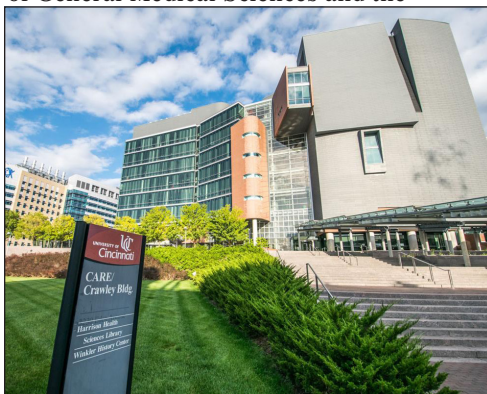
"There is so much students can do to champion sustainability and to create a better world," Hart said. "To me, that is what I see sustainability as being a part of — working to build and design a world as efficient as possible."

UC professor awarded \$4 million for cancer research

DAVID REES | FEATURES EDITOR

A University of Cincinnati researcher has been awarded nearly \$4 million in federal funding for cancer research.

Tom Cunningham, assistant professor of cancer biology in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, received two grants from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the



AARON DORSTEN | TNR FILE

National Cancer Institute to continue his research. This research is focused on how altered activity of a key enzyme in the metabolism of cells contributes to developmental disorders and cancer.

The grants are split into direct and indirect funds. Direct funds cover the lab, research and salaries while indirect funds cover basic infrastructure and staff (veterinarians, administration and bureaucracies) that manage the grant for compliance.

Cunningham received his bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. He began his position at UC in 2016. His role primarily consists of research focusing on enzymes and two varieties of cells. He additionally teaches graduate students.

Cunningham's lab has discovered how the enzyme phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate synthetase (PRPS) is pivotal to the metabolic process in cells.

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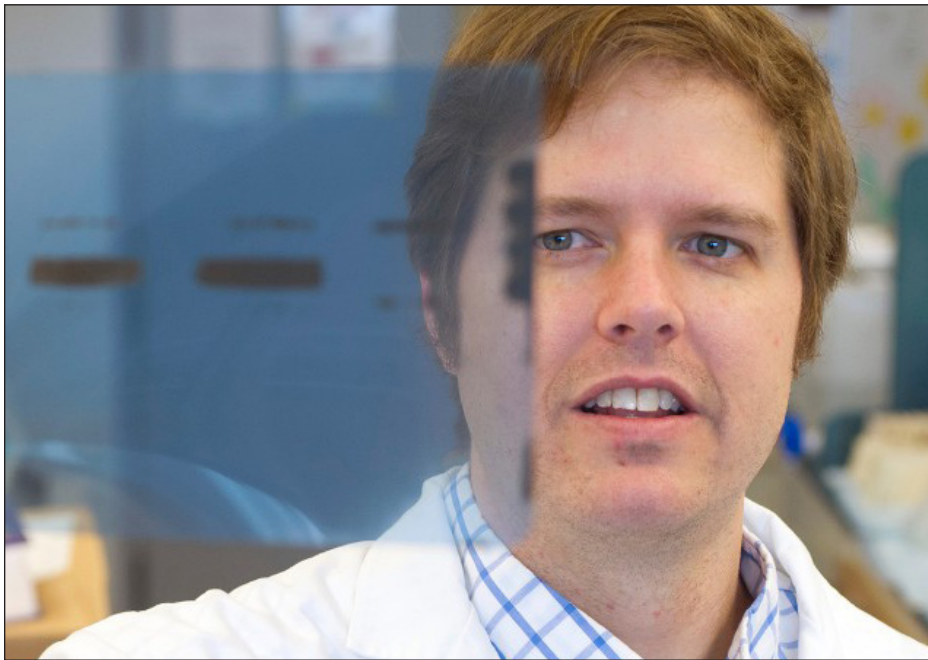
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Tom Cunningham, assistant professor of cancer biology. PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

UC researcher wins grant to study new treatments, therapies for cancer

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This enzyme is expressed in two protein variants: PRPS1 and PRPS2. Humans with various developmental disorders have been found to have mutations in the PRPS1 gene, and no mutations have ever been in PRPS2.

The role of PRPS2 in development remains unknown. PRPS1 is essential during normal development and PRPS2 is not. PRPS2 can be overproduced by cancer cells and is part of tumor formation.

The two grants help Cunningham and his lab research these two genes, their roles in development and how cancer works in the enzyme to produce tumors.

"Understanding the mechanisms of why that happens is what we are poised to understand," Cunningham said. "What may come from this is just fundamental

knowledge, but by studying PRPS1 we can learn a lot more about other diseases as well."

Cunningham's research just scratches the surface of understanding enzymes, the biochemistry of the cell and how it works on a larger scale.

"Luckily, we are in a time in science where we can blend one discipline with another and apply it to an entirely different system," Cunningham said. "We are using novel tools to uncover new mysteries. Some of it is just pursuit of more understanding that will ultimately lead to better tools."

Cunningham said he hopes his research will provide further knowledge on how to develop better therapies as well as how to both understand and develop new strategies and treat various cancers.

LIFE & ARTS

Get out and do something: Sept. 13 to Sept. 15

EMMA BALCOM | CONTRIBUTOR

With the good weather picking back up, take this weekend to decompress and explore the city. Don't know what to do? Here are a few options that are close to home and budget friendly.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

WorldFest: The spirit of Cincinnati flourishes when vendors, artists and musicians from all walks of life gather to share their culture with the city. There's sure to be something new to experience no matter where you turn, as everyone's looking to gain an appreciation for the lives of those around them. Take advantage of the chance to learn something new about a part of the world you've never seen before.

11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Fountain Square, Fifth and Vine Streets.

Meditation & Kayaking: You've likely never considered exploring your spirituality on the white waters of a river, but that doesn't mean it isn't worth a try. If you're feeling stressed this semester, perhaps a mindful float will be what you need to get back on track and find your inner peace. Certified instructors will guide you on how to control a kayak between teaching their easy meditative activities.

6:00-7:30p.m. Winton Woods, 10245 Winton Road.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Cincinnati Moon Festival: On this night, Cincinnati brings its Chinese culture to the forefront to celebrate the traditional mid-Autumn Festival with lanterns, food and one big brilliant moon. At its absolute brightest and roundest of the year, the city is making certain to honor

the occasion with hours of fun and a celebration you won't soon forget. Don't miss this spectacular sight and an evening of excitement.

3:00-8:00p.m. Fountain Square, Fifth and Vine Streets.

Laughs at Taft's w/ Michael Palascak: Everyone deserves a laugh between their loads of homework, so why deny yourself the pleasure? Taft's Brewpourium presents Chicago-based Michael Palascak, a comedian who has featured in "The Late Late Show with James Corden," Comedy Central's "HALF HOUR," and many more of your favorite comedy shows. Take advantage of the chance to lighten your spirits outside of early-morning classes and late-night study sessions.

8:00p.m. Taft's Brewpourium, 4831 Spring Grove Avenue.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

Hyde Park Farmers' Market: "Wholesome," "local" and "variety" are words that are sure to make you drool when it comes to food. At the Hyde Park farmers market, all the food presented comes from farmers and artisans around the Cincinnati area that expect you to have a mouthwatering experience trying out their selections of meats, cheeses, fruits and vegetables. There's no

way you'll leave with empty hands or an empty stomach. 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Hyde Park Square, 2700 Erie Ave.

Ride Cincinnati: If you enjoy long bike rides and giving to charitable causes, Ride Cincinnati is the best way to spend your Sunday morning. Riders can bike a minimum of 8 miles to raise money for cancer research at the UC Health Barrett Cancer Center (and get a good workout in along the way!) 100% of your rider-raised dollars will go to the cause, and you'll be contributing to a worthwhile movement.

6:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Yeatman's Cove, 705 E. Pete Rose Way.



The Hyde Park Farmer's Market will be open from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15.
INSTAGRAM VIA @HYDEPARKFARMERSMARKET

Fall in love with this season's operas at CCM

ANNE SIMENDINGER | LIFE AND ARTS EDITOR

The voices of the College-Conservatory of Music's Opera department will be soaring in the 2019-2020 CCMonStage season with "The Bartered Bride," "Partenope" and "The Magic Flute."

See what each opera has in store and know when you need to make your way to CCM.

"The Bartered Bride"

Nov. 21-24

When the opera opens, a young lady named Marie is trying to convince her parents to not make her have an arranged marriage to a man she's never met. She says she will only accept a marriage proposal from her lover, Hans. Her parents and their matchmaker have already found a young suitor for their daughter, and plan to force Marie into the marriage. Disguises, riddles and unclear deals are used, but will they ultimately help or hurt Marie's wish?

"Partenope"

Feb. 20-23

If "The Bachelorette" and "As You Like

it" joined together, this opera would be the result. Queen Partenope invites a few eligible men to her castle, where the suitors compete for the Queen's hand in marriage. Like every episode in "The Bachelor" franchise, the audience finds out that two of the suitors did not come to the castle for the "right reasons;" one is still in love with his ex-girlfriend, and the other is the ex-girlfriend disguised as a prince to win back the affection of her ex-lover through jealousy. Will this all end in flames, or will there actually be happy endings for those involved?

"The Magic Flute"

April 2-5

This classic Mozart opera has something for everyone: heroes, heroines, mythical creatures, villains, quirky sidekicks and a quest for true love. The Queen of the Night presents Prince Tamino with a picture of her daughter in order to get him to rescue the daughter from the high priest Sarastro who is holding her captive. The opera tells Prince Tamino's hero's journey, but with many twists and turns along the way.



"Bartered Bride." PROVIDED BY CCM

Review: Lana Del Rey returns to her roots in her fifth (and best) album



CHLOE ROSENBERGER | STAFF REPORTER

Alternative singer Lana Del Rey released her fifth – and best – studio album Aug. 30, titled "Norman F--- Rockwell!" (or "NFR").

Right away, listeners can draw comparisons between "NFR" and Del Rey's debut album, "Born to Die." It opens with a short symphony of string instruments, directly mirroring the beginning of her first album, and the obvious callbacks don't stop there. Both match in their melancholic tones and gentle melodies, mixed in with the odd pseudo-electronic track that infuses the artist's unique sound with a hint of something from the pop music realm.

On "NFR," that outlying pop song is "Doin' Time," a cover of Sublime's 1996 summertime single. Surprisingly, Del Rey's version is a near carbon copy of the original, aside from a slightly slower beat and a smokier delivery of the vocals – otherwise, its tone is largely untouched by Del Rey's hallmark indie style. To a casual listener, this upbeat song may seem out of place in the middle of "NFR," but fans of Del Rey will recognize its inclusion as an ode to California, which is referenced throughout the singer's

discography.

Thematically, "NFR" touches on two central concepts. The first is the idea of an American Dream that falls short of expectations. Invoking Norman Rockwell's name is no accident. Del Rey uses the painter – whose work is often regarded as the embodiment of an idyllic America – to criticize modern American society, interrupting his name with profanity to show sarcasm or resentment toward his unattainable, ideological legacy. Each track on "NFR" contains allusions to Del Rey's discontentment, but it's perhaps best illustrated during the outro of "The greatest," on which she muses, "L.A. is in flames, it's getting hot / Kanye West is blond and gone." With these two lines, Del Rey laments over the tensions that characterize contemporary American life – namely, climate change and political unrest, which gets the subtlest nod in her mourning of a pre-Trump Kanye. It's not an overtly political message, but it's one that speaks to the deterioration of Rockwell's America.

The second concept to permeate "NFR" is feminine identity. With this album, Del Rey enters the same anthemic territory that

numerous female pop artists have inhabited this year. Think of Taylor Swift's "The Man," Miley Cyrus's "Mother's Daughter," or Halsey's "Nightmare" – songs about reclaiming womanhood in the face of double standards, infringement upon reproductive rights and sexual violence. The title track of "NFR" quietly and gracefully handles the topic of domestic violence, describing a significant other who colors Del Rey blue, which evokes the image of being made blue by bruises. Another standout on the album following a feminist theme is "hope is a dangerous thing for a woman like me to have – but I have it," a title that speaks for itself.

From start to finish, "NFR" is Del Rey at her career best. She proves that she can maintain the style that first enticed a cult following while elevating her lyrical work to something more poetic. While the album dropped to critical and fan acclaim, none of its songs can be found on the Billboard Hot 100 or charting on iTunes just over 10 days after its release. This lackluster response begs the question: should we be looking outside traditional radio pop for the strongest voices in music? In Del Rey's case, the answer has always been yes.

Lana Del Rey performing at the KROQ Weenie Roast in Carson, California on May 20, 2017. FLICKR | HARMONY GERBERE

UC volleyball wins invitational to kickstart season



University of Cincinnati's volleyball team won the Spartan Invitational with wins over Tennessee University and Indiana State University. **TNR FILE ART**

This Story Continued from Page 1 points early in the season.

"I think they came out and put a lot of pressure on us and we didn't quite find our rhythm as a team," Thompson said. "We were fighting for that all match against a really good team. If you're struggling to get into a rhythm, it's going to

obviously make the match harder. We had an unusual amount of errors for us as a team and that just came from trying to find solutions."

UC ended the match with a season-high 26 errors — its most since November 2018 (30 against the University of Central Florida). The team had four players finish with eight

digs, but they struggled to contain Meredith Norris who had 13 kills and two aces for Michigan State.

Sophomore outside-hitter Maria Mallon had an outstanding weekend for the Bearcats. The Chesterfield, Michigan, native finished with a career-high 20 kills in the team's three-set sweep of Indiana State University in

the championship game. Mallon totaled 47 kills over the three-day tournament.

"I finally got to play in front of all of my family that I've never played in front of or all my friends that haven't seen me play since high school," Mallon said. "It was a lot better for me [to be successful individually] in my hometown. It was a really fun experience, but it was better knowing that all of us figured it out as a team."

Tennessee lost to Michigan State 3-2 in the final match of the tournament, giving the Bearcats the championship.

Thompson was named tournament Most Valuable Player, while Mallon and sophomore Adria Oliver were named to the all-tournament team.

Volleyball makes a short trip to Northern Kentucky University for a tournament this weekend. UC opens with Notre Dame Friday at 3 p.m. and faces Ball State University Saturday at 10 a.m.



Kerstin Ficker is a first-year member of the UC volleyball team. **CINCINNATI BEARCATS VOLLEYBALL VIA FACEBOOK**

Club sports that don't require a tryout

ADAM DOTY | CONTRIBUTOR

The University of Cincinnati has over 50 club-sport organizations that students can get involved in. Some clubs can be competitive like the Hockey Club, that compete for a national title last year. For those who are only interested in the leisure of playing, there are plenty of club sports students can get involved in that don't require a try out and welcome all skill levels.

Below are five popular club sports that all students are welcome to join without a tryout:

Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis Club is a place where all are welcome to test themselves against the best UC has to offer. Students may think they are talented in ping pong, but this club is competitive.

No tryout is needed to join, but there is a semester charge of \$15. All players are able to play as much as they please and are required to participate in the semester tournament in Columbus according to President Neil Augustine.

The club meets three days a week at the Campus Recreation Center: Mondays from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Running Club

Cincinnati is a runner's paradise. Whether it's local

running groups such as The Roebling Runners or huge events like The Flying Pig Marathon, running is in the DNA of Cincinnatians.

The UC running club runs against other collegiate teams throughout the school year, but there is no pressure to compete. No matter if you were a track star in high school or just wanting to get a little more exercise, all are welcome to join.

The running club meets Monday through Friday at 5:15 p.m. on the east side of the running track of Gettler Stadium near the flagpole.

Boxing Club

There aren't many activities that keep you in shape better than boxing.

Members begin meeting in September for conditioning and continue through November due to competitions.

There is no requirement on the amount of practices members must attend but it's recommended to attend practice at least once a week.

For more information contact Club President Tyler Rutz.

League of Legends

The popularity of e-sports has exploded recently with games like Fortnite, Rocket League and League of Legends.

Get in on the fantasy action where players compete by destroying their opponents' towers and bases in this popular multiplayer online battle arena.



The UC Running Club was founded in 2003. **@UCCLUBRUNNING VIA INSTAGRAM**

The League of Legends club welcomes players of all skill levels and participates in competitions against other universities.

To get involved, contact Mika Kumar or check out their Facebook page for updates. The club meets at Braunstein Hall 300 on Mondays at 7 p.m.

For more information on these clubs or any of the 50 plus clubs UC has to offer check out their CampusLink or Facebook Pages.

What we learned from OSU's blowout win over UC



UC cornerback Coby Bryant (left) commits a pass interference penalty against OSU Sept. 7, 2019. ALEX MARTIN | PHOTO EDITOR

SPENCER SCHULTZ | SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati football team left Columbus without crossing the goal-line Saturday, dropping its first game of the season, 42-0, to the No. 5 Ohio State Buckeyes.

While being blown out of Ohio Stadium, UC (1-1) made three trips to the red-zone that ended in two turnovers

and a blocked field goal attempt.

Here are a few takeaways from the defeat:

Alec Pierce is a deep threat

The sophomore wide receiver finished Saturday's game with four catches for 93 yards including a 46-yard reception to begin the second half. Pierce has had a 40-plus yard reception for the second straight week after catching a 52-yard pass from quarterback Desmond Ridder against UCLA. Pierce has accumulated 152 yards on six catches this season (25.3 yards per reception) – the most yards out of wide receivers, running backs or tight ends.

Penalties have become costly

The Bearcats had two defensive holding penalties that ended in the Buckeyes finding the end-zone on two separate series. UC would finish with 10 penalties for 78 yards, marking the second straight game with double digit penalties.

UC has accumulated 141 yards through two games after averaging 8.2 penalties per game last season. They've hurt themselves on offense and defense, and it showed in Ohio Stadium.

"I'm just disappointed we couldn't make it a real game," UC Head Coach Luke Fickell said postgame. "We said we wanted to be able to challenge ourselves against a top

five team, and it wasn't about Ohio State, it was about a top five team and a great program, and unfortunately, we didn't have the challenge. We didn't make it a challenge. We didn't make it a game. I wish we could have done it different, but we have to move on."

Injuries are piling up

A scary moment took place near midfield during the second quarter after UC safety Kyriq McDonald appeared to be convulsing during a J.K Dobbins run. It's unknown how long or if McDonald will miss time.

Running back Gerrid Doaks is expected to miss a month with a knee injury, while safety James Wiggins, offensive tackle Colin Woodside and defensive end Blake Bacevich have already been lost for the season.

Offensive production can't depend on Warren

UC running back Michael Warren II finished with 15 rushing yards on 10 attempts after finishing last week's game with 92 yards and two touchdowns. Warren has nearly doubled all other running backs in total yards and is only behind Pierce for most on the team.

Fellow running back Tavion Thomas got his first 11 rushing attempts of the season and gained 58 yards late in the fourth quarter. Warren is coming off a historic 2018 and might be in for another one in 2019 if his teammates don't step up, because it hasn't happened yet.

OPINION

Opinion: We should never forget 9/11

SAMUEL SCHELL-OLSEN | OPINION EDITOR

It was Sept. 11, 2001. I was four years old. I don't remember a lot from those days. However, I will always remember that day. I was in the kitchen, playing Mario Party 2, when I heard my mom crying on the phone. "Are we safe? What do you think this means? Those poor people!" my Mom said. Curious, I went to the living room where the other television was, and there it was on CNN, the top of one the Twin Towers, submerged in fire and smoke.

9/11 cost the lives of 2,977 innocent people, injuring another 6,000. It was the single deadliest terrorist attack in human history and the single deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement. 343 firefighters and 72 law enforcement officers lost their lives that day.

The attack was planned

by the militant Islamist terrorist group, Al-Qaeda, led by its leader Osama bin Laden. The attack involved 19 participants who hijacked four planes resulting in the destruction of the World Trade Center and the partial collapse of the Pentagon's west side. 9/11 would lead to a sequence of events that dramatically changed American and World history.

9/11 was the last time when American politics, even for a short period, put itself aside. President George W. Bush gained a historic high approval rating of 90% during the end of September 2001, and the Patriot Act, now recognized as one of the most intrusive acts of legislation into personal freedom in recent memory, was signed into law. Sadly, this period was over by the time the 2004 Presidential Election came around.

9/11 kicked off The War on Terror, a now seemingly never-ending series of various conflicts in which the United States became involved. The cause at first was justified, the United States had just had suffered the worst terrorist attack in human history, of course the U.S. should retaliate against Al-Qaeda. To suggest otherwise is foolish.

However, over time The War on Terror started to broaden to include countries that were not involved in 9/11. Then it started to broaden out to include terrorist groups completely unrelated to Al-Qaeda. I understand it's in the name, but if you told all Americans that in 18 years, we would still be fighting terrorists in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Libya, Yemen and Pakistan, they wouldn't exactly be on board with The War on Terror.

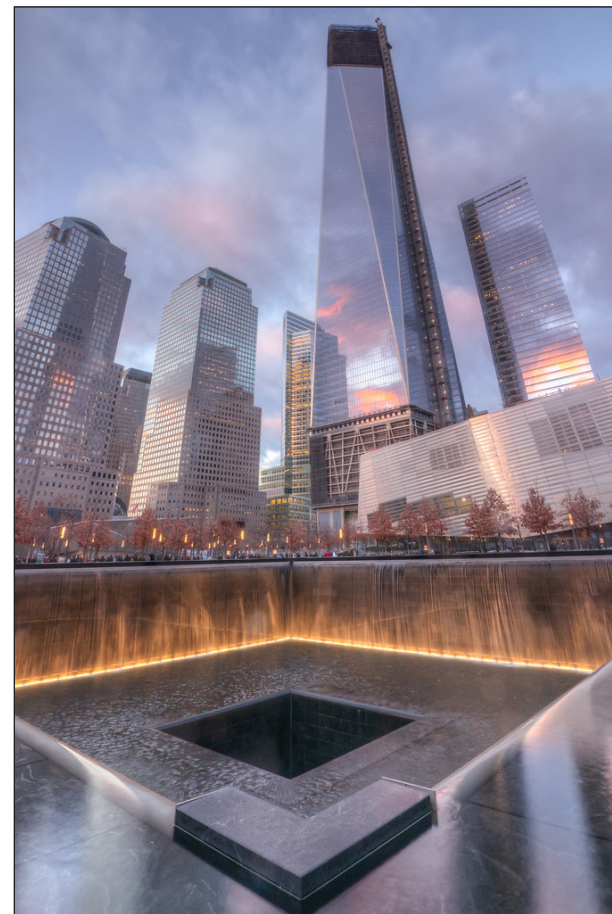
9/11 started an era of wars

that has cost the lives of 7,000 American soldiers and 244,124 foreign civilians.

9/11 like every major incident, created a series of conspiracies resulting in the "9/11 Truth Movement." The movement gained enough hype that even former Representative and later Green Party Presidential Candidate Cynthia McKinney was a member. Asking questions is fine, but alleging that the American government killed thousands of their own civilians, costing \$10 billion in damage, to justify The War on Terror is absurd.

9/11 also changed the way American Muslims were perceived. Due to the terrorists practicing a distorted version of Islam, ignorant civilians assumed that American Muslims at large were

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The 9/11 Memorial in New York City at sunset. FLICKR | DAVEZ

Opinion: Why I'm rooting for Andrew Yang #YangGang

SAMUEL SCHELL-OLSEN | OPINION EDITOR

Andrew Yang is perhaps the most unique candidate of all the Democratic candidates. Yang has no political experience, wasn't a major media figure (Mariam Williamson) or political donor (Tom Steyer). Yet despite this, Yang has outlasted senators, governors and representatives. How did this little-known entrepreneur suddenly gain enough hype to be a top 10 finalist for the nomination of the 2020 Democrat Candidate for President?

People point out his group of supporters known as the "Yang Gang," who are known for their diehard support of Yang on Twitter. Others point out to his proposed Universal Basic Income (UBI) policy, which would give all adults in the United States \$1,000 per month.

Yet, Yang has something going for him; something that is much larger than policy proposals. I believe Yang is a genuine and caring individual. That is something that has been missing in politics for a long time.

If you look at Yang's Twitter feed, it's filled with colorful, positive tweets about himself, his supporters or policies.

But more than that, he shows genuine emotion. During a Everytown Gun Safety Town Hall last month, Yang cried when answering a question from a mother who told him about the death of her four year-old daughter from a stray bullet, and that the twin brother witnessed the shooting. Yang would explain that he became emotional since he could imagine his own children being the victims of gun violence.

It's generally welcoming to see a political figure sympathize with an individual, not

for political gain, but because they actually care.

Another quality about Yang is that he won't smear the opposing political side and is willing to hear from others. Unlike other Democrat candidates, Yang understands that not all Trump supporters are a bunch of racist, homophobic xenophobes.

"My problem is with our President - not his supporters. A lot of people who supported Trump are now part of the #YangGang and it gives me a lot of joy, hope and pride."

The other candidates would be wise to follow Yang's lead. The states of Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin all voted for Obama twice, only to vote for Trump in 2016.

Yang has appeared on several podcasts that aren't exactly favorably Democrat. Yang has appeared on Joe Rogan, Dave Rubin and Ben Shapiro's podcasts. On all three podcasts Yang and the hosts receive a positive experience, despite having different political views.

To me, Yang has brought something to the national conversation that hasn't been discussed for a long time: autism. One of the major complaints is that people with disabilities are often stigmatized. Yang has a son who is on the autism spectrum, which inspired him to have a platform that funds autism intervention. Seeing a candidate for president attempt to address autism really means a lot to people who have disabilities like myself.

Overall, Yang and I don't agree on a lot. However, Yang has a lot more going for him than just policy, and that's why I'm rooting for him.



Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang speaks during the second night of the first Democratic presidential debate on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami, Florida. AL DIAZ/MIAMI HERALD/TNS



The World Trade Center lit up during the Tribute in Light on Sept. 11, 2011, 10 years after 9/11 in remembrance. FLICKR | KIM CARPENTER

The effects of 9/11 linger

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capable of terrorism, which is bigoted and untrue. In a 2017 Pew Research Poll, more American Muslims believe that targeting, killing civilians is never justifiable than the general public. No matter what religion you practice, we as Americans, are all on the same page, sadly one of the results of 9/11 is the rise of discrimination against American Muslims, which needs to stop.

It is also worthy to note some people need to stop comparing inconvenient events to 9/11. It is a slap to faces of families who lost their loved ones on that day.

Amy McGrath, currently the Democrat front-runner to challenge Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) for his Senate seat, said she felt the same way about President Donald Trump being elected as she did when 9/11 took place. As a former Marine, McGrath knows better, and should apologize for her remarks.

However, some go even further.

Young Turk Commentator Hasan Piker went so over the top, it was unbelievable. In addition to mocking former Navy Seal Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) for losing his eye due to an improvised explosive device, Piker dropped this stunner, "America deserved 9/11, dude. F— it, I'm saying it."

The fact anyone can believe that 2,977 innocent Americans deserve to lose their lives because of government foreign policy, which didn't involve them, is such a morally wicked, sick way of logic. It wasn't just him either. There were plenty of users on Twitter who stood by Piker, justifying his stance.

The fact that some of those the users, being presumably American, are justifying the deaths of thousands of fellow citizens citing foreign policy like uncaring brats, while there are many undocumented immigrants who can only dream of

being an American citizen, is a shame.

This wasn't limited to one side however. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), a politician I personally really like, decided to stop the unanimous passage of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund through 2090. Paul's reasoning was it would contribute to the National Debt. To be fair, Paul called for an amendment, or a compromise.

It's important that politicians help those who sacrificed for their country the care they need. That means putting fiscal policy aside.

To conclude, 9/11 must never be forgotten, in the memory of the lives lost, the lives of firefighters and law enforcement, the lives of soldiers and foreign civilians and the lives of first responders. 9/11 reminded us that a period, however small, can achieve a time of political-less unity. 9/11 was a day that changed the world.

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Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 “squares” (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square. Does it sound complicated? Each Sudoku grid comes with a few spaces already filled in; the more spaces filled in, the easier the game – the more difficult Sudoku puzzles have very few spaces that are already filled in.



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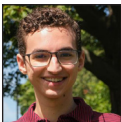
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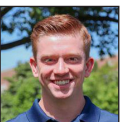
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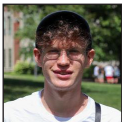


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