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# Aid to Ukraine steps up as Russian invasion continues

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The Russian invasion of Ukraine, which began on Feb. 24, shows no signs of stopping as the Ukrainian people fight for their sovereignty. As the war develops day by day, here is a summary of key events over the past week.

**April 7**

The United Nations voted to suspend Russia from the U.N. Human Rights Council, according to Reuters. The vote was led by the United States delegation over continued reports of war crimes in the Russian invasion.

"The U.S.-led push garnered 93 votes in favor, while 24 countries voted no and 58 countries abstained," Reuters said. "A two-thirds majority of voting members in the 193-member General Assembly in New York - abstentions do not count - was needed to suspend Russia from the 47-member Geneva-based Human Rights Council."

Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador claimed the vote was illegitimate and announced Russia quit the Human Rights Council. The move was derided by the Ukrainian ambassador.

*"You do not submit your resignation after you are fired."*

**SERGIY KYSLYTSYA**

"'You do not submit your resignation after you are fired,' Ukraine's U.N. Ambassador Sergiy Kyslytsya told reporters," according to the article.

**Ukranian residents who died at the hands of the Russian invasion are buried in a lot behind private residences in Mariupo, Ukraine on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Russian-backed separatists claim to control this region of the city.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALEXI ALEXANDROV/AP FILE

**April 8**

On April 8, two Tochka-U missiles struck the Kramatorsk rail station in the Donetsk Oblast. According to CBS, the Ukrainian government estimates more than 50 were killed at the railway station and over 100 were injured.

CBS reported, "Around 4,000 people, mostly women and children, were at the train station at the time of the attack, the mayor of Kramatorsk said."

CEO of Ukraine's state-owned rail company, Alexander Kamyshin, took to social media to report the strike, posting images of the destroyed station and items left from the victims.

"This toy stays at the station after #KramatorskMassacre. But this toy could travel by train, in kids hands. Already 5 kids killed, 16 injured. Help us #CloseTheSky, the rest we do ourselves," Kamyshin wrote on Twitter, and attached was the image of a blood-stained stuffed horse.

Also on this day, Fox News reported a new general had been placed in charge of the military operations in Ukraine.

"Gen. Alexander Dvornikov, who led Russia's invasion in Syria, will now lead the Ukrainian invasion, according to the BBC," Fox said.

**April 9**

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Boris Johnson arrived in Ukraine to meet with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, according to an article from Politico.

Zelenskyy has previously praised the prime minister for his more vocal opposition to Russia, including a video on April 5 where he spoke to the Russian people regarding the massacre in Bucha and other war crimes perpetrated by the Russian army.

"[Putin] knows that these crimes betray the trust of every Russian mother who proudly waves goodbye to her son as he heads off to join the military, and he knows they are a stain upon the honor of Russia itself," Johnson said in a video uploaded to the official YouTube channel of the prime minister.

During talks with Zelenskyy, Johnson agreed to provide further financial and material support to Ukraine.

"Asked if Britain would send its own tanks and armored vehicles to Kyiv, Johnson replied: 'I'm in principle willing to consider anything by way of defensive weaponry to help the Ukrainians protect themselves and their people,' but also said '... it's important that we should be giving equipment that is genuinely useful and is operable by Ukrainians, that's our consideration,'" Politico said.

Other agreements included fewer tariffs on Ukrainian goods and guaranteeing a World Bank loan.

**April 11**

The chancellor of Austria, Karl Nehammer, announced a visit to Moscow to meet with Vladimir Putin, according to CNN.

"Nehammer is the first European leader to meet Putin face-to-face since his invasion of Ukraine," CNN said. "His visit divided opinion among EU leaders, with some expressing skepticism about engaging with the Russian leader."

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**CNN**

# Echoes of one million lost in the spaces they left behind

(AP) — Put your son in Sherman Peebles' barber chair and along with a buzz you could count on Peebles, a sheriff's deputy who cut hair as a sideline, to issue a fatherly warning about staying out of trouble.

Now, seven months after the dapper sergeant died of COVID-19, life goes on at the Columbus, Georgia, shop owned by his best friend. But the aching emptiness of Peebles' absence lingers. The brotherly affection he brought to each day, gone missing. The jokes and stories that go untold.

The pandemic has claimed nearly 1 million lives in the U.S., leaving empty spaces in homes and neighborhoods across the country, whether we are aware of them or not.

In portraits of these places left behind, emptiness claims a chair at a nurses station in a busy Alabama hospital, long occupied by a caregiver co-workers recall as "like everybody's mama."

It fills the Arizona bedroom of a 13-year-old lost to COVID, his action figures lined up just as he left them, on the dresser.

It floats, silent, over a wooded path that a retired teacher, who died in the pandemic's early months, often visited with her daughter and granddaughter to enjoy North Carolina's flowers.

You have to look carefully to see the emptiness left by the loss of 1 million souls. But in the shadows, it is all too easy to feel it.

Sherman Peebles worked as a barber on weekends, in addition to his full-time job as a sheriff's deputy. He died of COVID in September, at age 49. His best friend Gerald Riley, who owns the barber shop, still arrives each Saturday expecting to see Peebles' truck parked outside. At day's end, he thinks back to the routine he and his friend of 25 years always followed when closing. "I love you, brother," they'd tell one another. How could Riley have known those would be the last words they'd ever share?

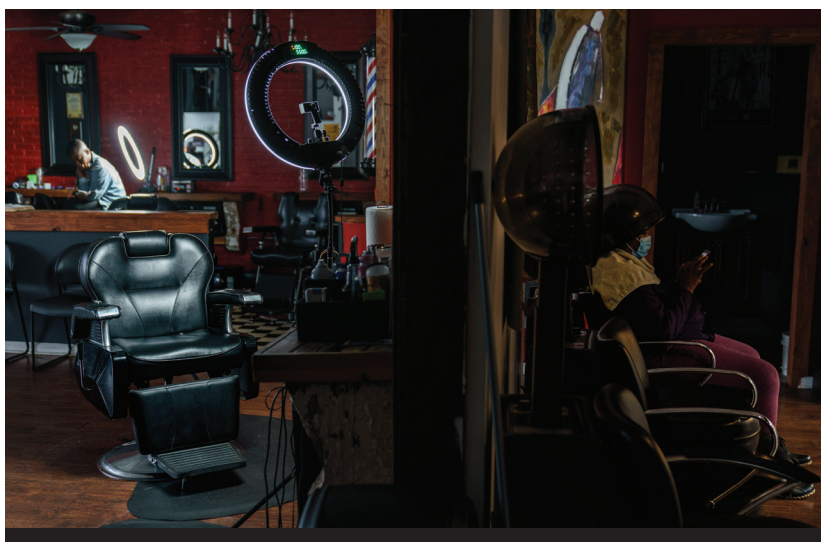
Donovan James Jones' mother can hardly bear to go into the room of her 13-year-old son, who died from complications of COVID in November. Teresita Horne was in the hospital battling the virus herself and never got the chance to say goodbye to her only son. "It's always difficult to go into his room because I always wait for the day for him to come back. I wait for him to come home after school," says Horne, of Buckeye, Arizona. "I would say to the world if they could know one thing about Donovan, he was very kind, especially in today's climate and culture where kindness is a lost concept. I would want people to show some type of kindness to someone for no reason at all, but to be kind."

*"It's always difficult to go into his room because I always wait for the day for him to come back."*

**TERESITA HORNE**

Eddy Marquez spent 33 years cutting and arranging displays at his work station at US Evergreen Wholesale Florist in New York's flower district. He died of COVID in April 2020 during the deadliest week of the outbreak in the city. His brother-in-law, who lived in the same house, died days earlier. Marquez, who was 59 and the father of three, loved plants, and the yard of the family's home is filled with the hydrangea bushes and fruit trees he tended. His daughter, Ivett Marquez, recalls that her dad worked long hours, but always set aside Sundays for family. "He was an amazing father. He was an amazing husband, an amazing person. My father was just our best friend. You know, I guess his daughter's first love," she says. "He was everything to us. A supporter, a friend, just everything. He loved his job. He loved this family. He loved his house, his plants. That was just Eddy." She now tends the plants in his place.

Mary Jacq McCulloch loved to explore the paths that wind through the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, often visiting with her daughter and granddaughter. McCulloch's death in April 2020 at 87 came at the height of spring. Now, with the season arriving again, daughter Karen McCulloch is reminded of their drives together around Chapel Hill to gaze at the trees in blossom. Mary Jacq's favorite were the redbuds. "They are stunning magenta," Karen McCulloch says. "I can't see one in bloom without thinking, 'Mom would love this.' Kind of like her – brightly colored and demanding attention."



**The barber chair where Sherman Peebles used to cut hair on Saturdays sits empty at Overflo Beauty and Barber Shop in Columbus, Ga. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. In late September, as Peebles lay in a hospital bed, COVID-19's toll reached 675,000, surpassing the number of Americans killed by the Spanish flu pandemic a century ago. He died at age 49 the next day.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID GOLDMAN/AP FILE

Arnie Kantrowitz got sick last winter when the omicron variant swept through New York, despite holing up in his home for most of the lockdown. The author, scholar and gay rights activist died of COVID in January. He was 81. "I'm not really grieving fully yet. That's going to go on for the rest of my life," said his long-time partner Larry Mass. "It's like I'm still caring for him. He's still with me." Sometimes when world events make him angry, he thinks about what Kantrowitz would have said to bring him back to earth. He was always good at that. "He's not totally gone," Mass says. "He's there in my heart."

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**LARRY MASS**


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# News

## Police focus on van renter in Brooklyn subway shooting probe

NEW YORK (AP) — A gunman wearing a gas mask set off smoke grenades and fired a barrage of bullets inside a rush-hour subway train in Brooklyn, wounding at least 10 people Tuesday, authorities said. Police were trying to track down the renter of a van possibly connected to the violence.

Chief of Detectives James Essig said investigators weren't sure whether the man, identified as Frank R. James, 62, had any link to the subway attack.

Authorities were looking at the man's apparent social media posts, some of which led officials to tighten security for New York City Mayor Eric Adams. Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell called the posts "concerning."

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**JORDAN JAVIER**

The attack transformed the morning commute into a scene of horror: a smoke-filled underground train, an onslaught of at least 33 bullets, screaming riders running through a station and bloodied people lying on the platform as others administered aid.

Jordan Javier thought the first popping sound he heard was a textbook dropping. Then there was another pop, people started moving toward the front of the car, and he realized there was smoke, he said.

When the train pulled into the station, people ran out and were directed to another train across the platform. Passengers wept and prayed as they rode, Javier said.

"I'm just grateful to be alive," he said.

Five gunshot victims were in critical condition but expected to survive. At least a dozen people who escaped gunshot wounds were treated for smoke inhalation and other injuries.

Sewell said the attack was not being investigated as terrorism, but that she was "not ruling out anything." The shooter's motive was unknown.

Sitting in the back of the train's second car, the gunman tossed two smoke grenades on the floor, pulled out a Glock 9 mm semi-automatic handgun and started firing, Essig said. A rider's video shows a person raising an arm and pointing at something as five bangs sound.

Passengers in the smoke-filled car pounded on the door to an adjacent car, seeking to escape, rider Juliana Fonda, who was in that adjoining car, told the news site Gothamist. Fonda is a broadcast engineer for Gothamist's owner, public radio station WNYC.

Investigators believe the shooter's gun jammed and kept him from firing more, said two law enforcement officials who weren't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Essig said police found the weapon, along with extended magazines, a hatchet, detonated and undetonated smoke grenades, a black garbage can, a rolling cart, gasoline and the key to a U-Haul van.

That key led investigators to James, who has addresses in Philadelphia and Wisconsin, the detective chief said. The van was later found, unoccupied, near a subway station where investigators determined the gunman entered the train system, Essig said.

Rambling, profanity-filled YouTube videos apparently posted by James, who is Black, are replete with Black nationalist rhetoric, violent language and bigoted comments, some of them directed at other Black people. One, posted April 11, criticizes crime against Black people and says drastic action is needed to change things.

Several videos mention New York's subways, and Adams is a recurring theme.

A Feb. 20 video says the mayor and governor's plan to address homelessness and safety in New York City's subway system "is doomed for failure" and refers to himself as a "victim" of the mayor's mental health program. A Jan. 25 video criticizes Adams' plan to end gun violence.

The attack unnerved a city on guard about a rise in gun crimes and the ever-present threat of terrorism. It left some New Yorkers jittery about riding the nation's busiest subway system and prompted officials to increase policing at transportation hubs from Philadelphia to Connecticut.

"This individual is still on the loose. This person is dangerous," Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, warned at a midday news conference.


**Police officers patrol a subway station in New York on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Multiple people were shot and injured Tuesday at a subway station in New York City during a morning rush hour attack that left wounded commuters bleeding on a train platform.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY SETH WENIG/AP FILE

In Menlo, Iowa, President Joe Biden praised "the first responders who jumped in action, including civilians, civilians who didn't hesitate to help their fellow passengers and tried to shield them."

After people streamed out of the train, quick-thinking transit workers ushered passengers to another train across the platform for safety, transit officials said.

High school student John Butsikaris was riding that other train and initially thought the problem was mundane until the next stop, when he heard screams for medical attention and his train was evacuated.

"I'm definitely shook," the 15-year-old said. "Even though I didn't see what happened, I'm still scared, because it was like a few feet away from me, what happened."

New York City has faced a spate of shootings and high-profile bloodshed in recent months, including on the city's subways. One of the most shocking was in January, when a woman was pushed to her death in front of a train by a stranger.

Adams, a Democrat a little over 100 days into his term, has made cracking down on crime — especially in the subways — an early focus of his administration, pledging to send more police officers into stations and platforms for regular patrols. It wasn't immediately clear whether any officers were in the station when the shootings occurred.

The mayor, who is isolating following a positive COVID-19 test on Sunday, said in a video statement that the city "will not allow New Yorkers to be terrorized, even by a single individual."

## VEGAS SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH PANIC DEVICES

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The metro Las Vegas school district will provide electronic panic-button devices to teachers as it moves to boost security in the wake of incidents that include a violent after-school attack that left a teacher injured and unconscious in her classroom.

In addition to providing teachers with panic devices equipped with Bluetooth connectivity, the Clark County School District will upgrade security cameras and ask police agencies to increase their presence at schools, officials said Tuesday.

The panic devices will issued first at El Dorado High School, the site of last week's attack. A 16-year-old student faces sex assault and attempted murder charges in the incident.

Escalating violence, including fights, assaults and brawls, in the district have prompted frustration among teachers, public safety officials and others.

"This cannot wait one more day," Clark County Education Association President Marie Neisess said. "We must act now."

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**MARIE NEISESS**

calls, but an increase of the violence, a lack of empathy, and a lack of respect to our adult authority," said Brigid Duffy, juvenile division 1director of the county District Attorney's Office.

The sprawling district, the nation's fifth-largest, has more than 300,000 students and 18,000 teachers at about 336 campuses.

## Olympic gymnasts face outsized expectations at NCAAs

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sunisa Lee arrived in Tokyo last summer relatively unknown. Then came the Olympics, the meet of her life, a gold medal she once thought unattainable and first-name-only status in her sport for life.

Her all-around title and the splash of fame that came with it did little to mess with her plans. She moved to Auburn to start her freshman year just a couple of weeks after coming back to the U.S. with three medals in her carry-on. Relaxed rules on name, image and likeness meant she didn't have to choose between "Dancing With the Stars" and taking online classes while competing for the Tigers.

The now 19-year-old has done everything she has set her mind to, both on the mat and off. Her personal brand is booming and Auburn is in this week's NCAA national championships for the first time since 2016, exactly as she hoped when she left Japan last summer.

Still, Lee and fellow Olympians Jade Carey (Oregon State), Grace McCallum (Utah) and Jordan Chiles (UCLA) will take the floor on Thursday with something the rest of the field does not: the weight of outsized expectations, the kind that comes with the territory after you've stood on an Olympic podium with the flag of your country being raised to the rafters.

"I think all the Olympians have that burden," Auburn coach Jeff Graba said. "I think Suni has it maybe more than most just because the all-around gold medalist always has a little bit of an extra burden on them."

Yet Graba is quick to point out that Olympic gymnastics and NCAA gymnastics are the same sport in spirit, but not necessarily in practice.

The skill level is different. The time commitment is different. The scoring is different. The team-first vibe is different. All of which can require an adjustment period.

Carey, who won gold on floor exercise in Tokyo, acknowledges going from 30-plus hours in the gym while training for the Olympics to the NCAA-mandated 20-hour limit with the Beavers — not to mention cramming a dozen-plus meets into three months — took some getting used to.

"We're not training as much, so I'm not super tired," Carey said. "But I would say, like the middle of the season. I was like, 'Whoa, like this is a lot of competing.'"

That's because it is. The elite calendar is geared toward making sure athletes peak a handful of times a year. The collegiate season spans a fraction of that while asking gymnasts to pull on their leotard and salute the judges far more frequently.

It's one of the reasons collegiate gymnastics puts a premium on precision. Yes, the level of gymnastics might not be what you see at the Olympics, but if you held the Olympics every week for 13 straight weeks, they might look an awful lot like what will be showcased inside Dickie's Arena this weekend.

Yet the distinction might get lost in translation.

Eight months ago, Lee stunned the world — perhaps herself most of all — when she became the fifth straight American woman to claim the Olympic title. This week, the reality is she's not the prohibitive favorite to win the NCAA crown.

Florida senior Trinity Thomas put together 18 routines this year the judges scored a 10.0, the most in the country. A former and may-

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**TRINITY THOMAS**

be future elite — she said "nothing is set in stone" after this weekend — Thomas has been where the Lee and company are now, trying to figure out a way to recalibrate her skillset and her mindset.

"I kind of like the aspect of like trying to do things like as good as possible because you were going for that 10," Thomas said. "And so that was definitely really cool for me and like something that I kind of got to switch over and be like, 'OK, I want everything to be literally perfect,' right?"

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# Reparations advocates toast historic moment in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Members of California's first-in-the-nation reparations task force convened in a historic African American church in San Francisco on Wednesday, making their own history as they work to educate the public and develop a restitution proposal for the people harmed by the institution of slavery.

The two-day meeting at the Third Baptist Church in the city's Fillmore district was the first time the nine-member task force gathered in person since its inaugural meeting nearly a year ago. The meeting comes mere weeks after the group voted to limit restitution to descendants of enslaved Black people.

Morning attendance was light, but the emotions largely jubilant. About a dozen speakers lined up for public comment, some thanking the task force members for undertaking its critical work.

"Everybody in here is a part of history," Chris Lodgson of the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California, a reparations advocacy group, said before the meeting. "I couldn't be more excited and blessed, really, to be here."

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation creating the two-year reparations task force in 2020, making California the only state to move ahead with a mission to study the institution of slavery, educate people about its findings and develop remedies. Reparations at the federal level have not gone anywhere, but cities and universities across the country are taking up the issue.

Wednesday's meeting was held in a neighborhood once thriving with African American night clubs and shops until government redevelopment forced out residents — a prime example of how local policies decimated a Black neighborhood.

People applaud chair Kamilah Moore during a reparations task force meeting at Third Baptist Church in San Francisco on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. California's first-in-the-nation reparations task force met for the first time since its inaugural meeting nearly a year ago. The live meeting also comes mere weeks after the group voted to limit restitution to descendants of enslaved or free Black people in the U.S. before the 20th century.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JANIE HAR/AP FILE

Third Baptist Church was founded in 1852, the first African American Baptist congregation founded west of the Rocky Mountains, according to a city landmark designation awarded the church in 2017. Its pastor is the Rev. Amos Brown, task force vice chair, longtime civil rights activist and president of the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP.

More than three dozen people were in the wooden pews for the all-day meeting, which included testimony from experts in disparities in education. On Thursday, the committee is scheduled to discuss a report to be made public in June that shows how the institution of slavery continues to reverberate throughout California, including in the form of disparities in household income, health, employment and incarceration.

In a dramatic vote last month, California's task force split 5-4 to limit reparations to people who can show they are descended from enslaved or free Black people in the U.S. as of the 19th century. Those who favor broader eligibility says lineage-based reparations unfairly shuts out Black people who have also suffered systemic discrimination.

But Josiah Williams, a member of the Coalition for a Just and Equitable California in Oakland, said the vote validated African Americans who have striven throughout history to make society more equitable for everyone else, only to watch as some minority groups received compensation but not them.

"This isn't about excluding anyone. It's about making sure we get what we need for our own people. Like, we're just trying to breathe," said Williams, 37. "We're just trying to get repair for the first time."

Several members in the audience were with his coalition, which worked on the legislation to get the task force created. But others were learning about the state's reparations efforts for the first time — as well as the possibility of having to collect paperwork to prove their eligibility for restitution.

Oakland native Terrill Johnson, 41, showed up Wednesday after a friend told him about the meeting.

"I didn't even know this was an actual topic that was going on," he said.

Attorney Cheryce Cryer, who had traveled from Los Angeles to attend the meeting in person, turned around in her pew to advise Johnson to start researching his lineage to enslaved ancestors.

"Don't assume," Cryer advised him. "Get your documentation together now."

Committee member Cheryl Grills, a clinical psychologist and professor at Loyola Marymount University, said before the meeting that the task of turning reparations into reality is daunting given that advocates will have to craft a plan that will be approved by lawmakers and funded by the government.

But she acknowledged the excitement.

"We've never seemed to get this close to actually being acknowledged, being seen, being understood, being empathized with," she said. "This country has never done that."

Since its inaugural meeting in June, the nine-member panel has dedicated much of its time to hearing from experts in weighty areas such as housing and homelessness, racism in banking and discrimination in technology.

Task force members were appointed by the governor and the leaders of the two legislative chambers. A plan for reparations is due to the Legislature in 2023.

# Eudora Welty letters released 2 decades after author's death

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is allowing the public to have access to additional papers from the late author Eudora Welty, including letters written by members of her family.

The release came Wednesday on the 113th anniversary of Welty's birth. She died July 23, 2001. According to her will, the family correspondence was to remain private for 20 years after her death.

Welty, who lived most of her life in Jackson, was known for the lyrical quality of her short stories and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for her short novel, "The Optimist's Daughter," published in 1972. While establishing herself as a writer, Welty photographed scenes of everyday life in Mississippi during the Great Depression for the Works Progress Administration.

Welty's niece, Mary Alice White, said in a news release from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History that the newly released letters begin with the courtship of Welty's parents. White said they also include Welty's correspondence with relatives and papers and letters from others in the family.

"Because these letters were not technically the property of Eudora — they belong to the letter writer — I think Eudora wanted them sealed to respect the privacy of those still living," White said.

The Eudora Welty Collection was established in 1957, when she donated manuscripts, photographs and correspondence to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The department said the Welty Collection has drafts, revised copies and printer's versions of her works, including stories, books, essays, reviews, lectures, speeches and drama. The collection also contains incoming and outgoing correspondence of Welty, memorabilia, and negatives and photographs taken by Welty and her father.

*"Through their intimate and everyday interactions with one another, we also come to know so much about the woman and the writer, Eudora Welty.."*

**HARRIET POLLACK**

Harriet Pollack, Welty scholar and affiliate professor at the College of Charleston, said in the news release that the newly released correspondence provides insight about Welty's parents; her siblings and their families; her grandmother and great grandmother and their children.

"Through their intimate and everyday interactions with one another, we also come to know so much more about the woman and the writer, Eudora Welty," Pollack said. "Astonishingly, a very private woman has unpredictably made generations of personal history available to those touched by her art, inviting us to better understand and to more fully engage the elusive woman behind it."

# Board defends admissions policy at prestigious high school

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A new admissions policy at a prestigious high school in northern Virginia does not discriminate against Asian American students and is not an attempt to achieve "racial balancing," a school board argued in its response to an emergency request filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by a coalition of parents trying to overturn the policy.

The group Coalition for TJ last week asked the high court to vacate a ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to allow the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology to continue using its admissions policy while the Fairfax County School Board appeals a lower court ruling that found the policy is discriminatory.

In a response filed Wednesday in the Supreme Court, the school board insisted that its admissions policy is "race-neutral" and said the 4th Circuit was "entirely within its authority" to suspend the lower court ruling while the board appeals it.

The board said the admissions policy does not set any racial quotas, goals or targets, and is administered in a "race-blind manner," with all applications anonymized so evaluators do not know the race of any individual applicant.

"The district court simply slapped the pejorative 'racial balancing' label on a race-neutral measure to improve geographic, socioeconomic and racial diversity, without any basis in the record," the board said in its response.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton ruled in February that impermissible "racial balancing" was at the core of the new admissions policy at the selective school near the nation's capital. It is often ranked as one of the best public high schools in the country.

Hilton also turned down a request from the school system to delay implementation of his ruling, but a three-judge panel of the 4th Circuit said the school board had met the legal requirements for a suspension of Hilton's order while its appeal is pending.

For decades, Black and Hispanic students have been underrepresented in the student body. After criticism over its lack of diversity, the school board scrapped a standardized test that had been at the heart of the admissions process and opted instead for a process that sets aside slots at each of the county's middle schools. It also includes "experience factors" like socioeconomic background.


Fairfax County Public Schools' sign encourages engaging, inspiring, and thriving Monday, March 4, 2019 in Merrifield, Va. A federal appeals court has granted a request from a Virginia school system to continue using a challenged admissions policy while it appeals a ruling that found it discriminates against Asian American students.

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The parents group argued in its lawsuit that Asian Americans, who constituted more than 70% of the student body, were unfairly targeted in the new policy.

The school's current freshman class, which was admitted under the new policy, saw a significantly different racial makeup. Black students increased from 1% to 7%; Hispanic representation increased from 3% to 11%. Asian American representation decreased from 73% to 54%.

The school board said it will suffer irreparable harm if it is forced to change its policy now because the selection process for the incoming freshman class is already well underway. Final admissions decisions are due this month. "Overhauling the admissions process at this late date would be convulsive," the school board argued in its response.

The case has been closely watched as courts continue to evaluate the role that racial considerations can play when deciding who should be admitted to a particular school. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a similar case alleging that Harvard University discriminates against Asian Americans in its admissions process.

The parents' group said the 4th Circuit judges made a "grave error" in allowing the school system to continue to use its new admissions process.

"Every American should be offended and outraged by the arrogance of the Fairfax County School Board in insisting on clinging to its state-sponsored racism and discrimination," said Asra Nomani, a cofounder of Coalition for TJ and the mother of a Class of 2021 graduate.

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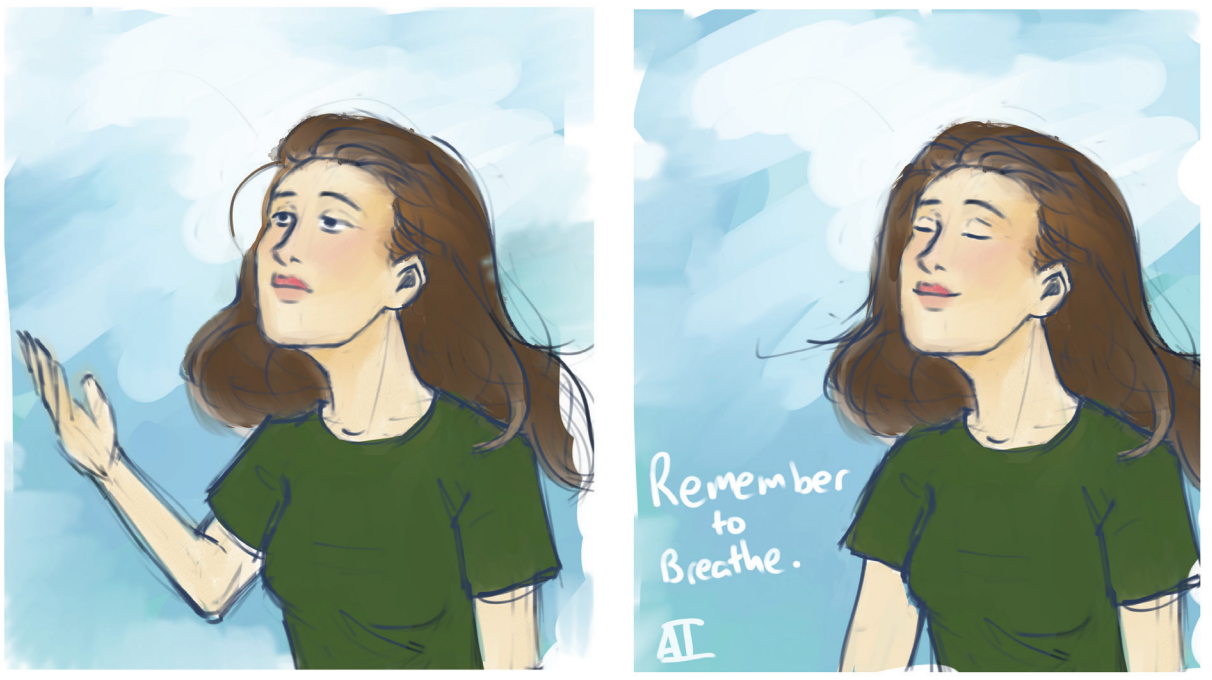


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## Carson's Commentary

## Will Europe's sympathizers rescue Putin in Ukraine?

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An update from last week: Ketanji Brown Jackson has become the first Black woman and third African American confirmed to the Supreme Court. For now, there is nothing new to report on the inexcusable actions of Justice Clarence Thomas and his wife, Ginni Thomas.

Now to the international. Since President Vladimir Putin authorized Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, he has become a pariah on the global stage. Crippling sanctions have wreaked havoc on both the Russian economy and people, while Putin's military has been plagued by limited supplies and low morale. By contrast, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has won international praise as the hero of his country's resistance movement, which finished repelling the initial invaders from Kyiv on Saturday, April 2.

Ukraine's resilience in this conflict has defied conventional wisdom, but it serves only Putin's interests to get comfortable with the current situation. The Pentagon might have acknowledged Russia's failures in Ukraine, but American leaders seem to be ignoring the increased threat posed by other European leaders who sympathize with Putin. Though Russia's credibility has significantly weakened on the global stage, Putin's sympathizers could come to his rescue if the West fails to deliver a diplomatic knockout blow.

Who are these "sympathizers?" First, there is Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko, a man whose mustache and penchant for appearing in brown military jackets are so obviously authoritarian that even Putin once distanced himself. But when the Russian war machine needed a base to launch its "special military operation" toward Kyiv from the north, Lukashenko answered the call and opened his country to Putin's invading forces.

This move allowed the Russian army to cross Belarus' southern border into Ukraine and set up camp within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. Russia's subsequent Chernobyl offensive didn't amount to much, as the last Russian troops were moved elsewhere within Ukraine by the end of March. But of course, this was not before thousands of them became exposed to the dangerous radiation levels near Pripyat — the site of the world's worst nuclear meltdown in 1986.

Lukashenko's passive support did not yield a Russian victory, but the most recent developments suggest that the Belarusian dictator will not be satisfied acting solely as a stepping stone for Putin. The two leaders met Tuesday in eastern Russia, with many anxious to see if Lukashenko would continue to demand Belarus' inclusion in any Russia-Ukraine negotiations.

Instead, Lukashenko seemed content to tow the Kremlin line by claiming British operatives were responsible for a "psychological special operation" in Bucha — which much of the West considers Russian war crimes. This is a step above Putin's outright characterization of the events as "fake," but you would think such a close Russian ally would play his cards a bit smarter on the world stage. Not only did Lukashenko show his true colors, but his nonsensical assertion could hurt Belarus' economy by tempting America and other countries to amp up their sanctions against him personally.

Moving toward the (slightly) more democratic sphere of Europe, you'll find the second Putin sympathizer: President Viktor Orbán of Hungary. Included in Orbán's authoritarian history is a 2020 law that banned non-government "misinformation" about COVID-19. Violators — and by violators, I mean independent journalists reporting on the pandemic — faced up to five years in prison if they were arbitrarily convicted of contradicting Budapest's narrative.

Though he had cozied up to Putin in the past, Orbán remained relatively quiet during the first month of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. But this all changed when he was re-elected on Sunday, April 3. In his victory speech, Orbán took a shot at Zelenskyy by likening him to "enemies" like "the international left" and the "[George] Soros empire," among other opponents. Orbán has also claimed he requested for Putin to sign a ceasefire in Ukraine, apparently to no avail.

Translation: Telling Putin to stop waging war doesn't work. Who would've guessed?

Beyond his tyrannic tendencies, Orbán's refusal to participate in the European Union's embargo on Russian energy has frustrated his peers, particularly Polish Deputy Prime Minister Jarosław Kaczyński. As Poland has been one of the embargo's largest proponents and worked closely with the U.S. during the conflict (3,000 American troops landed there in February), Kaczyński publicly criticized Orbán last Friday, April 8. Of his Hungarian counterpart's stances on Russian energy and the Bucha atrocities, Kaczyński said, "We cannot cooperate as we had in the past if this continues."

The other unfortunate truth about Hungary is that it shares an 85-mile border with Ukraine. While I seriously doubt Orbán would pull a Lukashenko and allow Putin to launch another offensive into Ukraine from the southwest, it is an area certainly worth watching.

The presence of Lukashenko and Orbán seems scary enough for the West, but there is another potential leader who many fear could further upset the balance of power in Europe: French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen.

After finishing second in France's April 10 election with 23.1% of the vote, Le Pen is currently waiting to face incumbent President Emmauel Macron in next week's runoff. She has campaigned on a right-wing platform of leaving NATO and adopting a warmer diplomatic approach to Putin. Most recently, Le Pen discouraged sending weapons to Ukraine and suggested France and Russia should become closer allies after the war.

Numerous analysts — including The Washington Post's editorial board — believe a Le Pen administration would give a massive boost to Putin. While this is a fair point, she must first defeat Macron in the runoff. While Le Pen could become a concerning asset for Putin in years to come, she simply won't have a strong enough mandate to defy France's foreign policy establishment during this war.

Even if Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to go poorly for Putin, the lure of support — or at least the apathy — from leaders like Lukashenko, Orbán and Le Pen could empower Putin just enough to continue the fight. If he does, how long can Zelenskyy hold out without significant and meaningful NATO support? These are questions only time can answer.

# Silman and 'splitters gonna split'

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Presidentialism has one advantage over parliamentarism: If a member of a president's party opposes them, the agenda will be blocked but the government will not collapse and cabinet level positions will remain in place. This is not the case for parliamentary democracies, like those of Israel and Pakistan.

In Israel, Idit Silman, a member of Prime Minister Bennett's Yamina party, is toppling the government over chametz regulations. (Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper, disagrees.) In Pakistan, the opposition has filed for a vote of no confidence. In both states, the opposition is unified only as an opposition.

There are several theories about why the Israeli coalition collapsed this week. Firstly, Silman's official reason for defecting as reported by Haaretz in Forward is the allowance of chametz, or foods containing leavening agents — religiously prohibited during the holiday of Passover — in hospitals. Haaretz rejects this explanation due to an Israeli Supreme Court ruling placing Silman's stance in opposition to Israeli law. Haaretz thus promotes a second explanation: Silman wanted to defect for other, more fundamental reasons.

This phenomenon demonstrates what I will call the "splitters gonna split" theory. This theory posits that people make decisions by taking action first and providing rationale later. This is often the reason behind a split, a vulnerability of coalition governments.

Haaretz must also answer a second question: Why did Silman choose to defect now? Its answer: Between the Pegasus revelations, protests of the Abraham Accords meeting in the Negev and the recent terrorist attacks and Bennett's response, the Bennett government looks vulnerable. Prime Minister Bennett probably knows this, but vigilance is going to make his Arab coalition partners concerned for the welfare of their constituents. On Haaretz's account, defection reduces the risk of losing Silman's seat and the privileges of being in the ruling government rather than the opposition.

Secondly, Bennett's government should, on all accounts, have already collapsed. But, the government agreed to avoid polemical topics that split the coalition. This insulated the Bennett coalition from the internal contradictions of a coalition of right wingers, Meretz and Arab Israeli Parties. The Arab parties may be frustrated with how Bennett has handled the recent terrorist attacks, complaints about evictions, Evyatar and the Israel Defense Forces. In fact, opposition member Odeh recently called for Arabs to desert the IDF. However, such a government only lasts until someone decides the detente is not worth it. Preserving that detente enabled the government to survive, but coalitions based on detente are too fragile for stability and trust in government.

Parliamentary elections are a fun game to play, but politicians should not play them, sacrificing substantive issues for spectacles and speculation. While I like speculating about electoral coalitions on 270toWin, my what-ifs never affect who will actually win the presidency — Jacob Ningen's speculative manipulations have no consequences, but those of a minister of parliament do.

Government should be predictable and stable. If there is no confidence that the government's statement of today will hold tomorrow, the promises become worthless. Even the ability to play games becomes uncertain for politicians. Elections need surety or there is no reason to play. This illustrates Kant's argument against lying, which holds equally well for parliamentarians. Government becomes filled with lies and the trust evaporates. The Legalist nightmare of sinecures and squabbling is realized.

Such a state is undesirable for it would result in chaos and a lack of certainty. Luckily for Israel, its perpetual elections are merely a reshuffling of the same hand. Presidentialism avoids so many elections and ensures a stability that parliaments cannot ensure.

Presidentialism also would prevent the crisis in Pakistan. In this state, parliament filed for a vote of no confidence in the prime minister. His allies then attempted to preempt the vote with early elections. That is the true villain I have been attacking: early elections. These are impossible in a presidential system, thus providing the regularity needed for a government to survive. Furthermore, it would take Alberto Fujimori or Balmacedist levels of discontent for the legislature and head of state in presidential systems to disown each other and upset stability. Thus, presidential regimes are more stable and predictable than parliamentary regimes.

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## New Haven Pizza Tour:

# THE BEST PIZZA PLACES IN NEW HAVEN RANKED

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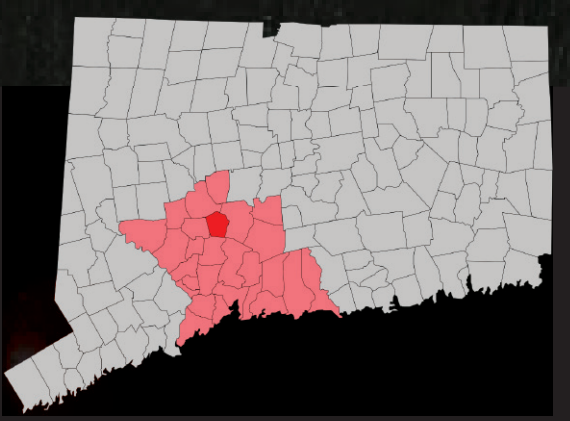
***If you're a New York pizza lover, this article is definitely not for you. I'm calling all the New Haven pizza addicts, the ones who drive 40 minutes for a slice of Pepe's and who wait in line for over an hour at Sally's. This past Sunday I spent my day in the best way possible: doing a New Haven pizza tour. We started off at BAR, then went to Modern Apizza and Sally's Apizza and ended the night at Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana. Here are my rankings:***



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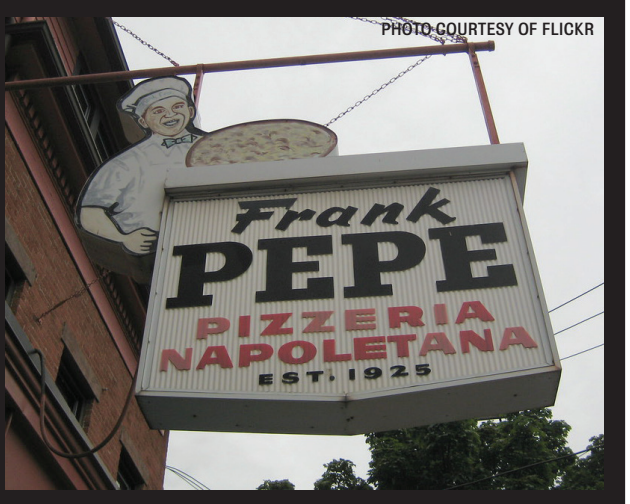
## SALLY'S APIZZA

As a die-hard Pepe's pizza fan, I was skeptical about Sally's. I had been there once before during the COVID-19 pandemic, and honestly, I wasn't blown away. This time was far different. We ordered a medium tomato sauce pie (tomato sauce and parmesan) and asked for half with pepperoni. Let me start off with the cons (there's not many). As expected, there was a long line. However I knew that beforehand so it didn't bother me. The thing about Sally's is it's absolutely tiny. I mean, probably half the size of Pepe's. This creates chaos when trying to place a takeout order, as we did. I didn't know you were supposed to call, so the man at the front door told me to go to the back and put an order in with an employee. When we got back there we were totally in the way, but didn't know where else to go while we were waiting for our server. Eventually, we put in an order and were told to come back in 45 minutes. Once we got our pizza, we all immediately fell in love. The crust and dough were perfectly cooked. Crispy, but not like flatbread. The sauce, as expected for New Haven pizza, was extremely fresh and tasted like actual tomatoes. The pepperoni was the icing on the cake. Real meat that curled inwards after being cooked. If you know, you know. Overall, the food was delicious, and to my surprise, landed as our #1 for the day!

## FRANK PEPE PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA

Pepe's will always have my heart. In high school, my mom and I would take the 40-minute trek up to New Haven and stand in line for our favorite pizza ever. We ordered a large margarita and a small white clam. While none of us are massive seafood lovers, we wanted to try the clam pizza because it's what Pepe's is known for. The customer service was much smoother here, as the place is much bigger. You stand in line, and when you reach the front, you get seated. The pizzas didn't take long to come out, either. In my opinion, the ingredients at Pepe's are just as delicious as those at Sally's. The sauce is fresh, the dough is perfect and the mozzarella tastes like actual mozz you would find in Italy. Not to mention, they serve delicious strawberry lemonade and Foxon Park soda. My one negative is that the pizza was slightly undercooked. The dough beneath the sauce was just a little too wet for my liking, but nonetheless absolutely scrumptious.



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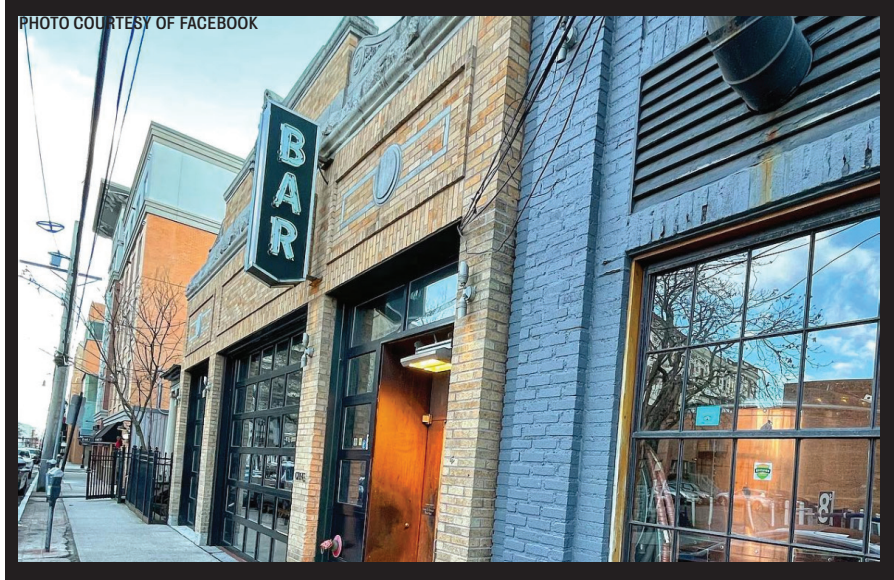

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## BAR

After hearing so much about BAR, I knew I had to give it a try. We were seated immediately and got put in the cutest little corner, with a bench as one side of seating and a plush couch as the other. We ordered their classic: a large mashed potato and bacon pie. The ingredients mixed together were amazing. The potatoes were hand-mashed and incredibly fluffy. The bacon was crispy and there was a perfect amount of garlic. Overall, a delectable experience. My one con is that the pizza was sliced across, rather than diagonal, which made the actual eating experience sub-par. My pizza was flopping over, and at one point, all my mashed potatoes slid off. I just don't get the logic behind not cutting a pizza diagonal, but oh well. I also wish their crust was a little bit thicker; it resembled more of a cracker than a crust. I think people go to BAR not only for the food, but also for the environment. Its whole MO is being a bar that serves pizza ... two of most people's favorite things. If I'm not mistaken, they also turn into a nightclub at night. Who knows, you may find your future husband while munching on a slice of pizza.

## MODERN APIZZA

The last pizza spot on the list is Modern. I was shocked since I always hear such good things, but Modern really didn't do it for me. We decided to keep it basic and ordered a large cheese pizza. Unfortunately, (I'm sorry to all the Modern lovers) I don't have many good things to say. The crust was granulated (if you know, you know), which is my absolute least favorite type of crust. While the sauce was good, the cheese hardened after 10 minutes. We also waited in line for close to an hour, which I believe to be a bit too much for the quality of pizza we received. Nonetheless, while it is not amazing for New Haven pizza, it's still good pizza overall.

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***I highly recommend partaking in a pizza tour with your friends or loved ones! It's the perfect way to spend an afternoon ... and what's better than delicious food and amazing company?***

# THIRSTY THURSDAY: MORE ON MOSCOW MULES


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by The DC Life Section

Consider the column today a spiritual sister to the piece about margaritas for National Margarita Day. Although I missed National Moscow Mule Day — March 3, for you fellow fans — I think it's important to share variations of the beloved ginger drink, which is as versatile as my other favorite cocktail, the margarita. Typically served in the iconic copper mug, a classic Moscow mule is made with vodka, ginger beer and lime juice. However, the recipe's simplicity makes it easy and fun to put a twist on. After mastering the original, check out other recipes below.

Note: For easy measuring, a shot is equal to one-and-a-half ounces!

## CLASSIC MOSCOW MULE (ADAPTED FROM ABSOLUT VODKA)

Ingredients

- One-and-a-half ounces of vodka
- Half ounce of lime juice
- Ginger beer
- One wedge lime

Instructions

1. Fill a mule mug with ice cubes. Add vodka and lime juice. Top off with ginger beer.
2. If you can't find ginger beer, muddle some fresh ginger in the base of your cup and use ginger ale instead.
3. Garnish with a lime wedge, and enjoy!

## MEXICAN MULE (ADAPTED FROM DIFFORD'S)

Since I love margaritas, you can guess this is one of my favorite variations. Since it's a simple recipe, make sure to use good quality tequila!

Ingredients

- Two ounces of tequila
- Half ounce of lime juice
- One-third ounce of sugar/simple syrup
- Three ounces of ginger beer

Instructions

1. Fill a glass with ice. Pour tequila, lime juice and syrup into the glass and stir. Top off with ginger beer.
2. Garnish with a lime wedge, and enjoy!

## BLACKBERRY MOSCOW MULE WITH MINT (ADAPTED FROM EATING RICHLY)

Ingredients

- Three fresh (or thawed frozen) blackberries
- Two mint leaves
- One ounce of lime juice
- Two ounces of vodka
- Three ounces of ginger beer
- Additional mint, lime or blackberries for garnish

Instructions

1. Place blackberries and mint into a cocktail shaker or mason jar. Press them with a muddler to release the juices and bruise the leaves.
2. Add lime juice and vodka, then muddle a bit more.
3. Strain into a copper mug filled with ice. Top off with ginger beer.
4. Garnish with blackberries, a slice of lime and a sprig of mint, and enjoy!

## KENTUCKY MULE (ADAPTED FROM A COUPLE COOKS)

Ingredients

- Two ounces of bourbon whiskey
- Half ounce (one tablespoon) of fresh lime juice
- Four ounces (half cup) of ginger beer
- Lime wedge and fresh mint for garnish

Instructions

1. In a copper mug, pour in the bourbon, lime juice and ginger beer.
2. Add ice, garnish with a lime wedge and fresh mint, and enjoy!

**Check out some other mule variations like lemon blueberry, pineapple, blood orange, spiced pear, Christmas cranberry, gin mule and apple cider from Cupcakes and Cutlery or A Couple Cooks!**

# Battle of the syrups

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Since I have already broken down the best creamers to use with your at-home coffee, it only makes sense to go over some of the best flavored syrup brands as well. For those of us trying to save what little money we have left at the end of this semester, here are my best recommendations for syrup brands and flavors for making your coffee at home.e.

## Torani

Starting off with my favorite brand, Torani is actually used in many high-end local coffee shops because of its variety of flavors. Coffee shops utilize Torani flavors to make specialty lattes and cold brews, but you can easily purchase these syrups and use them at home for a fraction of the cost. Your best chance at finding Torani syrups for cheap is at T.J. Maxx, HomeGoods or Marshalls. They are sold in both large glass bottles and small plastic bottles. The large bottles usually retail around $6 and the smaller bottles usually retail around $4. Some of my favorite flavors are salted caramel, vanilla bean and its newest flavor, s'mores. Almost all Torani syrups are available in sugar-free versions as well if you are looking for a healthier alternative to your coffee. The company also recommends trying out its syrups in other drinks such as milkshakes or cocktails, so get creative!

## Starbucks

Starbucks offers some of its flavored syrups in retail stores, sold in small plastic bottles, for around $8 — double the price of Torani syrups. But if you have a Starbucks addiction, this may be a smart purchase. You will not be able to find all your favorite flavors at your local grocery store, however. Starbucks only offers caramel, vanilla, sugar-free vanilla and hazelnut syrups for purchase. If you love its iconic cinnamon dolce, toffee nut or white mocha syrups, you will have to venture out to a different brand or go into the store and get a coffee. If you are a die-hard T.J. Maxx shopper, you may be able to spot a Starbucks syrup if you get lucky.

## Monin

If you are looking to treat yourself to something a little more gourmet, look into Monin syrups. Its flavors are a bit more complex and feature toasted marshmallow, cookie butter and cinnamon bun, to name a few. Monin also offers a five pack of mini syrups that can be found at stores such as World Market and Bed Bath and Beyond for only $10. The flavors range from classic caramel to amaretto, giving you so many diverse options for your morning coffee and afternoon pick-me-up. You can also get a larger bottle for around $7, and Monin has a pretty logo on their bottles, which is always a plus.

I have tried a variety of flavored syrup brands and those listed above have made up my top three for a long time. You cannot beat their prices and constant stream of new flavors, especially Torani and Monin. I recommend looking on TikTok for drink-making inspiration by using these brands as keywords in your search. Trust me when I say you will never get bored with at-home beverage creations, and you will save money in the process!

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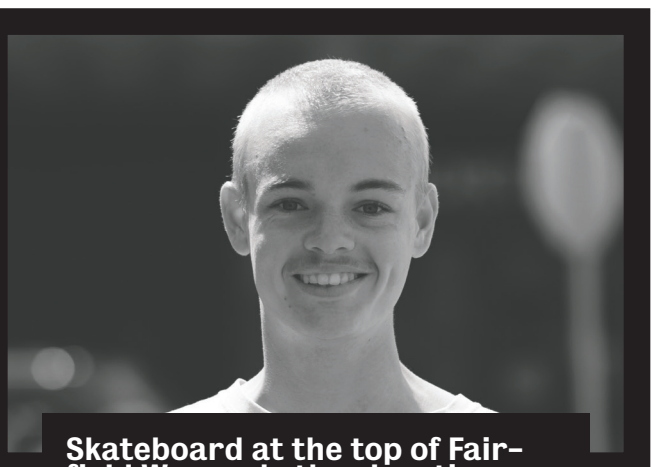

**Skateboard at the top of Fairfield Way and other locations where he can do tricks.**

**Nick Perry**
**Psychology**
**6th Semester**

**Play her mandolin with other students also looking to make music in the sun.**

**Sophia Coppola**
**Chemical Engineering and Spanish**
**6th Semester**

**Roll around campus and goof around with friends.**

**Hayden Ingra**
**Art**
**6th Semester**

**Soak in the sun with a good boook.**

**Khadija Shaikh**
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**Study and listen to music outside.**

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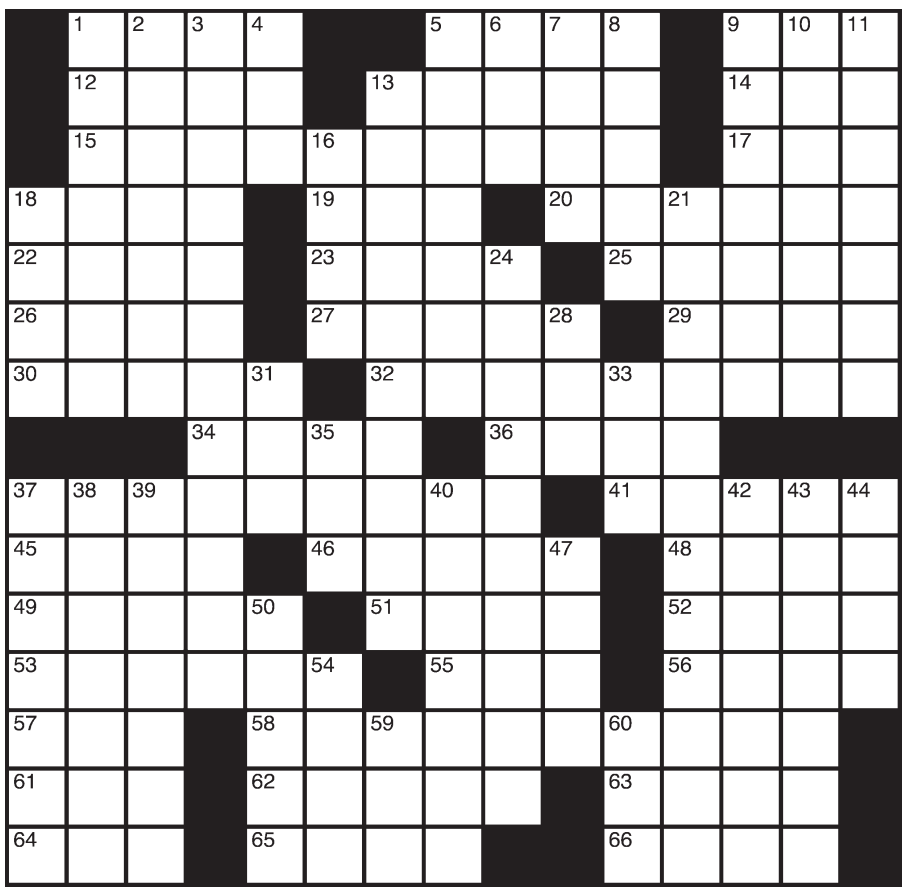

**By Josh M. Kaufmann** **4/14/22**

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5 Links to a social media post
9 Ivy, e.g.: Abbr.
12 They’re better boosted than inflated
13 Actor Willem
14 NCAA’s “Tide”
15 Where many blood cells are produced
17 Witty retort
18 French film
19 Be in session
20 Neutralize
22 Indigo plant
23 Pleased
25 Challenges requiring nerve
26 Like some Sundays
27 Aleppo’s land
29 Alliance acronym
30 Champs-Élysées lunch choice
32 Carrying process
34 Break in the action
36 German pop star who sang “99 Luftballons”
37 The very beginning
41 Russian rulers
45 Go left, say
46 Does as told
48 First name in fashion
49 Wild party
51 “Enchanted” movie girl
52 Gradually withdraw
53 Playground retort
55 Droop
56 “The Hobbit” creatures
57 Buffet server
58 Head-scratching words ... and, phonetically, a feature of the four longest Down answers
61 Brief moment
62 Fix
63 Protected, at sea
64 Word with devil or dog
65 Brooklyn ballers
66 Puts in

**DOWN**
1 Online group study
2 Fret (over)
3 Big name in travel guides
4 Mao __-tung
5 Style of some surf and turf
6 Cont. south of Western 31-Down
7 “Glad that’s settled!”
8 Stitched up
9 Katana-wielding warrior
10 Approximately
11 Slams, slangily
13 Newspaper rival of the Bugle in the Spider-Man universe
16 Inbox list: Abbr.
18 Advanced math subj.
21 Oz, for one
24 Anaheim attraction
28 Joined the clean-plate club, say
31 See 6-Down
33 Queen’s subject
35 Celestial feline
37 Big name in blue jeans
38 Bicker
39 Reason for pacing
40 Half or full holds
42 Turned aside
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44 W-2 IDs
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54 Woeful cry
59 Still
60 Roadside help letters

**Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved**

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# Stratton's Stand: Ranking the MLB Nike City Connect jerseys

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**The Los Angeles Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays meet at the dugout at a game during MLB's opening weekend. The Dodgers have an alternative jersey that says "Los Dodgers" to celebrate Latin culture in Los Angeles.** PHOTO COURTESY OF ESPN

A new tradition in the MLB began last season, with the league following in the footsteps of the NBA by creating special alternate jerseys honoring the cities of individual teams. There's a range of thread quality, with some performing well and others falling short. Although only nine teams have jerseys as of now, I'll be ranking them by visual appeal and meaning.

**9. Dodgers**

Simply put, these jerseys just don't do it for me. A note for the only uniforms I don't like: Putting "Los Dodgers" in front of something doesn't make it Spanish. The purpose of the jerseys is to celebrate the rich Latin American history of the area. However, building the stadium that they play in forced thousands of Spanish people out. Putting "Los" in front of "Dodgers" does nothing for me and the jerseys aren't special otherwise.

**8. Diamondbacks**

Unlike the Dodgers, there's really nothing wrong with these. For me though, they just lack meaning and the look is a bit too plain. I do like the sand-colored base of the jersey, but the "Serpentines" instead of Diamondbacks feels like a bit of a cop-out again for appreciating local Hispanic culture. Nothing wrong, but nothing special either.

**7. Cubs**

These are good, but not great. Chicago is a city with a rich culture. Choosing "Wrigleyville" as the thing to honor is pretty weak. The design itself is pleasant with a nice combination of navy blue and Columbia blue, neither of which are the Cubs' colors. The best part is the Cubs uniform is the Chicago flag on their hat, but it's not enough.

**6. Marlins**

In recent years, the Marlins changed their colors from blue, orange and white to blue, red and black, and its generally worked. The red has been a bit of a tertiary option, so it's nice to see it take center-stage here. The pinstripes are also good and the overall design is trying to replicate the minor league Havana Sugar Kings, which works well. Overall, it's decent, but middle of the pack.

**5. White Sox**

This is the point where we start getting into the "nice" category of jerseys. There really isn't anything particularly wrong with the White Sox's jerseys. They kept their colors and the gray pinstripes are attractive. Just like the Cubs, the hat saying "Chi" is the best part, providing a nice simplicity with the same classic font as the chest lettering.

**4. Astros**

Most people like these more than I do, but I'll admit they are excellent threads. Honoring NASA's history in Houston is a safe, but workable choice. The colors are the same as on their normal jerseys, but the gradient colors on the socks work really well to differentiate them. Having "Space City" on the chest is nice and the hats are a good change, too.

**3. Red Sox**

I will admit, this ranking might be a little biased, but I don't have any regrets putting the Red Sox this high just because of the meaning behind the design. The lettering on the chest is in the same font as the finish line font for the Boston Marathon, which is an iconic event for the area. Although the colors are a touch questionable, they still work and look clean.

**2. Giants**

Perhaps one of the most iconic landmarks in San Francisco — or the U.S. as a whole for that matter — is the Golden Gate Bridge and the fog that surrounds it. In these threads, the bridge is shown on the sleeves, while there's a fog effect that fades down on the jersey. The look is incredibly clean, deserving of the No. 2 slot.

**1. Nationals**

The best jerseys by far on this list are the "bloom" Nationals ones that include nice cherry blossom tree stitches all around the jersey. The design is incredibly visually pleasing and pays a rare homage to the trees that are everywhere in the district. It's thinking out of the box and I like that, mixed with an excellent spring vibe.

# Sounding Off: We already forgave the Astros, it's about time we forgave Pete Rose and the Black Sox

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The Houston Astros sign-stealing scandal, which was uncovered at the end of 2019, has largely boiled over. While MLB did hand down some disciplinary measures, including one-year suspensions for manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow, we're now in 2022, and the Astros seem to have moved past it. Many of the players from the 2017 roster that both won the World Series and were found to have cheated to win it are still in Houston, on a team that has since continued to succeed in the league.

While there is nothing wrong with that, and the honest truth of the matter is the Astros were most likely not the only team using some form of technology to gain an edge (the Red Sox were caught using Apple watches), there is a significant double standard when it comes to how those who break baseball's rules nowadays are treated compared to their predecessors. Two famous examples of this are the 1919 Chicago White Sox team, dubbed the "Black Sox," and former Cincinnati Reds great Pete Rose. Since baseball apparently holds some sacred value, both parties have been wiped from the slate of baseball memory due to their apparent sacrilegious acts. That just shouldn't stand when the memories of the baseball world have gotten significantly shorter regarding contemporary offenders.

One of the main reasons for pardoning Rose and the White Sox is that neither broke the rules to gain a competitive advantage as the Astros did. In fact, both were banned for reasons related to betting on the game, a practice that has gone from taboo to front and center in the modern age. Prior to the Black Sox scandal, betting was commonplace in baseball according to The History Channel, but the team was used as a scapegoat by a league that wanted to crack down on corruption. What the team did was bad and involved them throwing games for money, but it has been over 100 years since and we've had actual cheaters do far worse and receive far less of a punishment.

Rose was a direct victim of the Black Sox rule change, as he bet on his own team and was banned from baseball because of it. Contrary to the Sox, who altered the state of a game to ensure cash payouts, Rose maintains to this day that he only ever bet on his team to win, and if that's true, is there anything really that wrong with what he did?

In the end, memorialization is truly the only reason any of this really matters. Rose and "Shoeless" Joe Jackson are two figures who deserve to be remembered alongside baseball's greatest players, yet they still continue to be barred from the Hall of Fame. With Jackson, the time has long passed for him to celebrate an induction, as he died in 1951, but Rose is still alive today at the age of 80.

While the time has not yet come to debate whether Jose Altuve, Alex Bregman, Carlos Correa or any of the 2017 Astros will be allowed into the Hall of Fame, nothing has been said that would bar them from it in the cases of Rose and Jackson. At the very least, the decision should be left up to the writers who vote for the Hall. A league that makes a large profit from partnerships with companies like DraftKings and FanDuel (and also allows players that were found to have cheated to continue playing the game) should not be able to keep players like Rose and Jackson off the ballot for the Hall of Fame.

**Boston Red Sox players Bobby Dalbec, right, and Jake Diekman, left, shake hands after a win against the Yankees at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, April 10. The Red Sox were once caught using Apple Watches in 2017.** PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTSNET

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**The softball team wins their seventh game in a row defeating URI 12-8. The Huskies began strong, holding on to a comfortable lead the entire game.** PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# The Coleumn: Breaking down UConn's WNBA draft selections

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On Monday, April 11, the WNBA held its 2022 draft in New York City. 12 collegiate superstars and several coaches were invited to attend the draft in person, but not one of them played for the University of Connecticut. That does not mean the Huskies weren't well represented in the draft.

For the first time since 2020 and the 14th time in the last 15 years, the UConn women's basketball team had at least one player drafted by a WNBA team. The Huskies had three seniors — Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Evina Westbrook — selected in the second round by three championship-winning programs.

With the 2022 WNBA season tipping off on May 6, how will the soon-to-be UConn alumni fit with their new teams?

Writer's Note: I can't analyze basketball perfectly, but I will explain what each UConn player brings to the organization.

**Christyn Williams: Washington Mystics (Round 2, Pick 14)**

I really like this move for Washington, and it's a small but important step toward working its way back to the WNBA Finals after winning it all in 2019.

What the Mystics selected in Williams was another guard who can complement the team's scoring by making tough shots. Their backcourt was already strong as Ariel Atkins finished second on the team with 16.2 PPG in 30.6 minutes while Natasha Cloud averaged 8.7 PPG. Add Williams' 14.2 PPG into the mix and the Mystics can run a three-guard rotation without having to worry about foul trouble or injuries.

Williams is a natural leader. Everyone talked about how Caroline Ducharme caught fire while Paige Bueckers was out with injury, but it was Williams who led the Huskies in scoring and stepped up big. In the 19 games Bueckers missed, Williams scored less than 10 points twice. Her scoring prowess and ability to shoot from anywhere (45.4% from the field) made her the winner of the Ann Meyers Drysdale Award as the nation's best shooting guard.

Most importantly, Williams' personality fosters a positive locker room culture and will help develop several close connections. I've observed through numerous postgame press conferences that she has one of the best attitudes on the team and her energy is simply electric. I can't perfectly describe the Mystics' locker room last season, but adding Williams makes the team's culture that much better.

If everything works in Williams' favor, this could be a steal for the Mystics.

**The UConn women's basketball team defeats Notre Dame 73-54 in Gampel Pavillion on Dec. 5, 2021. Nelson-Odoa was drafted to the Los Angeles Sparks in the second round of the WNBA drafts.** PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, PHOTO/VIDEO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

**Olivia Nelson-Ododa: Los Angeles Sparks (Round 2, Pick 19)**

The city of Los Angeles just got its best forward since Pau Gasol, who helped the Lakers win two consecutive NBA championships. Nelson-Ododa can do it all, whether it's offensively in the paint or defensively on the glass.

The Sparks needed scorers as Nneka Ogwumike is the only returning player who averaged over 10 points a game last year. Nelson-Ododa (9.2 PPG) fits the mold by attacking the paint and reaching for long passes en route to the bucket. When Nelson-Ododa gets a shot opportunity, it's going to go in more times than not, as she shot 59.5% from the field (which led the team) on 200 shot attempts.

Los Angeles already has two players averaging over five rebounds a game, but adding Nelson-Ododa's 7.5 RPG (5.1 DRPG) gives them a reliable third lockdown forward that can contain opposing offenses. If Nelson-Ododa builds off her college numbers and decreases the number of turnovers she commits, then she's a future Defensive Player of the Year winner.

The only weakness in Nelson-Ododa's game is fouling, a common theme among frontcourt players. Nelson-Ododa fouled out in three games, had eight other games with four fouls and led the Huskies with 94 fouls charged against her. If Nelson-Ododa escapes foul trouble, she could be an All-Star with a steadily increasing number of minutes.

The Sparks were already loaded on the frontcourt with the Ogwumike sisters, but picking up Nelson-Ododa gives them a future franchise center who will make noise in year one.

**Evina Westbrook: Seattle Storm (Round 2, Pick 21)**

Seattle's called UConn Northwest for a reason. Westbrook joins three former Huskies in Breanna Stewart, Gabby Williams and future Hall-of-Famer Sue Bird on a championship-contending roster.

As UConn players gradually returned from injury last season, Westbrook was relegated to the bench. She took that position with open arms, contributing off the bench 21 times while providing more depth come tournament time. Even without winning the Big East Sixth Woman of the Year Award, Westbrook (9.0 PPG) produced when it mattered.

Williams said that "everybody eats," but Westbrook put bark to Williams' bite. Westbrook excels at generating assists as her 3.1 APG, good for third on the Storm last year, were the third most for the Huskies behind Bueckers and Nelson-Ododa. In addition, Westbrook had the second most assists with 113, and reached that number while having one double-digit assist performance against St. John's.

Westbrook is a natural communicator both on and off the court. Whether it's with a microphone or a basketball in her hands, Westbrook can break down the defensive schemes and adjust her gameplay on the fly. It's those transferrable skills that make her a high-class floor general.

On top of her playmaking prowess, Westbrook knows how to win. She enters her third winning program in the last six years, the other two being the University of Tennessee and UConn. The three programs have won 23 combined championships.

This is a very underrated pick, but one that could pay dividends for the Storm over the next few seasons.

After an outstanding collegiate career that ended with a championship game appearance, the future is bright for each Husky in the league. Although none were first-round picks, we've seen second round picks thrive in years past and I wouldn't be surprised if each player becomes a regular contributor for their teams by August. Until then, we can only wait for the new season to tip off.

# Baseball: No. 18 UConn travels to Seton Hall for Big East series

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**Seton Hall tags a UConn baseball batter during a game on May 21, 2021. The Huskies will play the Pirates in a three-game series in South Orange, N.J. this Thursday and Saturday.** PHOTO COURTESY OF THEUCONNBLOG

Still riding a hot win streak, the Huskies will look to continue it as they travel to South Orange, New Jersey to face the Seton Hall Pirates. This will be the second Big East opponent that UConn has faced in the season.

With a 25-7 record following the most recent win over the Marist Red Foxes, Hook C is red hot right now. The team hasn't lost a game since the final game of the Kent State series, continuously running up the score on whoever the opponent is. That game was the only one where UConn scored less than 10 runs. In the past six games, the Huskies have scored 85 runs.

UConn last faced Seton Hall during the 2021 season for a four-game series. The Huskies swept the Pirates, winning by several runs each game and scoring at least 10 while limiting the Pirates to single-digit marks across every game.

Seton Hall will welcome UConn to New Jersey with an 8-23 overall record. The Pirates also had a game on Tuesday against Monmouth in West Long Branch. Monmouth beat Seton Hall 7-6 in a close game, handing the Pirates their 23rd loss of the season.

Last weekend, Seton Hall played and won a three-game series with Xavier University but dropped the Saturday game to a close 4-3 decision where Xavier came out on top.

As for shared opponents, UConn and Seton Hall only have one in common because the teams have both faced Florida International University. UConn and FIU met in Miami at the beginning of March and played three games, all of which the Huskies won. Seton Hall also went to Miami for an FIU matchup but lost both games.

Since UConn is on a win streak right now and has spent most of the time in the past few games up by a large margin, the team has been cycling in many different members of the bullpen. This gives a variety of players experience on the mound in game situations, leaving room for errors that could happen with lack of time as the leader on defense. On Tuesday alone, Hook C put in seven different pitchers, all playing well and contributing to the win although it was awarded to Ian Cooke as he started on the mound. This brings him to 5-0 this season for starts.

Offensively, Hook C has been relying on a collection of singles to get on base and then once a few guys are out there, any Husky can come up and hit a home run to add to the scoreboard. Erik Stock has been a reliable hitter all season for UConn, and after slamming a double on Tuesday he continues to live up to the reputation, leading the team in hits at 55 and boasting eight homers on the season. Casey Dana is another Husky who has very quickly become a key name in the batting lineup with eight home runs as well and 40 hits so far.

The first game of the series begins at noon on Thursday, April 14 in New Jersey. Both teams are off Friday before resuming play on Saturday at noon as well and then closing the series on Sunday with a 3 p.m. start.

# Roundtable: Which MLB player will earn their due respect this season?

The 2022 MLB season is officially underway with players new and old ready to compete for a chance at holding a World Series trophy in November. While plenty of players hold the respect and admiration of the entire sports world, many have yet to earn the respect they deserve. The Daily Campus sports section aims to answer this question in this week's edition of the roundtable.

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**Matt Barnes, Boston Red Sox**

Despite once being renowned as one of the best closers in the league, all of a sudden Matt Barnes is on the road to respect again thanks to his late season collapse in 2021, which included six blown saves. Although the closer posted one of the best ERA marks of his career and the best WHIP, the season felt less good thanks to the negative momentum. He only pitched once in the playoffs, and with the Red Sox poised to contend again, the UConn alum will be hoping to see more action in October than he did last year. Although Jake Diekman did a great job closing on Sunday in the Sox's first win of the campaign, Barnes still has everything to gain from here. There is no reason why he can't revert to his early season success from 2021.

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**Garrett Whitlock, Boston Red Sox**

On Tuesday, April 12, Whitlock made his second appearance of the season against the Detroit Tigers. Down 3-0 and getting a lackluster performance from Rich Hill, the Red Sox needed someone to keep them in the game. Whitlock was that guy, throwing four innings of perfect baseball with two punchouts as Boston rallied for the 5-3 victory. Whitlock was an underrated arm in the Red Sox' run to the ALCS last year, and the sky's the limit for this kid. In 2021, Whitlock went 8-4 in 46 games, striking out 81 batters and posting a 1.46 ERA. The 25-year-old has his entire future ahead of him, and the Red Sox worked efficiently to extend him for four more years. I'm on the fence about whether he will be a starter or a closer in the future, but he most certainly will be an All-Star this season. Cool jersey number (72) aside, Yankees fans should look away because this guy will be the next Yankee killer on the mound.

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**Bobby Dalbec, Boston Red Sox**

At one point in Dalbec's early career, he may have been overrated. The slugger jumped to a historic start in 2020, becoming the first player in Red Sox history to have a five-game home run streak in his first 10 career games. In fact, coming into the 2021 season, Dalbec was projected to hit over 35 home runs. Things didn't go as planned for the first baseman, hitting just 25 over the course of the year and slashing a paltry .214/.261/.390 by August 7, marking him as a clear weak spot in an otherwise solid Red Sox lineup. That's when things began to change for Dalbec, as he finished the regular season on a tear, hitting .299 with a 1.110 OPS over his last 42 games. Over that span, critics' biggest knock on him — his strikeout percentage — went from 38.1 percent to 26.6 percent, just above league average. If this kid can continue to see the ball well enough, he's going to (re)earn his due respect this year and be a key contributor to this Boston lineup.

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**Josh Donaldson, New York Yankees**

The general opinion about a player like Donaldson is that he is older and overpaid. While being 36 years old and valued at $23 million per season is certainly cause for concern and fits that criteria, I'm going to throw a different statement out there: Donaldson, at the minimum, still has one more solid year left in of him, with the chance to be a valuable contribution for this current New York Yankees team in 2022. After all, he's already got one walk-off moment under his belt in Yankee pinstripes and has been providing some solid defense for the team. He also still has plenty of power for a team that is currently placing him in the leadoff spot. Donaldson can show that he's still got it and earn the respect of his doubters who were angry about New York's trade for the former AL MVP in March.

**New York Yankees' Josh Donaldson waits for a ball in position on the field at Yankee Stadium in March 2022. Donaldson's current net worth per season is $23 million.** PHOTO COURTESY OF NYPOST

# Sports

# Softball: Huskies beat both Rams and Stags, extend win streak to eight games

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Two days. Two games. Two wins. The UConn softball team, in the middle of an eight-game homestand, clashed with the University of Rhode Island Rams and the Fairfield University Stags this week in the hopes of extending its six-game winning streak.

The Huskies broke the ice first, like they have been most of this season. After two quick outs in the first, Lexi Hastings doubled down the line and scored when Rosie Garcia reached on an error. Jana Sanden, who was hit by a pitch, scored when Olivia Sappington singled to right field.

Briana Marcelino extended the lead in the second when she hit an opposite-field double that brought in Lauren Benson from first base before scoring after Hastings grounded out to first. Reese Guevarra, who singled and stole second base, scored when Sanden doubled to left field and made it a 5-0 game.

Hastings picked up an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth before Rhode Island made things interesting in the fifth. Delaney Nagy relieved Meghan O'Neil and allowed the first two hitters to get on base. After Emily Power flew out, Skyler Rapuano ripped a bases-clearing triple to make it a 6-2 game and scored when Caitlin O'Leary grounded out with two runners in scoring position.

Up 6-3, UConn got some of its runs back in the bottom half. What started as two consecutive walks turned into two consecutive RBI singles as Marcelino and James brought in Benson and Aziah James to extend UConn's lead to 8-3.

Rhode Island kept butting at the lead as the Rams loaded the bases on two singles and a walk in the sixth. Jessica Hennelly then singled in Margaux Lesser and Rapuano brought home another run on an error and suddenly, the Huskies were leading 8-5.

UConn nearly put this game out of reach the following half-inning. With the bases loaded on three straight singles and two out, Marcelino put a 1-0 fastball into orbit and sent the crowd into a frenzy. That home run, her team-leading sixth of the season, made it a 12-5 ballgame.

Like Creighton's rally in Friday's series-opening game, the Rams put up a fight in the top of the seventh. Each of the first four Ram hitters got on base via a walk, two singles and a double. Two runs scored when Sami Villareal doubled to left field on a 1-0 pitch. O'Neil checked back into the game, allowing Victoria Viaclovsky to score on a groundout but getting the next two hitters out as the Huskies survived Rhode Island 12-8.

O'Neil picked up the win after pitching five non-consecutive innings with seven strikeouts. Nagy pitched two innings, allowing eight runs (seven earned) on nine hits. Each Rhode Island pitcher allowed more than two runs, with Liz Lynchard allowing five (three earned), Piper Maguire allowing four and Cameron Whiteford allowing three.

After butting heads with the Rams on Tuesday, the Huskies bucked antlers with the Stags on Wednesday, kicking the game off in the wildest fashion. Marcelino led the bottom of the first with a single and advanced to second on a single from Guevarra. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch during Hastings' at-bat, but Marcelino was thrown out before she could make it to third.

UConn loaded the bases as Hastings walked and Sanden reached on an error to load the bases before more wild antics occurred. After Garcia struck out swinging, Guevarra scored the Huskies' first run as a wild pitch advanced all three runners. Sappington walked to load the bases, but UConn did not bring anyone else home.

UConn's offense sparked to life in the bottom of the fourth. Sappington led the frame off with a single before Hollis Wivell pinch ran in her place. Sami Barnett got on base following a hit by pitch before the Huskies loaded the bases on a single from James.

With the bases juiced and a 1-0 count, Marcelino collected her seventh RBI in two days as she knocked a softball into right field. That allowed Barnett to score and make it a 2-0 game, expanding that lead to 3-0 when Guevarra grounded into a fielder's choice.

After five dominant innings, the Stags thought they had their best chance of the game when O'Neil relieved Marybeth Olson. A Haley Updegraff walk and a Charli Warren single put two runners on with one out, but O'Neil got both Mikayla Rubin and Kaitlin Hoffman to fly out and escaped the jam.

UConn capitalized off the missed chance in the bottom half of the sixth. The first two pitches from Lauryn Rhinehart resulted in a triple by James and Marcelino getting hit by a pitch. The very next pitch was a called strike on Guevarra, but Marcelino stole second base standing up during the play. That stolen base, Marcelino's 26th of the season, broke the record for most swiped bags in a single season. UConn made it a 4-0 ballgame when James scored following a Guevarra groundout.

After taking Tuesday off, Elise Sokolsky checked into the game to try and secure the shutout. She nearly did so after getting the first two Stags out, but consecutive doubles by Tahlia Brown and Drew Westford gave Fairfield their first run of the game. Kasey Sekula grounded out on the very next pitch as UConn won their eighth straight game 4-1.

Olson earned the win for the Huskies, pitching five scoreless innings while allowing two hits and striking out eight. Rhinehart pitched all six innings for the Stags, allowing four runs on eight hits with three punchouts.

The Huskies wrap up their two-weekend homestand with a three-game series against the Providence Friars. The Friars are currently second in the Big East standings with an 8-4 conference record. The first pitch is Friday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. on FloSports with live stats provided by Stat-Broadcast.

**UConn beats Creighton seven runs to three at Burill Family Field in Storrs, Conn. on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The Huskies will face Creighton again at the University of Rhode Island on Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m.** PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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