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## UNCHAIN and Fossil Fuel Free UConn hold third annual disorientation



Nell Srinath, chair of UNCHAIN, delivers a speech at the "Ecounability Rally" at the Student Union on the UConn Storrs Campus on Nov. 4, 2022. This event was a call to action for UConn to become more environmentally friendly. PHOTO BY SKYLER KIM, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Fossil Fuel Free UConn joined UNCHAIN as they hosted their third annual Disorientation event in Lawrence D. McHugh Hall on the evening of Friday, Sept. 29.

According to the UNCHAIN Instagram, "Disorientation is a comprehensive guide to UConn and the social problems it perpetuates, from capitalism-imperialism to white supremacy to climate catastrophe."

The event included presentations from members of both clubs on the University of Connecticut's connections to the military-industrial complex and the fossil fuel industry.

Although this was the third Disorientation held by UNCHAIN, it was the first time that Fossil Fuel Free UConn joined them for the event. According to a presentation given at the event, the theme was "UConn's role in imperialism and climate change."

Adam Opin, a seventh-semester political science major, is a member of both UNCHAIN and Fossil Fuel Free UConn. This was his first time attending Disorientation, and he said that there were a few major takeaways from the event.

"First of all, there was a real educational aspect to it. I know both myself and I think a lot of students really understood the university a lot better in its ties to both the military-industrial complex and to fossil fuel com-

panies, which is the goal," Opin said.

Nell Srinath, the chair of UNCHAIN, presented on UConn's ties to the military-industrial complex. According to Opin, the presentation focused on what it meant for UConn to "have this conflicting interest of benefiting the public while at the same time being both a pipeline for the military industrial complex and a pipeline for the U.S. military in recruiting."

Two students from Fossil Fuel Free UConn

also spoke at the event. Monet Paredes, who is double-majoring in political science and environmental studies, presented on UConn's greenwashing - which is when an institution misleads the public to indicate that they are more environmentally friendly than they are - and the school's connections to fossil fuels through contracts, investments and donations received.

Colin Rosadino, a second-year law student, gave a speech about "how UConn students really have the power to hold these companies accountable through action with their group," according to Opin.

"I think it did encourage participation and activism in relation to these," Opin said of the topics discussed in the presentations.

Opin also said that the event worked to inspire cooperation among student activist groups that normally focus on different issues.

"It encouraged collaboration between various student activists, between student

activists in UNCHAIN who might be more concerned about the military-industrial complex and student activists in Fossil Fuel Free UConn whose primary concern might be the fossil fuel impact on campus," Opin said.

A representative from the Undergraduate Student Government also appeared at the event, according to Opin.

"Beyond an educational thing, this was a very important moment for coalition building as well, and we're hoping to collaborate with USG and start using their outreach because, you know, last year we had a stronger USG presence than we had this year," Opin said. "And regardless, they have a very capable outreach network being able to mass email every student on campus. So we're hoping to work with them, and I think this was a successful event."

Editor's note: Opinion Editor Nell Srinath is the Chair of UNCHAIN and spoke at the "Disorientation" event.



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Members of the UConn community gather on the Student Union lawn at the Storrs campus during the "Ecounability Rally" on Nov. 4, 2022. This rally brought the community together to discuss the need for environmental change at UConn.

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## News

# Colleges should step up diversity efforts after affirmative action ruling, the government says

(AP) — The Biden administration is asking America's colleges to renew their efforts to make campuses more racially diverse, urging schools to boost scholarships and minority recruiting and to place "meaningful emphasis" on the adversity students face because of their race or finances.

The Education Department issued a report Thursday promoting strategies to increase diversity in the wake of a Supreme Court decision barring colleges from considering the race of applicants in the admission process. It fulfills a request from President Joe Biden to help colleges advance diversity without running afoul of the court's decision.

In announcing the report, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona called on state and local education leaders to "break down barriers for underserved students and reimagine pathways into higher education."

"Our future is brighter when we prepare students of all backgrounds to lead our multiracial democracy together," Cardona said in a statement.

The guidance amounts to a suggestion with no binding authority. The federal government has little power to make demands of colleges and universities without an act of Congress or new federal rules.

It was issued the same day a House Education and the Workforce subcommittee discussed the future of college admissions after affirmative action. Republicans warned that they will be watching for colleges that defy the court's decision.

"To those at institutions who think the Supreme Court ruling is a 'pretty please' ask, this committee will keep a close eye as the 2024 application process unfolds," said Rep. Burgess Owens, R-Utah.

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**MIGUEL CARDONA**

"Racism, hidden or overt, will not be tolerated by this oversight body."

Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., countered that affirmative action helped level the playing field in admissions, balancing policies that favor the wealthy, including legacy admissions, in which children of alumni and donors are favored in admissions.

"Without policies to counterbalance the discriminatory factors," he said, "the outcome of the system will remain discriminatory."

Much of the new guidance echoes an August letter issued by the departments of Education and Justice clarifying that colleges can still legally work to admit diverse student bodies.

The report encourages colleges to do more to recruit students of color. It suggests targeted outreach in areas with high concentrations of students of color and low-income families, and it pushes colleges to admit more transfer students from community college, which admit higher numbers of Black and Latino students.

It also calls for more financial aid based on a student's need and says states and colleges need to make application forms simpler and more transparent.

Notably, the administration said it "strongly encourages" colleges to consider any adversity, including racial discrimination, that a student has overcome, reinforcing an idea embraced by some colleges but criticized by opponents as a loophole to consider race indirectly.

Biden previously pitched adversity as a "new standard" in admissions after the court's decision, and some colleges have added application essays about adversity or overcoming challenges, opening the door for students to voluntarily discuss their racial background.

The report notes that although there's no commonly accepted way to measure adversity, admissions offices can consider an applicant's neighborhood or high school to put their achievements into context. Colleges can also ex-



**Education Secretary Miguel Cardona speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in his office at the Department of Education, Sept. 20, 2023, in Washington. The Biden administration is asking America's colleges to renew their efforts to make campuses more racially diverse, urging schools to boost scholarships and minority recruiting and to give "meaningful consideration" to the adversity students face because of their race or finances.**

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amine whether a student endured discrimination, something that can be conveyed through essays, interviews and letters of recommendation, the department said.

"An applicant's personal experiences with hardship or discrimination, including racial discrimination, and their ability to overcome those experiences may speak to their perseverance and resilience," the guidance said.

The Supreme Court appeared to leave room for that kind of maneuver. The decision said that while schools cannot directly consider an applicant's race, nothing stops colleges from considering "an applicant's discussion of how race affected the applicant's life" — as long as the discussion is tied to the student's "quality of character or unique ability."

The Education Department is also pushing colleges to rethink legacy admissions and other practices that may hinder racial or socioeconomic diversity. It pointed to a growing body of evidence that legacy admissions "may further advantage privileged communities in a manner that is at odds with expanding educational opportunity."

The report held up Johns Hopkins University as a success story. After it abandoned legacy admission in 2014, the school saw its share of Black, Latino, and Native American students increase from 18% to 34%, and its share of low-income students also increased.

Biden and Cardona have repeatedly urged schools to end legacy admissions as a matter of fairness. Cardona recently told The Associated Press he would consider using "what-

ever levers" he can to discourage legacy admissions, although it's unclear what action he will take.

The report encourages colleges to rethink their reliance on standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT, and admissions preferences for applicants who apply early and commit to attending. Both practices have been criticized for favoring wealthier applicants who have access to test prep and may be less reliant on financial aid.

Colleges are being encouraged to take up the recommendations in hopes of avoiding a sharp decrease in the enrollment of students of color. Some states that previously ended affirmative action saw steep drops in the enrollment of Black and Latino students, including in California and Michigan.

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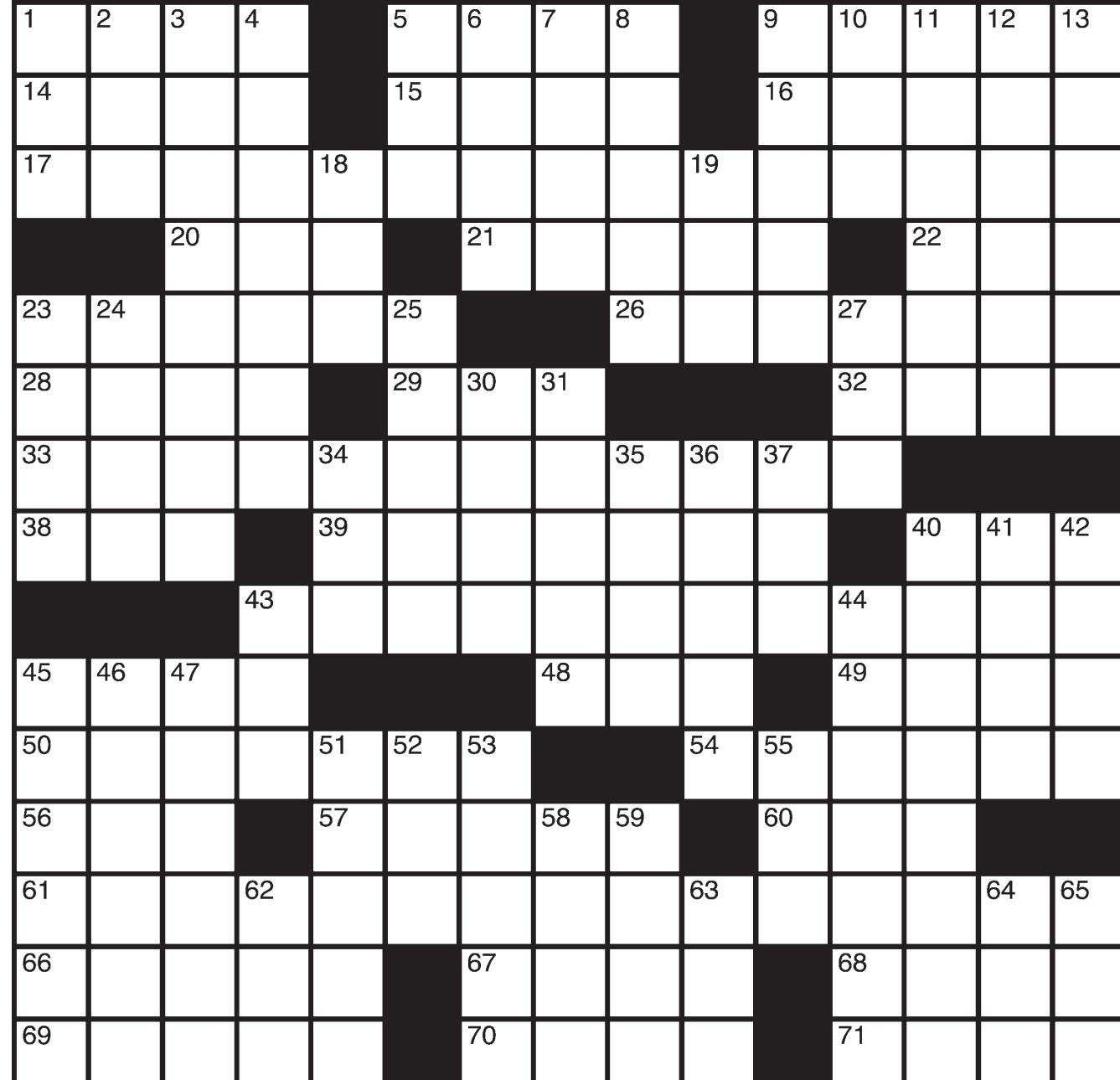
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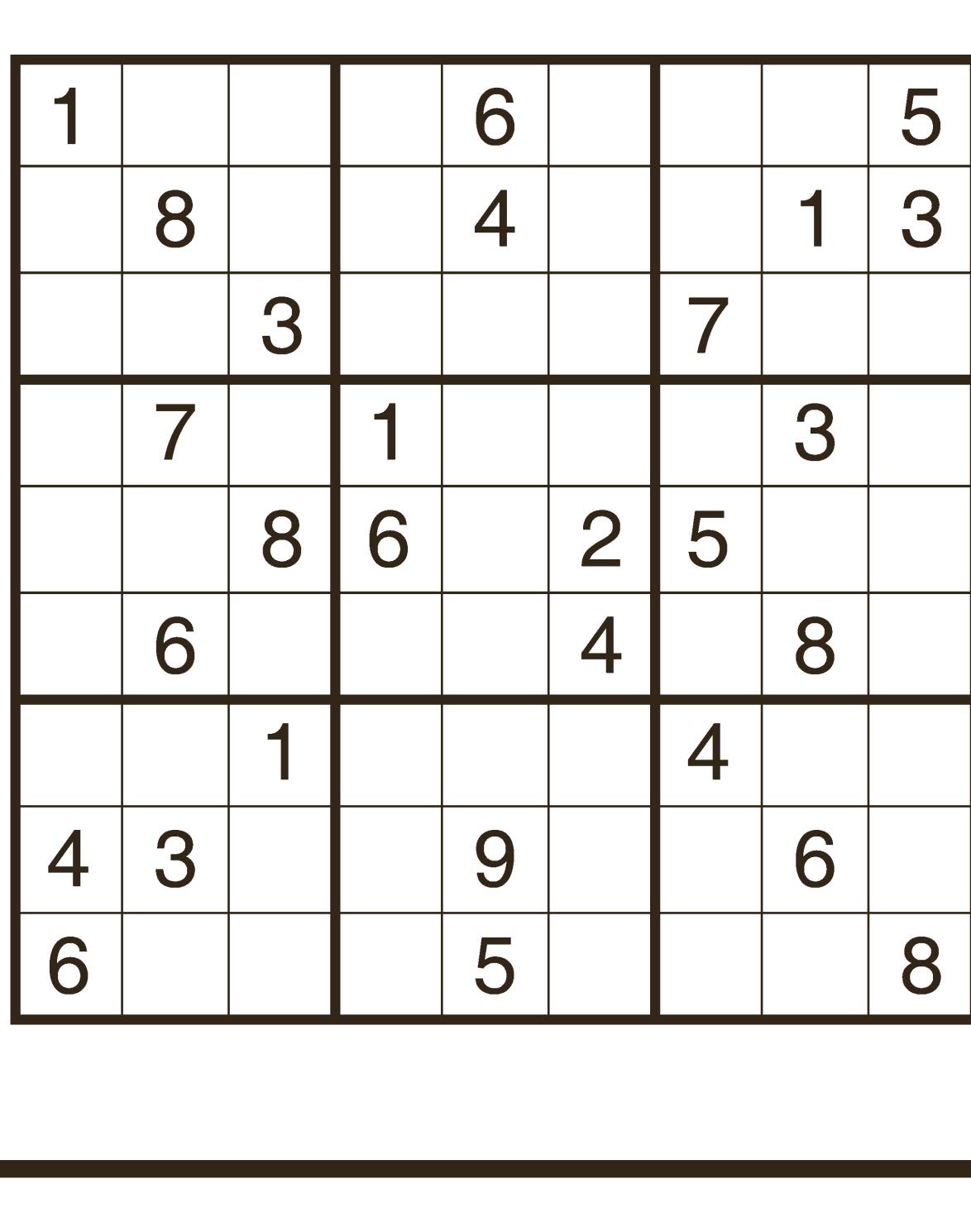
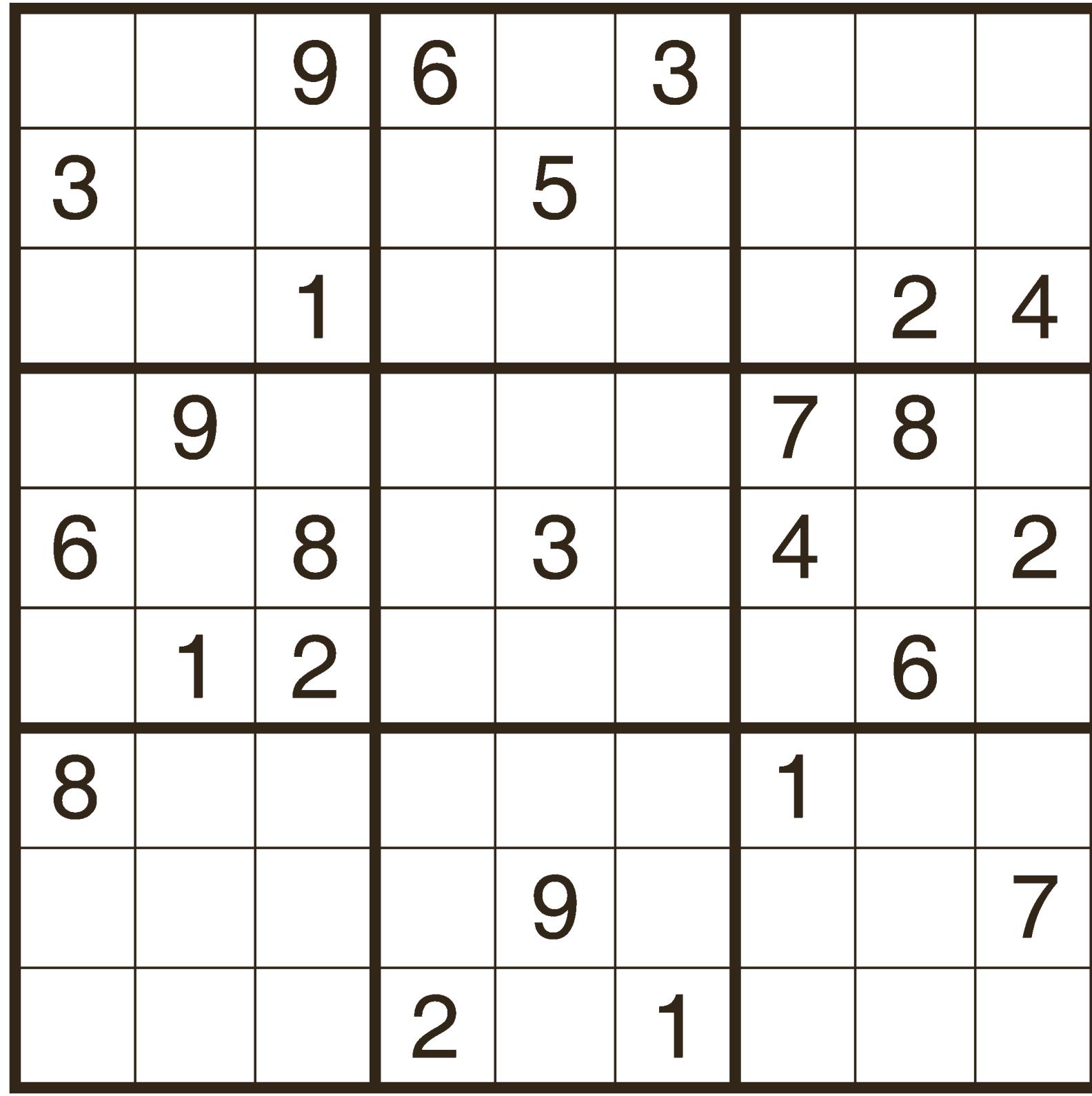
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# Wendy Wong on the decisive democracy of data

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Do you feel in control of your online information? More companies have access to your previously-private information than you could imagine, this is through the openness of social media and other means. Wendy Wong, author of "We, the Data: Human Rights in the Digital Age," presents this situation in both a positive and negative light. During her discussion in the Dodd Center on Tuesday, Oct. 3, she elaborated on what it means to be a stakeholder in one's own data, but also the conglomerate nature of data, considering how small bits of information are pooled together to create archetypes of people. As the title alludes to, "you" are data.

According to Wong's website, she obtained her Ph.D. from the University of San Diego in 2008; 15 years later, she has adapted her political studies to the information age, the culmination of it all being her book. Holding much prestige in Canada and the human rights field at large, her sense of urgency is not to be taken lightly.

She begins the discussion by drawing a commonality between Shaquille O'Neal, "Shark Tank" and Amazon. They all played major roles in getting the Ring doorbell onto homes — private property mind you — across the nation, so much so that the lines between consensual and non-consensual recordings of people are blurring. The distinction is almost arbitrary, but it is more important now than ever as artificial intelligence technology uses this menial data tracked by smart technology to know more about you than you're willing to share. She recognizes how mass data-analysis helped to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. She then contrasts this by mentioning, in the same token, insurance companies treat beneficiaries differently, for better or for worse, all based on data. Wong emphasizes the reliance of AI on its human creators. It attempts to mirror humanity, and without people to moderate it, AI would hold no meaning.

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make, store, and analyze data about us, we need to start directing the conversation to one where we make our future in data embedded in human rights," Wong said.

"We, the Data: Human Rights in the Digital Age" is currently available for pre-order from various retailers. Visit her website for more details. It releases on Oct. 10.



**Wendy Wong, author of "We, the Data: Human Rights in the Digital Age," speaks on online privacy at the Dodd Center for Human Rights on Tuesday, Oct. 3.**

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## Life

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The NYC-based Isidore String Quartet plays at Jorgensen Center on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023. Tickets can be purchased on the center's website and UConn students are eligible for one free admission ticket.

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# THIS THURSDAY AT JORGENSEN

## Isidore Quartet performs 'Awakening' by Billy Childs

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The Isidore String Quartet, a group that's quickly gaining recognition in the world of chamber music, is coming to Storrs this Thursday, Oct. 5. This spectacular string quartet was formed in 2019 while the members studied at the Juilliard School of Music. The pandemic caused a brief pause in their performances, but since reconvening in 2021, the Isidore Quartet has emerged as one of the best up-and-coming quartets in the country. In only two years, they won the 2022 Banff International String Quartet Competition and received a 2023 Avery Fisher Career Grant. From these successes, they were given the opportunity to go on tour across North America and Europe, including a stop right here in Storrs.

Their program on Thursday includes Ludwig van Beethoven's op. 132, Joseph Haydn's op. 20 no. 2 and Billy Childs' String Quartet no. 2, "Awakening." If you haven't heard of that last name, Childs is a multi-talented composer and jazz pianist who has won five Grammys, usually mixing jazz and

classical styles. Childs' piece contrasts the other two in that Childs' work is contemporary classical and paints a picture of moments in his and his wife's lives.

In anticipation of their performance, I asked the quartet's cellist, Joshua McClendon, to say a few words about the piece. He described to me how the piece is divided into three movements, each describing a different part of one overarching story. "The first movement is this sort of anxiety-fueled, very fast and very harsh movement that details Billy getting the phone call that his wife was in the hospital, suffering from pulmonary embolism." The movement mirrors this experience and is characterized by fast and frantic notes.

"The second movement depicts Billy in the hospital, very clearly disoriented... there are a lot of compositional techniques that he uses to actually depict the sounds of the hospital machines." Thankfully, Childs' wife eventually recovered, inspiring Childs to create a brighter final movement. "The last movement is this beautiful love song in a way between Billy and his wife that is highlighted by a conversation between the first

violin and cello to really give you the sense of what it was like for Billy and his wife to come to terms with what had happened." McClendon finished his description of the piece by saying it's one of the quartet's favorites to perform because it has the ability to recreate the same emotions that Childs felt in the quartet's audiences.

In addition to Childs, the string quartets by Haydn and Beethoven are classics of the genre, made by some of the most famous and important composers in history. Members of the Isidore Quartet describe their work as "approaching the established as if it were brand new, and the new as if it were firmly established." Seeing as how these pieces define the idea of the string quartet, it will surely be interesting to see the group's take on them. The evening promises both powerful, sad emotions as well as triumphant ones.

If you want to go on an emotional rollercoaster this Thursday courtesy of the Isidore Quartet, then get your tickets now at [jorgensen.uconn.edu](http://jorgensen.uconn.edu). Don't forget: all students with a UConn ID have free admission through the Lenard Chamber Music Endowment Fund.

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# Opinion

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### ► Editorial

#### MARIC'S INAUGURAL FANFARE PLAYS OVER INSTITUTIONAL HARM

Dr. Radenka Maric was officially inaugurated as the 17th president of the University of Connecticut Friday, Sept. 29 in a ceremony held in the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Maric has served as president since February 2022 and was officially appointed to the role last September. During the ceremony, Maric was showered with praise by members of the board of trustees and Gov. Ned Lamont for her work to "prioritize students" at UConn. "Her 'students first' priority is something you will hear over and over again when she speaks," said board of trustees chairman Dan Toscano in a speech during the inauguration, making it entirely clear that university and state leaders are in approval of Maric's performance during her tenure as president.

Despite the praise awarded to Maric, complimented by the posh regalia of the event, her record of putting "students first" is not reflected by reality. The Daily Campus Editorial Board believes that Maric's inauguration reinforces the status quo of rigid bureaucracy, maximizing revenue above all else, unsustainable growth and dependency on corporate interests, all to the detriment of students and university workers. Students remain a secondary interest at a state university that is increasingly privatized and undemocratic.

Maric has been the source of many student concerns since her appointment to the position of interim president following the January 2022 departure of her predecessor Andrew Agwunobi. A watershed moment in her interim presidency was her response to student protests against sexual assault, which, as identified by The Editorial Board, led to a broadly ineffective task force that offloaded the work of sexual violence and prevention onto UConn police rather than identifying and addressing their root causes. In that same month, students protested Maric's trip to Israel, accompanied by Lamont, conducted because "UConn has a lot to offer companies looking to expand in the U.S." and was "grateful to have a chance to help strengthen the bond between our regions." Palestinian students at UConn were quick to criticize how their new interim president sought to erase and benefit indirectly from Israeli apartheid and oppression of Palestinians, to which they were responded with empty platitudes.

As The Editorial Board has also discussed, during her appointment process, the board of trustees largely ignored student concerns about issues like proper funding for cultural centers and environmental sustainability. There was also a startling lack of transparency regarding the hearings in the leadup to her official appointment. The student body at regional campuses and the Storrs campus were invited to two 45-minute presidential search "listening sessions" exclusively offered in the middle of a Thursday afternoon. This caused students to be less informed about a decision that would greatly affect them. These were warning shots of what was to come.

Under Maric's leadership, or lack thereof, UConn has failed to take meaningful and direct action on a laundry list of issues, including the failure to release a plan to become carbon neutral by 2030, not taking definitive action on UConn's high rates of sexual violence and promoting the blatant misinformation campaign that was #SaveUConn. Coupled with increasing ties to the war industry and the ever-growing cost of tuition, Maric's tenure should be viewed as a continuation of systemic harm towards UConn students and something that should not have been celebrated with an excessive inauguration.

Students should be justifiably frustrated with the lack of action that has been the hallmark of Maric's tenure. Her administration has largely maintained the status quo while failing to properly address the aforementioned issues on which students have been advocating for meaningful change. By rewarding Maric's failures with an inauguration ceremony full of praise and fanfare, it sends a message to students that their concerns don't matter and that UConn's leaders will continue to celebrate amongst themselves while their constituents' situation collectively worsens.

## WHO COULD REPLACE KEVIN MCCARTHY AS SPEAKER?

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\*Author's note: This article was written prior to Kevin McCarthy being removed as Speaker of the House on Tuesday afternoon

The 2023 election for the 55th Speaker of the House of Representatives was a four-day long process that forced Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) to make numerous concessions to hardline Freedom Caucus members in order to win the speakership. The most important of these concessions was a rule that any representative could make a "motion to vacate," which would force a

vote to remove the Speaker. In the wake of the passing of a stopgap bill to avoid a government shutdown, which nearly every House Democrat supported, Matt Gaetz (R-FL) has announced

that he will file a motion to vacate the chair this week. Gaetz, who should have pursued his true career path of a Jim Carrey impersonator, is leading the charge as a result of frustration from the most conservative members of the House. If McCarthy is successfully ousted as Speaker, it raises this important question: Who would his replacement be? Let's take a closer look at some of the potential candidates who could wind up as the 56th Speaker of the House.

Steve Scalise (R-LA): On paper, Steve Scalise seems like the most logical option to become the next Speaker. He's currently the House Majority Leader and the no. 2 Republican in the House, positioning him as the heir apparent to McCarthy. He has been a part of House Republican leadership since 2014, making him a solid member of the "Republican establishment" that the Freedom Caucus loves to squawk about. Many would view this as a kiss of death

in the modern Trumppublican Party, but Scalise has largely escaped this label thanks to his conservative voting record over his 15 years in office. Scalise was floated as a possible alternative candidate during the past speakership election and will likely be brought up again when Gaetz brings the motion to the floor. The biggest obstacle to clear is if Scalise actually wants the position, as he has been a staunch McCarthy ally and is currently battling blood cancer.

Tom Emmer (R-MN): If Scalise backs out of consideration, the next highest ranking Republican is House Majority Whip Tom Emmer. The five-term congressman from Minnesota led the National

*The most important of these concessions was a rule that any representative could make a "motion to vacate," which would force a vote to remove the Speaker.*

Republican Congressional Committee in 2022 when Republicans regained control of the House. Though he appears as another establishment-type candidate, a recent Politico article reported

that former Freedom Caucus chair Andy Biggs (R-AZ) brought up Emmer as a potential candidate for Speaker. Biggs would be a critical ally for Emmer, as he would be able to rally Freedom Caucus members to support him. Emmer would also be able to rally the support of establishment conservatives thanks to his role in

leadership and his efforts in the 2022 midterms. However, Emmer has publicly said that he has no interest in replacing McCarthy. But if Emmer really does have the support of Biggs, running for Speaker would certainly be something he has to consider.

Elise Stefanik (R-NY): Personally, I find Stefanik to be the most interesting potential candidate for Speaker. The Congresswoman

from upstate New York has had quite the political journey, going from a consensus-seeking moderate and Bush protégé to one of Donald Trump's staunchest defenders in Congress. Trump has praised Stefanik numerous times and supported her bid to become Chair of the House Republican Conference after Liz Cheney's ousting in 2021. Stefanik could successfully tout Trump's support of her to win over her more conservative colleagues, as many of them worship the ground he walks on. But she would also be able to win over mainstream conservatives as well due to her leadership role. Stefanik is the dark horse candidate in this race and should not be ignored.

Matt Gaetz (R-FL): There are a number of people who I considered to represent the furthest right nutcases in Congress, but I decided to go with the man leading the charge, Gaetz. The firebrand from Florida is a bona fide Trump loyalist and one of the most far-right members of the House. Gaetz would have the unanimous backing of the Freedom Caucus, but would likely struggle to gain the support of the majority of his Republican colleagues. I find it hard to picture establishment conservatives and Republicans in swing districts lining up to support Gaetz, or any far-right demagogue for that matter. The only chance Gaetz would have is if multiple establishment candidates ran and split the vote, thus allowing him to sneak through.

There are a multitude of others who could be in the mix as well, but these are the four leading candidates who I think would have a legitimate shot at the speakership - save for Gaetz, but I couldn't not include a Freedom Caucus member. If Gaetz's motion to oust McCarthy is successful, I believe that Stefanik has the best shot to become the next Speaker of the House. She has connections to both the mainstream and hardline factions that make up House Republicans and would be able to win both of these over.

Combined with Scalise's health issues and Emmer's lack of interest, Stefanik has a legitimate chance to hoist the gavel. Or I could be completely wrong and they go with George Santos to do "own the libs" or something.

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# Opinion

## Photo of the Day | Tower's towers



A view of the UConn water towers located behind Towers Residence Halls on Oct. 3, 2023. Fall foliage begins to emerge around campus as the weather gets colder.

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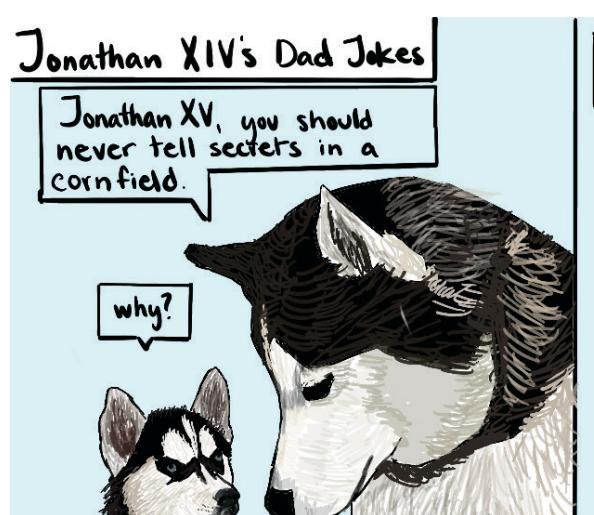
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# Connor's Corner: Miguel Cabrera

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Hello and welcome back to Connor's Corner, a column where I discuss a standout performance in professional sports and that player's journey from high school to the professional level. It's hard to believe, but the MLB regular season is over. As usual, many teams will be watching this postseason from the couch, including the New York Mets, who many saw going all the way this year. Perhaps the biggest news is that Detroit Tigers legend Miguel Cabrera has officially played his last game in an MLB uniform. Ultimately, Cabrera's retirement represents the passing of the torch from one generation of talent to the next. Because of his historic career and the impact he has had not only on the field, but in Venezuela and the city of Detroit, the Tigers' first baseman is the topic of focus for this week's edition of Connor's Corner.

Five years from now, when he is eligible, there is little doubt that the 40-year-old will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, as Cabrera has had one of the most extraordinary careers in professional sports history. He finished his 20-year stint with 3,174 hits, 16th all-time; 511 home runs, 25th all-time; two American League MVPs, 12 all-star appearances, a Triple Crown and a 2003 World Series ring for good measure. If you aren't convinced of his ability on the field yet, Cabrera joins Willie Mays and Hank Aaron as the only players ever to retire with a .300+ average, 500+ home runs and 3,000+ hits.



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Many younger baseball fans don't know this, but the Venezuelan used to play for the Florida Marlins before they were the Miami Marlins. In 2003, when Cabrera came up as a rookie, the Marlins were pitted against a formidable force in the New York Yankees. Despite being a rookie at the time, Cabrera played a significant role on that Marlin team as he started all six games.

However, he didn't find much success, hitting under .200 in the series. It didn't matter, as Florida upset New York 4-2, giving Cabrera his one and only World Series win.

Cabrera hails from Maracay, Venezuela, and from a young age, immediately took an interest in America's pastime. At 16-years-old, he

started in the winter leagues with the Tigres de Aragua. Interestingly enough, the future Hall of Famer was regarded as a critical piece in the greatest dynasty in the Venezuelan circuit, as they won four titles in five seasons. At 17, in 2000, he was signed by the Florida Marlins, and he spent his teenage years playing for the Utica Blue Sox. Cabrera climbed the ranks, eventually getting the call-up to the show in 2003, where he never looked back. In 2008, Cabrera left the Venezuelan Winter League for good. Originally, Cabrera played shortstop. In 2002, the Marlins moved him to third base, as he had a strong arm, and this is where he played for a good chunk of his major league career. The Venezuela-native immediate-

ly found success in the Sunshine State as he owned an excellent .294 batting average, 33 home runs and 112 RBI in his first full season. His next two seasons were just as good, if not better, and because of this, the Marlins had a major dilemma on their hands. The Marlins did not have the financial capital to give Cabrera a contract relative to what he would garner in an open market. So, Florida dealt Cabrera to the Detroit Tigers, where he spent the rest of his career. Cabrera's time in the Motor City was nothing short of legendary. Perhaps the pinnacle of his career came in 2012 when Cabrera won the Triple Crown. The Triple Crown is when a player leads the league in batting average, RBI and home runs. This achievement

is so rare that Carl Yastrzemski was the last player to do it in 1967. His performance that season was so convincing that the Tigers made a World Series appearance, ultimately getting swept by the Giants. A consolation that season for the first basemen is that he was named AL MVP. In his next season, Cabrera arguably played at an even higher level, leading the AL with a .348 batting average, mashing 44 home runs and 137 RBIs. He did not win the Triple Crown, as Chris Davis of the Orioles led the league in home runs and RBI. Again, Cabrera's high level of play brought playoff baseball back to the Motor City, however, the Red Sox knocked the Tigers out of the ALCS. Cabrera's success continued as he won AL MVP honors for the second year in a row. Cabrera posted three more solid seasons until 2017 when he struggled at the plate, and in 2018, he suffered a ruptured biceps tendon. Despite his regression, he was still above average and served as a top bat on a struggling Tigers roster.

This is truly the end of an era. Many readers around the age of 20 grew up looking up to players like Cabrera, Adam Wainwright and Albert Pujols, witnessing all of their primes as they learned to love the sport. All of these superstars accomplished much in their long careers and have all walked away from the game. Now, the league is composed of a new generation of talent and a vastly different game than 10 years ago. Pitchers throw over 100 mph on the regular, hitting 30 home runs in a season isn't rare and, of course, players like Shohei Ohtani dominate from the mound and the dish. It's now up to this new era of young talent to inspire the next generation of viewers.



Miguel Cabrera is playing the opening minutes of his final career game against the Cleveland Guardians on October 1st, 2023. The Detroit Tigers won the game 5-2.

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## Photo of the Day | It's US vs. U.S.



The Huskies face off against Utah State at Rentschler Field on Saturday September 30th. UConn started strong with a big lead after the first half, but could not pull off the win, with a final score of UConn 33 - Utah 34.

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## Sam's Section: Takeaways from Europe's big Ryder Cup Victory

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The best events in golf in 2023 are all wrapped up, with Europe winning the Ryder Cup on home soil, 16.5 to 11.5. The biennial event took place at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club, outside of Rome, Italy. There were a lot of takeaways once Europe took the cup back - here are some of them.

Max Homa was by far the best player on the United States team.

Seven of the 12 players from Zach Johnson's team were major champions. None of them were as good as Max Homa, who has won six times on the PGA Tour, including the Farmers Insurance Open at the beginning of the year. He hasn't shown much in major championships, finishing in the top 10 for the first time in his career at this year's Open Championship. He's been as high as No. 5 in the Official World Golf Ranking, but his Ryder Cup debut may be his most impressive performance yet.

The 32-year-old couldn't capture any points in Friday's foursomes match, where he and Brian Harman lost to Ludvig Åberg and Viktor Hovland 4 & 3. In the afternoon, Homa, paired with Wyndham Clark, led with two holes to go. However, Robert MacIntyre and Justin Rose won the final two holes to halve the match. On Saturday, Homa and Harman were the first pairing to win a match for the United States, winning 4 & 2 over Shane Lowry and Sepp Straka in foursomes. Paired again in the afternoon's four-ball match, they defeated Tommy Fleetwood and Nicolai Højgaard 2 & 1.

Homa faced Matt Fitzpatrick in Sunday's singles match, where he gave the Americans hope. Europe needed just a half point to win the Ryder Cup, and it was down to the 18th hole, with Homa up by one hole against the former U.S. Open champion. Follow-



Viktor Hovland celebrates his Ryder Cup Victory in the midst of his dominating performance on Oct. 1, 2023. he won 4-3 over Collin Morikawa.

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ing his approach shot, Homa's ball had an impossible lie, buried in deep fescue on the side of a greenside bunker. He and his caddie decided to take an unplayable lie, costing him a penalty stroke. After taking a drop, Homa hit a clutch flop shot that sat six feet away from the hole. After Fitzpatrick missed a Ryder Cup-clinching putt, Homa made a huge putt to secure the match and keep the Americans alive.

Homa led the United States team with 3.5 points and an overall record of 3-1-1. It's just a matter of time until he starts to perform at this level in major championships.

Justin Rose and Robert MacIntyre were the best pairing for Europe.

Rose was named the winner of the Nicklaus-Jacklin Award following the Ryder Cup, awarded to the player who best embodies the true spirit of the Ryder Cup. He played

with rookie MacIntyre during Friday's and Saturday's four-ball matches. As mentioned earlier, Rose and MacIntyre won the final two holes against Homa and Clark. Rose hit a clutch putt on the 18th hole to secure a tie, with an incredible reaction to his teammates. It was crushing for the Americans, as it secured no wins on the first day of the Ryder Cup. Rose and MacIntyre worked together on Saturday, as hot putting helped them win 3 & 2 over Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth. MacIntyre finished with 2.5 points and an overall record of 2-0-1. Rose finished with 1.5 points and a 1-1-1 overall record.

Viktor Hovland may be the best player in the world.

Hovland is coming off the best season of his career, winning the FedEx Cup and the Memorial Tournament in May. He was huge in Europe's Ryder Cup win, beginning

with a 4 & 3 win with Åberg over Homa and Harman in Friday's foursome match. Paired with Tyrrell Hatton, they went the distance with Thomas and Spieth, the four-ball match ending in a tie. On Saturday, paired up with Åberg again, they soundly defeated Scottie Scheffler and Brooks Koepka 9 & 7 in a foursome match. However, in the four-ball match against Sam Burns and Collin Morikawa, they lost 4 & 3. Hovland faced off against Morikawa and defeated the two-time major champion 4 & 3. Hovland had 3.5 points with an overall record of 3-1-1, including a 2-0-0 record in foursomes. He's been trending in the right direction this year. It's just a matter of time before the Norwegian wins a major.

Despite a commanding Europe lead early, the Ryder Cup always will have some drama.

The Ryder Cup is one of the best golf events, with many memorable moments. This year had those moments as well. Even though it was clear Europe was going to win early in the three-day event, some of the matches featured great golf. I'll mention Rose and MacIntyre's two-hole comeback to halve the match against Homa and Clark. That was an electric moment for Europe. Homa's six-foot putt to clinch the win against Fitzpatrick was huge as it kept the United States' chances alive. Patrick Cantlay was one of the biggest stars for Johnson's team this weekend. Cantlay not wearing a hat saw him mocked by the European fans, who waved their hats at the 2021 FedEx Cup champion. On Saturday, he hit a massive putt on the 18th hole to help him and Clark win a terrific match against Fitzpatrick and Rory McIlroy.



Views from the seats of the Ryder Cup on Oct. 1, 2023. This photo was taken before Europe's victory.

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# The Rod Wave: Where I see the Miami Heat in the 2023-2024 season

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It wasn't the ideal plan that fans were hoping for during the Miami Heat's 2023 offseason. There's no Damian Lillard or Jrue Holiday for this team. What's even worse is where they did end up going; two Eastern Conference rivals that are fighting for the same spot that Miami was just in: the NBA Finals. The big difference is that both teams are looking to do what the Heat couldn't: win it all.

Yet, the problem is bigger than losing the Lillard sweepstakes or cashing in on a talented two-way guard with Holiday. This team already lost two massive pieces of their guard depth in Max Strus and Gabe Vincent to the Cleveland Cavaliers and Los Angeles Lakers respectively. That was all early in the offseason and the team didn't do much at all to fill those holes. While the Heat gets back a healthy Tyler Herro and signed a familiar face in Josh Richardson, both Strus and Vincent were massive pieces in the team's run to the finals last season. There's no doubt in my mind that Herro has the talent to replace some of that missing scoring, but it's going to take more than just him for this team to compete in a tougher Eastern Conference.

You also need to keep in mind that Vincent and Strus were both mainstays in Miami's starting lineup throughout the playoffs last season. While it was without a healthy Herro, you can't deny the impact of both players with this team. More importantly, Strus being a starter has allowed players like Herro to operate off the bench and energize that unit tremendously. It was enough in 2022 to see him win the league's sixth man of the year, but he'll most likely start alongside my next concern for the team.

That leads me to the starting point guard position, most likely to be held by Raptors legend Kyle Lowry. At the age of 37, the former Villanova



**Jimmy Butler is showing off his new look during a press conference for the 2023-2024 season on Oct. 2nd, 2023. Jimmy Butler did a similar feat last year with his hair.**

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Wildcat is certainly not going to get any better and while he's not a horrific option for this lineup, it's not a great sign when there's terrific talent like Lillard, Holiday and Jalen Brunson in the conference. He may still be able to crack double-digit scoring, but his priority should be his playmaking. Last season was a down year for Lowry in terms of his assists with about 5.1 per game, and considering that the former all-star was averaging 7.5 dimes a game just two seasons ago, he'll need to strive to get back to that level. There's no doubt in my mind that it's going to be a tall task for the former NBA champion.

Even if Lowry does regain that playmaking touch this season, there's even bigger problems with this roster and that starts with the frontcourt. The Heat was one of the worst rebounding teams in the entire league last season with 40.6 per game, and they didn't get much better in terms of person-

nel. Thomas Bryant is not a bad addition, but it's not going to be the monumental addition that turns this team into a top-15 rebounding unit in the NBA. Other than an impressive 9.2 boards per game by Bam Adebayo, this team needs to see some improvement in that area, especially if they want to compete against teams like Milwaukee, who are a top three rebounding unit in the entire league.

But, enough of the negatives with this roster. You can never count out the Heat when Jimmy Butler is at his best and he's consistently proven how deadly he can be, especially in the playoffs. The duo of Adebayo and Butler is not only one of the best in the Eastern Conference, but also the entire league with an elite two-way competition that is huge in keeping the team competitive, even when Miami may be doubted in games. They're going to give teams a huge run for their money and will always put up

a fight, but it's tough to envision another run like the Heat had last season.

At the same time, the issues are certainly clear with this roster and with an elite NBA mind like Erik Spoelstra coaching the roster and a legendary basketball mind like Pat Riley, this organization could definitely make some moves to elevate their lineup later in the season if things are looking bleak. However, the team should certainly wait to do so as the organization sees how younger players like Jaime Jaquez Jr. and even Nikola Jović fare next season. Jaquez in particular shows a lot of promise and could be another incredible find by this organization through the draft.

But at the end of the day, this team has certainly shown that they can outperform the wildest expectations of their doubters. They may not be a

top-three seed when the final regular season buzzer ends, but things change when the playoffs arrive. There are most likely going to be even more surprises this season, but the 2023-24 season will certainly be one of the hardest challenges of the Butler era. How this team will meet those challenges remains to be seen.



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**Miami Heat outlasts the Boston Celtics in game 7 of the 2023 Eastern Conference Finals on May 29th, 2023. This victory was the second time an eighth seed made it to the NBA finals in NBA history.**

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# Sports

## Men's Soccer: UConn fails to capitalize on chances, blanked by No. 15 Vermont

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UConn hosted their first ranked opponent last night, welcoming No. 15 Vermont to Storrs. The Catamounts came into the match on a tear at 7-1-2, shutting out five of their opponents and not allowing more than one goal in any of their games.

Many coming into the game knew it was going to be a physical low-scoring matchup between two aggressive teams. Vermont actually came into the game leading the entire NCAA with fouls per game (16.8), and UConn is just a physical team in general as a result of playing in the Big East.

UConn didn't get their first real chance until the 20 minutes in, when an Eli Conway header in front of the goal barely missed at the top. Just six minutes later, Pierce Bateson and Josh Morgan passed the ball back and forth until Bateson centered it to no avail.

While the Huskies struggled to score, Vermont was able to take the lead. Redshirt-junior Yaniv Bazini beat UConn's Guillaume Vacter for a chance in front of the net. Goalie Jayden Hibbert lost his footing and slipped, allowing Bazini's kick to go right by him to give the Catamounts the 1-0 advantage in minute 29.

Now playing from behind, the next chance for UConn came 35 minutes in. First-year Ayoub Lajhar attacked the bottom right corner, but a diving stop by Vermont's Owen Jack kept the Huskies scoreless.

Despite no goals to show for it, UConn put the pressure on the Vermont defense as they controlled the ball the majority of the first half. First-year Lucas Almeida put up



**UConn men's soccer plays against No. 11 Vermont at the Morrone stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Oct. 3, 2023. The Huskies put up a good fight, but lost 0-2.**

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one last shot for the Huskies before heading to half, but he just wasn't able to find any open space.

Heading into the break, UConn had five shots in the first half to Vermont's two, but Vermont's lone shot on goal proved to be the difference.

Coming back after half, UConn went all out with the pressure again. Vermont was forced to play most of the half on the defense as the Huskies continued to pour on shots.

However, a late mistake in the box led to a penalty kick for Vermont to dig a deeper hole for UConn. Vermont's Carter Johnson padded the Catamounts lead with that penalty goal 78 minutes in to put his team up two. To make matters

worse, goalie Jayden Hibbert guessed exactly where Johnson was shooting and even tipped the ball, but it wasn't enough to prevent the score.

This would be the final score of the game as UConn left empty handed. In what has become a familiar issue for the Huskies, this was the fourth game this year that they've had to try and come from behind. Yesterday's shutout marked just the second time this season that UConn had been blanked, the first since they lost 2-0 against LIU the second game of the year.

There are three moments in the second half that stand out for the Huskies. A minute 60 header by Adil Iggoue that went over the goal, a chance

at minute 75 by Eli Conway who missed an easy chip in and an open minute 84 chance by Pierce Bateson that missed the goal completely. The Huskies played most of the game on the offensive side of the ball, but despite so many opportunities, they were never able to capitalize.

In total, UConn totaled 15 shots on the night to Vermont's four, but it was the quality of Vermont's shots that really separated the two clubs.

The loss brings UConn's record to 6-4-0 on the year and breaks their five-game winning streak at home. Vermont, on the other hand, picks up their sixth shutout of the season and continues to suffocate opponents on defense.

Catamounts' goalie Owen Jack (three saves) picked up his sixth clean sheet of 2023, this ties him for second in the NCAA with five other players. Bryants' Antreas Hadjigavriel leads the nation with nine shutouts in 11 games.

The Huskies will play a second straight game against a ranked team, this time against Big East rival No. 12 Georgetown. The Hoyas are 7-1-1 on the year and are fresh off a victory at Princeton. Georgetown has dominated UConn in the past few years, beating the Huskies five out of the last six times they've played. The game will be played in Georgetown this Saturday at 1 p.m. and can be streamed on FloSports.



**A UConn player heads the ball in a game against Vermont at the Morrone stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Oct. 3, 2023. The Huskies walked away with a 2 point loss.**

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