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UC researching autonomous vehicle technology

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The University of Cincinnati is currently conducting extensive research on the development of connected autonomous technology for vehicles.

Connected automation refers to a system in which an autonomous vehicle will share data with not only the other vehicles on the road, but also with a given environment's infrastructure and population.

"As the controllability of the system increases, we can be pushed more into an ideal state," said Jiaqi Ma, an assistant professor at UC with a doctorate in transportation engineering from the University of Virginia.

"If designed well," Ma said, "the connected system will allow us to control and reduce the [greenhouse gas] emissions produced by all the vehicles on the road."

Before Ma was hired at UC, he worked as a research scientist for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Leidos/Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center.

Ma now serves as the lead of the UC College of Engineering and Applied Science's intelligent systems lab.

While working for the USDOT and UC, Ma has developed an algorithm that connects driverless cars to traffic lights to coordinate how vehicles respond to changing traffic signals without human interaction.

Ma argues that such a system would not only increase the number of vehicles able to advance past a green light before it turns red, but that it would also improve overall traffic safety.

"We've found that by smoothing stop-and-start traffic, fuel efficiency can be improved by up to 20 percent," Ma said, citing the

increased fuel efficiency the system will provide.

"It would be interesting to see in practice," said Austin Porter, a 22-year-old mathematics student. "[It] would definitely send the autonomous world to a new level."

However, Porter highlighted concerns about system errors threatening safety.

"I am worried that it would cause issues if there are even minute errors in the system," Porter said. "Improved safety systems would have to be developed in the even a flaw is exposed."

Increased safety is an oft-used argument for the advancement of driverless technology. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website claims 94 percent of "serious crashes" are caused by human error.

"Humans are much less tolerant of autonomous errors [than human errors]," Ma said. "So, it's a priority to make sure the system is flawless before being tested on the road."

Driverless technology still must meet necessary improvements until it can be fully implemented into society, but Ma believes it is realistic to predict that fully autonomous vehicles will be on the road by 2025.

Companies like Google, Ford and Tesla are heavily investing in the development of autonomous vehicles. But, according to Ma, these companies only work on developing single cars.

"I work on connecting cars to infrastructure and pedestrians in order to push the capabilities of the system forward," Ma said.

The ridesharing company Uber suspended its testing and development of driverless cars in March after a pedestrian was struck and killed by one of its autonomous vehicles.

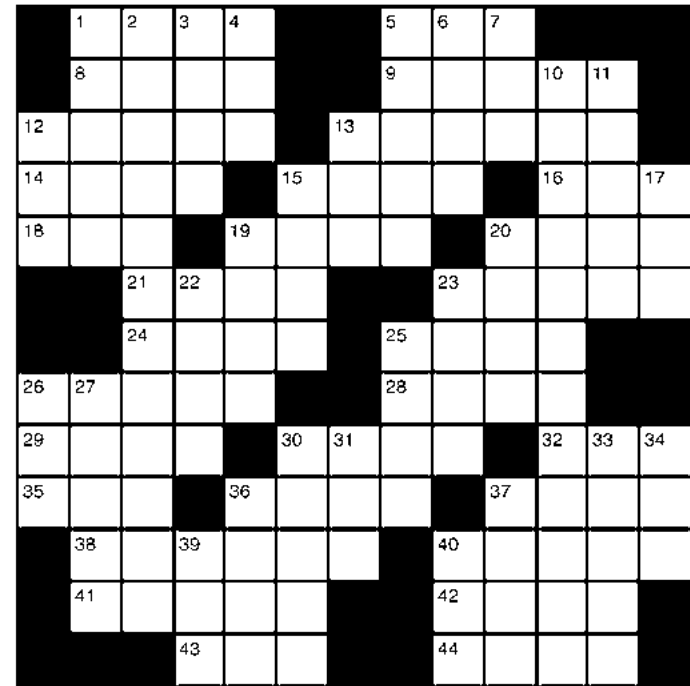
"Such low-probability incidents should not prevent the technology from being developed," said Ma. "If anything, it should further push us to develop fixes for the problem."



Ford will launch a fleet of self-driving cars in Miami.

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Kentucky superintendant responds to Bevin's remarks

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Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin came under fire Friday for his comments regarding the “unintended consequences” of an organized teacher walkout which shut down at least 40 school districts throughout the state.

“I guarantee you somewhere in Kentucky today a child was sexually assaulted that was left at home because there was nobody there to watch them,” Bevin said.

His remarks came after thousands of teachers rallied in Frankfort last week, protesting the governor's veto of a proposed two-year Kentucky budget which included a \$480 million tax increase to fund public education.

Bevin released an apology video Sunday, acknowledging that many Kentuckians “did not fully appreciate” his comments Friday evening.

“I apologize for those who have been hurt by the things that were said,” Bevin said. “[It] was not my intent whatsoever.”

Bevin uploaded the apology video to his Facebook page one day after state legislators voted to override the governor's veto, passing the proposed two-year budget

and condemning Bevin's remarks in a resolution.

Not all educators appreciated Bevin's apology, however, with Bellevue Independent City Schools Superintendent Robb Smith calling his Sunday video “a faux apology.”

“No one misunderstood what he was saying,” Smith said. “His message was disappointing.”

Smith expressed concerns for education dollars moving forward, saying last year's authorization of charter schools threatens funding for public education.

“There was been a pattern of name-calling and belittling of the profession in the past six months,” Smith said. “There has been a movement in the conservative playbook to move education from public to private so that they can profit off of it.”

Bellevue Independent School District was among the many Kentucky schools which closed Friday. The district had room in their academic calendar to do so, Smith said, without any academic repercussions for students.

“I'm so proud of my educators,” Smith said. “We have proved that we will fight for

public education, and we are not going to go quietly.”

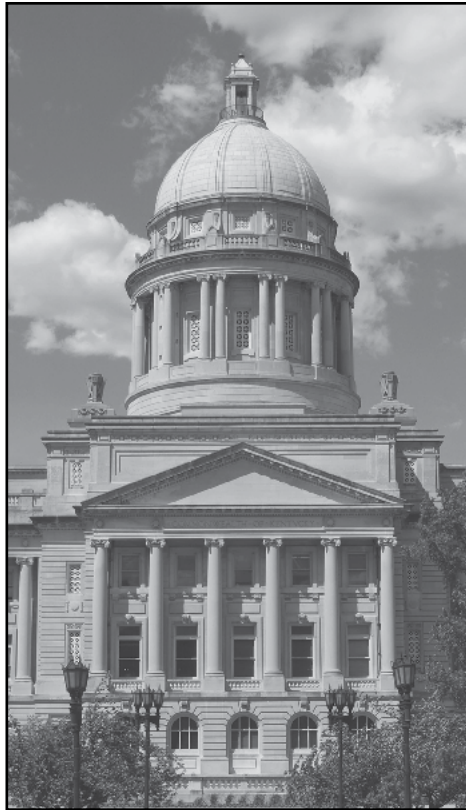
Although the commonwealth's congress passed a budget allocating money for The Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding program, which Smith says increased to 19 dollars per student, Bellevue still faces a \$30,000 cut to their professional development and instructional fund.

As a small district, Smith says he is unsure how schools will afford textbooks or technological tools in upcoming years. He will have to spend time with the district's financial manager, Smith says, to figure out the best solution.

For now, Smith says he does not foresee any teacher protests in the near future since Kentucky's congress is not in session. He stressed the importance of voting, however, in shaping the future of Kentucky's public school system.

For now, Smith looks toward the future.

“I would hate to look ten years from now and see that students are unable to succeed in higher education,” he said. “We are the foundation ... What happens now impacts these kids down the line.”



DREAMSTIME

After the Kentucky state legislature's passage of pension reform, 22 school districts across the state closed schools Friday after hundreds of school employees refused to work.



CHARLES BERTRAM | LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER | TNS

Thousands of Kentucky school teachers marched Monday, April 2, 2018 from the Kentucky Education Association's headquarters to the State Capitol in Frankfort, Ky. to protest legislative changes to their pensions and education cuts. Public schools in all 120 Kentucky counties were closed Monday, either to join in the protest or because of spring break.



HAYNE PALMOUR IV | SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE | TNS

With the Star of India in the background, people march south on North Harbor Drive during the March for Science in San Diego on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

‘Less invasions, more equations’: Cincinnati marches for science

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Rain didn't stop local science enthusiasts from joining the March for Science Cincinnati at Sawyer Point — one of more than 230 worldwide events to supplement the second annual march in Washington, D.C. — on Saturday, April 14.

The March for Science is a global movement to celebrate science and advocate nonpartisan, evidence-based policy from public officials. It was established in January 2017 after concern about the need for science in policy sparked the idea for a scientists' march — an idea that soon went viral, according to the March for Science website.

Concerns stemmed from President Donald Trump's denial of climate change and the current presidential administration's proposed funding cuts for federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The New York Times reported.

Cincinnati's 2018 march was hosted by March for Science Cincinnati, which operates as a committee within the Tri-State Freethinkers — a nonprofit activist and educational organization that promotes equal rights and the

separation of church and state. The event kicked off with a rally featuring multiple speakers.

“We can, as scientists, no longer remain silent and uninvolved,” said Cory Christopher, director of the Center for Conservation at the Cincinnati Nature Center. “Without casting judgment or inflicting guilt, we [must] acknowledge the harm we have done to the Earth, and join together to find a better way forward.”

A march through Sawyer Point followed the rally. Many attendees carried signs bearing messages like “Less invasions, more equations,” and “There is no Planet B.” Donning ponchos and smiles, the crowd chanted “Hey, hey, ho, ho, alternative fuels are the way to go!” and “2, 4, 6, 8, everyone should vaccinate!”

The crowd convened at the science festival that featured booths from local organizations, such as the Cincinnati Museum Center, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and the Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati.

“I think it's important for the general public to be aware of all of the science opportunities not only in Cincinnati, but all over the world and [in] all professions,”

said Jennifer Patritti, a graduate neuroscience student and vice president of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science — a national organization that provides professional development for minority students to stay in science.

“For minority students to see other people like them being involved in science, I think that's very important,” she said. “That's why I'm here.”

The UC Biomedical Informatics Student Association (BISA) had a booth as well.

“For us to be out here today — even in the rainy weather — is to show the intent that we do care about science,” said A.J. Adejare, a graduate biomedical informatics student and BISA representative. “We are part of the community too, and we want to become more a part of the community as we develop through our careers.”

Festivities concluded at 3 p.m. Saturday. The crowd was smaller this year, but those who attended were just as ardent about science advocacy. Fewer people attended the Washington march and there were fewer total events worldwide, Science Magazine reported.

Ohio doctors apply to recommend marijuana

BEN REES | STAFF REPORTER

Ohio physicians may soon be eligible for certification to recommend marijuana to patients with applicable health issues.

Since late March, the State Medical Board of Ohio has received 50 applications — eight of which came from the Cincinnati area — from doctors who wish to legally recommend the substance. Now, the board must approve enough applicants to supply a potential 300,000 eligible Ohioans with medical marijuana.

Dr. William Sawyer, a local doctor with over 30 years of medical experience, was one of the first doctors in Ohio to apply for certification under the state's Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program.

“There's lots of modalities we use to treat many different conditions, and cannabis has medicinal value in many disease states,” says Sawyer, who owns a family medicine office in Sharonville. “We should be able to offer patients what works for them — not just what the pharmaceutical industry directs us to.”

Before applying for a license to recommend marijuana, doctors must take a two-hour informational course to learn about the substance.

“It was very informative and very educational,” Sawyer said. “There's a tremendous amount of research that they had access to.”

The state of Ohio offers a list of medical conditions that could qualify patients for a medicinal marijuana recommendation. The list includes ailments like AIDS, cancer, epilepsy and chronic pain, among the 21 conditions listed.

Marijuana is considered an effective pain reliever for those with chronic pain or multiple sclerosis. Beyond reducing physical pain, doctors have found that marijuana can reduce tremors in patients with Parkinson's disease.

Researchers are also studying marijuana's role in anxiety reduction — specifically, in patients suffering from post-

traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). One study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found insufficient evidence to confirm marijuana's suggested positive impact on chronic pain, however.

Many doctors would favor recommending marijuana over legally-available opiate prescription solutions. Opiate addictions often stem from pain pill abuse — an ongoing trend in cities like Cincinnati.

“In the states that have legalized [medical marijuana], they don't have the opiate problem we have here,” Sawyer said.

Some medical centers, including UC Health and Mercy Health, are waiting to determine the program's success before letting their doctors pursue certification.

“I don't know what it's going to be like,” Sawyer said. “Taking baby steps is a good idea.”

As of November 2017, 12 businesses are approved (out of 109 applicants) to legally grow marijuana in spaces up to 25,000 square feet within the state of Ohio. These facilities, which constitute the state's first legal marijuana farms, will source marijuana prescribed to qualifying in-state patients.

However, some believe that the application process to legally grow marijuana in Ohio is flawed. Jimmy Gould, founder and CEO of Green Light Acquisitions, filed a lawsuit against the state after his application to grow medical marijuana was denied, Columbus Business First reported.

Six additional companies have joined Gould's lawsuit, alleging that the licensing process provided misleading information and rewarded applicants who failed to meet criteria.

“We want a fair and equitable program,” Gould told Columbus Business First. “It is a broken system, completely broken.”

The goal is to have the program operational — with operable marijuana greenhouses and certified doctors — by the state's Sept. 8 deadline.

An Addict's Tale: How one man survived the opioid epidemic

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Three years ago, a 22-year-old man in the throes of addiction walked into a small patch of woods behind his childhood home in Anderson Township — a suburb of Cincinnati. Scott Mays sat on the cold forest floor and pulled a rifle into his lap. For nearly three hours, he held the weapon in his mouth and contemplated whether life was still worth living.

Though Mays ultimately decided to put the gun down, he still was not ready to kick his addiction. Years later, after an overdose and a few brushes with death, Mays began recovering after helping a stranger heal.

“I’m not ashamed of being an addict. At the end of the day, there’s hope for a new way of life. It’s not easy, but recovery is worthwhile.”

- Scott Mays

Mays, now 25, is currently in recovery and living at the Pax House in Cincinnati. He has been clean for nearly two years now, and is helping other addicts like him overcome their addictions.

“I’m not ashamed of being an addict,” Mays said. “At the end of the day, there’s hope for a new way of life. It’s not easy, but recovery is worthwhile.”

Mays is a symbol of the growing opioid epidemic that has plagued Ohio and continues to spread throughout the rest of the United States. Some users, like Mays, do beat the odds and overcome their addictions. However, a clear majority of addicts continue to abuse drugs and risk everything to score their next hit — sometimes gambling their lives to do so.

Ohio has the second-highest drug-related death rate in the nation behind West Virginia and has struggled with the opioid crisis for years with little improvement. From 2000 to 2015, Ohio’s unintentional drug overdose death rate increased 642 percent, driven mainly by opioid-related overdoses.

In 2000, there were 411 unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio. In 2016, that number rose to 4,050.

The opioid epidemic is not limited to Ohio. Between 2000 and 2016, the rate of opioid overdose deaths in the United States exploded by a near 200 percent increase. In 2000, 20,230 Americans overdosed, and 4,419 of those deaths involved opioids. In 2016, 63,600 Americans died from drug overdoses, with 42,249 deaths involving opioids.

Lieutenant Tom Fallon, the investigative commander of the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force, has witnessed the effects of the opioid epidemic firsthand. Fallon got involved with the task force when it was established in early 2015 and has watched the epidemic grow throughout midwestern U.S. over the past few years.

“Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia are really ‘Ground Zero’ for this epidemic,” Fallon said. “The three of us are pretty much where it all started.”

Despite the rising number of overdose deaths in Ohio, Fallon tries to remain positive when faced with the widespread drug problem.

“I’m hoping that we hit the ceiling in 2017,” Fallon said. “Hopefully we see a bit more of a decline instead of the sharp uptick that’s been going on for years.”

Although the task force is desperately trying to combat the opioid epidemic, the problem continues to grow. Fallon said his task force investigates and prosecutes drug dealers in Hamilton County; however, they can only do so much to combat the influence of addiction.

“The biggest problem is just how powerful the opioid addiction itself is,” Fallon said.

Mays knows exactly how powerful addiction can be. Growing up, he says he never felt like he fit in with his peers. Mays filled this void with drugs, using them to feel better about himself.

“It altered the way I felt and made me comfortable in my own skin,” Mays said. “[It’s] something I had never felt before.”

Mays began abusing drugs after three knee surgeries in high school. His doctor prescribed painkillers, and Mays says he began experimenting with the medication.

“I took those painkillers one night as prescribed,” he said. “I walked into my job the next day and said to myself, ‘If I could get those all the time and had enough money, I would be addicted.’”

After graduation, Mays began taking classes at Miami University in Oxford. Within a year, he met a fellow student who sold narcotics.

Soon after, drugs completely consumed Mays’ life.

He stopped going to class. He lost all motivation to work. He began to spend every cent he had buying illicit drugs, including benzodiazepines and opioid painkillers like oxycodone and heroin. His addiction ruined not only his school performance but his relationships with family and friends.

“There was a period of time where I was taking checks from my mom,” he said. “I was writing checks to myself. It was an ordeal to get into her purse and steal her checks, so you would think I would take multiple checks ... No, never. I took one f---king check, and thought about that moment,

that day, that high.”

After two years of addiction, Mays sought help. He realized that if he continued to abuse drugs, he was either going to commit suicide or end up overdosing. Mays spent six months sober in an outpatient rehab facility.

As soon he left, he relapsed.

“You’re running on a treadmill,” he said, describing the exhausting nature of addiction. “You’re stuck in constant motion but never going anywhere ... If you stop using, you get sick. When you get sick, you can’t function. You’re using against your will.”

One day during this time, Mays got high on heroin and sat behind the wheel of his car. He overdosed while driving and crashed into a telephone pole. Police arrived and, after reviving Mays, charged him with a DUI.

As part of his punishment, Mays was forced to attend a state-mandated driving class for a weekend. Over the two-day course, Mays was honest about his addiction and how his dependence on drugs led to a DUI.

After completing the class, a woman told Mays how a friend of hers had been killed by a driver who was high on opiates. She swore she would never forgive, but after meeting Mays and understanding what addiction does to a person, she was able to find forgiveness in her heart. Her forgiveness pushed Mays into recovery, finally convincing him to get clean. He began living at Pax House — a halfway home in Cincinnati that mandates a sober lifestyle for residents.

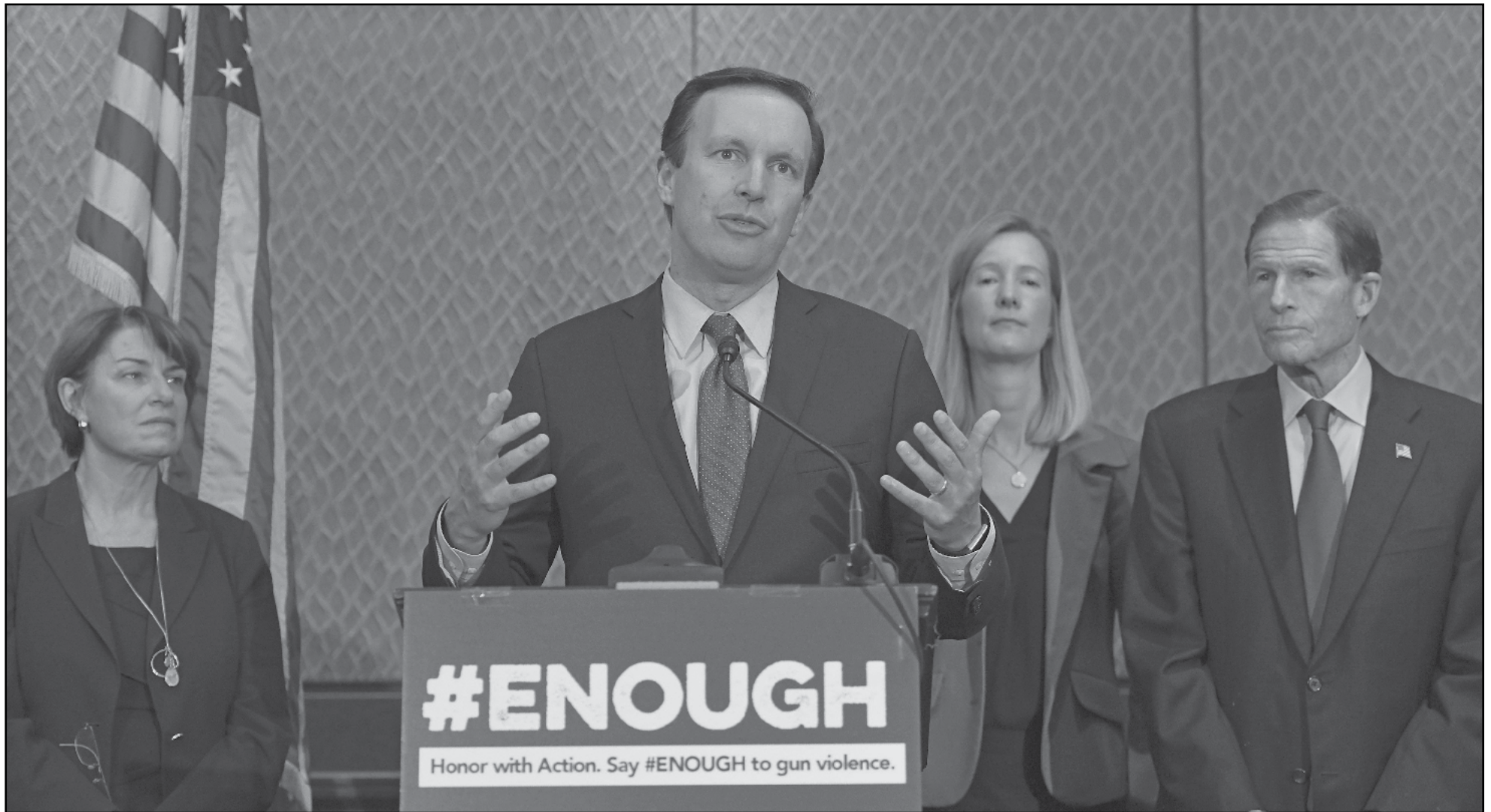
Only about 11 percent of people with a substance use disorder receive treatment. Between 40 and 60 percent of those in recovery will relapse. However, some drug users, like Mays, overcome the odds and beat their addiction. When an addict chooses to take the first step to begin the process of recovery, they decide that the simple things others take for granted are worth more than the next high.

“If you stop using drugs every day, your life is going to improve — flat out,” Mays said. “Stopping using drugs is the easy part. But finding a new way to live? That’s the hard part.”



Scott Mays on how he survived opioid abuse, and how to get out of it.

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U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) makes remarks at a news conference to discuss gun violence in wake of Las Vegas shooting, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on October 3, 2017.

Ohio candidates prepare for next month's primary election

ZACH PERRIN | NEWS EDITOR

As the Ohio primary election approaches on May 8, voters may be overwhelmed with all the options they have available. Even though many students are busy studying for finals and planning their summer vacations, the primary elections are their chance to make an impact on the state's most important issues.

"Whenever November elections come around, I will always hear somebody say, 'I don't like any of the candidates,'" said Peter Bandrowsky, outreach director for UC College Democrats. "This primary election is your chance to

ensure a candidate that you are passionate about ends upon the final ballot."

Issue 1 is a priority on both sides of the political spectrum. It is a bipartisan attempt to stop gerrymandering — the modification of districts to give certain political parties an advantage.

"The passing of Issue 1 will give all Ohioans a better chance to elect candidates that represent their interests and not the interests of the majority party," Bandrowsky said.

The race for Ohio governor divides party lines for both Democratic and Republican voters. On the Republican side, Lt. Governor Mary

Taylor and Attorney General Mike DeWine are both vying for the title.

DeWine has campaigned on ending the opioid crisis, improving education and reforming abortion legislation. Taylor's platform includes protecting Second Amendment rights, reforming health care and supporting President Trump's immigration agenda.

The Democratic race for governor is more crowded, with six candidates aspiring for the governorship. Two candidates currently leading in polls include Richard Cordray, former Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Dennis Kucinich, a former

U.S. representative.

Cordray's campaign includes focusing on the opioid crisis, supporting small businesses, reforming health care and creating universal preschool education. Kucinich's platform includes women's rights, banning assault weapons and reforming the state's criminal justice system.

In the Senate, Sherrod Brown is running for re-election against six Republicans. Josh Mandel — formerly a likely candidate to beat Brown — recently withdrew from the race. Among the remaining Republican nominees include U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci,

investment banker Mike Gibbons and investment adviser Dan Kiley.

Running for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 1, UC's district, include Democrat Aftab Pureval and Republicans Steve Chabot (incumbent) and Samuel Ronan.

Pureval is campaigning for working families, protecting health care and women's rights. Chabot's platform includes revitalizing the economy, health care and energy independence. Ronan's platform includes living wages, education for all and green energy.

Most other state government positions don't have more than two or three

candidates. The real battles for those positions will be in November.

Gerritzen Meyer, president of UC's chapter of Young Americans for Liberty, urges young voters make an informed decision in this election.

"It is very important to make sure you're properly informed on an issue," Meyer said. "I'm sure many millennials found the congressional hearings with Mark Zuckerberg frustrating, because there were so many people and legislators calling for regulation of an industry that they know little to nothing about."

Headliner PnB Rock a no show for UC's Uptown West Fest Saturday

NOELLE ZIELINSKI | LIFE & ARTS EDITOR

The University of Cincinnati's Uptown West Fest was held Saturday, but one of the two headlining acts was nowhere in sight.

The first headliner for the annual free concert was supposed to be PnB Rock; however, the many students in attendance were disappointed to learn that he was not there due to circumstances out of his control.

The concert was put on by UC's Programs and Activities Council (PAC) and held on Sigma Sigma Commons. PAC has yet to respond to The News Record's request for comment, but they did issue an explanation via Twitter.

"Due to unforeseen circumstances out of our control, PnB Rock will not be performing tonight," the tweet read. "We would like to thank everyone that came out tonight and we look forward to next year."

PnB Rock released his debut mixtape — an album he wrote while incarcerated — on June 24, 2014. In June

2016, he released his single "Selfish" which hit No. 51 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. In October 2016, Rolling Stone Magazine included him on their list of "10 Artists You Need to Know." He has released songs featuring artists such as Young Thug, 2 Chainz, Wiz Khalifa, Kodak Black and A Boogie wit da Hoodie.

Several UC students tweeted at the rapper, expressing their frustration for missing his scheduled appearance. Many felt that the rapper bailed on the concert by choice; however, a later reply to angry students revealed that PnB Rock was actually in jail during the time of the concert.

"Cops held me up in a cell for 16 [hours]," PnB Rock replied to a complaint on Twitter.

"So what's your excuse for ditching us at UC?" asked another disgruntled Twitter user.

"I was in a cell... thinkin about y'all," he replied.

PnB Rock later revealed that he did, in fact, arrive in Cincinnati around 10:30 p.m.

The concert was scheduled for 7 p.m.

The other headliner was J.I.D. — another rapper known as Destin Route.

Born in Georgia, Route produced his first mixtape in 2012 titled "J.I.D." — a nickname coined by his grandmother, who called him a jittery child.

In Dec. 2017, he released "Bears Like This Too Much" featuring J. Cole and Bas with production from Mac Miller, Ducko Mcfli, Childish Major and J. Cole.

His full-length album, "The Never Story," was released in 2017.

The third performer for this event was local artist Dayo Gold. He has two songs on Spotify — "Fly Away" and "Nicotine" — and many other songs on Soundcloud. Gold collaborated with his Lyft driver, Anthony Cloward, to create some of his music.

Despite PnB Rock's absence, the other performers put on a show for the students in attendance, despite the cold weather.



DAVID GIFREDA | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dayo Gold performs as the opening act at the Uptown West Fest on Sigma Sigma Commons on Saturday April 14.



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Students express their energy in the front row at the Uptown West Fest on Sigma Sigma Commons on Saturday April 14.

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Lizzy's Latest Looks: A history lesson on makeup

ELIZABETH SCHMITT | NEWS EDITOR

From Cleopatra to Marie Antoinette, makeup and cosmetic products have existed in societies throughout the world for eons. From henna in China to scented oils in Iran, using substances to illuminate different physical features has been a cultural trend since the earliest of human societies.

In ancient societies, cosmetics were often used as symbols to represent deeper concepts and beliefs in both medical and religious practices according to Dr. Juan Murube, a researcher from the University of Alcala in Madrid. Body paintings were often used as protection and to honor various god, Murube said.

In other cultures, eye cosmetics were mixed with chemicals and herbs to help treat conjunctivitis.

The complex evolution of cosmetics often relies upon geographical and cultural contexts. These sources give researchers insight toward the development, application and status symbol associated with different products.

While the transition from homemade concoctions to a multi-million-dollar cosmetic industry did not happen overnight, it did accelerate quickly. The cosmetic industry owes itself to the rise of the film industry, as many actors and actresses used cosmetics heavily to emphasize their emotions to distant audiences.

At the turn of the 20th century, men and women alike used beauty products —like face powders, rouge and mascaras. It wasn't until face paints hit the big screen that cosmetics lines, like Max Factor, coined the term "makeup."

Soon, others like T.L. Williams — the founder of Maybelline — joined the game after creating a formula for cake mascara inspired by his sister, Mabel. The cosmetic industry took off throughout the rest of the twentieth-century. Advancement in other areas paved the way for new, innovative makeup products, like nail polish.

Marketing played a substantial role as well. Most advertisements at that time were drawings of women with the rosy cheeks and long lashes. These beauty

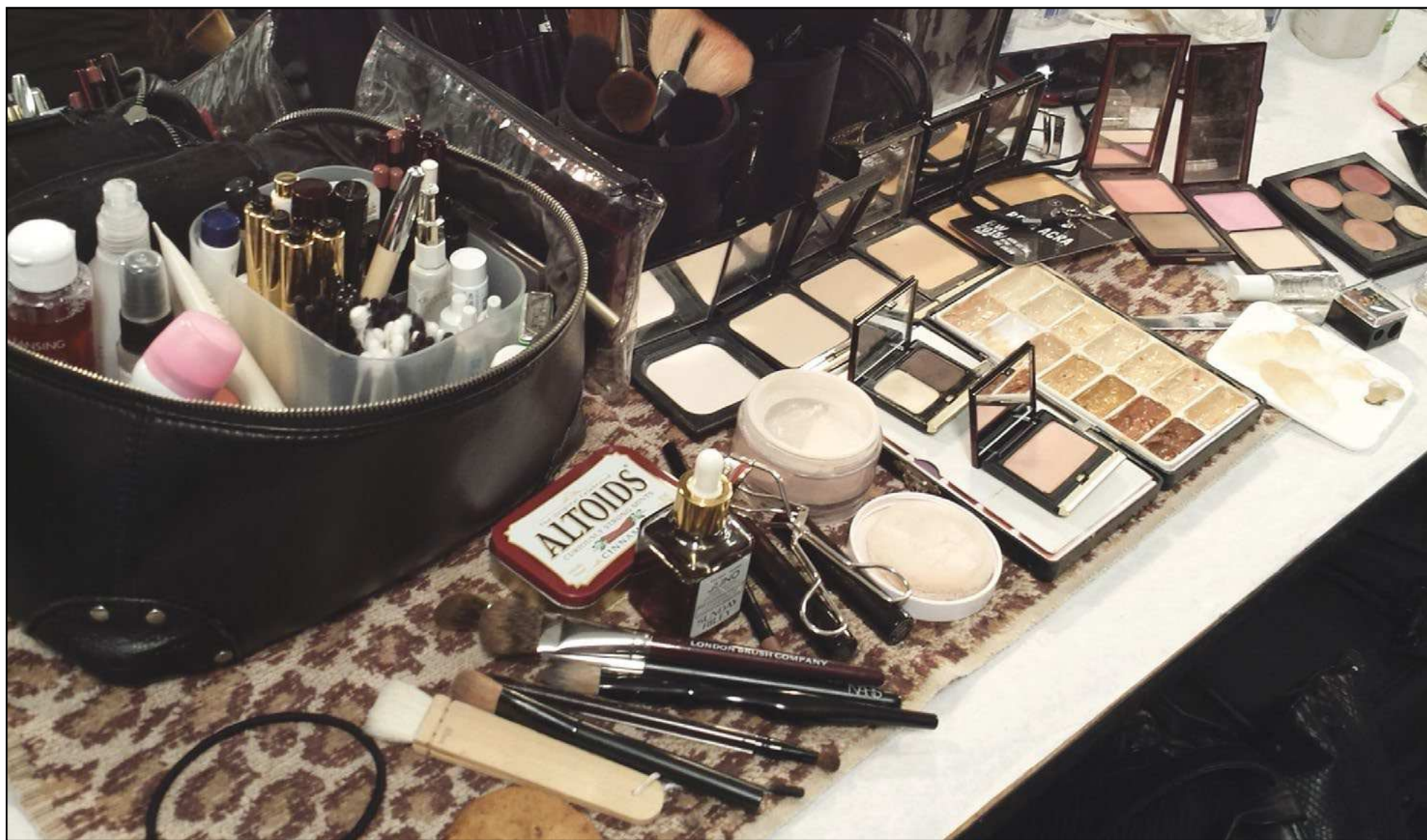
standards changed over time, but the impact of these ads strengthened the growth of the industry.

These ads represented a value shift as society increasingly accepted women wearing makeup. The same has become increasingly true of men and makeup today.

So, what does the evolution of beauty products have to do with the average person today? Well, for starters, many of the techniques and ingredients remain the same. While beauty industry has seen many advancements, it is still an industry which thrives off legacy — good or bad.

Understanding the history of the beauty industry is necessary to understand how and why cosmetics work the way they do. It may be expensive and the packaging may be colorful, but the quality of the ingredients matters above all else.

Beauty is the expression of individuality. Marketers may try desperately to sell the superiority of their products over others, but at the end of the day, your beauty products are your choice.



Makeup touch-ups backstage at the Reem Acra runway show at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

SARA BAUKNECHT | PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE | TNS

Five ways to stay sane during finals week

NOELLE ZIELINSKI | LIFE & ARTS EDITOR

Finals week is just around the corner, and studying for countless exams while struggling to complete numerous projects can be a pain. There are several methods to aid your sanity and calm your nerves during this intense time of the year, however. Here are a few ways to stay grounded during finals week.

Make a list:

Making lists is one of the easiest ways to keep yourself organized. Lists help you to prioritize and strategize your day-to-day tasks and responsibilities. When studying for finals, try making a list of projects you need to complete — or finals to study for — in the order of which they

need to be completed. This can help you visualize what needs to get done, and it can help you avoid becoming overwhelmed with everything that you must complete.

Go somewhere else to study:

Getting out of your dorm room or apartment can be incredibly beneficial for getting things done on time. Sometimes after being in your own area too long, you can begin feeling too comfortable, which often results in procrastination or laziness. However, if you go to the library, study area or lounge in your dorm or apartment, it can provide a new, more productive setting.

Get plenty of rest:

Needless to say, sleep is a necessity. During finals week, however, students often put sleep on the back burner because they think studying longer means retaining more information. However, getting a full night's rest is necessary and promotes brain activity — an essential aspect of finals week. So, if you feel like you're hitting a wall around 11:30 p.m. or midnight, put the books down and get some sleep.

Take small breaks:

If you find yourself struggling to stay focused during the day while working on projects or studying, take a break. As simple as it sounds, taking breaks is one of the most beneficial ways to regain your focus. Get a drink of

water, eat a granola bar, check your texts or peruse your social media. Set a timer for 10 minutes and get up and stretch. If you are still feeling distracted or unmotivated after your break, try changing subjects or assignments. This is also a good way to refocus your brain.

Try to stay calm:

Do whatever you need to do to stay calm. Whether yoga, making tea, or writing and coloring, take time to do whatever calms you down. Keeping your stress levels low is key to staying sane during finals week. So, just take a breath, find what makes you relax and do it whenever you feel like you need a minute to calm down during studying.



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Emily Blunt and Millicent Simmonds in 'A Quiet Place'

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'A Quiet Place' horrifies viewers with strong visual storytelling

NOELLE ZIELINSKI | LIFE & ARTS EDITOR

John Krasinski's "A Quiet Place" (2018) is the most horrifying film to be released in theaters in a long, long time. This suspense-filled thriller set in a post-apocalyptic world contains a creature attracted to sound which hunts humans. Because of this, Lee (John Krasinski) and his family must communicate only through sign language and be incredibly cautious, even when carrying out the simplest of tasks.

At the start of the movie, Lee has three children. One child is quickly snatched away from their family, however, after discovering a toy that makes noise. The majority of "A Quiet Place" takes place a year after this tragedy. Amid the family's grief, Lee's wife Evelyn (Emily Blunt) is 38 weeks pregnant. Despite the stress of an impending childbirth, Lee continues to comb through articles and research remnants in hopes of finding a way to kill this ominous being.

"A Quiet Place" — a film wrought with high levels of suspense — is truly terrifying. Tense scenes will leave viewers anticipating the worst outcomes, but the worst is always yet to come. There are several instances of this throughout the film; for instance, the number of scenes featuring routine objects as potential disasters. Will a character step on a nail? Will a timer go off? These suspenseful, high-intensity

moments are what make the film so horrifying to watch and keep audiences intrigued.

The movie involves minimal dialogue, so it is essential for producers to maintain strong aspects of visual storytelling to keep the film progressing. Since dialogue is avoided almost entirely, actors must use their facial expressions to explain different scenes.

Another interesting layer to the movie is Evelyn's pregnancy. It adds a level of complexity to this story, as viewers question whether children should be brought into such a frightening, kill-or-be-killed society like the one in this movie. Obviously, the main issue is that a baby tends to cry ... a lot. And, given that the main idea of the movie is to stay quiet at all costs, it seems like a clear predicament to place a helpless baby and its entire family at risk.

"A Quiet Place" also represents a marginalized community in today's society: the deaf. Millicent Simmonds' performance as the deaf daughter of Krasinski and Blunt was genuine because, in reality, she is deaf.

"Her crucial role in the small cast not only proves her talent, but also encourages other directors to seek out actors and actresses within this community; creating a movie of silence allows viewers to empathize with the deaf," an article from The Echo reads.

FC Cincinnati stadium deal sealed as Cincy sets eyes on MLS

ALEX FRANK | STAFF REPORTER

After months of debate and waiting, Futbol Club Cincinnati will finally be getting a soccer-exclusive stadium on the West End of the Queen City.

“The West End deserves better than its had,” Cincinnati city councilman P.G. Sittenfeld told WCPO. “I think that [a] better future can be married with this deal.”

The nine council members voted 5-4 Monday to approve a \$34.8 million stadium infrastructure package — the last public financing piece needed to build the over-\$200 million stadium, according to WCPO.

MLS owners met Tuesday to determine whether FC Cincinnati, Detroit or Sacramento would get an expansion bid, with Nashville having already claimed a prior bid in December 2017.

FC Cincinnati general manager Jeff Berding told the Cincinnati Enquirer that MLS membership would be “an enormous economic opportunity to put our city on the map in a global way.”

While the upside of building a stadium on the West End has been emphasized, moving away from University of Cincinnati’s Nippert Stadium could cause a decrease in

attendance within the college student demographic.

“Nippert Stadium is a really good location,” second-year urban studies student Ellis Fowler said. “It’s surrounded by lots of restaurants [and] lots of stuff where people can walk to.”

Students living on campus will not have the luxury of having a professional soccer team’s home stadium within a few minutes’ walk.

First-year exploratory student Matt Hayes thinks attendance will be minimally affected.

“It will still be a big interest for people,” Hayes said. “They’ve been around here when it first started here, so it will still have a lot of college interest.”

In addition to college interest, constructing the stadium in the West End also brings hope for an improved community — a point Sittenfeld made previously. He and councilman David Mann said \$100,000 would be donated annually to West End organizations, the Enquirer reported.

The proposed development plan also calls for the team to pay \$25 million to Cincinnati Public Schools, spend an additional \$25 million to build a new Stargel Stadium and take part in a land swap that could bring new and affordable

housing to the area.

The proposed plan could be voted on as early as April 18, the Enquirer reported.

“Our \$200 million privately funded stadium will be a catalyst for improvements and opportunities,” Berding said.

FC Cincinnati opened their home season April 7, drawing a United Soccer League crowd of 25,667.

As ESPN 1530’s Mo Egger wrote in *The Athletic* Tuesday, the crowd not only beat soon-to-be MLS club Nashville’s home-opener attendance, but also exceeded all but two MLS games that weekend.

Despite his opposition toward building a new stadium in the West End, Egger wrote that FC Cincinnati seems like an obvious choice.

Jonathan Schoepf, the membership coordinator of FCC The Legion, said he and the rest of the group “feel as though the stadium is the final piece to bring an MLS team to Cincinnati.”

“The power now lies in the hands of the MLS,” Schoepf said.

MLS owners did not vote on the next team to be admitted Tuesday. FC Cincinnati’s next match will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Nippert Stadium against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds.





JOHN MERSITS | CSM | ZUMA PRESS | TNS

Notre Dame offensive lineman Mike McGlinchey (68) during a game against the Navy Midshipmen on November 18, 2017 at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame defeated Navy 24-17.

Who do the Bengals draft?

JASON SZELEST | SPORTS EDITOR

As football fans patiently await the start of a new season while being forced to endure other sports in the meantime, pigskin lovers everywhere can at least seek satisfaction during one upcoming weekend this April. The 2018 NFL draft starts April 26 and will continue through Saturday of that week. During that time, fans of each team will discover who the new faces of their franchise will be as they are selected fresh out of college. Here are the names Bengals fans will get to know in the coming years.

Round 1 Pick 21: Mike McGlinchey - OT Notre Dame

This may be wishful thinking as McGlinchey could be off the board by the Bengals' pick, but the Notre Dame standout would fill a huge immediate hole at right tackle for Cincinnati. The Bengals were dreadful in both run and pass blocking last year. Even if McGlinchey (who has met with the Bengals several times already) is off the board, expect this pick to be an offensive lineman.

Round 2 Pick 14: Billy Price - C Ohio State

After parting ways with Russell Bodine, who needed to be replaced anyway, the Bengals have a hole at center. Price was a likely first round pick before he tore his pectoral muscle during the offseason, which could lead to him falling.

Round 3 Pick 13: Jerome Baker - OLB Ohio State

I promise I do not have an Ohio State bias, but it just so happens that two prospects fit what the Bengals need perfectly. The Bengals' current linebackers offer very little in terms of pass coverage, and Baker happens to be one of the best coverage linebackers in the draft.

Round 3 Pick 36: Kyle Lauletta - QB Richmond

After losing A.J. McCarron in free agency, the Bengals need a solid backup quarterback. Dominating at the FCS level,

Lauletta is a guy who could greatly benefit from having time to adjust to the big jump in competition he is about to endure.

Round 4 Pick 12: Troy Fumagalli - TE Wisconsin

Tyler Kroft has had plenty of chances to prove his ability due to Tyler Eifert's injuries, but he has struggled — particularly in run blocking. The Bengals need a new insurance policy behind the often-injured Eifert, and Fumagalli was the complete package given his time with the Badgers.

Round 5 Pick 14: Will Clapp - G LSU

The Bengals need all the offensive line help they can get. LSU is known for their solid ground attack behind strong run blocking, and Clapp fit right into that mold in Baton Rouge.

Round 5 Pick 21: Quin Blanding - S Virginia

Blanding recorded more than 100 tackles in all four seasons with the Cavaliers. He provides help for a position the Bengals were targeting in free agency this offseason.

Round 5 Pick 33: Deon Cain - WR Clemson

The Bengals have nobody who can stretch the field other than A.J. Green. John Ross was a huge disappointment as a rookie, so Cincinnati should take a flyer on someone in the late rounds just in case he does not pan out. Cain was the primary deep threat in his final two years at Clemson.

Round 7 Pick 31: Ralph Webb - RB Vanderbilt

Webb was a four-year starter at Vanderbilt, running through SEC defenses on a weekly basis. He would provide valuable depth behind the combination of Joe Mixon and Giovani Bernard.

Round 7 Pick 34: Peter Kalambayi - ILB Stanford

After running a 4.57 40-yard dash, Kalambayi demonstrated the speed to be a solid special teams contributor in the NFL.

Round 7 Pick 35: Eddy Pineiro - K Florida

Kickers are people too.

Manny being Manny: Rodriguez's consistency guiding UC baseball

MATT HUFFMON | STAFF REPORTER

Born in the Big Apple, Manny Rodriguez of the University of Cincinnati baseball team has always been used to the bright lights.

The flashy shortstop was born in Brooklyn, New York, before moving to Baltimore, Maryland, to attend Calvert Hall College High School — an all-boys prep school.

"Brooklyn and Baltimore both have big-city vibes," Rodriguez said. "The hardest part of moving to Baltimore was leaving all my friends back in Brooklyn."

Legendary Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter was the face of New York City when Rodriguez was falling in love with baseball in Brooklyn throughout the 2000s. Jeter popularized the No. 2 throughout his career, and Rodriguez dons No. 2 for the Bearcats. However,

he claims there is no correlation.

"I don't have a story behind the No. 2," Rodriguez said. "A lot of people assume there's a reason I chose it, but there is none. I would have taken No. 1, but it's retired here."

Rodriguez's nickname might as well be "Mr. Consistency." The 5-foot-10 senior has reached base safely in 36 consecutive games dating back to 2016-17. In 179 career games for the Bearcats, Rodriguez has started all but one — a game which occurred in his freshman campaign.

"I definitely pride myself on consistency," Rodriguez said. "I always feel like we have a chance to win when I'm on the field."

In Cincinnati's 9-6 comeback win over the University of Central Florida on Sunday, Rodriguez provided the offensive spark and turned in his best

game so far this season. He finished 3-for-5 on the afternoon with two home runs and four runs batted in.

The difference this year, Rodriguez told GoBearcats.com, was "a lot of hard-work in the weight room and [batting] cage."

Rodriguez currently holds the No. 17 batting averaging in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) at .313. It's a good thing Rodriguez uses an alloy bat, or else umpires might be checking for cork. He has smashed eight home runs through 34 games, ranking No. 5 in the conference. In his first three seasons, he hit a total of two dingers.

The Bearcats are 17-17 under first-year coach Scott Googins. They have grinded their way to a 7-5 record in AAC play — tied for first with the University of South Florida and University of Houston.

"I have seen so much growth with our program since [Googins] got here," Rodriguez said. "He has changed the entire vibe of our team."

As his time in the red and black winds down, Rodriguez does not plan on hanging up the cleats just yet.

"After graduation, I plan to start a professional career," Rodriguez said. "We'll see where it takes me."

Rival Xavier University will travel from Norwood to Clifton tonight to take on the Bearcats. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Marge Schott Stadium.

Rodriguez will look to lead the Bearcats to an outright lead in the AAC standings as they battle the University of Connecticut Huskies in a three-game series at home this weekend.



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Senior baseball player, Manny Rodriguez, talks about his time as a bearcat.



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UC hockey looks to give back to Humboldt in charity match

JASON SZELEST | SPORTS EDITOR

When tragedy strikes, the nation rushes to the aid of the fallen. It's among the most defining qualities of modern America.

Sixteen members of the Humboldt Broncos — a hockey team in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League — died in a bus crash on their way to a playoff game April 6. The news quickly traveled south of the border.

"We were out of town and coming back from Chicago the day it happened," said Damien Lona, senior captain of the University of Cincinnati hockey team. "Obviously, as hockey players, we follow a lot of social media guys ... One of the big hockey Twitter guys — Darren Dreger — tweeted it out. We were on the car ride home and just went, 'wow.' It hit home. I think it kind of struck not just us, but a lot of people."

After the initial reaction to the accident, team members decided that they needed to do more than mourn the fallen. They had a chance to make a lasting difference.

"I was like, 'I wish we could do something,' but our team does not have the best following," Deepak Kullar said. "Then we thought, 'What if we tried to do a charity game between us and Xavier?'"

The idea quickly gained traction, with both teams scheduling an April 20 charity game to raise funds for the families of Humboldt players.

"I got the ball rolling," Kullar said. "I got the ice donated on Monday and it just kept snowballing from there."

UC will be hosting a silent auction at the game. Many local businesses and sports teams have donated to help support the cause.

"We don't want to give too much away because that is kind of the fun part of coming," said Lona. "But we can say [that] we are talking with UC, and they are really excited to do something ... We don't want to give away what they are going to give, but we think everyone is going to be pretty excited about what it is."

Reds tickets, a signed football from Andy Dalton, a special gift from FC Cincinnati and gift baskets from

Raising Canes were mentioned among the items to be auctioned.

In addition to the silent auction, the team plans to raise money through admissions, as entry is free but a donation is expected upon entrance. 100 percent of concession sales will also go to the Humboldt Broncos.

While the team said the fundraiser is of highest importance, they also admit that it will be nice to have another chance at beating their crosstown rival after outscoring them 13-1 in two regular season games this year.

"The second-best part," Lona said, "[is that] it is a charity game and there is a really good premise to it. But there will be no change to how we have played all season. We want to absolutely win the game in convincing fashion. It will be good on both ends of the spectrum."

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Friday at Sports Plus in Cincinnati.

Szelest's So-So's



JASON SZELEST | SPORTS EDITOR

It is time to unveil the inaugural – and final – edition of the So-So's, covering the things in life that will not thrill you, but you will not hate either.

1. Online dating apps

I have no problem with people who use online dating apps, no matter their specific agendas for using them. However, I never really saw the need for them either.

Generations before us have found love the old-fashioned way: by going out and meeting people. We came into creation without the use of these apps that are taking the world by storm. When I meet a happy couple, I love asking them for stories about the first time they met. If they tell me that they simply “swiped right,” my excitement quickly evaporates, for what had the potential to be a fascinating story was brought to an abrupt and dull end. Maybe I am an old man in a young man's body, but I prefer meeting people through face-to-face interaction.

2. Being vegan

If you want to eat food that is made by animals, great. If you want to stick to a strictly plant-based diet, great. Just do not give me a 15-minute speech about how your diet makes you so much better than the other side. Eat what you want, do not eat what you do not want, and let everyone else do their thing. Last time I checked, when you are applying for that job you really want, they do not ask you to list the foods that you eat on a regular basis. You know why? Because it does not matter.

3. Posting pet pics

You think your animal is the cutest thing in the world — we get it. Pretty much every pose they make is the next Instagram-worthy moment. Pets are great, and I have no idea how I would get by without them, but sharing your pet too much on social media is easy to do. I do not need to see a bi-hourly update of what your pet is doing. Granted, I will smile and chuckle at a few of them, but it will eventually get to be annoying. Keep the pet pics within reason, folks.

4. Speed limit

There really is no point to posting speed limits. People understand how fast they can go while adhering to a safe environment on the road. There is no reason to have them out there, because people pick and choose when to follow it. If you go the speed limit, good for you. If you do not, it really does not matter. Just get out of the left lane if you do not plan on speeding and we will be fine.



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before the Senate judiciary and commerce committees on Capitol Hill over social media data breach, on April 10, 2018 in Washington, D.C. OLIVIER DOULIERY | ABACA PRESS | TNS

Facebook data scandal probably won't stop you from using it

MITCHELL PARTON | CHIEF REPORTER

A few weeks ago, it seemed like the whole world was outraged at Facebook. Last month, reports revealed that millions of Facebook users' personal information was shared with Cambridge Analytica — a data-mining firm that worked with the Trump presidential campaign in 2016. Last week, Facebook said over 85 million of its users were affected — much higher than previously reported. Users were not happy. The #DeleteFacebook hashtag began trending on Twitter and a few notable public figures, like Elon Musk, deleted their accounts.

The movement didn't have much of an impact on Facebook, however. Of the site's 2.1 billion users, only about 20,000 have deleted their accounts, according

to social analysis firm LikeFolio. The company's stock is still strong, and the data leak has not threatened the site's relevance or popularity in the slightest.

Facebook's global popularity makes it vital to the modern human experience. It would take a major catastrophe to get a majority of Facebook's users to leave, and the Cambridge data leak is anything but that. In today's connected world, people have grown to accept the reality that their data is floating around everywhere. This situation merely reminded users of this fact by showing the real political implications of websites harvesting user data.

On bustling college campuses like UC, Facebook is often used to plan events and facilitate communication amongst students. It is an

incredibly reliable form of communication for college students, most of whom have been on the site for years and have intertwined Facebook with their personal lives. It's not easy to abandon a platform you've long engaged with — especially when there exists a fear of missing out on your friends' important life events.

Imagine if Facebook really did upset its entire user base to the point that they permanently left the site. Does a reasonable alternative even exist? The closest thing would be Twitter, but it doesn't have events, groups or easy private messaging. Snapchat and Instagram (which is actually owned by Facebook) are both popular, but their functions cater primarily to photo and video over links and text.

Content aside, the most

important feature of a social network is those who use it. I stay on Facebook because it's the one place I can easily maintain contact with anybody I know in the real world. It is the one place where I'm able to catch up with my extended family — even those not especially comfortable with technology. No other sites offer this level of connectivity.

Facebook is a one-stop shop for everything social. It lets users share text, photos, videos and links. It also has games, user-to-user payments and serves as a way to login to other sites. Most importantly, though, Facebook has the users. For most of them, leaving the site would mean erasing ties with hundreds of family members, friends and acquaintances. I don't think the world is ready for that.

Free market spells doom for free and open internet

JACOB FISHER | MANAGING EDITOR

By now, you probably know that the internet is no longer a public utility. Following the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) controversial 3-2 party-line vote to rescind Title II net neutrality legislation, the internet is once again classified a telecommunications service, making internet service providers (ISPs) the gatekeepers of digital content. For ISPs, net neutrality rollback presents a lucrative opportunity to freely prioritize bandwidth, extort remuneration from media distributors and profit off the backs of everyday content creators. For consumers and businesses, it marks the potential advent of a corporate-driven pay-to-play system which jeopardizes the digital rights and freedoms of internet users nationwide.

In a speech preceding the FCC's Dec. 14 vote, Chairman Ajit Pai insisted that net neutrality repeal would benefit consumers. "Broadband providers will have stronger incentives to build networks, especially in unserved areas, and to upgrade networks to gigabit speeds and 5G," he said. "This means there will be more competition among broadband providers. It also means more ways that startups and tech giants alike can deliver applications and content to more users. In short, it's a freer and more open Internet."

Certainly, if we lived in an Ayn Rand-style libertarian utopia, Title II repeal would be a godsend. Yet Pai's free-market rationale is marred by circular thought. Major media distributors will readily engage in contracts with broadband providers which offer data prioritization serving vast consumer markets. In 2014, Netflix surrendered to Comcast, agreeing to pay the ISP an undisclosed sum to halt

the bottlenecking of their traffic. Within two months, Netflix download speeds via Comcast skyrocketed from a 30 percent deficit to a 24 percent surplus, the Washington Post reported. Comcast — the largest telecommunications conglomerate in the world by revenue — owned over 25 million U.S. broadband subscriptions in March 2017. According to Redcode editors Peter Kafka and Rani

FCC exempted providers with less than 250,000 subscribers from reporting requirements, enabling competition and investment in consumer services amongst such companies. If major providers are exempt from reporting requirements, however, rural consumers will be left with just one costly choice for fast, accessible content. Local providers stand to lose business.

"Broadband providers will have stronger incentives to build networks, especially in unserved areas, and to upgrade networks to gigabit speeds and 5G. This means there will be more competition among broadband provider"

- Ajit Pai

Molla, when it pertains to high-speed internet access, "the majority of Americans don't have a second choice."

As such, Pai's assertion that net neutrality rollback will encourage competition amongst broadband providers is inherently flawed. The immense financial incentive for ISPs to expand coverage to underserved markets is irrefutable; however, the implications of such action would be disastrous to rural consumers. In areas where broadband services are limited, conglomerate providers like Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T would ruin the operations of startup and local ISPs. Pai — citing net neutrality reporting requirements — insists Title II regulations provide a costly level of bureaucracy for rural broadband providers, yet his claims are rooted in misinformation. In 2015, the

Most local providers know this, and many have expressed their intent to uphold net neutrality rules despite the rollback. Cincinnati Bell — a leading telecommunications company servicing the Cincinnati, Ohio and Dayton areas — reiterated its opposition to data prioritization and paid premiums following the FCC vote. "The repeal of net neutrality rules will not impact Cincinnati Bell customers," Chief Operating Operator Tom Simpson wrote in a letter to customers. "High-speed Internet is a powerful asset that facilitates access to education, employment opportunities, and health services ... [and] Cincinnati Bell believes that a net neutral approach is also the right thing to do for our customers." The company's stance deviates sharply from major competitors like Comcast,

which hinted at fast lanes for specific content in the future. Paid prioritization would be a boon to large ISPs, as they could further dominate their market share by outperforming smaller competitors.

Ironically, an August 2017 study funded by telecommunications industry organizations and major ISPs — including AT&T, Comcast, and Charter — found that 98.5 of personalized comments submitted in response to Pai's plan expressed support for net neutrality rules. However, when Broadband for America — a coalition which represents the broadband industry — linked the study on their website, they failed to mention public opposition to the proposal. "Report by expert data analytics firm reveals unprecedented volume and clutter in the docket," the coalition reported, referring only to the many spam and form letters submitted

to the FCC. Pai reflected this sentiment, saying the personalized comments urging the preservation of Title II rules are "not as important as the substantive comments that are in the record." Over 1.5 million respondents advocated the protection of Title II. Just 23,000 opposed it.

Already, a coalition of 22 states and their respective attorneys general have filed lawsuits against the FCC in response to the net neutrality vote. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman began the process in January, filing a petition for review with the U.S. D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. "The repeal of net neutrality would turn internet service providers into gatekeepers allowing them to put profits over consumers while controlling what we see, what we do, and what we say online," Schneiderman said in a statement, deeming the FCC's net neutrality rollback "illegal." While the

coalition's legal ground for suing remains questionable, Congress could still intervene to reverse the FCC vote. If congressional legislators garner one more vote to secure a 51-vote majority, they could move to amend the Communications Act of 1934. In doing so, senators may opt to regulate broadband and internet providers under a separate framework. Alternatively, Congress could side with the 22-state coalition by striking down the Title II rollback via the Congressional Review Act. This approach would bar the FCC from implementing similar policies in the future.

Chairman Pai fervently holds that deregulation of the telecommunications industry benefits consumers and businesses, but his argument couldn't stray further from the truth. Pai's "free market" approach is fundamentally flawed, as it severely undermines local providers and harms the groups he claims to support.



TNR staff question of the week:

What's your favorite memory from this year?



This has been on more than one occasion, but reading tweets and comments from trolls is an indescribable feeling.
#DefundtheTNR.
-David Wysong, Editor-in-Chief



When Tim Horton's finally opened.
-Stephanie Smith, Online Editor



I found out this week that a project I worked on while at the Enquirer won a Pulitzer Prize. So that's a pretty amazing way to end my college career.
- Shae Combs, Photo Editor



There have been a lot. Met a lot of great people and obviously UC b-ball was amazing to cover. but my best friend's baby was just born, and holding my new god son for the first time was truly special.
-Jason Szelest, Sports Editor



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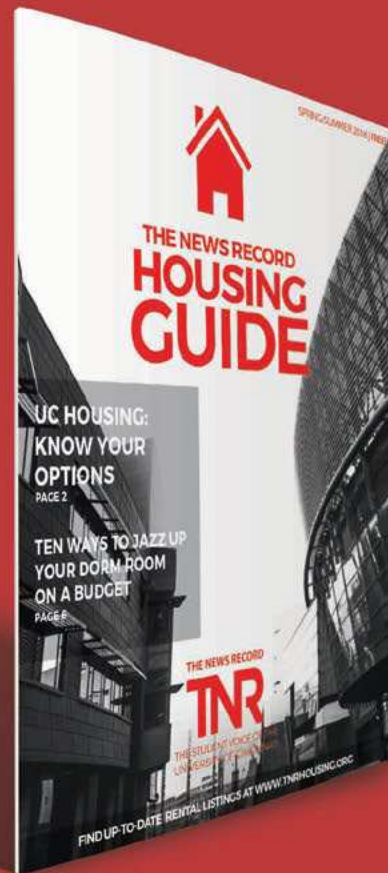
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Things to do this weekend:

- **FC Cincinnati** – The Orange and Blue will be back inside Nippert Stadium on Saturday to take on the Pittsburgh Riverhounds. The match begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://www.fc-cincinnati.com/tickets>
- **Adam Sandler & Rob Schneider** – Taft Theatre will host the Hollywood movie stars and former Saturday Night Live performers this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. For a hilarious night of comedy, visit <http://tafttheatre.org/events/2018/04/adam-sandler>
- **Kings Island** – Southern Ohio's favorite amusement park is now open for 2018! If you're looking to enjoy the warm weather, <https://www.visitkingsisland.com/tickets-passes>
- **Greater Cincinnati Earth Day Celebration** – The Greater Earth Day Coalition (GCEC) will host their annual celebration of Earth Day this Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at Blue Ash Summit Park. 4335 Glendale-Milford Road.

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