

## Los Angeles Dodgers Bursts the MBL Bubble

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The Los Angeles Dodgers ended their 32-year World Series Championship drought with a 4-2 series victory over the Tampa Bay Rays, clinching their seventh title. This marked the Dodgers' first championship since 1988 and the first time since 1988 that the Lakers and Dodgers won in the same year. The Dodgers were notorious for struggling in the postseason and it wasn't easy for them to earn their title. They lost in the World Series for the past few years, notwithstanding the cheating scandal that Dodgers faced against the Astros who

outstanding regular season and playoff record. However, it didn't always appear that they would clinch the title. In the National League Championship Series, the Dodgers were down 3-1 to the Atlanta Braves. They were also challenged in game four against the Rays when Brett Phillips knocked in the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Game six of the World Series began with an abbreviated pitching start by the Dodgers, Tony Gonsolin. Dave Roberts replaced his starting pitcher with another five pitchers including Julio Urias, who pitched the game of his life, retiring seven batters and not letting up a run. The Dodgers



were caught using a camera to steal pitching signs. The Dodgers faced another obstacle this year; the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

The coronavirus pandemic cut the Major League (MLB) season short on March 12, 2020. Each MLB team only played 60 regular-season games were due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. After seeing the success of the NBA bubble, the MLB decided to create a bubble to safely execute their postseason games. The MLB agreed on neutral locations to house its 2020 postseason games; the Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, and Petco Park in San Diego, California. The Dodger players and their families were isolated at the Four Seasons Hotel in Dallas. There were safety protocols in place, enforced by security personnel.

The NBA bubble proved to be more successful because it was not limited to the postseason games.

The players in the MLB postseason bubble enjoyed their days off and they didn't have to constantly travel; therefore, they were not fatigued. Fans were allowed to buy tickets to the games in blocks of four seats and were socially distanced from other fans. Dodger fans bought more tickets than the Tampa Bay Rays fans, and they were more vocal as evidenced by the loud cheers when a Dodger hit a home run or a Dodger pitcher retired a batter. The Dodgers were favored to win the World-Series because of their

were also assisted by the Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash's tactical error of removing his starting pitcher Blake Snell too early from the game.

Corey Seager earned the World Series MVP Award. He batted an average of .400 with two home runs, five RBIs, and six walks. Future Hall-of-Fame Pitcher Clayton Kershaw was also honored for earning his 1st World Series title. The game concluded when Urias struck out Willy Adames after Justin Turner was taken into isolation because of a positive coronavirus test result.

During the post-game celebration, Turner was on the field with his teammates and posing for a team photo without a mask. This raised criticism for a violation of safety protocols. The team allowed him to celebrate with his teammates because of his integral role during the entire season.

Unfortunately, as was the case with many LA Lakers fans, several LA Dodger fans disregarded the coronavirus pandemic and celebrated close to each other in the streets of Downtown Los Angeles and some neighboring suburbs. It remains to be determined whether this will result in a spike in the number of coronavirus cases. However, overall 2020 turned out to be a successful year for the Los Angeles professional baseball and basketball teams and their loyal fans.

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In late 2018, bioethics professor Osagie Obasogie and other faculty in UC Berkeley's School of Public Health found out about available research dollars that were surprisingly from a fund established in 1960 that was dedicated to the study of eugenics, the fraudulent idea that selective breeding can be used to better the human race.

"I was shocked and dismayed," Obasogie told the Los Angeles Times. He was bewildered that such a fund could have still existed for all this time, especially with its tragic past.

Eugenics was used as justification for Hitler's Nazi Germany to kill 6 million Jewish People. The idea was also used to legitimize the U.S. eugenics movement in the early 20th-century that enacted several eugenics laws in California and more than 30 other states that resulted in the forceful sterilization of over 64,000 people in the United States.

The \$2.4 million Genealogical Eugenics Institute Fund annual payout of approximately \$70,000, was used primarily to cover faculty and student research expenses

unrelated to eugenics. However, for Obasogie and other Berkeley Public Health faculty, they found that it was inexcusable to use money from a fund with such dark and discriminatory origins. Due to this reason, this is why the school froze the fund in 2018.

Berkeley Public Health Dean Michael Lu said in a letter sent out early Monday, Oct. 28, "By accepting and using these funds over the past four decades, we must acknowledge that Berkeley Public Health has been a part of this horrific legacy of eugenics that has caused great harm in medicine and public health, from forced sterilizations to genocides,"

Many questions have arisen whether or not the fund was being used for anything regarding eugenics research, but no evidence has shown that it was being used for that purpose. However, even though the fund was not necessarily being used for eugenics research, that does not absolve the school, Lu said.

Although the fund has been frozen, Berkeley Public Health recently stated that it would be renaming the fund and moving forward with new plans to repurpose the former eugenics fund.

The funds ultimate goal will now be to instead focus on the education of eugenics brutal past to the community and the broader public

"Eugenics is not simply something that happened several decades ago, but is with us to this very day," Obasogie said. "We would like to use these funds to educate our students, faculty, and staff about the history of eugenics and to train people to be aware of how eugenic thinking persists in the ways that we continue to practice medicine and public health."

Proposals that have been suggested to repurpose the fund include the 1907 project, a public-facing essay collection exploring the continuing legacy of eugenics, the creation of UC wide public forums that aim towards the discussion of eugenics in California, and some have suggested using the remaining principal of the fund to increase financial aid for underrepresented minority students, support additional research within communities disproportionately harmed by eugenics or establishing an anti-eugenics and anti-racist institute.



# 2020 Music Review

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2020 needs uplifting music more than ever. Luckily, most of the music being released this year has been uplifting. To start us off, "Holy" by Justin Bieber was released September 18, 2020. It features Justin Bieber and Chance The Rapper singing about hardships and about being kind to one another by singing some gospel lyrics. According to NME, Justin Bieber performed the song by "Belting out his gospel-tinged lyrics in front of a cross lit in blue, Bieber took viewers to church, often closing his eyes and beating his chest". The song has currently been played a 1.35 million times on Spotify.

There is also an unfortunate amount of songs that are centered around break ups. "Not Time To Die" created by Billie Elish, follows the troubles of a bad relationship. That song and many others have been awarded Grammys. Lady Gaga and

Ariana Grande recently made a

song called "Rain on Me". Even though this song brings an uplifting message to the people of 2020, it still has been built off of the two artists' breakups. Good Housekeeping explained that "Gaga and Ariana actually crafted the song based on personal hardships they've both faced over the last decade". Lady Gaga realeased another song this year that called "Stupid Love". The song is about loving someone just based on the feeling. The song is definitely uplifting and positive.

"Whats Poppin", created by Jack Harlow faeuters Jack rapping about his adventures with women. This song may not be very popular in the rap community, but it sure has grabbed the attention of Tik Tok. Vulture.com stated that "it jumped ten spots to No. 8 last week, earning Jack Harlow his first Billboard Top 10, and another six spots to No. 2 on July 6". It even processed to be a very energetic song. Another song called "People, I've Been Sad"

has also come out this year. It

was recorded by Christine and the Queens People, who actually made the song about self isolation. In my opinion, the song is quite beautiful and very relaxing. Now, we all know that this year has been filled with many different things. Why shouldn't music be the same?

With that I give you some playlist to listen to this year. "Practically Perfect in Every Way" created by Matt Etherington in my opinion is inspirational and yet very soothing. The "Ultimate Happy Playlist" by Jennifer Lee that includes 40 songs filled with uplifting messages. "Rock Classics" created by Spotify has always given me lots of energie after a long day of zoom class. To end this list of great songs I give you "The Best Of 2020". This is created by Spotify, but it's actually full of inspirational and happy songs.

## A DISTANT BOND

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Communities all over the world sit, isolated, eyes glazing over screens. "Alone together", they hear as they await the moment that their arms surround another Or their hand stings from high-fiving someone else's.

Like prisoners we sit, In our cells, Quivering under the relentless wrath of this infection. Not just the virus, but our mandatory sequestration from society.

For now we must stand alone in body, But in spirit we hold each other up. We must hold each other up under the constant emotional pain, Through the constant onset of worry.

So hold on. Grip onto those you care for. No, Not through touch, But through your screens, Your devices, Your literature, Your art.

Yes, pressure of our dilemma pushes down on our relationships, But we must persist. Persist to fortify these bonds and not let them turn to ruins.

Though our eyes may sting from the countless hours staring into blue light, We must remember that the dark glasses will be removed, Revealing the gorgeous world we once knew.



## THE GAMING INDUSTRY DURING COVID-19

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This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic most industries are struggling to stay afloat. The gaming industry however is thriving, and with a new influx of people who must stay at home with time to burn, the gaming industry has a multitude of more potential customers.

Xbox and Nintendo have reported extreme growth, with a 130% increase in multiplayer engagement during March for Xbox, and 22 million copies of Animal Crossing: New Horizons sold since its release in March. Furthermore, streaming services such as twitch which primarily show gaming content have had up to 50% increase in viewership during the pandemic. Even an in game Fortnite Travis Scott event was able to gain the attention of 12 million viewers; more than any in person concerts.

The video game industry may have gained permanent customers as "A person who was playing zero hours a week and they're now playing one or two, you may have won them over forever," according to the Washington Post. Furthermore, new releases such as Fall Guys and Among Us have sprung up during the pandemic, and have roped in new customers who typically do not play video games because of Among Us easy to play nature, simple rules, and graphics.

The gaming industry seems to be thriving in this pandemic, and may see a permanent growth in their market due to new players joining the fun. There are more new and returning players than ever and companies are thriving due to the stay at home nature of the pandemic. Streaming services feel the trickle down and the gaming industry as a whole has found a way to adapt to the new commercial environment.

