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UConn students buckle down for the last few weeks of semester

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University of Connecticut students have said the beginning of the semester had been shaky starting out, but they are glad to be back on campus in person.

"It's been a little rough just because it's junior year," said Dominic Parciasepe, a fifth-semester environmental engineering major. "But it's been fun getting back in person."

"I like just being able to feel more involved and interact with those around me rather than being in a Zoom call with everyone."

DOMINIC PARCIASEPE

Parciasepe said COVID-19 had been an interesting time for him in previous semesters. He said he was on campus and it felt very empty and while he said online learning was easier than in-person courses, the courses were less engaging.

"I like just being able to feel more involved and interact with those around



Students gather early to enjoy sunrise yoga on Horsebarn Hill on Sep 2 2016. FILE PHOTO

me rather than being in a Zoom call with everyone," Parciasepe said.

Parciasepe is on the men's crew team and looking forward to competing again, and is trying to find an internship.

Samuel Pontes, a fifth-semester environmental engineer, also said his junior year has been rough trying to balance his workload after returning to campus.

"Now that we're back in person, feeling a bit hefty, trying to keep up with assignments and exams that are

given out, but it's going," Pontes said.

He said COVID-19 was an unusual period for his studies, and during the fall 2021 semester, he felt a disconnect from others while trying to juggle work and assignments that he believes didn't stick.

"It didn't feel real, almost like a lucid dream," Pontes said. "The only benefit was staying home and being with family, but sometimes I get upset thinking about that. I lost a good year or two to COVID-19, that time being on campus around other people, so-

cializing."

Pontes said he's happy students are back on campus, as being around people, even when just heading to the library or the classroom, brightens his day.

"Yeah, it's nice when you're home and you can stay in your pajamas all day, roll out of bed to your next class, have food in your kitchen," Pontes said. "That was really nice, but in my opinion, it's worth giving that up just to be here having that social aspect, just networking and connecting."

Thomas Connolly, a third-semester finance major, said he hopes to finish the rest of the semester strong.

"For spring break, I went to Florida," Connolly said. "I felt a little burnt out when I came back as a lot of students do. But I'm definitely gonna lock down and grind for the rest of the semester."

Connolly said the beginning of the semester was difficult due to the two weeks of online instruction. He said instructors were pressed to get a lot of assignments and tests in, and he felt that a similar situation might be happening after students return from the break.

"The week I got back, I had a lot of exams that I'm gonna take home tomorrow," Connolly said. "I feel like there's a lot of pressure considering we just got back."

Connolly said he is on UConn's club golf team and he is looking forward to intramural sports, as well as getting outside in general; he has a bit of cabin fever after being locked up all year due to the pandemic. Connolly is excited for the last few weeks of the semester.

"To anyone who is struggling to find motivation, when you look back on it, it'll definitely be worth all the time and effort you put in at the end of the semester when you get good grades and everything pays off," Connolly said.

Sacramento teachers strike as Minneapolis walkout continues

(AP) — Thousands of teachers and other school workers in Sacramento walked off the job Wednesday as the California capital became the second big U.S. school district this month to see a work stoppage over pay and staffing shortages as a teachers strike in Minneapolis entered its third week.

The disputes in Sacramento and Minneapolis, where teachers walked out March 8, come as school districts across the country deal with fallout from the coronavirus pandemic and limited resources.

"Workers are really fed up with poor treatment, generally few safety protections, low pay."

STEVE SMITH

Across the country, union workers are seizing the opportunity posed by tight labor markets to recover some of the power they feel they lost in recent decades as unions shrank in size and influence. And experts expect to see more labor strife as the country emerges from the pandemic.

The Sacramento City Unified School District canceled classes Wednesday at its 76 schools, affecting 43,000 students, after negotiations failed with the Sacramento City Teachers Association and the Service Employees International Union Local 1021.

The unions — representing 2,800 teachers and 1,800 school employees — voted overwhelmingly earlier this month to strike. Teachers say Sacramento has serious staffing shortages despite

federal funding and a district budget surplus that it could tap.

"The district has misplaced priorities and no sense of urgency," said teacher union president David Fisher.

These labor actions are part of a trend across the country that started with the pandemic, said Steve Smith, spokesman for the California Labor Federation, which includes SEIU Local 1021.

"Workers are really fed up with poor treatment, generally few safety protections, low pay. Many of these are essential workers who really stepped up to keep our economy going in the roughest of possible times," Smith said.

Bradley Marianno, a professor of education policy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, who studies teacher unions and collective bargaining, said teacher strikes were on the rise before the pandemic, and he expects to see educators making more noise again after two stressful years.

"Tight labor markets create bargaining power," Mariano said, adding: "School districts are saying this: 'It is difficult to staff classrooms right now.' And real or not that perception creates bargaining power for teachers unions to negotiate higher teacher pay."

Elsewhere in Northern California, teachers in the Mount Diablo district in the San Francisco Bay Area reached a tentative agreement on Saturday. In Sonoma County's Cotati-Rohnert Park district, teachers returned to work last Thursday after a six-day strike. Spokespeople for the two largest national educators' unions said they knew of no other teacher strikes on the horizon.



Holly Thorsta, foreground, an art teacher at Roosevelt High, stands in silence with other teachers as Native American leaders honor the land in front of the Davis Center. The teacher's strike has been running for ten days in Minneapolis, Monday, March 21, 2022. PHOTO BY JERRY HOLT/STAR TRIBUNE VIA AP

The Sacramento district said that the 2% pay increase it proposed is what it can afford. It's also offering to pay 100% of health care coverage.

More than 4,500 educators and support staff are still on strike in Minneapolis, where negotiations often have been acrimonious. The talks have yielded incremental progress on the big issues of pay, class sizes and better mental health supports for the district's 29,000 students, but no breakthroughs.

"We're sticking this out till we get it done," Shaun Laden, a leader of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, said in a video Tuesday.

Union leaders have insisted that the Minneapolis district is flush

with cash, thanks in part to pandemic relief funds, while administrators say they aren't. The district says the "last, best and final offer" it made this week would require at least \$10 million in budget cuts.

In a video message Tuesday, School Board Chair Kim Ellison called it "a robust offer" that significantly raises pay and should be more than sufficient "to figure out an agreement that works for both parties and gets our children back in school as soon as possible."

Marianno said that the influx of federal funds is making school district budgets across the country look better, but administrators are hesitant to allocate those short-term funds for long-term raises.

Minneapolis administrators have pointed out that the approximately \$70 million in federal aid in their budget is one-time money that would force painful cuts when it runs out if it's used for long-term obligations.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, who helped break a stalemate between teachers and the district in 2017, urged both sides there to do everything possible to end the strike immediately.

"Kids have missed enough school. Their education and mental health are at stake. They will continue to suffer if the adults continue to fight among themselves," Steinberg said in a statement Wednesday.

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Taliban breaks promise on higher education for Afghan girls



Education Ministry spokesman Mawlvi Aziz Ahmad Rayan speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, March 23, 2022. On Wednesday, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers unexpectedly decided against reopening schools to girls above the sixth grade, reneging on a promise and opting to appease their hard-line base at the expense of further alienating the international community. PHOTO BY AP PHOTO/MOHAMMED SHOAIIB AMIN

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's Taliban rulers unexpectedly decided against reopening schools Wednesday to girls above the sixth grade, reneging on a promise and opting to appease their hard-line base at the expense of further alienating the international community.

The surprising decision, confirmed by a Taliban official, is bound to disrupt efforts by the Taliban to win recognition from potential international donors at a time when the country is mired in a worsening humanitarian crisis. The international community has urged Taliban leaders to reopen schools and give women their right to public space.

The reversal was so sudden that the Education Ministry was caught off guard on Wednesday, the start of the school year, as were schools in parts of the Afghan capital of Kabul and elsewhere in the country. Some girls in higher grades returned to schools, only to be told to go home.

Aid organizations said the move exacerbated the uncertainty sur-

rounding Afghanistan's future as the Taliban leadership seems to struggle to get on the same page as it shifts from fighting to governing.

It also came as the leadership was convening in Kandahar amid reports of a possible Cabinet shuffle.

U.S. Special Representative Thomas West tweeted his "shock and deep disappointment" about the decision, calling it "a betrayal of public commitments to the Afghan people and the international community."

He said the Taliban had made it clear that all Afghans have a right to education, adding, "For the sake of the country's future and its relations with the international community, I would urge the Taliban to live up to their commitments to their people."

The Norwegian Refugee Council, which spends about \$20 million annually to support primary education in Afghanistan, was still waiting for official word from the Taliban about canceling the classes for girls above the sixth grade. The NRC also provides emergency

shelter, food and legal services.

Berenice Van Dan Driessche, advocacy manager for the council, said their representatives had not gotten official word of the change as of Wednesday night, and that girls in the 11 provinces where they work had gone to school but were sent home.

The committee's staff in the provinces "reported a lot of disappointment and also a lot of uncertainty" about the future, she said. They said that in some areas, teachers said they would continue to hold classes for the girls until the Taliban issued an official order.

Waheedullah Hashmi, external relations and donor representative with the Taliban-led administration, told The Associated Press the decision was made late Tuesday night.

"We don't say they will be closed forever," Hashmi added.

U.N. special representative Deborah Lyons will try to meet Thursday with the Taliban to ask them to reverse their decision, U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said.

Earlier in the week, a statement by the Education Ministry had urged "all students" to return when classes resumed Wednesday.

On Tuesday, ministry spokesman Mawlvi Aziz Ahmad Rayan had told AP that all girls would be allowed back to school, although the Taliban administration would not insist on it in those areas where parents were opposed or where schools could not be segregated.

He was reluctant to give details but promised if schools can meet these conditions, "there would no issue for them" to begin classes for girls in the higher grades.

"In principle, there is no issue from the ministry side, but as I said, it is a sensitive and cultural

issue," he added.

The decision to postpone the return of girls at the higher grade levels appeared to be a concession to the rural and deeply tribal backbone of the hard-line Taliban movement that in many parts of the countryside are reluctant to send their daughters to school.

The decision also came as the movement's leadership has been summoned to southern Kandahar by the reclusive Taliban leader, Haibatullah Akhunzada, amid reports of a Cabinet shakeup, according to an Afghan leader who is also a member of the leadership council. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The official said it was possible that some senior interim Cabinet positions could be changed.

Since the Taliban swept to power in August 2021, there have been persistent reports of differences among the senior leadership. According to these reports, more hard-line members are at odds with pragmatists, who want to see a greater engagement with the world. While staying true to their Islamic beliefs, they want to be less harsh than when they last ruled Afghanistan, banning women from work and girls from schools, the reports say.

Television is permitted in Afghanistan today, unlike in the past, and women are not required to wear the all-encompassing burqa, but must wear the traditional hijab, covering their heads. Women have also returned to work in the Health and Education ministries and at Kabul International Airport at passport control and customs.

The Taliban were ousted in 2001 by a U.S.-led coalition for harboring al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and returned to power after America's chaotic departure last year.

Girls have been banned from school beyond the sixth grade in most of the country since the Taliban's return. Universities opened earlier this year in much of the country, but since taking power the Taliban edicts have been erratic. While a handful of provinces continued to provide education to all, most provinces closed educational institutions for girls and women.

In the capital of Kabul private schools and universities have operated uninterrupted.

The religiously driven Taliban administration fears going forward with enrolling girls beyond the sixth grade could alienate their rural base, Hashmi said.

"The leadership hasn't decided when or how they will allow girls to return to school," he said. While he accepted that urban centers are mostly supportive of education for girls, much of rural Afghanistan is opposed, particularly in Pashtun tribal regions.

In some rural areas, a brother will disown a city-dwelling brother who allows a daughter to go to school, said Hashmi, adding that the Taliban leadership is trying to decide how to open education for girls beyond the sixth grade nationwide.

Most Taliban are ethnic Pashtuns. In their sweep through the country last year, other ethnic groups such as Uzbeks and Tajiks in northern Afghanistan either joined the fight with them or simply did not oppose them.

"We did everything the Taliban asked in terms of Islamic dress, and they promised that girls could go to school and now they have broken their promise," said Mariam Naheebi, a journalist who spoke to the AP in Kabul.

"They have not been honest with us," added Naheebi, who has protested for women's rights.

How fairy tales shape fighting spirit: Ukraine's children hear bedtime stories of underdog heroes, while Russian children hear tales of magical success

(AP) — (THE CONVERSATION) At the outset of Russia's invasion, almost no one in the West expected that Ukraine would be able to offer Russia any kind of serious opposition to its unprovoked aggression.

Much has been written about how leaders, including allies, underestimated the leadership ability of Volodymyr Zelenskyy. But beyond miscalculating how a comedian could transform into a Winston Churchill-like figure, military assessments of the Ukrainian army were also way off.

Several weeks into the war, it's clear many overestimated the Russian army's will and capability to fight and the Ukrainian army's will to resist an opponent superior in number, equipment and positioning.

What can explain the way the Ukraine war has played out, in contradiction to experts' predictions?

We believe that one factor underlying the unexpected performance of

each country's military can be traced to the cultural differences between Russians and Ukrainians. Those differences were cultivated in part through the fairy tales of their childhoods.

One of us, Sophia Moskalenko, is an expert on the psychology of fairy tales. The other, Mia Bloom, studies children's mobilization into violent extremism why and how children turn to violence. We know the power of folklore in shaping the worldview of children and, ultimately, of the adults they grow up to be.

Underdog hero vs. magical thinking

Folklore is important for understanding people's cultural narratives — story lines that describe something unique to the culture's history and its people. They help to define a cultural identity and, in subtle ways, shape future choices. The master narratives that Ukrainian children grow up with which serve as the dominant cultural

script are radically different from the ones Russian children absorb.

Traditional Ukrainian bedtime stories, such as "Kotygoroshko," "Kyrylo Kozhumiaka" and "Ivasyk Telesyk," all portray unassuming characters persevering against insurmountable odds. The character arc takes them through challenges, testing their will and transforming them from vulnerable to triumphant.

These fairy tales follow a well-known narrative arc of the underdog hero — a formula used for decades in bestselling books like "Harry Potter" and Hollywood blockbusters like "Star Wars."

In Ukrainian children's bedtime stories, the main characters often start out as unlikely heroes, but their courage, cleverness and grit help them succeed against the odds.

In contrast, Russian children's stories often revolve around a central character named Ivan Durak — Ivan the Stupid. He's the third brother,

inferior to his older brothers, one of whom is typically smart, the other average. When the main character is not explicitly called "stupid" he is portrayed as lazy, lounging in bed all day while his older brothers work hard.

In Russian fairy tales such as "By the Pike's Wish," "Princess Frog" and "Sivka Burka," the main character eventually prevails. He doesn't win through his own virtues, though, but instead through the intervention of a magical being a fish, a frog, a horse that does all the hard work while the main character claims credit.

These Russian folk tales seem to suggest that the recipe for success is not to be too smart or work too hard, like the two older brothers, but to sit tight in hope that magic will take care of everything.

Facing the greatest challenge Most adults don't walk around thinking about the fairy tales they heard as children. However, these

early stories, experienced through the magnifying glass of childhood emotions, shape our understanding about the world. They determine the repertoire of our actions, especially in times of crisis.

Fairy tales prepare us to recognize real-life heroes and villains, love and betrayal, good and evil. They guide our actions as we navigate these dichotomies.

The difference in traditional Russian and Ukrainian folklore might in part explain the difference between the Russian and Ukrainian armies' performances.

When facing the greatest challenge of their lifetimes, those in the Russian army failed to perform well and demonstrated poor morale. By contrast, Ukrainians rose to the challenge in a spectacular way, transforming themselves through grit and determination from the underdog to the hero who just might succeed against all odds.

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Judge confirmed as 1st Latina on California Supreme Court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A San Diego appeals court judge who is the daughter of Mexican immigrants was confirmed Tuesday as the first Latina to serve on the California Supreme Court.

Justice Patricia Guerrero was approved by a 3-0 vote of the Commission on Judicial Appointments to fill the vacancy left by Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, who stepped down last year.

Guerrero, 50, grew up in the agricultural Imperial Valley and has worked as prosecutor, law firm partner and Superior Court judge and is on the state's 4th District Court of Appeal. She will be sworn in Monday by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who nominated her.

Guerrero, who was praised by colleagues and members of the panel that included Attorney General Rob Bonta and Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, said she was humbled by the historic significance of her elevation to the court.

She said she stood on the shoulders of her grandparents and parents who immigrated from Mex-

ico to give their children a better life.

"As I've tried to express, this is not just about me, or really even just about my parents, but it's about so many others just like us," Guerrero said. "This is a story of the American dream, the belief that with hard work, perseverance and opportunities, anything is possible. And for that I am thankful."

Guerrero was confirmed after a friendly hearing at the Supreme Court in San Francisco with no opposition. Cantil-Sakauye indicated it would be smooth sailing for Guerrero when she opened the hearing by saying it was a joyful occasion.

Supporters praised the breadth of Guerrero's career, her legal writing and her ability to find consensus with other judges.

The State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation found her exceptionally well qualified for the state's highest court.

"Justice Guerrero is phenomenal on multiple levels," said Stella Ngai, chair of the commission.

"She is universally lauded for her superior intellect, clear writing, judicial temperament, work ethic and compassion."

Guerrero will take the place of Cuéllar, who stepped down to become president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Cuéllar was nominated to the court by Newsom's predecessor, Gov. Jerry Brown, also a Democrat.

Five of the court's seven members were nominated by Democrats and two by Republicans.

Newcomer has made diversity on the bench a priority. In 2020, he nominated the first openly gay justice, Martin Jenkins, who is the third Black person to serve on the court.

Guerrero's grandfather came to the U.S. from the Mexican state of Sonora and got residency through a sponsor.

When her father, Jorge Guerrero, arrived in California, he picked crops and later worked in feedlots. He wore cowboy boots to the hearing and beamed from the front row of the courtroom along with Guerrero's husband and one



People applaud after Justice Patricia Guerrero is confirmed to the Supreme Court of California by the Commission on Judicial Appointments Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in San Francisco. Guerrero, who grew up in the agricultural Imperial Valley, will be the first Latina on the state's highest court. PHOTO BY AP PHOTO/ERIC RISBERG, POOL

of their two sons. Her sister and several other family members sat behind them.

Guerrero said she hoped her appointment would serve as a tribute to her mother, a babysitter who recently died from breast cancer and had emphasized the importance of education and told her children there no limitations on what they could accomplish.

Guerrero choked up as she spoke about her mother, saying she waited until the end of her remarks because she didn't think she could get through them if she discussed her sooner.

"She taught us to be strong, compassionate, and indepen-

dent," she said. "She showed us the importance of family. She showed us to thank God for our blessings. And she showed us that we should help other people when we can. She sacrificed everything for us."

Guerrero graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford Law School. She funded her education through scholarships and by working half-time.

California will now join Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, New York and Texas in having Latina justices on their high courts.

Guerrero will receive a salary of \$274,000.

Gas, sales tax holidays clear Connecticut's legislature

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut will temporarily suspend its 25-cent-per-gallon excise tax on gasoline after a bipartisan vote by state lawmakers Wednesday in an effort to ease pain at the pump for motorists.

The gas tax will be suspended from April 1 to June 30.

The House of Representatives voted 143-0 in favor of the emergency bill. Hours later, the Senate passed the proposal by a vote of 33-0. Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont is expected to sign the bill into law.

The legislation also establishes a second sales-tax-free week on clothing and footwear valued under \$100 per item, beginning April 10. That's in addition to the one typically held in August for back-to-school shoppers. Furthermore,

the bill provides free bus service between now and June 30.

"These three things today, I believe, will help with the affordability crisis that's happening here in the state and all across Connecticut," said Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, co-chair of the General Assembly's Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee.

State legislators and Lamont, who are all facing reelection in November, have been under pressure to blunt the effects of rising inflation and the state's high gasoline prices. As of Friday, the state's average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline was \$4.37, according to AAA. While that was down 11 cents from the prior week, it was still up 71 cents per gallon compared to February and \$1.47 compared to

this time last year.

Connecticut is the latest state to consider suspending its gas taxes to give drivers a break from high prices, the result of pandemic-induced inflation and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Governors in Georgia and Maryland have enacted temporary gas tax freezes and other state legislators are considering similar moves.

Connecticut has two taxes that apply to motor fuels. They include the 25-cent-per-gallon motor vehicle fuels tax, typically referred to as the state's gas tax, and the fluctuating petroleum products gross earnings tax.

Some Republican lawmakers questioned why more wasn't being done, including scrapping a planned highway usage tax on large commercial vehicles that's supposed to take effect in 2023. In the Senate, Democratic Sen. Cathy Osten of Sprague, the co-chair of the budget-writing committee, agreed

with some of the GOP's complaints and said lawmakers should exempt farmers from the highway use tax — an issue that could be revisited later during the legislative session.

But House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, called the gas tax holiday a "down payment" on other anticipated tax cuts the General Assembly is expected to enact. Republicans agreed. Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford called the gas tax holiday "a start, a thankful start." But he said it's "by no means an end."

Ritter stressed that lawmakers are limited in how much of the state's transportation revenues they can use to lower the fuel taxes because of debt-to-revenue ratios that are required for issuing revenue bonds for transportation projects.

Some Republicans also echoed concerns from the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association about small gas retailers, who pre-pay the

excise tax on gas, and may not sell all of the fuel in their tanks by April 1. Retailers that don't pass along the 25-cent-per-gallon savings can face various penalties.

"I know it's different in a larger community, in a city, because tanks are turned over on a daily basis. But boy, when you get out in the sticks, it doesn't happen like that," said Rep. Jay Case, R-Winsted, who said it takes about two weeks for gas stations in rural communities to use up a tank of fuel.

If a problem develops, Scanlon expressed a willingness to make sure such small retailers are not harmed.

Connecticut U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat, praised state lawmakers for suspending the gas tax temporarily, saying "Congress should follow Connecticut's lead and provide additional support to families across the country by taking immediate action to suspend the federal gas tax."

Washington governor signs bills tightening gun rules



Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signs a bill that bans the manufacture, distribution and sale of firearm magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition in Washington state, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in Olympia, Wash. The measure was one of three in a package of bills tightening the state's gun laws that were signed Wednesday. PHOTO BY AP PHOTO/TED S. WARREN

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed a package of bills Wednesday tightening the state's gun laws, including a measure that bans the manufacture, distribution and sale of firearm magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

Washington joins nine other states, including California and New Jersey, that restrict magazine capacity size.

"We are not willing to accept gun violence as a normal part of life in the state of Washington," Inslee, a Democrat, said at a news conference in the Capitol's state reception

room, where he was surrounded by lawmakers and other supporters of the new laws.

The Capitol was closed to the public for several hours before and after the bill signing. A spokesperson for the Washington State Patrol said that there was no specific threat, but that the temporary closure was a "prudent precaution."

Washington's measure, which takes effect July 1, does not prohibit the possession of such magazines. It also includes exceptions to magazine limits for law enforcement and corrections officers, members of the armed forces, Washington's Nation-

al Guard and licensed firearms dealers who sell to those institutions.

Violations would be a gross misdemeanor, which in Washington is punishable by up to 364 days in county jail, a maximum fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

The measure was requested by Democratic Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who said that a 2016 shooting at a party in Mukilteo — in which a 30-round magazine was used, killing three teens and seriously injuring another — and his conversations with the parent of a survivor motivated him to push for the bill every year since.

"It's individuals who are directly impacted by gun violence. When they speak, politicians respond," Ferguson said.

The new law also makes selling a prohibited magazine or offering one for distribution or sale a violation of Washington's Consumer Protection Act, which allows the attorney general's office to take action on alleged violations of the act to get restitution and civil penalties.

In a statement issued after the bill signing, the Sacramento, California-based Firearms Policy Coalition said that it plans to lead a lawsuit over the new law, saying that it "condemns this latest act of state aggression and will not allow this law to go unchallenged." The group said it was looking for Washington residents who could be potential plaintiffs in the planned action.

Ferguson said that he was confident that the ban was constitutional and that his office could successfully defend any potential litigation. He pointed to appellate history with other states with bans, including California, where the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a ruling by two of its judges and upheld California's law in November.

Inslee also signed a measure that prohibits people from knowingly bringing weapons — either openly carried or carried with a concealed pistol license — to ballot counting sites and on-campus school board meetings. The new law also bans openly carried firearms at local government meetings and election-related facilities such as county election offices, off-campus school board meetings and local government meetings, though people who have concealed pistol licenses would be allowed to carry their concealed weapon in those locations.

Firearms are already prohibited at several designated places statewide, including restricted areas of jails, courtrooms, taverns and commercial airports. And last year, lawmakers approved a ban on openly carrying guns and other weapons at the Washington state Capitol, part of the Capitol campus and public protests statewide.

"No one — no one — should be prevented from accessing their government due to fear of armed intimidation," said Democratic Rep. Tana

Senn, the bill's sponsor.

Law enforcement is exempt from the restrictions, as are any security personnel hired at a location.

Violation of the law would be a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and fines of up to \$1,000. Second or subsequent violations would be a gross misdemeanor.

Additionally, any person convicted would have their concealed pistol license revoked for three years.

Under the measure, a person must knowingly be in violation of the law in order for the criminal penalty to apply.

A third measure signed by Inslee on Wednesday adds further restrictions to the law on the manufacture, sale, or possession of so-called ghost guns by prohibiting people from possessing components to build an untraceable firearm, as well as possessing any firearms built after 2019 that don't have serial numbers. Hobbyists will be able to continue making guns at home, but under the new law they must use components with serial numbers.



Washington Gov. Jay Inslee speaks at the podium with supporters behind him before signing a package of bills to tighten gun laws in Washington state, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in Olympia, Wash. PHOTO BY AP PHOTO/TED S. WARREN

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Carson's Commentary 30-minute permanent DST fixes a century-old problem

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Eleven days ago, most Americans set their clocks ahead one hour to mark the biannual tradition of daylight saving time. Established during World War I to conserve natural resources by shifting more daylight toward the evening hours, DST is still around more than a century later, and it confuses and disorients millions of people every year.

In fact, I forgot about DST entirely and booked a 6:30 a.m. flight to Florida for spring break last week. Of course, this really meant the flight took off at 5:30 a.m., and my alarm blaring at 4 a.m. was actually blaring at 3 a.m. As I sat exhausted at an empty airport gate, I began to think, "There must be a better way."

Luckily for me and other weary travelers, a solution could come as early as next year. Earlier this month, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) spearheaded a bipartisan effort to make DST permanent by 2023. Rubio's bill is known as the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021, and he was joined by Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). The Senate passed the Act on Tuesday, March 15, and it must now pass the House of Representatives before President Joe Biden decides whether to sign it into

law.

Rubio and Scott initially introduced the SPA with their fellow Florida congressman, Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) back in 2018. Rubio and Buchanan had modeled the proposal after the permanent DST bill passed in their home state that year, and then-President Donald Trump even tweeted his support for permanent DST. However, the bill died in committee twice during the Trump era.

As with most bipartisan legislation, the benefits of the SPA are immense and well-articulated in Rubio's proposal. First, switching to permanent DST benefits the economy by reducing health issues such as cardiac arrest, strokes and seasonal depression. A study by the investment banking giant JPMorgan Chase found that the start and end of DST leads to a 2.2% consumer spending decrease in San Diego, California.

Second, permanent DST reduces the number of robberies and vehicle accidents across the country. A 2015 Brookings study found that the frequency of robberies decreased 27% during the hour of evening sunlight after "springing forward." Likewise, a 1995 American Journal of Public Health study estimated that "901 fewer fatal crashes... might have occurred if daylight saving time had been retained year-round from 1987 through 1991."

Third, permanent DST promotes youth fitness and discourages obesity by giving children an extra hour to

play outside after school. Rubio even suggested that early sunsets caused by switching to Standard Time in the fall lead to the cancellation of youth sporting events.

"I've seen it with my own eyes," Rubio said on the Senate floor after the SPA's passage. "I've watched youth sporting events be called in the middle or near the end of the game, before it's actually concluded, because there's not enough lights."

I could not find evidence to support this claim, but maybe Rubio wants the spring breakers descending upon his state after springing forward to be a little less tired. I'll take his word for it.

Jokes aside, there is one major obstacle that has prevented political action on permanent DST for decades: late winter sunrises. Contrary to popular belief, "springing forward" and "falling back" do not add or subtract an hour of daylight to the 24-hour day; they merely shift sunrise and sunset times further into the evening or morning, respectively. Around and after the Dec. 21 winter solstice, sunrise times are already at their latest of the year, and making DST permanent would only push them later.

For example, the sun will rise at 7:15 a.m. this Dec. 21 in Hartford, Connecticut. Hartford's location in New England gives it an earlier-than-average sunrise compared to locations in Ohio, Indiana and other westerly locations within the Eastern time zone. With permanent DST, Hartford's winter solstice sunrise would not

come until 8:15 a.m., and almost 9 a.m. in cities like Cincinnati. No commuter likes heading to work before sunrise, but more importantly, no parent wants their child walking to the bus stop alone in the darkness.

Thankfully, I believe there is a very practical solution to perfectly resolve America's DST dilemma. The SPA should be amended such that, this November, everyone sets their clocks back 30 minutes instead of an hour and simply leaves them there next spring. In Hartford, this would create a 7:45 a.m. to 4:53 p.m. daylight period on the winter solstice, which is certainly preferable to an 8:15 a.m. sunrise or 4:23 p.m. sunset.

Of course, there are problems with this approach. While we're considering amendments to DST — and more broadly, time zones — states like Indiana and Arizona must make up their minds. The current SPA does not mandate states and territories who do not observe DST to begin doing so, but it should go a step further and establish a way for more uniform time zones for these states.

Indiana sits on the western edge of the Eastern time zone, and certain counties in the northwestern and southwestern parts of the state observe Central time. If it was up to me, the entire Hoosier State would observe Central time to better align with the Chicagoland area economically. My proposed 30-minute permanent DST would also keep Indiana's sunrises from becoming too early.

I can apply similar logic to the state of Arizona. As it does not observe DST at all, Arizona observes Pacific time in the summer and Mountain time in the winter, and Navajo County just does whatever it pleases. Any DST proposal should require making time in the Grand Canyon State more uniform.

Lastly, the problem of Alaska and Hawaii — I say align them as well. Just like Indiana and Chicago, aligning the two non-contiguous states would promote economic activity between them. I recognize that doing this could throw off the sunrise and sunset times in Alaska, but no proposal is ideal. If a solution must leave anyone behind, let it be those who choose to live in a state that receives less than five hours of daylight on the winter solstice.

To those who cringe at the thought of American time zones being half an hour out of whack with the rest of the world, just remember that all of India observes a time zone five-and-a-half hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Of course, I am not suggesting that America switch to a single time zone, but observing the half-hour has not hindered India's rapid economic and cultural developments in recent years.

Making a complicated, yet permanent and sensible reform would end the antiquated practice of DST once and for all. Consider this my endorsement of the #LockTheClock movement. To conclude with a multiple-meaning: It's about time!

Should Men Wear Makeup?

The role of marketing in the cosmetics industry

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Today we see makeup as mainly used by women and in many work settings, women are expected to wear makeup and are considered unprofessional if they don't. Why? It's seen as a standard of looking "clean" and put together. However, men are almost never expected to wear makeup for work — save for performative roles like news anchors, actors and models.

Many arguments circulate around makeup and what it should be used for — is it to cover imperfections, is it an art form or is it deceit? Why and how women wear makeup is a highly controversial topic already — but what about men?

If you are a woman and wake up with a newly formed zit on your forehead on the day of your job interview, you know it's not a big deal because you can easily dab some concealer on and go to your interview looking your best. However, it's not that simple for men. It is far from socially acceptable for a

man to wear makeup — other men consider it "too feminine", and many women see them as "less masculine". It's a classic example of toxic masculinity and misogyny at play — men under the pressure to be hyper-masculine or risk being ridiculed for being, God forbid, like a woman.

While these stereotypes are perpetuated in everyday situations, there's a larger force at work when it comes to why makeup is often considered to be "for women" — the beauty industry. Cosmetic marketing is undoubtedly geared toward women. While makeup brands may not outright say "this product is for women," can you think of a single time you've seen anything but a woman's face blown up on a makeup brand's promotional poster? Whether it is the packaging, store placement, or advertising, the beauty industry knows that sales will always boil down to the target market they appeal to the most. Most companies are not concerned with the societal impact of their branding strategy — products will only sell to those who believe they



A male model applies makeup. Many makeup companies are striving to create a safe space for men to experiment with makeup.

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need it, and it is much more cost-efficient to direct marketing toward women who are constantly nudged by societal standards into owning makeup products and wearing them.

But while bigger makeup brands and stores may not see value in catering to a market with no demand, some men do and they're doing something about it. Stryx and War Paint for Men are two distinguished brands making a splash in a pool that they are determined to create: men who see makeup as something they too can benefit from.

As War Paint founder Danny Gray states, "You may not be used to seeing the words 'men' and 'makeup' in the same sentence, but that's because there's never been anything like this for us before. The truth is we also struggle with skin concerns, whether a spot that refuses to budge or an uneven tone, and we also deserve to feel good about ourselves internally."

Some might argue, "Makeup is inherently gender-neutral — why can't men just wear the concealers that already exist?"

Why do men need a different packaging just so they can buy it? Aren't you just doubling down on the idea that men should hide their makeup because it's too girly?" While it is true that nothing is stopping men from walking into their local CVS and purchasing makeup, how likely is that to happen? These companies strive to craft a safe space for men to experiment with makeup without feeling embarrassed or intimidated by cosmetics.

In the long run, the goal is encouraging men to feel no shame regarding cosmetics and to no longer feel emasculated when using makeup. Stryx makeup is "made with men in mind" and gives men a chance to privately explore cosmetics. They emphasize the importance of education by providing simple one-minute video tutorials showing men how to apply the products step-by-step. Thoughtfully presented products can act as a gateway for more men to get on board with the idea and break norms over time.

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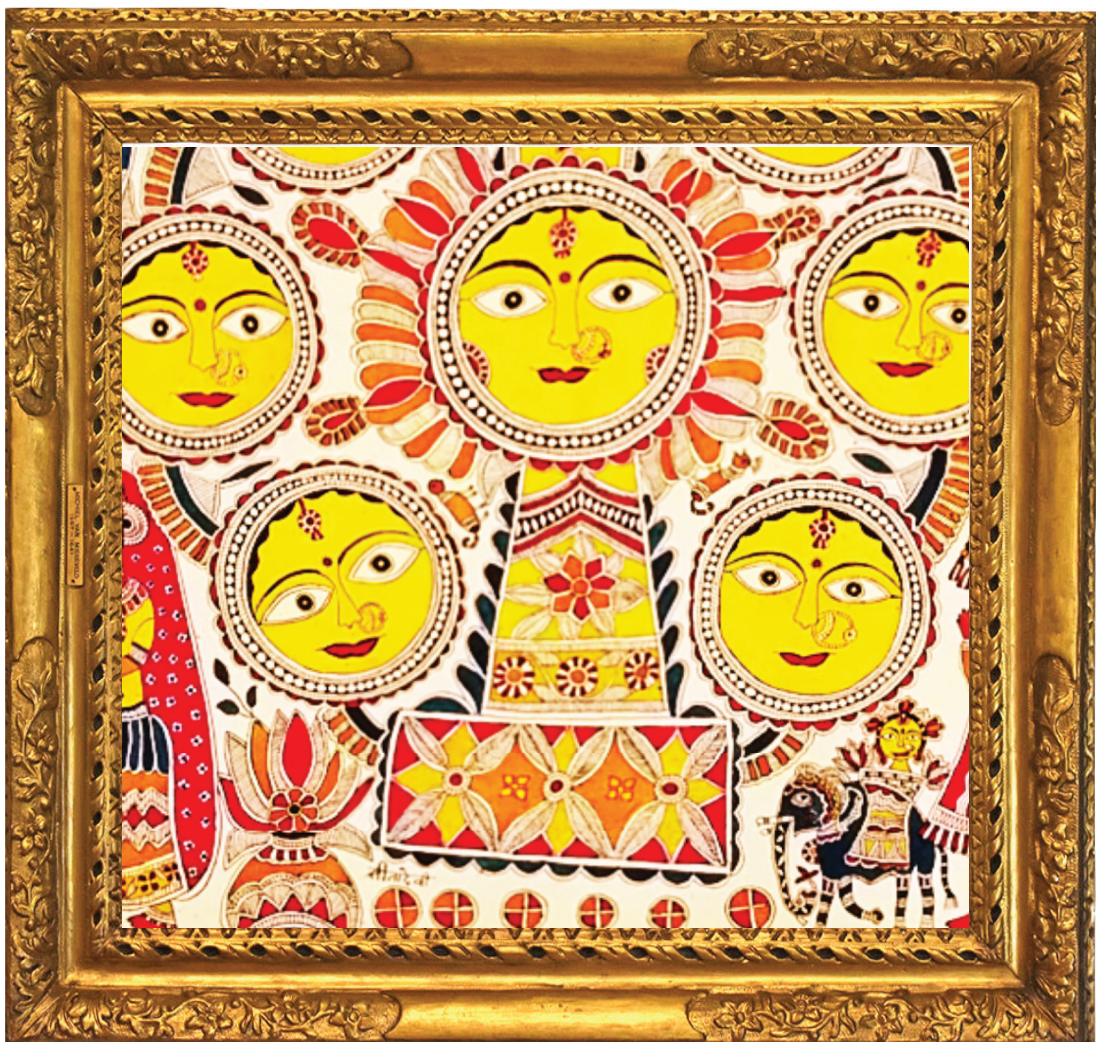
The morphing of traditional Mithila art



Bihar, India

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Artist Shri Sita Devi paints feminine faces in her Mithila artwork. Mithila painting is now practiced by men and women of all castes. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



Artist Sunaina Thakur paints animals in her Mathila artwork. The exhibit of Mithila art will be on display at the Benton until July 31. PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The morphing of traditional Mithila art



“Krishna Stealing the Saris of the Gopis” (2020) features wildlife and musical instruments. Mithila art is a form of painting originating in Bihar, India. David Szanton, president of Ethnic Arts Foundation spoke on the evolution of Mithila art for the Benton’s new exhibit.

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David Szanton, president of the Ethnic Arts Foundation, spoke on the evolution of Mithila art for the opening of the Benton’s new exhibit, “Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India.” Mithila art originates from Bihar, a state in India that borders North India and Nepal. Around 7,000 years ago in the Ramayan period, women in Bihar painted scenes of marriage, love, religion and culture on walls of various structures. Mithila art styles were unique to each caste, or social class.

“Brahmins, the highest caste in the community were doing very colorful paintings,” Szanton said. “The black and red paintings were being done by the Kayastha community. The Kayastha were accountants, scribes, they have at home red and black ink and their wives were doing paintings in red and black ink because those were the inks available at the time.”

Different forms of Mithila art also serve unique purposes. For example, Khobar paintings are created specifically for marriage rituals and painted in rooms where the bride and groom will consummate their marriage on the fourth night. Kohbars usually utilize a theme of rings and lotuses to represent love and fertility. Depictions of birds symbolize the love between couples and fishes represent fertility,

according to Szanton.

Mithila marriage paintings often focalize on women. Hindu goddesses like Durga can also be depicted in such paintings, as Durga is a representation of motherhood and protection.

According to Szanton, “When women started making money and started selling paintings and becoming major contributors to the family economy, their status began to grow, which is symbolically recognized by the fact that they get center stage [in paintings] and the groom is present but just on the side.”

While much Mithila art depicts marriage, artists also il-

lustrate the feelings of unmarried women who are anxious about marriage. One painting features a woman in her home with her hands tied up as her mother and husband pour kerosene on her. The painting also features a line of women protesting outside the woman’s home and two women pouring kerosene on the mother through the window.

“In the last 10 to twelve years, as women are getting better educated and more able to see the world inside their

towns and on television and radio, then they become much more aware of gender and feminist issues and that marriages are not always gonna work out well as most people watching the world have figured out and in the Khobar,” Szanton said.

In another marriage painting, a couple is shown exchanging offers with an elephant. According to Szanton, the elephant symbolizes the deities Parvati and Shiva, who were seen as the ideal couple.

Nowadays, the tradition of Mithila art is practiced by both men and women, and the content of the artwork is no longer limited by caste. Recent Mithila art portrays women peeking through walls to demonstrate solidarity for women’s rights, and another depicts Durga using a syringe to battle against COVID-19.

“The expansion of the repertoire deals with the physical, international and spiritual world among Mithila painters,” Szanton said. “For me, it’s absolutely fascinating to see this kind of expansion. It’s reminiscent of what happened in Medieval Europe going from wall paintings, to gods, goddesses, saints to Renaissance, then we got paints for soldiers, kings, queens to farmers. The paintings move from the ritual paintings and events to the larger world surrounding the world of artists.”

“Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India” will be on display at the Benton until July 31.



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The
Barista
Diaries:

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As both a coffee lover and a foodie, I admire creativity when it comes to coffee recipes. If you also love specialty coffee creations and live in Connecticut, the coffee flights at TJ's Burritos in East Granby will undoubtedly change your life. I know you might be wondering why a burrito restaurant would sell coffee, but this chill and funky spot serves it all. It has a beachy vibe that will make you feel like you are on vacation, and did I mention that they also serve delicious margaritas, mimosas and Tito's lemonade flights? Anyways, let's talk about the innovative coffee flights and why they are so good.

The coffee flights

(\$9.95) change weekly and can be served either hot or iced with a variety of espresso and coffee-based creations. The restaurant serves four sample-sized cups for a coffee flight, which can be easily shared and enjoyed between two people. The flavors often relate to the current season or upcoming holidays. The flight lineup this past Valentine's Day included a red velvet latte, a raspberry iced coffee, a strawberries and cream cold foam cold brew and a chocolate covered strawberry latte. The coffees were topped with various pink toppings to make for the perfect Instagram story.

A recent week featured candy-themed drinks including a Reese's Pieces latte, a Kit Kat iced latte, a Snicker's cold brew and a Reese's white chocolate latte. And yes, they were all topped with a piece of the actual candy for the perfect sweet touch. A lot of times when a restaurant or a coffee shop attempts to be trendy with its ingredients, they fall short and only deliver in the presentation category. I can say

without a doubt that TJ's Burritos serves freshly brewed specialty coffee that hits the flavor mark and crafts its beverages to look stunning and Instagrammable every time.

If you have a busy schedule and are looking for coffee to take on the go, do not let the stationary coffee flights steer you away from the other options that TJ's Burrito's offers. You can order a regular-sized coffee with unique flavors such as caramel popcorn, jelly donut, Lucky Charms, cookie butter or bourbon caramel. You can also get two different iced coffee flavors in a heart-shaped cup that separates the two beverages, but are contained in the same cup!

If you do not live close to East Granby, TJ's Burrito's often has a stall at Parkville Market, Hartford's newest food hall. Check out Parkville Market's website or social media to check when you can find it. I definitely recommend taking the trip here for brunch with friends not only for the coffee but also for the amazing food and photo ops. Check out the restaurant's Instagram page for more information on weekly flight flavors and specialty holiday drinks.



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COFFEE
FLIGHTS AT
TJ'S BURRITOS



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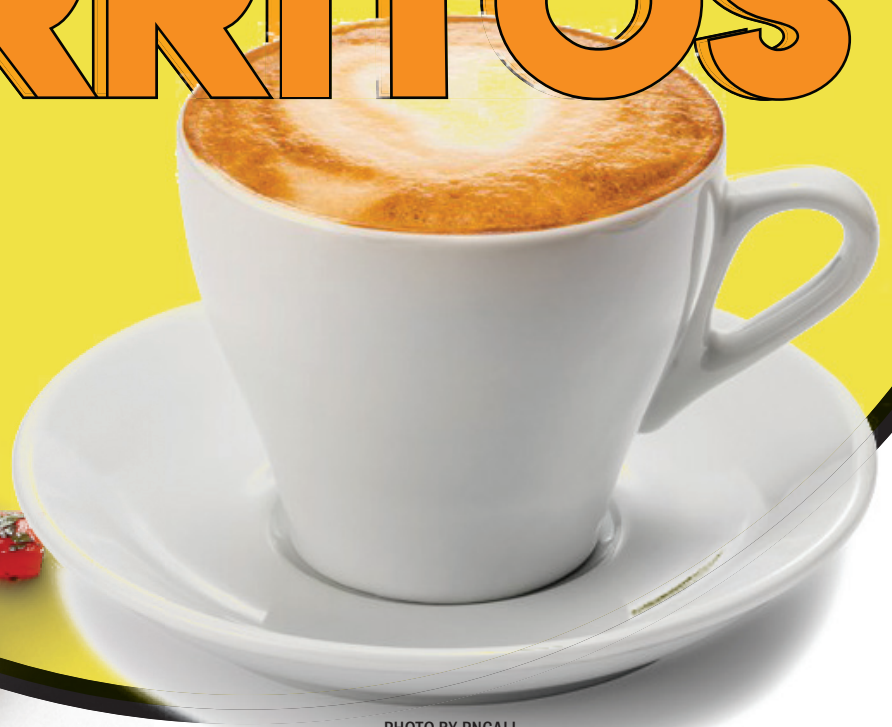



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“Waking up in the”
 Jamliex Rosado-Rivera
 Biomedical Engineering
 1st Semester



“Um, what’s spooey?”
 Amberly Lao
 Nursing
 3rd semester



“Walking home at night and the clowns are on the loose.”
 Alexa Kugler
 Biology
 1st Semester



“The clowns.”
 Lily Eden
 Allied Health
 1st Semester

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- Tug
 - Grinding away
 - Have because of
 - English horn cousin
 - Hill by a loch
 - Spacecraft docked at the ISS
 - *Be silly
 - Joints often replaced
 - Mag staff
 - 12/31, e.g.
 - Exams for aspiring judges, briefly
 - *Loosen up
 - Sponge (up)
 - Student’s hurdle
 - Universal donor’s type, briefly
 - Recipe word
 - “Like, yesterday!”
 - “Hunan Report” author
 - “Grand Canyon traveler
 - Dallas hoopster
 - Sub
 - Broadcast from NBC’s Studio 8H
 - Score symbol
 - Tuner toggle
 - Previously
 - *Nyctophobic
 - ___ Challenge: soft drink promotion
 - Hound
 - Affirmative vote
 - Catherine of “A Mighty Wind”
 - Shortened version of a pop song ... and a hint to what’s hidden in the answers to starred clues
 - Clear
 - First name in stunts
 - Put on board
 - Feints on the ice
 - Mends, in a way
 - Wear
- DOWN**
- Rustic type
 - Withstands
 - Silently acknowledges
 - Mauna ___
 - Higher than
 - Most faithful
 - Novelist McEwan
 - 2021 Emmy winner for Outstanding Comedy Series
 - Liam’s “Schindler’s List” role
 - Is unacceptable
 - “Full attention here”
 - Day planner abbr.
 - Birth units: Abbr.
 - Driver’s role in “Star Wars” sequels
 - Bollywood strings
 - Iridescent gem
 - Block at a pass?
 - Put on
 - Gps. like Partners In Health
 - “How silly of me!”
 - Can’t stand the idea of
 - Safety ___
 - Whale newborn
 - Have trouble closing the suitcase, maybe
 - Fancy dressers
 - Prince who inspired Dracula
 - Old Elton label
 - Spenser’s “The ___ Queene”
 - 57-Across sister brand, on labels
 - Orientation “sensor”
 - Bagel Bites brand
 - Modern checkout devices
 - Comes down hard?
 - It may be massaged
 - “Sons of Anarchy” actress Sagal
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 - Tolkien’s Legolas, for one

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By Joe Deeney

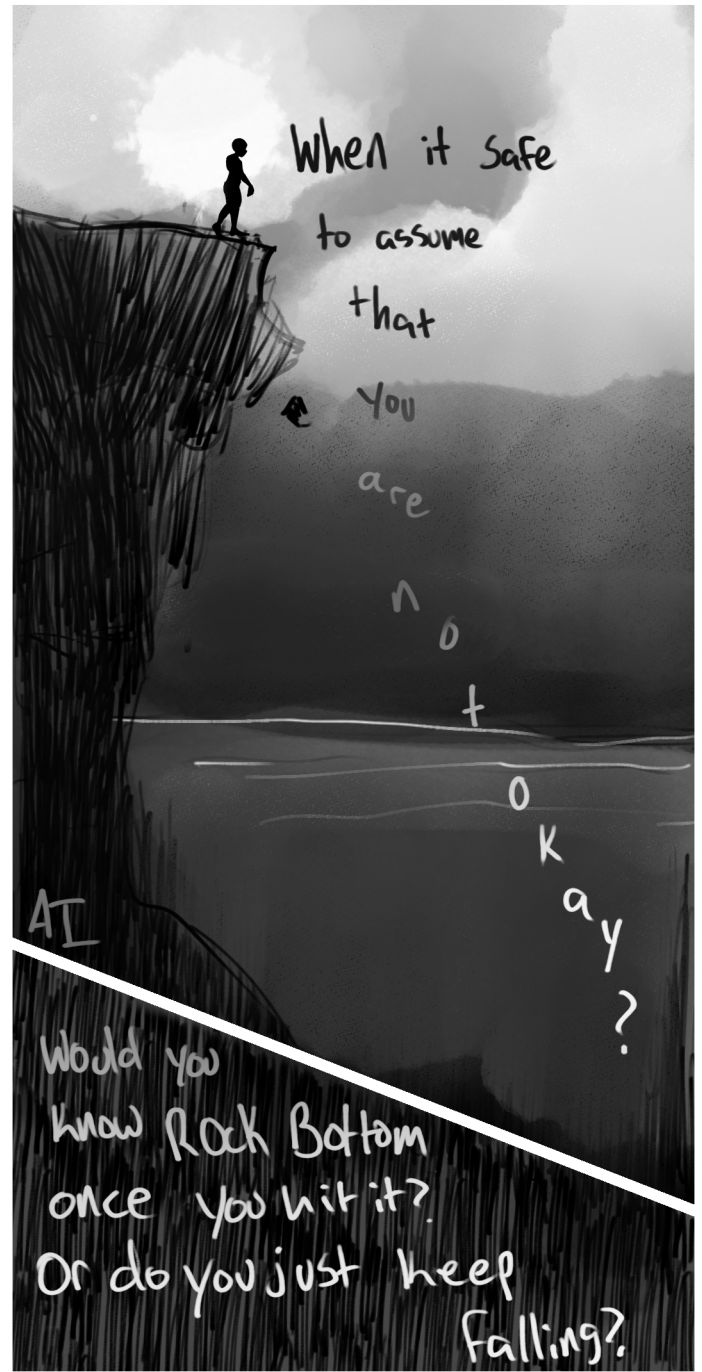
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Men, makeup and marketing

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As more men purchase makeup products, see their friends wearing it and become more closely acquainted with the conversation surrounding makeup, I think it will give men a whole different perspective and help them recognize that wearing makeup is a choice! It should be a choice for men to wear makeup if they want, and a choice for women to not wear makeup if they do not wish to.

Companies should recognize that there is a huge gap in the market that is just waiting to be tapped into. Makeup companies hold an unmatched amount of power to dictate these rigid cultural attitudes — after all, what is American culture if it weren't for our dedication to consumerism? Thoughtful marketing can make a big (and believe it or not,

positive) difference not just for successfully selling cosmetics to men, but to make widespread shifts in societal expectations and make a deeper, permanent change in the issues revolving around harmful gender norms.

With the normalization of men wearing makeup, men would become a significant consumer demographic and cosmetic brands would evolve their image to meet demands. No longer would makeup be exclusive to women, and men could better understand that no one should be judged for their choice to wear makeup or not. Eventually, all department stores, makeup outlets and cosmetic brands should aim to appeal to anyone, regardless of their gender, by increasing representation in their marketing and definitively establishing makeup as truly gender-neutral in the minds of generations to come.

UConn IN THE PROS: SPRING TRAINING ACTION FOR THE HUSKIES

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George Springer

MLB fans were in for a treat when spring training returned to television screens across the nation. UConn certainly wasn't without its representation, as Toronto Blue Jays outfielder George Springer got his first looks of the season on Tuesday. The 32-year-old looked as good as ever with a 2-3 day that saw the outfielder grab two singles in a 9-2 win. For his first action of the season against a seasoned ballclub like New York, that's absolutely encouraging to see for the UConn alum. Springer is looking to have

a bit of a bounce back season after hitting .264 in his first season with the Blue Jays.

Matt Barnes

Springer wasn't the only UConn player to kick off their season recently. Boston Red Sox fans were able to see their first look at Matt Barnes, who pitched an inning of relief with a lone strikeout on Monday. Barnes, who had a 3.79 ERA with a 6-5 record in Boston last year, is looking for a bit of redemption for his ballclub after Boston fell to the Houston Astros in the ALCS. With the new addition of Trevor Story to an already loaded team, the Red Sox will be a feared team in baseball and Barnes, who has been a key

part of the team's bullpen, will play a big part in getting his team toward its goal of a World Series ring in 2022.

Nick Ahmed

Unlike Barnes and Springer, Ahmed has gotten two chances to get going before the MLB season begins, going 0-5 in two games. The 32-year-old is coming off a down year for the Arizona Diamondbacks, hitting .221 in 2021. While Ahmed wasn't able to crush it at the plate, he's always been known for his glove, especially with a 3.7 dWAR in 2018. He'll be looking to reclaim some of that defensive pedigree in 2022 after grabbing a 1.0 dWAR in 2021.

Andre Drummond

The 2012 first round pick has continued to make a name for himself as a valuable option as a playoff contender with the Brooklyn Nets. Drummond got the start last Friday for Brooklyn against the Portland Trailblazers and had a quality performance, totaling 17 points and nine rebounds in a five point win for Brooklyn. He's been consistently putting up double-digit scoring numbers as a primary option at center and fans can expect similar production until the potential debut of new Brooklyn addition Ben Simmons dips into Drummond's touches. The veteran center will continue to be a big part of Brooklyn's game plan as they look to stay in con-

tion for a play-in tournament spot.

Rudy Gay

Gay has continued to be a solid bench piece for the Utah Jazz, who currently sit fourth in the Western Conference. Even at age 35, you can still find the former UConn alum cooking up NBA defenses. Gay's best performance this week came on Sunday, where he put up 13 points, seven rebounds and two blocks in 26 minutes for Utah. With Gay remaining a primary backup forward option for a strong Jazz lineup, fans can expect to see him get some minutes in the upcoming NBA playoffs.

HULL TWINS LEAD DEFENDING CHAMP STANFORD TO THEIR HOMETOWN

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — When 2-month-old twins Lacie and Lexie Hull cried for six hours straight during a long car ride across Washington state then all the way through Thanksgiving dinner in 1999, perplexed new mom Jaime Hull had no idea what to do next.

They were fed. Diapers fresh. The babies had been bounced, rocked and held.

"That one, I'll never forget ... they were having none of it," recalled Jaime, a new nurse at the time and the first of her close friends to have kids at age 25. The doctor assured her shortly thereafter she just had two Type-A, competitive babies.

More than two decades later and now young women, the twins are still going at it, providing far more lasting memories for the family as star senior guards for reigning national champion Stanford.

Just as the family hoped, the sisters will play back home in Spokane, Washington, when they

lead the top-seeded Cardinal in the Sweet 16 against No. 4 seed Maryland on Friday.

Jaime can't wait to cheer on her only children when Stanford brings a 22-game winning streak to the Pacific Northwest.

"Having them get to come home to Spokane is just amazing," Jaime said. "You don't realize it, and I think it's going to be years to come that we kind of look back on everything that they've accomplished in their college career and really appreciate it, because when you're in the middle of it, it's like every game, even for me, I feel like I played in the game, I'm exhausted."

Lacie and Lexie have come so far to shine on the March Madness stage.

They were born six weeks early and immediately placed on ventilators — the preemies long and lean at 4 1/2 pounds and each stretching 18 1/2 inches.

"I didn't get to hold them," their mom said. "These girls had to

fight from the day they took their first breath. ... It was scary. It's just amazing where they are now."

After three weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit, Lexie came home a few days before Lacie, whose lungs needed further care.

Jaime has long envisioned this latest homecoming all these years later for her twin daughters, now 6-foot-1 starters.

She and husband Jason — a twin himself — both send a separate "game-day text" to their girls. Mom's message this past weekend: "Make it your best because this is the last chance you get."

Lexie went out and delivered a career-high 36 points and six steals in Stanford's second-round rout of Kansas on Sunday night. Lacie could be seen smiling as her sister knocked down shot after shot.

"Lacie and I looked at each other before we started running out, and we said to each other, this is our last one running out in Maples, so we wanted to give it ev-

erything we had," Lexie said. "We knew it was over if we didn't win, so we didn't want it to be over, we wanted to make it to Spokane."

This is hardly the first family connection on The Farm: Nneka and Chiney Ogumike starred for the Cardinal and so did sisters Bonnie and Karlie Samuelson. Twins Jason and Jarron Collins and Brook and Robin Lopez played for the men's basketball team.

The Hull twins wanted to play together in college, and Hall of Fame coach Tara VanDerveer offered that opportunity at Stanford.

"You don't have a bad day with those twins. Every day they come to practice, they're always the ones shooting afterward," VanDerveer said. "They're just competitive and their grades are like right at 3.99 or whatever, and they're two of the nicest people. I am so spoiled as a coach to coach them, and I've said this before, but I get mad at their parents because they only had twins instead of triplets.

They are so exceptional, students, student-athletes. I'm so lucky."

Jaime and Jason, who will host a dinner for all the Stanford families on Saturday night, don't remember many days their daughters didn't push each other to be better.

"They've been competing since Day 1," said Jaime, insisting their athletic and academic ability doesn't come from her. "They're way beyond me."

When they turned 22 last fall, their mother posted on Twitter: "Both of you are my heart and soul. Couldn't be more proud of the people you have become. Love you more."

The Hull family hardly considers Spokane the last stop, either.

"There's, I think, a sense of confidence that we know if we play our game, we're capable of anything that we want to achieve," Lacie said. "There's a sense of unity, and we have this vision, and we have this goal, and I think there's that cohesive mindset and vision."



Stanford guard Lexie Hull (12) shoots over Kansas players during the second half of a second-round game in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament Sunday, March 20, 2022, in Stanford, Calif. PHOTO BY TONY AVELAR/AP



Stanford's Lexie Hull (12) and Lacie Hull (24) celebrate with teammates after defeating Kansas in a second-round game in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament Sunday, March 20, 2022, in Stanford, Calif. PHOTO BY CARLOS AVILA GONZALEZ/AP

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The UConn women's basketball team puts on a dominant display in the first-round NCAA March Madness matchup against the Mercer Bears. The Huskies captured a 83-38 victory on March 19, 2022, at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. This win advanced the Huskies to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Stratton's Stand: Why UConn WBB should add Carla Berube to its coaching pipeline

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It's not going to happen yet, but it's inevitable. Currently sitting at 68 years old in his 37th year at UConn, Hall of Fame Coach Geno Auriemma is going to have to retire at some point. Many argue Auriemma is the greatest coach in the history of college basketball, largely thanks to his 11 national championships and 1,146 career wins. He has done a phenomenal job with the Huskies and continues to do so. With his continuing streak of 13 Final Fours, there is no reason to even think about seeing him go from a performance standpoint, but age may become a factor at some point. Once he decides he is ready to retire, there's a coach on the other side of New York City (or Storrs South as many like to call it) who checks all the boxes and is a perfect fit for Storrs: Carla Berube.

This change wouldn't even need to happen full-on in the next few years. Perhaps Auriemma could add Berube to the staff as an assistant so that she would be ready to flourish when he does retire. If she had the guarantee of being at the top spot in Storrs eventually, surely she'd leave Princeton, even if it meant a few years as the third in charge behind Auriemma and Chris Dailey. But let's get back to why she would be the perfect fit.

The first critical box to check for the next coach is a strong connection to the UConn program. Berube checks this box fully. The Oxford, Massachusetts native spent four years with the Huskies, scoring 1,381 points and was a part of the dominant 1995 national championship team. As a key builder of the long-term success of the program, Berube knows her way around campus. Although she didn't have a spectacular pro career, she served as a great leader during her time in college, where the Huskies went 132-8.

Berube almost immediately began coaching after college, starting at Providence as an assistant coach in 2000. Although the Friars went just 23-32 in Berube's two years, she did enough to secure the job at Division III Tufts, where she flourished. After taking five years to rebuild the program, in her

sixth year, the Jumbos broke out in a major way, advancing all the way to the Elite Eight with a 26-4 record in 2008. She made the tournament two of the next three years, and despite not advancing to the second weekend, the next eight years were magical. Two straight trips to the Sweet 16 were followed by a pair of Final Four appearances. To continue things, Tufts lost in the title game the next two years before getting bounced in the Elite Eight two more times, making her record 220-31 in her final eight years.

Although Berube then took over a very successful Princeton program, she has been impressively intact during her most recent two years of coaching. In her first season in 2019-20, the Tigers won the Ivy League and were primed to make an appearance in the NCAA tournament before it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, finishing 26-1. Last year, Princeton decided not to play due to COVID-19, making this current year her second campaign.

The Berube-led Tigers outperformed all expectations, beating No. 22 FGCU early in the year and finishing the regular season 22-4 and 14-0 in conference. They glided past Harvard and Columbia in the Ivy tournament before being named a No. 11 seed, despite their No. 25 ranking in the AP Poll. The Tigers proved the committee and their doubters wrong in the first round, beating No. 6 seed and AP No. 15 Kentucky 69-62. Facing No. 3 seed and AP No. 11 Indiana, the Tigers had opportunities to win in the final few

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possessions, but just couldn't get it done, losing 56-55.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about this team is that five of the top six scoring options

are sophomores and juniors, meaning that this success isn't going anywhere. On top of this returning talent, Berube knows how to recruit. In ESPN's Hoop-Gurlz top 100, Berube is bringing in Madison St. Rose (No. 46 overall) and Tabitha Amanze (No. 43 overall), a pair of players who could be program-changing with their high-prestige.

These listed factors really cover all of the bases of what would make a good candidate for the UConn job. Berube is a proven winner who knows how to take her team to success. She has also set Princeton up for future success, as the pipeline is looking solid with no reason to believe that they will be giving up an inch in the Ivies anytime soon.

Even this year, if the ball bounced a different way a few times, Auriemma would be prepping his team to play Princeton this Saturday in the Sweet 16. Taking a school from a conference like the Ivy league to such success is incredibly impressive, especially in such a short amount of time with the program.

If Berube sticks it out with the Tigers long enough, perhaps the stars will align such that she'll be ready to move to UConn as Auriemma is set to retire. But if not, Berube will be causing the Huskies fits at whatever other school is fortunate enough to hire her.

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Carla Berube played on the women's basketball team and was a 1997 graduate of UConn. Currently, the former Husky is the head coach of the Princeton University women's basketball team. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Roundtable: What's the best event in sports?

If you're a football fan, or even just love the snacks and advertisements, Super Bowl Sunday is what you look forward to every February. With spring comes more key sporting events like the Kentucky Derby, Opening Day and playoffs for both hockey and basketball. Out of the 365 (or 366) days in a year, which sporting event do you look forward to the most? Our team of writers have their takes:



Opening day

Do I really need to make the case to you of how wonderful Fenway Franks are on Opening Day at America's Most Beloved Ballpark, cheering on the Boston Red Sox? Wally comes out with his brand new, fresh New Balances for the season, and everything is new again. Spring is here and we've waited since last fall to have beautiful weather and for baseball's return. Especially this season, the MLB lockout left a lot of fans and players re-examining baseball and the passion so many people share for it. After the uncertainty regarding whether or not there would be an Opening Day, it's going to be that much more special this year. No matter what team you cheer for or the logo on the tiny helmet that you'll eat ice cream out of, it just hits different on Opening Day. Baseball season is long and full of so many possibilities within each game, each inning and Opening Day fully captures it all.

- Taylor Coonan, Associate Sports Editor



Super Bowl

There is absolutely nothing better than some wings, nachos and more with the family while you watch the big game. You don't even have to know football to enjoy the Super Bowl with funny commercials and some overall quality family time. Whether you choose to spend the Super Bowl with family or at a party with friends, it's always going to be a good time. With another tremendous showing in 2022, the Super Bowl is always an incredible event with huge parties and tremendous hype for the big game ahead. That's all without mentioning the incredible halftime shows that occur every year and with an amazing halftime show this past season, it gets better and better with new performers. I can confidently say that it's pretty hard to beat a national event like the Super Bowl.

- Evan Rodriguez, Staff Writer

The first two rounds of March Madness

The fact that these two rounds almost always fall on my birthday is a special treat for me. Not only do I get to appreciate turning another year older, I get to experience the madness, highs and lows that come with all 64 teams involved. Birthday stuff aside, the first two rounds of March Madness are some of the wildest rounds you'll ever see in your life. I've noticed these last few years that I have done really well on the first few games, but then I get one game incorrect and my entire bracket falls into the gutter. You never know who's going to provide the major upsets at any given point and any given round. Unless you're a college student on spring break, you can also watch the tournament on your computer while you're in class (as long as the teacher doesn't catch you, of course). It's the kind of moments that Jon Rothstein lives for and the kind of moments that makes me reconsider participating in a tournament challenge every single year.

- Cole Stefan, Staff Writer



Conference tournament week

Since March Madness is already taken, I'm going to go out on the deep end here and say the week before the official madness, the conference championships. Over the course of a little over a week, all 32 Division I men's and women's conferences face off against each other to see who gets the glory and opportunity of the Big Dance. With many more games than March Madness, you end up with a bigger set of good games and buzzer beaters. For several mid and low major schools, this is a platform where they can play on national television and make it onto mainstream media. The best part is that everyone gets a chance to win and it provides an extra layer of excitement in early March to prime fans for the NCAA's.

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The Coleumn: The UConn-Villanova rivalry is back and a healthy one for the Big East

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"We want UConn."

Those were the fighting words of the Villanova University marching band following its women's basketball team's win against the Seton Hall University Pirates in the Big East Tournament semifinals. The Wildcats were looking to claim the automatic bid with a win in the championship against a team they already beat, the University of Connecticut Huskies.

The two schools combined for a showing of the last two Big East Players of the Year, Paige Bueckers and Maddy Siegrist, and Big East Defensive Player of the Year winners, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Nika Muhl. The Huskies were weakened by injury in their first meeting, but with Bueckers healthy, the stakes were set for a legendary brawl.

UConn ended up winning that title bout 70-40, but what the Huskies did after helped showcase the reignition of this rivalry. Not long after the final buzzer, players on the women's basketball team allegedly chanted "we want UConn" in response to Villanova's bold statement the night prior. UConn basketball fans may call it a revenge statement, but everyone else saw it as a sign of a rivalry reborn.

UConn has had prominent rivalries with schools such as Syracuse and Georgetown, and Villanova has had historic rivalries with Providence and Seton Hall, but this is the Big East's version of UNC vs. Duke.

Rewind back to Feb. 22, when the UConn men's basketball team hosted the No. 8 Wildcats at the XL Center. Villanova had won each of its last five meetings against the Huskies and three of them were decided by more than 10 points. The energy that the 16,000+ fans, overflowing student section, UConn head coach Dan Hurley (prior to his ejection) and every single player brought to the game created an electric atmosphere equaling the Manchester Derby, El Clásico or even a Yan-



The UConn Huskies are defeated by Villanova University 60 - 63 at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 2022. The Garden had over 19,000 roaring fans, and the game was close for its entirety, which led to an energetic atmosphere. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

kees-Red Sox game.

Down four with 30 seconds left, it appeared as though the Wildcats would remain undefeated since the Huskies returned to the Big East, but Tyler Polley, RJ Cole and Andre Jackson rallied the Huskies ending in a 71-69 upset as their fans rushed the court. I was at that game, and I was so used to Villanova beating us that I remember telling myself that this wasn't real.

Three weeks later, the two schools met in the Big East Tournament semifinals, with Villanova getting its revenge 63-60 in a game that should have been for the championship. Creighton-Villanova was a strong showing, but this matchup would have filled up every seat and blown the roof off Madison Square

Garden.

What we're seeing right now is the rivalry's prime. Both schools are top-tier programs led by coaches who can recruit the best players in the northeast and the country. Even with star players leaving every April, this rivalry is in safe hands next season. Both schools are bringing in a potential Big East Freshman of the Year in Donovan Clingan (UConn) and Cam Whitmore (Villanova). Regular season meetings aside, these two schools are no strangers to the big stage.

The two blue bloods have an extensive history in the regular season and the postseason. They share seven national titles, six in the last 25 years, and produced two Basketball Hall of Fame head coaches in

Jim Calhoun and Jay Wright. They have met in the Big East Tournament five times (1983, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2022) and in March Madness once (2014). Both teams are 3-3.

But this historic rivalry goes way beyond the basketball court. Since I enrolled at UConn two years ago, these two programs have won most of the Big East Tournament championships across all sports. UConn has eight to its name while Villanova has won five. Only Georgetown has won as many in that same span (they have seven).

Outside of basketball, the Big East is a very underrated conference. This rivalry helps the Big East not because any selection committee will treat them like a Power 5 conference, but because they con-

sider each of the team's conference opponents as strong as compared to other leagues (say, Conference USA or the American Athletic Conference).

Softball is another sport impacted by this rivalry. During the 2021 season, the two schools played three times in the Big East Tournament. UConn won the first-round game, but Villanova beat UConn twice in the championship series to take home its first-ever conference crown. Villanova may have won five out of six meetings spanning the regular season, but each game was decided by no more than five runs.

In watching that series and visiting the Big East website in the months after, I started to notice a trend with several of Villanova's Big East titles. They consistently beat UConn in their path to win it. It's happened in women's outdoor track, women's swimming and diving (twice), men's basketball and softball to name a few. Only in women's basketball (twice) have I seen these roles flipped. These titanic clashes aren't the ones we always ask for, but we get them anyway and we always enjoy them.

The one sport I would like to see a rivalry forged between the two schools in is hockey. The men's and women's teams each nearly won the Hockey East Championship while Villanova does not offer a varsity hockey team. The Wildcats don't even have to be in the Hockey East conference, they could just meet up once a year around Thanksgiving and they would put up a fight like a Boston Bruins vs. Philadelphia Flyers game. Think of the chaos that might erupt in their first ever meeting.

Although the Huskies and the Wildcats face off against each other in conference play once a year in most sports but basketball, where they play each other twice, they need to play against each other in conference play twice a year at minimum. No Big East rivalry--Seton Hall-St. John's nor Marquette-DePaul--can match the intensity these teams bring in every contest.



Sports

Baseball: No. 25 Huskies take down Bryant Bulldogs

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Like many of its games this year, the No. 25 UConn baseball team took care of business on Wednesday, crushing the Bryant Bulldogs 9-1 at home.

The Huskies got their bats moving early in the afternoon outing, starting with Erik Stock crushing a 1-0 pitch for a solo home run in the first inning. Connecticut was only getting started, as it tacked on three more runs in the third inning, one of which came on a Chris Brown RBI single. A one-two punch of a 2 RBI double from Casey Dana and a sacrifice fly from T.C. Simmons in the fourth made it an early 7-0 lead.

But the Huskies weren't done there. Simmons struck again in the sixth with a solo home run, and Stock added a ninth run for Connecticut with an RBI fielder's choice. All in all, it was a great day for the UConn bats, who earned 11 hits. They saw the ball well, drawing eight walks.

After the fourth, coach Jim Penders decided that it was the end of starter Cole Chudoba's outing due to the massive lead, as well as Chudoba's pitch count. After four full innings, the graduate student threw 75 pitches, allowing no runs or walks. He gave up five hits, but struck out seven Bulldogs in his first career win as a Husky.

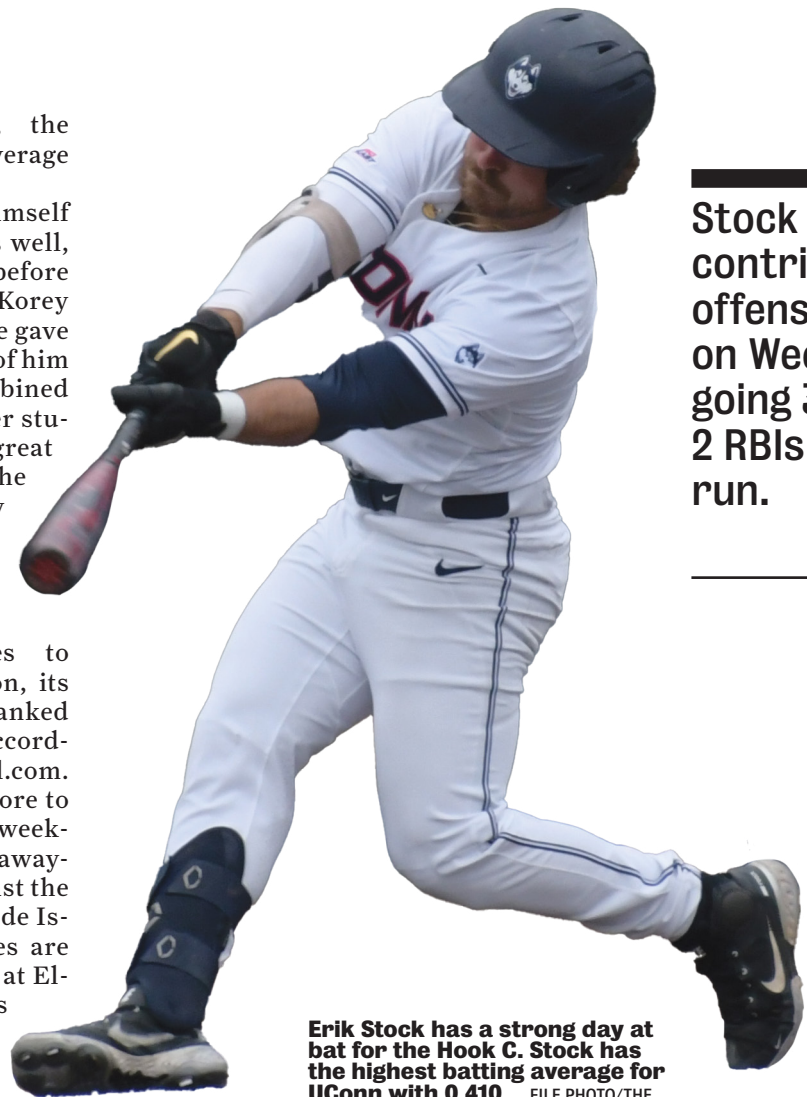
After Chudoba, the UConn bullpen was more than serviceable, with the underclassmen combination of Hector Alejandro, Ian Cooke and Sam Favieri combining for three innings of no-hit baseball. Bryant got its first run on the board in the eighth after Brady Afthim allowed an RBI double, but was able to close out the inning on a strikeout. After a quick 1-2-3 inning from Devin Kirby in the ninth, the Huskies walked away with their 15th win of the season.

Stock was a major contributor to the offense (as usual) on Wednesday, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a home run. He was a triple shy of the cycle. His 20+ game hit streak may have been broken over the team's long California road trip, but Stock's bat seems to have no signs of cooling down. With this performance, he is hitting 0.410

on the season, the highest batting average on the team.

Dana had himself quite the game as well, going 2-for-3 before subbing out for Corey Morton. His triple gave the dynamic duo of him and Stock a combined cycle. The transfer student has made a great impression on the UConn fans early this year, driving in 22 runs to date.

With this win, UConn improves to 15-4 on the season, its first win as a ranked team this year according to D1Baseball.com. It hopes to add more to its resume this weekend in a home-away-home series against the University of Rhode Island. The Huskies are undefeated at 2-0 at Elliot Ballpark this year.



Erik Stock has a strong day at bat for the Hook C. Stock has the highest batting average for UConn with 0.410. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Softball: Huskies walk off home opener with two-run seventh inning

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It may have been a cloudy home opener at Burrill Family Field, but the University of Connecticut softball team was bursting with radiant energy in front of its fans.

Marybeth Olson took the mound for the Huskies and escaped some minor trouble in the top of the first inning. Jolie Duong led the game off with a walk, but despite that and a two-out single from Maddie Wilkes, Army was unable to get any runs home. Duong started for the Black Knights and sent the Huskies down in order.

The Huskies got on board in the bottom of the second inning after Olson sent the Black Knights down in order in the top half. Following two quick outs, Lexi Hastings got the offense going with a single to left field and then collected her 16th steal of the season. She came around to score when Olivia Sappington singled to center field. Erika Coreth singled to give UConn a chance to tack on more runs, but that was all they could muster.

However, the offense was not going to stop there, and they had their chance after Briana Marcelino dazzled on defense in the top half of the third. Two quick outs turned into another offensive rally as Rosie Garcia ripped a double into center field. Jana Sanden followed that up with a double to the center field wall that brought in Garcia and

doubled the Husky lead.

The Black Knights may have entered with an 8-18 record, but there was more beneath the surface. Leila Hurst got things started with a single to center field and made it to second on a wild pitch. Wilkes then doubled down the left field line, which allowed Hurst to score and make it a 2-1 game. After Madi Gilmore grounded out, Lauren Little brought in Wilkes from third with a single down the right field line to tie the contest at two apiece.

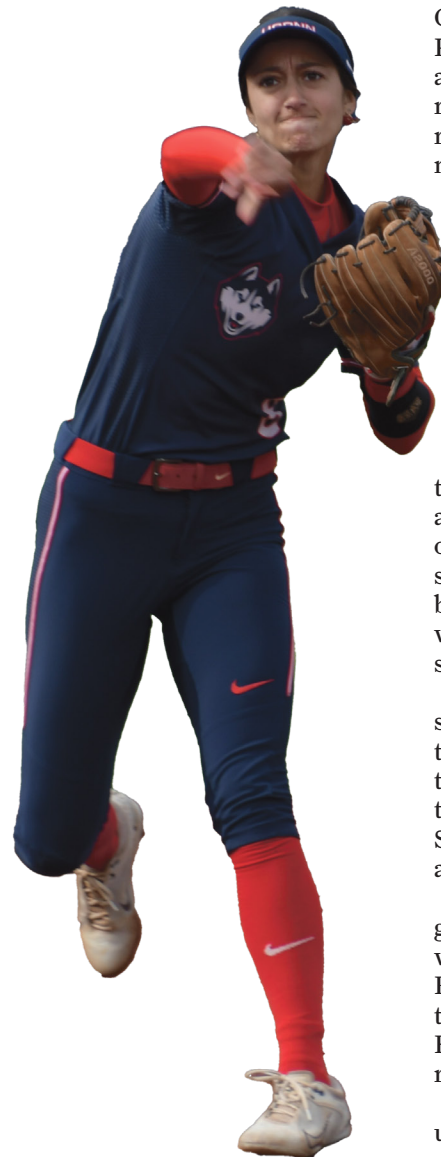
The Black Knights continued to get to Olson. Ellie Caldwell reached on an error and then advanced to second on a wild pitch. With two runners in scoring position, Army took the lead as Angelina Bebek reached on a fielder's choice and knocked Olson out of the game.

Olson lasted 3.1 innings, allowing three runs on four hits with two walks and a strikeout.

Elise Sokolsky relieved Olson and, after allowing Bebek to steal second base, prevented anyone else from touching home plate as she got the next two batters out. Duong was checked out for Olivia Farris, who subsequently sent the Huskies down in order.

Duong tossed three innings, allowing two runs on five hits with two punchouts.

In the fifth inning, Kayla Edwards got on base for the Black Knights before the next three hitters went down in order. After Aziah James was ruled out on video review, the Huskies got their next two hitters on base



Marybeth Olson was the starting pitcher on Wednesday for the Huskies. UConn beat Army 5-4 in the home opener. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

as Marcelino walked and Reese Guevarra, the reigning Big East Player of the Week, reached on an error. The Huskies kept two runners on base after Garcia reached on a fielder's choice, but no one came around to score.

Army added an insurance run in the top of the sixth. Little singled and made it to second on a single from Maaika Dones before she got caught stealing by Coreth. Dones made it to second on the play and scored on a double from Bebek to make it a 4-2 game.

Sokolsky got the next two batters out, but the Huskies needed an answer. Sami Barnett lined out to left field and Hastings struck out swinging to start the bottom of the sixth, but that's when the game's momentum started to shift.

Sappington sent the first pitch she saw onto Jim Calhoun Way to spark the Husky offense back to life and cut the deficit down to one. With that solo home run, Sappington had four home runs and 11 RBIs.

That was all the Huskies could get in that inning, but the best was saved for last. The Black Knights went down in order in the top of the seventh, leaving the Huskies with one final chance to rally for the victory.

Following a foul out from Giuliana Abruscato, Marcelino hit a softball down the left field line for a double. Guevarra followed suit with a single to put runners on the corner with one out, and that's when the damage was done. Garcia flew out on the first

pitch but sent the ball far enough to bring in Marcelino on the sacrifice fly. Guevarra was able to get to second base as the ball got away from Farris.

That brought Sanden to the plate and three pitches later, the Huskies completed the comeback. Sanden hit a softball down the third base line which trickled past Gilmore into left field. That allowed Guevarra to score the winning run and give the Huskies the 5-4 victory.

Sokolsky picked up the win as the Huskies' last pitcher, going 3.2 innings while allowing a run on four hits with five strikeouts. Farris took the loss for the Black Knights, her 11th of the season, after giving up the winning run, going 3.2 innings while allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits with two strikeouts and one walk.

Sappington led the Husky offense by going 2-3 with a home run and two RBIs, but Sanden was just as productive, going 2-4 with two RBIs. Little led the Army offense by going 2-3 with an RBI while Wilkes went 2-4. UConn was 4-9 with runners in scoring position while Army went 3-10. Defensively, Army committed two errors while UConn only committed one. Each team had six defensive assists.

The Huskies (15-11, 5-1 Big East) resume conference play with their first conference home series, a three-game series, against the DePaul Blue Demons. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 3 p.m. on ESPN+ with live stats provided by StatBroadcast.

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