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Buckley Hall undergoes asbestos inspections

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Buckley Hall was inspected for damage that could release asbestos after a small amount was detected in one room.

A letter was sent to students in Buckley Hall, informing them that all rooms would be inspected from Oct. 27 to Nov. 1 to check for any damage that could allow asbestos fibers into the air.

The letter said that university personnel would be checking to "reassess the material, ensure it is stable and undisturbed, and prevent any exposure risk."

According to University of Connecticut spokesperson Stephanie Reitz, the inspections concluded that none of the rooms in Buckley would require immediate abatement, although small areas in a few rooms will be touched up with encapsulating paint to eliminate any future risk.

The letter to students said that a room in Buckley had a ceiling that contained 2% asbestos, contrary to previously collected data. Reitz noted that the room in which the disturbance was originally reported was tested again a week after the letter was sent out and no asbestos fibers were detected in the air.



Buckley Residence Hall resides on Storrs Rd on Oct. 31, 2023. Buckley Hall houses students in the Honors Program.

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"It's important to note that asbestos exposure may occur only when the asbestos-containing material is disturbed or damaged in some way, which can release asbestos fibers into the air. Asbestos-containing materials that aren't damaged or disturbed are unlikely to pose a health risk," the letter said.

According to Reitz, UConn engaged a licensed environmental firm to check the conditions of the ceiling in every room in Buckley.

"Any unstable or damaged areas will be repaired or otherwise stabilized by EPA-certified personnel to prevent potential risk to the room's occupants," Reitz said.

Reitz also said that students who live in Buckley Hall have been informed of the situation through email, and will also be emailed if they need to be notified about any repairs.

The EPA-certified inspectors will also be conducting a new round of comprehensive sampling to reassess the ceiling for asbestos, according to Reitz.

Buckley Hall was constructed in 1969. According to the letter, it is not uncommon to find asbestos in buildings constructed around this time. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the use of asbestos was largely banned in 1989, two decades after Buckley Hall was built.

The UConn Residential Life website tells students to "presume all building materials contain asbestos unless otherwise determined by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety."

The website also warns students against disturbing any materials that may contain asbestos and asks them to report any "observed damage or deterioration of suspect building material to the Assistant Director of Operations" immediately.

Reitz noted that the effects of asbestos usually take about 10 to 20 years to take effect, so she said that students should not attribute any current illnesses to asbestos.

"Unfortunately, respiratory illnesses are somewhat common at this time of year, especially in communal living spaces such as residence halls," said Reitz. "That being the case, any illnesses that students may have experienced there would be unrelated to the potential presence of asbestos."

UConn students rally in support of Palestine

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University of Connecticut student group Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) hosted a walkout on Fairfield Way outside of the Student Union on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The rally was in response to the ongoing conflict between the Israeli government and the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), the governing body of the Gaza Strip. Israel and Palestine have been fighting over territory since the 1940s. This specific conflict, the Israel-Hamas War, began on Oct. 7 when Hamas fired rockets at Israeli towns, killing more than one thousand, and kidnapped hundreds of Israelis.

In response, Israel declared war on Hamas and began bombing what they claim are Hamas targets in Gaza. Israel has cut off the supply of basic necessities such as food, water, fuel and electricity from Gaza, where more than 2.2 million Palestinians reside. On Tuesday, Oct. 31,

Israel bombed Gaza's largest refugee camp, Jabalia, killing hundreds. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) claimed that they killed a top Hamas commander at Jabalia. Hamas denies that one of their leaders was in the camp, saying the IDF only killed civilians. Neither statement has been confirmed by outside sources.

At the walkout, UConn SJP denounced UConn's lack of acknowledgement of the Palestinian humanitarian crisis. They also denounced the Biden administration for supporting Israel.

The walkout had about 200 student participants. Students wore black and white keffiyeh, a traditional scarf that has become a symbol of Palestinian solidarity. During their march across the Student Union lawn, they waved posters reading messages saying "Free Palestine" and "Ceasefire NOW." They shouted chants including "stop the murder and occupation," "not another nickel, not another dime, no more money for Israel's crime," and mentioned UConn President Radenka

Maric in another chant, saying "hey, Radenka, you will see, Palestine will be free."

After the march, they stopped and rallied at the South entrance of the Student Union, across from Gampel Pavilion. There were five speakers at the rally. They all emphasized the importance of student voices.

"When you speak up for Palestine, you speak up for humanity," the first speaker said into a megaphone. The speaker seemed to become overcome with emotion as an onlooker began the chant: "Freedom of movement now!"

"We have the privilege to disconnect, but is it our job to amplify the voices of the people in Gaza," another speaker said.

Melica Stinnett, one of the speakers at the rally and a staff member and graduate of UConn (CLAS '15), spoke about how she couldn't imagine what the families in Palestine are going through.

"I'm a mother, I rock my children to sleep at night," said Stinnett, "the weight of them in my arms is all I know."

Stinnett also expressed her

frustration towards UConn for not addressing the violence. She spoke of the Dodd Center for Human Rights, which from Oct. 25 - Oct. 27 held the Human Rights and the Global Assault on Democracy summit. None of the panels or discussions were dedicated to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

"Why has there not been a statement?" asked Stinnett. She specifically named James Waller, the Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice. Waller's work specializes in the Holocaust and genocide studies.

Stinnett, as well as many others at the rally, want to see a statement denouncing Israel's actions and in support of Palestine from Waller, the Dodd Center and from President Maric. They also called on Biden to be supportive of Palestinian freedom efforts and to denounce Israel's violence.

The Biden administration has proposed a bill that would send \$14 billion to Israel for emergency military aid. The bill also includes \$61 billion

in aid to Ukraine. Republicans in the House of Representatives have countered with a bill that will only send the \$14 billion to Israel and cut out money for Ukraine. The bill was set to be debated on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

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With flowers, altars and candles, Mexicans are honoring deceased relatives on the Day of the Dead

SANTA MARÍA ATZOMPA, México (AP) — Ana Martínez is eager to welcome her deceased loved ones back home.

Martínez and others in southern Mexico's Oaxaca state wait with anticipation for Day of the Dead celebrations every Nov. 1, when families place homemade altars to honor their dearly departed and spend the night at the cemetery, lighting candles in the hope of illuminating their paths.

"We preserve the culture of our ancestors, and that is why we make our altars," said Martínez, 41, who lives in the town of Santa María Atzompa.

Each Oct. 31, Martínez builds a three-level altar on her terrace. First come the flowers, a type of marigold known as cempasúchil. Martínez ties them in an arch over the altar.

"For us, that arch is a portal so that they (the deceased) can reach our house," she said. "We also create a path of flowers to the door as a welcoming sign."

Next, she lights copal, an incense which is believed to guide the souls, and places foods such as apples, peanuts and bread. Chocolates are for her grandma, she said.

"She was like my mother, so everything I'm going to offer is with the hope that she can be here," said Martínez.

On this date, Oaxacans don't honor death but rather their ancestors, said the local secretary of culture, Victor Cata. "It's a celebration of those with whom we shared a time and a roof, who were flesh and blood like us."

Santa María Atzompa traditions are embraced from childhood and passed from parents to children. Martínez's 8-year-old daughter asked if she could help arrange the fruit on the altar, and her mother assigned an additional task: Make sure the candles stay lit in the afternoon so that our deceased don't lose their way.

As soon as the sun sets, locals gather at the cemetery to light candles over their family tombs and start a vigil known as "vela."

Maria Martínez, 58, paid a visit to her late husband by noon. "I do feel that they are returning today but I also think they are with us daily, not just on this date," she said.

Oaxacan traditions vary among the 16 indigenous groups and the Afro-descendant community, but according to Cata, there's a shared ancient knowledge that relates to the land.

"October and November are the dry season, when the land languishes," said Cata. "But it is reborn, so there is this thought that the dead return to enjoy what they loved in life."

Felipe Juárez, 67, offered mezcal and beer for one of his brothers. For other family members, his wife cooked Oaxacan delicacies such as mole, a traditional sauce.

It will be a long night, Juárez said, until they go home at 6 a.m., but these are joyful times.

"On the day we die, we will meet them again," said Juárez. "We will reach that place where they have come to rest."



People hold candles over a tomb decorated with flowers at a cemetery in Atzompa, Mexico, late Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023. In a tradition that coincides with All Saints Day on Nov. 1 and All Souls Day on Nov. 2, families decorate graves with flowers and candles and spend the night in the cemetery, eating and drinking as they keep company with their dearly departed.

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Ana Martínez places a photo on her Day of the Dead altar at her home's terrace in Santa María Atzompa, Mexico, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023. Martínez and others in southern Mexico's Oaxaca state wait with anticipation for Day of the Dead celebrations every Nov. 1, when families place homemade altars to honor their dearly departed and spend the night at the cemetery, lighting candles in the hope of illuminating their paths.

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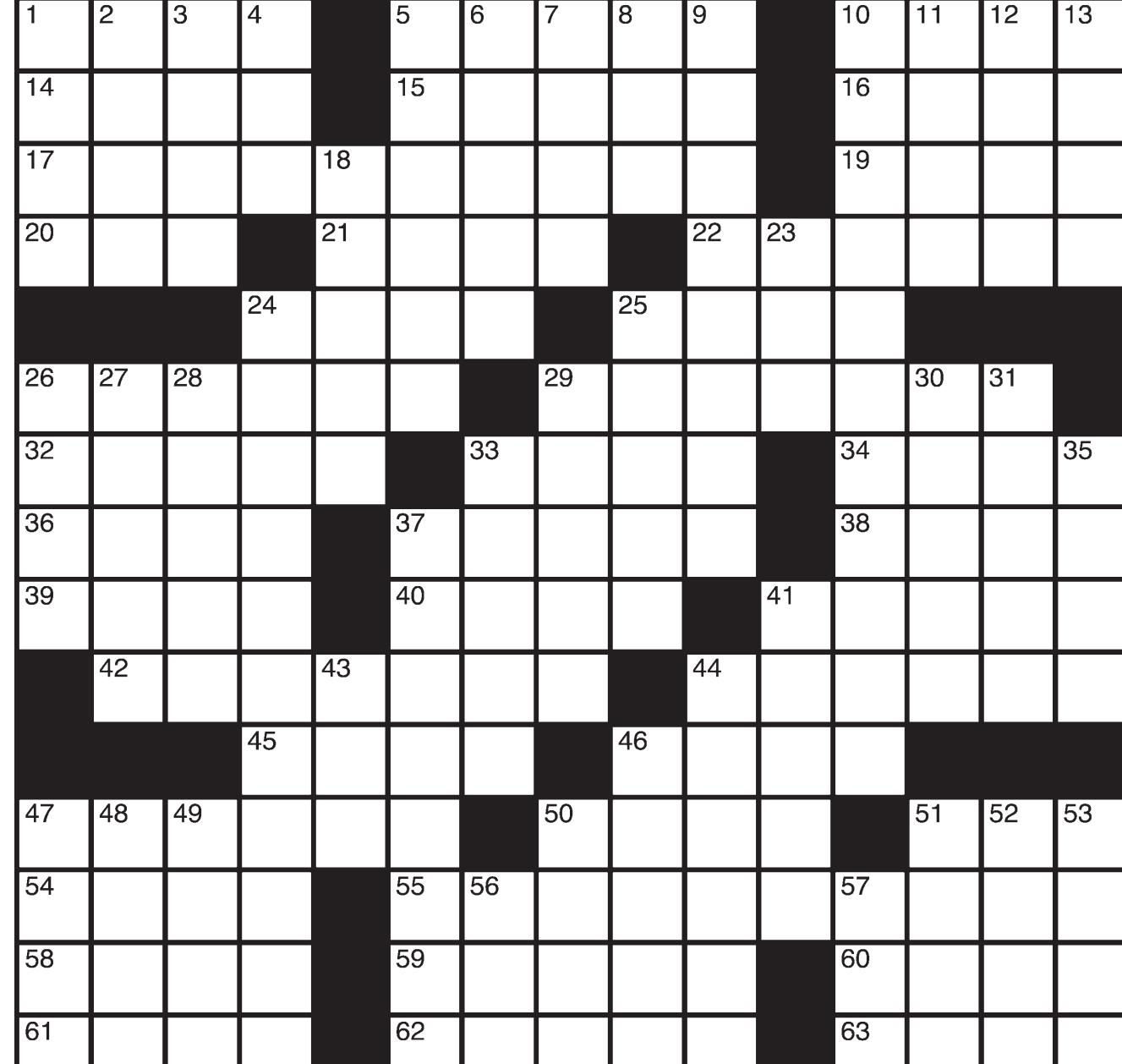
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Roundtable

With Halloween officially crossed off the calendar, we're in the final stretch before Thanksgiving and Christmas wrap up the year. The question for the Life section in this roundtable is in regards to the dreaded (or beloved) Christmas music genre. Is it too early to blast Mariah Carey? Is it a crime to sing along to Michael Bublé in November? Let's find out.

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Alright, let's get real for a second. Every year, just when Halloween candy hits the clearance aisle, I start getting that itch. You know the one I'm talking about: the "is it too soon to blast 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' on repeat?" itch. Man, the struggle is real.

I mean, on one hand, those holiday tunes? Absolute bops. They whisk me straight back to sneaking cookies with my now grown-up friends and trying to figure out if I've been good enough for Santa. There's just something so warm and fuzzy about them. Heck, in the chaos that is adulting, who doesn't want a dose of that holiday magic a bit early?

Then there's the other camp — my buddies who are all, "Hold your reindeer, pal! Let's get through Thanksgiving first!" They've got a point. There's a certain magic in the waiting, in the build-up. It's like saving that last piece of chocolate, savoring the anticipation.

But, you know what? Life's short. If jamming to holiday hits in November (or October... or September) gives you those feel-good vibes, I say go for it. After all, in this rollercoaster we call life, grabbing those moments of pure, jingle-bell joy wherever we can find them? Priceless.

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I used to be completely sick of Christmas music. I thought it was stale, repetitive and — in my opinion — every line of Michael Bublé just reeked of money-grabbing soulless music. However, Santa's best gift, the internet, has restored my love for the genre ten-fold this year. Have you ever wanted to hear Yoda sing "Santa Baby" or witness Toad from Super Mario do a breathtaking rendition of "All I Want for Christmas is You?"

Behold the power of AI, the savior of my holiday season.

Seriously, just search on YouTube for any character you like doing a rendition of a classic Christmas song, and some lovely internet stranger will surely have put AI-generated vocals on top of the songs you already know by heart.

All I want for Christmas is you, Toad, to grace my ears anytime of year.

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Now that Halloween is officially over, it's time for the annual debate to arise once again: When should people start getting ready for Christmas? Already, Tik-Tokers are using Mariah Carey's Christmas anthem "All I Want for Christmas is You" as their sound, and the "she's defrosting!" memes are coming in strong. Call me a Grinch but if you ask me, I'd say it's a little too early to listen to Christmas music.

People still have leftover Halloween decorations that, let's be real, will probably stay up for at least another week. Imagine driving down your neighborhood blasting Michael Bublé while passing skeletons overtaking someone's front yard. Wouldn't the

contrast make you feel uneasy?

Personally, I think that waiting until the week before Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to get into the Christmas spirit. You can have your Christmas playlist running in the background as you prepare the feast. By this time, the weather will fit more to the season as well, so your driving scenery will match the vibe of the music. What an exciting thought!

Now if you ask me about Christmas decorations, I may say differently.

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The hypnotic trance of Elvis' "White Christmas" is reasonable to listen to now, considering Black Friday is in a few weeks. However, most modern-day Christmas music sounds tacky and is undoubtedly a cash-grab by most artists that make it. It's only passable when it's played in department stores, accompanying Christmas trees and other similar scenery. There's nothing wrong with voluntarily listening to it around your own Christmas decorations that are going up soon, though. They'll come down by Easter, right?

The fact of the matter is that Christmas is really about celebration. Playboi Carti may have been jingling his bells, or his chains rather, on "Whole Lotta Red"; however, it made his fans rejoice on Christmas Day 2020 when it was released, and for those who enjoy it, it's a gift that keeps on giving.

Here's a message to contemporary artists: Follow in Playboi Carti's footsteps and come out with music that gets fans excited on an already-exciting day!

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Never, holiday music is a state of mind. I'll listen to "Spooky Scary Skeletons" in mid-July if I'm in the mood. Although Christmas music is a different beast. After working in retail for three years straight, I've grown a disdain for any cover of "Last Christmas."

At least Halloween music is fun and energetic; all Christmas music makes me want to do is turn off the radio. Don't even get me started on Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You."

If I ever die, play "Monster Mash" at my funeral. At least people will get to boogie around my casket.

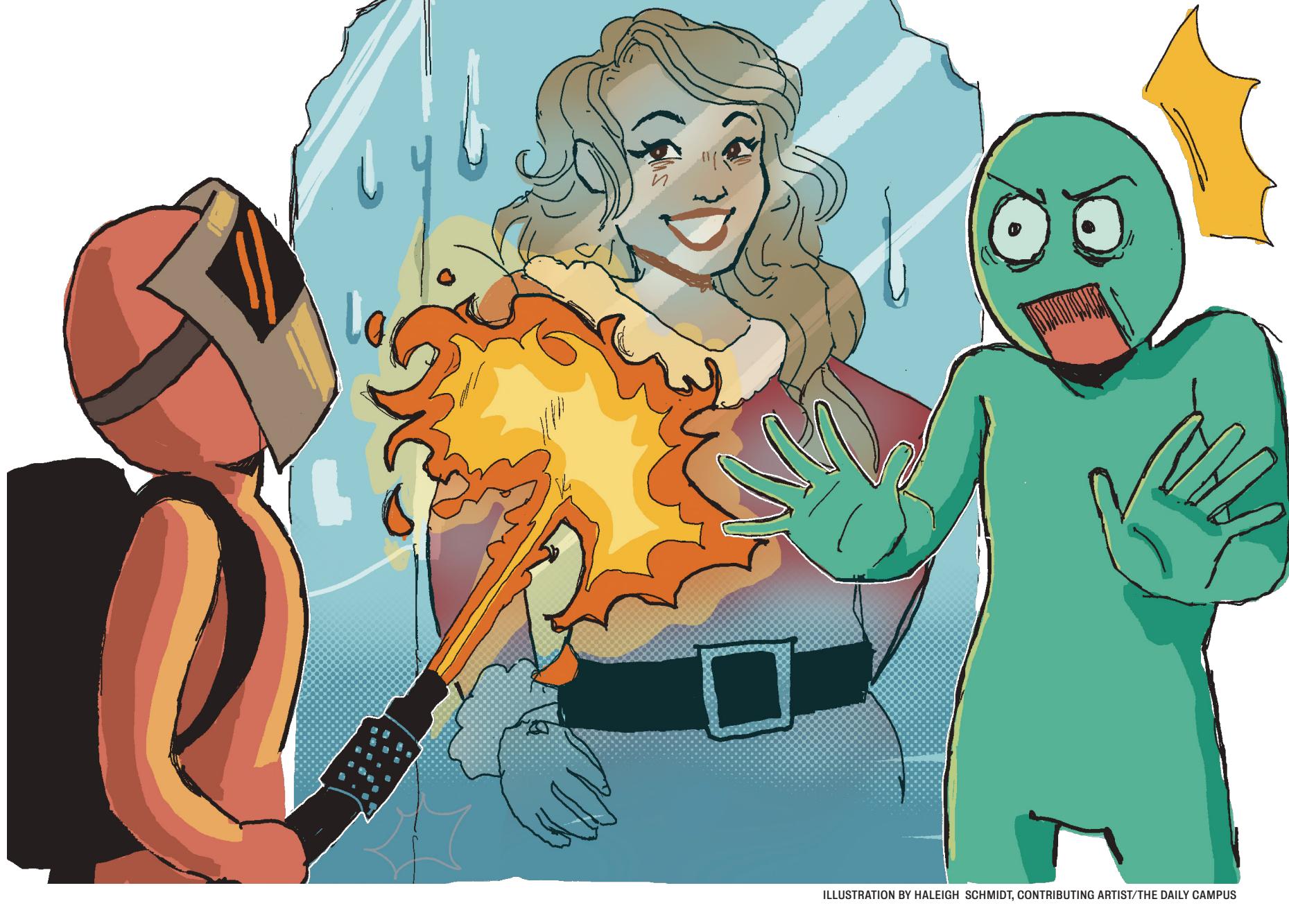


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HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT COMMEMORATES ONE GENOCIDE, IGNORES ANOTHER

Editorial

The death toll in Gaza, as a result of airstrikes conducted by the State of Israel, have exceeded 8,300 — over 3,400 of which are children — according to Gaza health officials. Foreign nationals and critically-injured civilians in the devastated and besieged Gaza Strip have been allowed to flee through the tightly-controlled Rafah border crossing to Egypt. However, over half the population remains displaced and vulnerable to what activists and United Nations officials are calling a genocide against Palestinians.

Internet blackouts, exacerbated by Israel's bombardment, continue to obscure the true toll on the people and infrastructure in the Gaza Strip; however, the world has already been made witness to a number of atrocities taking place there. This includes the mass displacement of over one million Palestinians, bombing of civilian infrastructure such as refugee camps and family homes, deprivation of medical resources and collective starvation of the already beleaguered population. The Daily Campus Editorial Board stands with Palestinians and activists around the world calling for an end to the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, which is quickly emerging as one of the most pressing and visible humanitarian catastrophes of our time.

This urgency was not addressed, however, by human rights scholars at the University of Connecticut's inaugural Human Rights Summit held at The Dodd Center Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The summit, called "Human Rights and the Global Assault on Democracy," according to UConn Today, sought to "examine the key human rights challenges of our time and generate new ideas to promote social justice and human dignity globally." The summit involved the dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights to the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center in Kyiv, Ukraine, which commemorates the tens of thousands of Jewish Ukrainians killed in a massacre during the Holocaust. The Summit also unveiled the "Russian War Crimes exhibit" to further illuminate crimes committed by Russia during the war in Ukraine.

A notable attendee associated with the Babyn Yar memorial was Natan Sharansky, a former minister and deputy prime minister who served under four successive Israeli governments, according to UConn Today. As minister without portfolio, Sharansky chaired a committee responsible for expanding illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank by seizing Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem, according to a 2005 Mother Jones interview with Sharansky.

By the time the summit was held, the bombardment in Gaza had been an ongoing tragedy for over two weeks, with a number of war crimes — namely attacks on civilians — having already been

committed by the State of Israel, and Hamas. While the Editorial Board understands the rigidity demanded of planners for events as major as a summit, we are disappointed that our university's leading voice in human rights was silent about the lives of Palestinians in Gaza. It is disheartening, additionally, that a summit rightfully decrying war crimes and genocide in past eras was unwilling and unfit to decry those which are currently unfolding before our eyes.

The Editorial Board has previously discussed UConn's systemic sidelining of Palestinian students and Palestinians in general in order to obfuscate criticisms of the State of Israel's crimes and support people of oppressed nationalities equally. That pattern of neglect and unfair treatment continues with this summit.

A key example of this that student advocates for Palestine have raised in recent weeks is the disparity between the university's support for Ukrainians facing aggression by Russia versus their silence on the nearly one-sided violence taking place in Gaza. In an address to the UConn community shortly after the invasion, President Radenka Maric described "watching in horror as war tears through Ukraine, innocent lives are lost, and beautiful cities are destroyed." As the same horrific scenes play out today in Palestinian villages and cities, no commensurate support has been given for Palestinian students whose families and neighbors are living under the omnipresent umbrella of missiles and unbreathable dust.

The Editorial Board also questions the optics of inviting a former minister for the State of Israel — one who was a leading advocate for the settler-colonial practice of land theft from Palestinians — to a summit concerning human rights and democracy. This represents an oversight from the summit's organizers at best and, at worst, an endorsement of the rights violations to which Palestinians are subjected daily. Additionally, we ask if human rights advocates at UConn would ever invite a member of the Russian Federation who, for example, supported the 2014 annexation of Crimea to speak at The Dodd Center. The Editorial Board holds that the answer to this question is a resounding "no."

By continuing to equivocate on the crisis in Gaza by refusing to condemn the scale of the violence committed by the State of Israel, UConn remains one of many American institutions that are passively — if not actively — supporting genocide. Students, staff and faculty who oppose the needless suffering of Palestinians at the hands of airstrikes and a siege must recognize the responsibility they have to speak out and make themselves heard by this institution's leaders. We cannot tolerate our university gaining clout by commemorating historical atrocities while ignoring those of today.

THE HASAN MINHAJ DOUBLE STANDARD

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Hasan Minhaj has made a name for himself in the comedy world. Shooting to fame as a correspondent on The Daily Show from 2014 to 2018, he received

and he apologized if he had hurt anyone because of that.

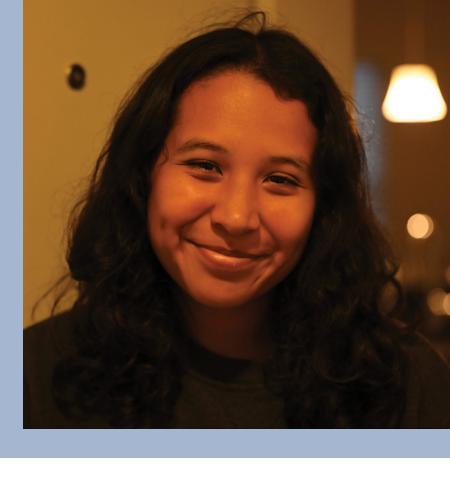
Minhaj has used his comedy to shed light on contemporary social issues, such as racism and Islamophobia. One of the ways that he does this is through his own experiences as an Indian-American Muslim man.

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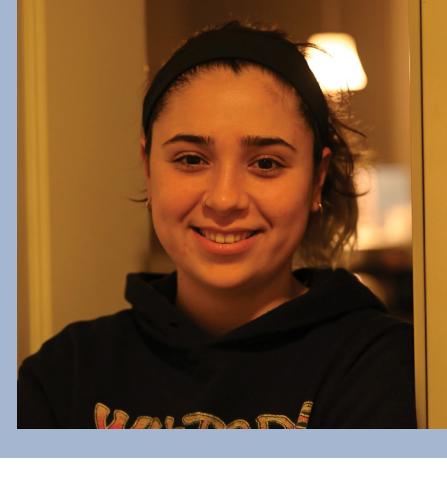


“Blaze, Dominos, Sergeant Pep’s (RIP).”

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“Blaze, Student Union, Dominos.”

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More states should pass red flag laws

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Since 1999, at least 2,000 people have been killed in some type of mass shooting. This year alone, the United States has had over 565 mass

This year alone, the United States has had over 565 mass shootings (incidents in which four or more people have been killed).

Yet again, the United States is in the wake of another mass shooting.

18 people were killed and another 13 were injured in Lewiston, Maine on Oct. 26. The senseless violence that ravaged this community is heartbreaking. What's even more heartbreaking was that there were clear signs of the gunman's mental dysfunction prior to the shooting.

Five months earlier, the shooter's family had reached out to the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office and voiced their concerns about their son's growing mental decay. Even coworkers voiced concerns; on Sept. 15, a coworker reached out to the Sheriff's office saying that they were concerned about how he was "going to snap and commit a mass shooting."

There was something deeply familiar when reading the reporting surrounding the Lewiston shooter's mental state before the tragedy. He possessed so many apparent warning signs that he was an individual who should be nowhere near a gun.

But what if I told you a policy tool exists that gives law enforcement the ability to take guns out of the hands of people who demonstrate a clear threat to either themselves or others?

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Red flag laws are designed to keep weapons out of the hands of people who are at high risk of committing violence with a firearm. They do this by allowing for the application of a gun violence restraining order. A person with one of these orders is prohibited from having any firearms or ammunition in their custody or control while the order is in effect. If an order is issued to a respondent, it is usually held for up to a year. According to a study from University of California, Davis, California's red flag law has been used to deter 58 potential mass shootings.

Connecticut was the first state in the country to enact a red flag

law in 1999 in response to a mass shooting at the Connecticut Lottery. However, not many other states caught on; until 2018, only five other states had passed red flag laws. Soon after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, other states began following suit. As of this year, 21 states have passed some form of a red flag law.

Some states allow for family members to go straight to judges to ask for a protective order. Under red flag laws, officers must present probable cause that the respondent is in a mental health crisis but do not need to give them a full assessment. Maine, an anomaly compared to other states, does not have one of these preventative measures. Despite permissive firearms laws and high rates of gun ownership, the state has low levels of violent crime.

Maine's alternative to a red flag law is their yellow flag law. The standard of proof for the yellow flag law is significantly higher than a typical red flag law. Before they can even attempt to get a gun restriction, law enforcement officers must believe an individual is in a mental health crisis that makes them a risk to themselves or others, and they must take that person into protective custody.

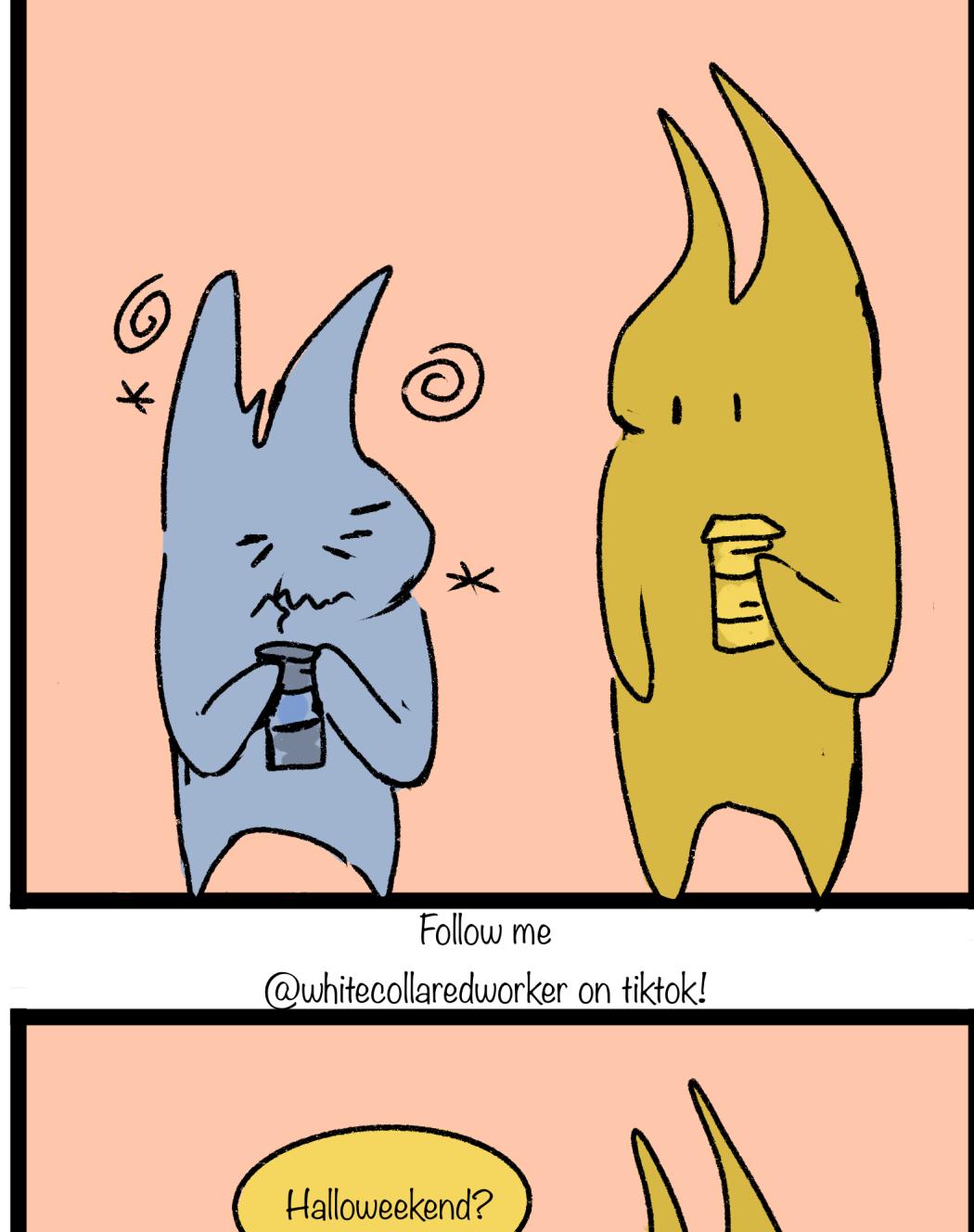
Then, only after an assessment from a mental health provider, can law enforcement ask a judge to order a weapons restriction.

Everytown for Gun Safety, a non-profit advocating for stricter gun regulations, are strong proponents of red flag laws. Chelsea Parsons, Director of Implementation, said that these laws "provide a proactive opportunity to prevent tragedies, you don't have to wait for somebody to commit a crime when there are clear warning

signs that this person having access to firearms poses a clear risk."

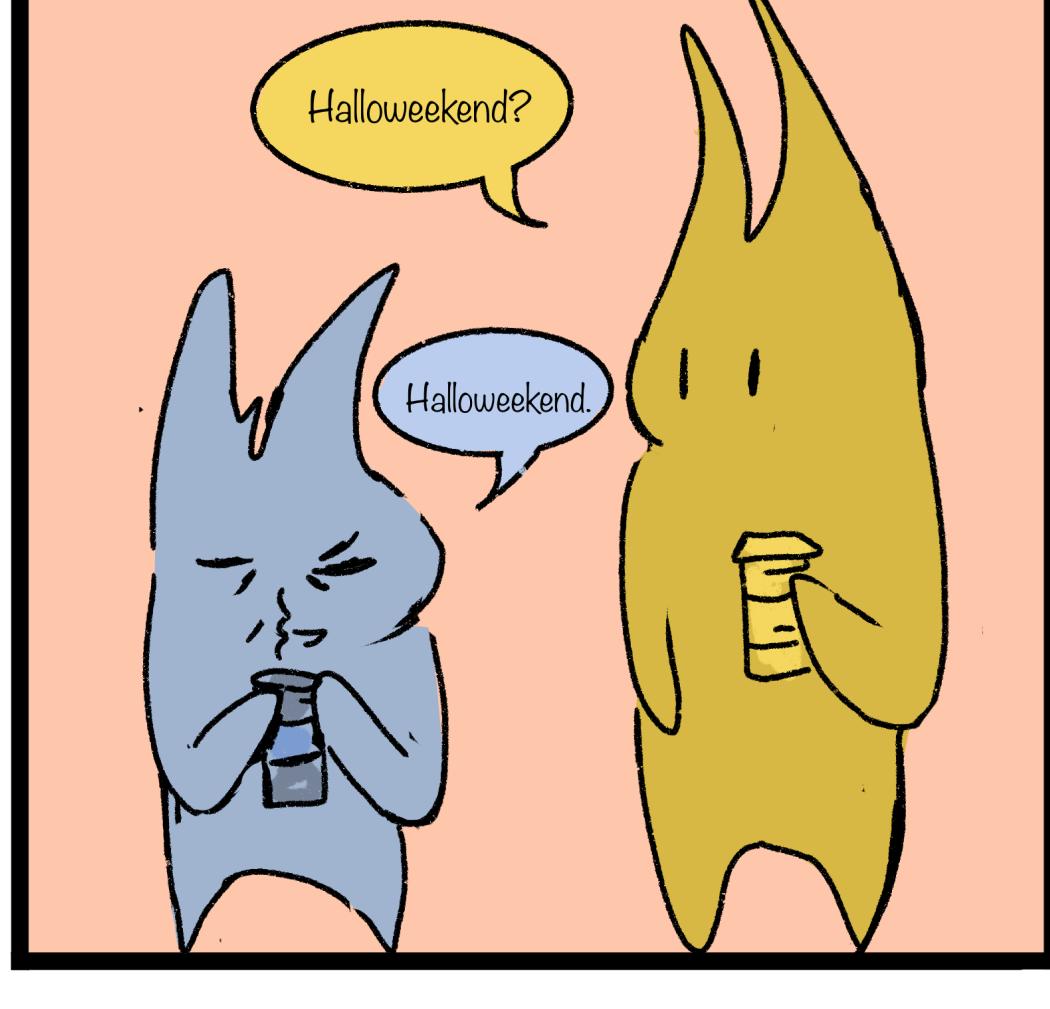
These laws are going to have to be adopted at the state level as the likelihood of a federal red flag law is extremely unlikely. Razor tight margins within the House and Senate make a consensus on these laws challenging, nor are they going to be a magical fix. Ideally, red flag laws, combined with stricter forms of gun control, would be the best way to address the constant loss of life these shootings cause.

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Fantasy Football Week 9 Preview: Reacting to bye weeks

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It's a real shame that I've finally strung a couple wins together and now, in a must-win game, my roster is slammed with byes. Such is fantasy football, and such is the life of those of us who live and die with every week. With the passing of week eight, we now enter a three-week stretch before all thirty-two teams play again. Bearing that in mind, it's time to start looking for some replacements at key positions. These are guys that you might be able to find on waivers or trade for off someone's bench for cheap. Additionally, and selfishly, all of them will either be a running back or a tight end, as those are the holes I need to find a way to fill by Sunday.

Taysom Hill vs. Chicago Bears

Bears - Over the last three weeks, Hill is averaging over 17 PPR points per game. Dennis Allen has seemingly picked up where Sean Payton left off in terms of utilizing Hill as a significant portion of the offense. When Hill is involved, he is the only player in the league that is a legitimate threat to record passing, receiving and rushing yards. He is also able to do that in what is generally a low-scoring position, tight end. Expect Hill's hot streak to continue in a matchup against a Bears defense that is in the bottom third of the league in defending tight ends, even though Hill isn't typical for the position.

Kyle Pitts vs. Minnesota Vikings

Vikings - Last week, Desmond Ridder left the game with a possible concussion. Despite the fact that Ridder cleared concussion protocol and was allowed to re-enter the game, Arthur Smith made the decision to stick with Taylor

Heinicke at quarterback and bench Ridder. Smith has also already made the decision that Heinicke will play in week nine against the Vikings. It is not a stretch to think that Smith may have been waiting for an opportunity to naturally phase the struggling Ridder out of the offense, without destroying his confidence, and took it last week. Historically, Heinicke is a much better quarterback in terms of supporting fantasy relevant players, and I expect Pitts to benefit greatly from it.

Trey McBride @ Cleveland Browns

Browns - McBride is more of a season-long pick than a great option to stream this week. Unfortunately, he is in a perfect storm of facing the number one defense against tight

ends, while simultaneously dealing with the transition period between QBs Joshua Dobbs and Kyler Murray. This transition will likely end next week when they face off against the Falcons, and when it does, it's full steam ahead for McBride. Through the first third of the 2022 season, the Arizona offense was led by Murray, Marquise Brown and Zach Ertz. During that stretch, Ertz was used

heavily in short yardage and was a PPR machine as a result. McBride has emerged as a rock-solid replacement since Ertz was placed on injured reserve in week seven following a quad injury. Last week, McBride had 25 PPR points with Dobbs at quarterback. Once Murray returns and he sees a friendlier matchup, McBride is a strong option until proven otherwise.

Devin Singletary vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Buccaneers - Singletary has seen at least twelve opportunities, including usage in the passing game, in each of his last two showings. He is seemingly earning more and more of a share of the carries from Dameon Pierce. It's a backfield that could prove valuable, as

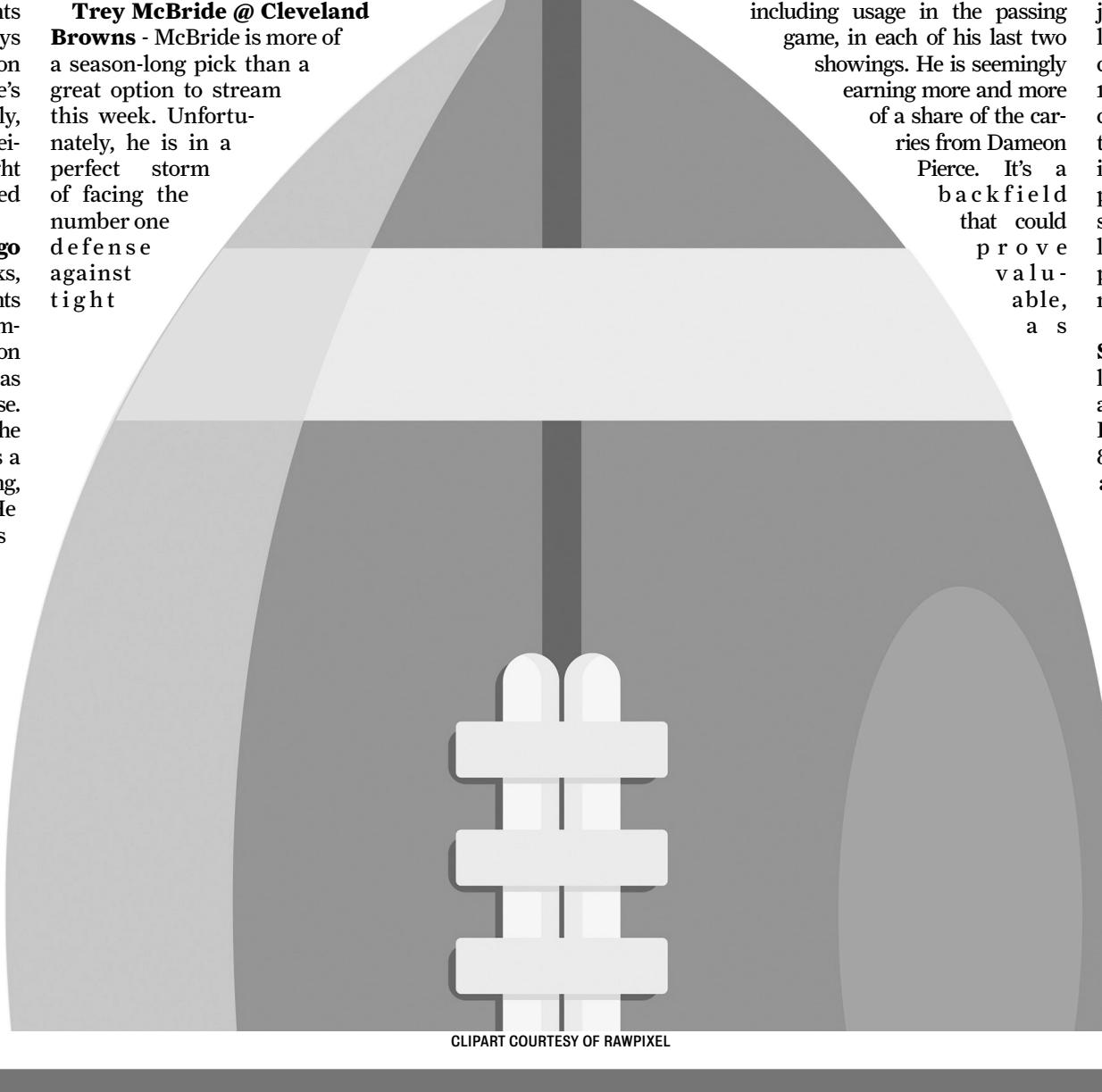
the young Texans team continues to improve and find themselves in the redzone more often. Singletary has also failed to find the endzone yet this season, so managers can expect there to be regression to the mean in that area. For those reasons, I am keeping an eye on Singletary as a "break glass in case of emergency" running back option.

Chuba Hubbard vs. Indianapolis Colts

Colts - Hubbard has been heavily involved in Carolina's offense ever since Miles Sanders went down with an injury. Although Sanders returned last week, he only recorded two carries and was clearly not at 100%. That will likely be the case again this week as the Panthers take on a Colts defense that is giving up the fifth most PPR points to running backs this season. Hubbard can be viewed as a low end flex play until Sanders proves that he has reclaimed a majority of the backfield touches.

Gus Edwards vs. Seattle Seahawks

Seahawks - Edwards showed league-winning potential last week against the Arizona Cardinals. He handled nineteen carries for 80 yards and three touchdowns and saw some receiving work to make it even better. In a battle that initially looked like it was Justice Hill's to lose, it appears that Edwards may have cemented himself as the lead back in Baltimore going forward. It's tough to say that with any sort of confidence, however, as Baltimore hasn't supported a truly strong fantasy running back in years. However, at this point in the season, finding running backs with Edwards' potential for his current price isn't easy. I'm watching the Baltimore vs. Seattle game closely to get a gauge of whether last week was a trend or an anomaly.



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Sargeant's Orders:

What does Immanuel Quickley and the New York Knicks' failure to reach an extension mean?

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What a time to be alive. The World Series is shaping up to be yet another fall classic, soccer leagues worldwide are in full swing and, of course, the NBA is back. Besides the trade of James Harden, we have not had any breaking news in this young NBA season. However, this past offseason was nothing short of dramatic. Damian Lillard became a Buck, LaMelo Ball signed an extension that pays him \$260 million over five years and the deadline to extend players from the 2020 Draft Class expired, with many players not reaching agreements. For the last month, if you were a Knicks fan, you were more than likely scouring Twitter during your free time checking to see if Immanuel Quickley and the Knicks agreed to an extension. But the two were unable to get a deal done, meaning the 24-year-old will be a restricted free agent next summer. The New York front office received much blowback for not extending Quickley; however, are Knicks fans' anger justified?

It's tough to tell whether it was the right move to let Quickley walk. The exact terms that each side was seeking are unknown, but we can gauge the 24-year-old's market value based

players' salaries. If there was any deal to compare his to, it would be Jaden McDaniels' extension. The former Washington Huskies guard inked a five-year \$136 million contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves, giving him an average of just above \$27 million a year. The forward's offensive output was almost identical to the New York guard. McDaniels thrives on the defensive end, and that part of his game is more developed than Quickley's. Coming out of college, there were concerns about how Quickley would fare on the perimeter against elite scorers. However, his athleticism and ability to stay on the ball have quashed any worries, making him an above-average defender. Take his performance in New York's season-opening loss against the Boston Celtics as one of many examples. In this game, Quickley thrived on the defensive end, shutting down the newly extended Payton Pritchard and All-Star Jrue Holiday. Last season, the Knicks guard was the runner-up for the Sixth Man of the Year award and played a significant role in getting New York back to the playoffs. As good as the Maryland native was in the regular season, there are major questions surrounding how he will perform under the bright lights. In last season's playoff run, he did not

perform like a player who commands \$20-plus million a year, albeit he was fighting an injury.

Quickley is good enough to start for some NBA franchises. The problem for New York is that the team already has their premier point guard in Jalen Brunson. That said, the Knicks don't want

to let talent walk out the door with no strings attached, although they do have a salary cap problem. If Quickley were to re-sign for \$20 million next season, New York would have \$145 million tied up to six players: Quickley, Brunson, Donte DiVincenzo, RJ Barrett, Julius Randle and Mitchell Robinson. These six salaries are nine million dollars over the NBA soft cap. That doesn't even mention the \$18 million a year they have tied up with Evan Fournier, who has been nothing short of a disappointment during his tenure in the Big Apple. If James Dolan's squad didn't owe Fournier \$18 million a year, I would say pay the kid, though, with the current state of affairs, paying Quickley provides much less flexibility to build a championship roster.

Contrary to the panic of some Knicks fans, Quickley will still rep the blue and orange this season. If anything, the front office controls his destiny. The former Kentucky guard is a restricted free agent, meaning he cannot sign a contract with a new team without giving the Knicks the ability to match that offer. If New York matches any accepted offer, he will head back to the Big Apple. If Quickley has another solid campaign, there will be pressure on the Knicks to get a deal done.

On the bright side, the Knicks potentially have some outs. If Quickley regresses this season, which is unlikely, the Knicks will get him in free agency at a discount, which has happened before — just ask Nerlens Noel, who cost himself millions of dollars by declining his rookie extension. Of course, if Quickley plays at an All-Star level, he can command something in the \$30 million per year range, which could prove too expensive for the Knicks or, conversely, serve as justification to pay him. With



The New York Knicks and Washington Wizards face off on Jan. 13, 2023 at the Capital One Arena in Washington D.C., in front of over 20,000 people. The game ended in a victory for the Knicks, scoring just four points higher than the Wizards.

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how the Collective Bargaining Agreement is structured, Dolan's squad can go over the cap without penalty to re-sign Quickley, meaning they can afford a large salary. As tough as it may seem, the team made the right decision by not extending him. If the market stalls out, he could command something in the mid-20s, which is New York's dream scenario. Something that makes sense, although unlikely, is to create a trade package comprised of Fournier, Quickley and additional talent to acquire Joel Embiid. Quickley's low salary gives the Knicks this flexibility, and if they trade for Embiid near the deadline, the belief is that they will immediately be competing for a championship. After all, Harden isn't a 76er anymore and Tyrese

Maxey declined his rookie option. If Philadelphia struggles, don't be surprised to see the Knicks' front office try and pull off some magic before the Feb. 8 trade deadline.

The Knicks not committing to Quickley is a sign of one of two things. The most likely scenario is that they are betting on him to be commanding a salary near the mid-20 million per year mark, an insurance policy in case he regresses or gets hurt. The less likely situation is that they could be waiting to package him for a trade, and Quickley not having a long-term extension makes it easier for him to be dealt mid-season. It is hard to see the front office letting him walk for nothing. The Knicks will try to get some value out of him, but all we can do right now is watch.

SARGEANT'S ORDER

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Photo of the Day | Ready, set, go!



UConn volleyball takes on Creighton in Storrs, Conn. on October 20, 2023. The Huskies lost with a final score of 0-3.

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The Coleum:

Held back by injuries, a fully healthy Caroline Ducharme could be UConn's X-factor

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When the preseason polls came out ahead of Big East Media Day on Oct. 24, the UConn women's basketball team had three Preseason All-Big East Team selections, the Preseason Big East Player of the Year in Paige Bueckers and the Preseason Freshman of the Year in KK Arnold. Junior guard Caroline Ducharme was not among those recognized, despite being on the Preseason All-Big East Team last year.

UConn's 2023-24 roster features eight players who ESPNW ranked among the nation's top 15 recruits between the classes of 2019 and 2023. Five of those eight are five-star athletes with a 98 grade, with Bueckers and Azzi Fudd being the top recruits in their classes. Ducharme does not receive as much attention as others do, despite being the No. 5 prospect in the Class of 2021, but that does not mean she has not shined in the spotlight.

Starting with a 14-point fourth-quarter performance against the then-No. 24 Notre Dame Fighting Irish in 2021, the Massachusetts native took the college basketball world by storm as injuries started mounting around the Huskies' program. From the Never Forget Tribute Classic versus the UCLA Bruins on Dec. 11 until the week Bueckers returned from a knee injury two months later, Ducharme scored in double figures all but once and buried at least one triple in every game.

Her role diminished during the last week of the regular season and Connecticut's run to the national championship game, but the 6-foot-2 guard earned an All-Big East Second Team selection along with her unanimous selection on the All-Big East Freshman Team. Ducharme's scoring prowess took a step back as a sophomore, going from 9.8 points to 7.4 on average. Despite her rebounding increasing from 3.2 to 4.1 a game, something always held the Massachusetts native back.

Part of the reason Ducharme saw an overall decline in her second year in Storrs occurred because of injuries. Notably suffering a concussion during a practice this past January and sitting out the season opener with neck stiffness, the junior guard played in just 23 games as a sophomore and has missed 19 across her two-year

collegiate career thus far. But with no offseason surgery and three exhibition appearances as part of the team's European foreign tour in August, all signs point toward a strong campaign for Ducharme.

"She is in the best shape she has ever been," head coach Geno Au-

fensively," highlighted Auriemma. "Maybe it was an optical illusion, but she was in a [defensive] stance for a whole possession [during practice]. She is working her butt off at both ends of the floor."

That work ethic might not earn the Milton, Massachusetts native a spot in the starting lineup because of the Huskies' deep guard department, but it may provide a spark for the team while the stars catch a breather. Both the National Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association recognized this, put-



Caroline Ducharme arrives to the quarterfinals of the Big East Conference tournament at Mohegan Sun Arena on March 4, 2023. She was forced to leave after colliding with a teammate's elbow, which caused a major concussion that set her out for 13 games.

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riemma stated about the Massachusetts native. "She looks better than she has ever looked."

Ducharme participated in the three-point contest during First Night on Oct. 13, getting paired up with men's basketball guard Cam Spencer for two rounds. Before Big East Media Day, she one-upped her performance in a scrimmage between teammates by shooting 8/9 from beyond the arc.

"Everyone just loves how she is actually playing, and you can play alongside her instead of the uncertainty or the what-ifs," said Aaliyah Edwards.

While the junior guard can let it fly from downtown—her 59 triples over the past two years rank third on the team behind Fudd and senior Nika Mühl—her lengthy wingspan can go up against some of the nation's best perimeter defenders and help her score from within the perimeter.

"She is so long and versatile," commented Fudd. "Her finishing around the basket in so many different ways is something that no one else can do."

It is more than just the offense doing the talking for the one social media calls "Carol Bird." Through two years in Storrs, Ducharme has 153 defensive rebounds, 37 steals and 21 blocks, all of which came without recording a double-double or double digits in any of the three

categories during any game. With how her practices have gone over the past few weeks, the junior guard might come close to those numbers in the upcoming season.

"She is more active de-

tting Ducharme on the Cheryl Miller Award watch list, given to the nation's best small forward for the second straight season.

"It is not easy going through what she has been through," noted Auriemma. "I am thrilled where she is."

Edwards had the same sophomore slump that the Massachusetts native did last season, but rebounded by earning Third Team All-American honors as a junior with 14 double-doubles to boot. While Ducharme might not have as big of a breakout season as the reigning Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player had, especially with how much depth there is at the guard positions, she possesses as much value to the team's success as the starting lineup does.

"She has been working really hard in the weight room, in the training room, on the floor. You can definitely see a difference and improvement," Fudd highlighted.

"She is constantly proving to us that she can be relied on and be a key part of our team this year."

Whether that means being one of the first guards off the bench or checking in for a forward when Auriemma may opt for a small ball lineup, the many ways the Massachusetts native can be utilized on the court could throw a wrench in how opponents plan against UConn. With both a game-winning jumper and two deciding free throws under her belt, do not be surprised if Ducharme earns another All-Big East Second Team selection or puts up the potential game-winning shot come the postseason.

Spin Cycle:

Update on Cricket World Cup

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The 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup is two-thirds of the way through the group stage. Here's how the standings are shaping up as of Wednesday evening.

1. India - At 6-0, India is the only team that is undefeated in the World Cup. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have formed perhaps the best batter duo in this year's tournament. With steady contributions from KL Rahul, the India batting order has been able to flex their muscles against the rest of the pack. The team last played on Sunday, defeating England by a healthy 100 runs (229 to 129).

2. South Africa - South Africa has been perhaps the best all-around unit in this year's tournament. The nation's +2.032 net run rate is tops in the Cup, indicating the team has the best in terms of outscoring their opponents. Keshav Maharaj has emerged as the leader of a quartet of South Africa bowlers that have shone during the games, as Kagiso Rabada, Tabaiz Shamsi and Marco Jansen have all performed well to lead the nation to a 5-1 record.

3. New Zealand - New Zealand is tied with Australia in terms of record (4-2) but has the standings advantage because of their superior net run rate.

Rachin Ravindra and Devon Conway have provided a majority of runs for the batting side. Mitchell Santner has led the bowlers, knocking down 14 wickets and bowling the third-best inning (5/59) by a bowler in a game this tournament.

4. Australia - With the group stage to conclude today, fourth-place Australia would be the final team to advance to the next stage of the tournament.

The ODI ranks the Aussies as the second-best team in the Cup behind only India. David Warner has been a monster batting for Australia and has scored the second-most runs in the tournament (413).

Leading the bowlers has been Adam Zampa, who is tied for first in the tournament with 16 wickets knocked down.

5. Pakistan - The ODI has

Pakistan as the third-best team playing in the Cup, but they would just miss out on a shot at the championship were the standings to become official today. 23-year-old Shaheen Shah Afridi has emerged as the team's top bowler; he's knocked down 16 wickets (first) and has bowled the best inning (5/54) of any bowler this season.

He is currently the 11th-ranked bowler in the games but has been as high as fourth in his career.

Mohammad Rizwan is fifth in the games with 359 runs scored.

6. Afghanistan - Afghanistan has outperformed their ODI ranking of 9th, thanks largely to the performance of their bowlers.

Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmad all rank in the top-15 bowlers in economy rate, meaning the three are amongst the best at allowing the least runs to score per over bowled.

Though the team may lack a top-tier bowler to match the stars on other teams, solid contributions from Hashmatullah Shahidi, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran have led the team to a 3-3 record.

7. Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka is 2-4, though not because of a lack of runs; Sadeera Samarawickrama ranks in the top-10 in runs scored (331).

He is joined in the top-15 by teammates Pathum Nissanka (289) and captain Kusal Mendis (268).

For the bowlers, Dilshan Madushanka has led a unit that has been nothing more than average during the games.

8. Netherlands - The Netherlands are hoping to advance out of the group stage for the first time in the nation's history, though it doesn't appear this will be their year.

Bowlers Bas de Leede (11) and Paul van Meekeren (10) have both knocked down double-digit wickets throughout the games with Aryan Dutt chipping in eight.

The team has had trouble generating runs throughout the games; they're the only team to not have a bowler rank in the top-25 in runs scored.

9. Bangladesh - Team captain and all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has been a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing showing in the Cup for Bangladesh.

He's the top-ranked all-rounder in the games and in his career has ranked as high as No. 1 for batters and No. 13 for bowlers.

10. England - At 1-5, England has the worst net run rate (-1.652) of all the team's in the Cup.

Dawid Malan has emerged as the face of the English bowlers, scoring 236; his 140 runs in one inning ranks third among highest scoring innings during the games.

Liam Livingstone and Adil Rashid both qualify for the top-25 in economy rate amongst bowlers, though the remainder of the team has failed to step up and give the country a chance to make a run.



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Ava's Angle:

Women's basketball is on the rise with Paige Bueckers at the front

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Women's sports are on the rise and we are all witnesses of it. Here in Storrs, Connecticut there is a different level of respect and representation for women's sports, as it is the home of UConn women's basketball, one of the most historic programs in all of basketball. With 11 championships, a legendary head coach in Geno Auriemma and bringing in the best players from all around the world who often go on to have long and successful WNBA careers, UConn is the place to be when it comes to women's basketball.

Last week at Big East Media Day for women's basketball, there was a lot of talk of women's sports and how relevant it has become in recent years. Auriemma explained how the exposure of playing in large, well-known arenas like Madison Square Garden is amazing for the sport of women's basketball, and he expressed how he wants to play there more in the upcoming seasons. He discussed how it is a major plus to have St. John's be so local to "the world's most famous arena."

Auriemma also mentioned that UConn may play two games at The Garden next season, "if it all works out," though the opponents are unknown.

UConn has been filled with some of the greatest players in women's basketball who have gone on to have long, successful and historic careers in the WNBA: Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore, Rebecca Lobo, Swin Cash and many more. However, during the time that all these legends wore UConn jerseys, women's basketball had nowhere near as much as respect as any of the men's basketball teams. The attendance of the 2002 NCAA National Championship game where UConn won their third championship was 29,619, which set the record for most fans at an official women's basketball game in history. Just a few weeks ago, an exhibition game between Iowa and UConn's Big East foe DePaul held at Kinnick Stadium (home to Iowa football) had an attendance of 55,646 fans. In just that one statistic, you can see how immensely the game of women's basketball has grown in the last 20 years. Iowa has star player Caitlin Clark, LSU has star players Angel Reese and Hailey Van Lith and Stanford has star player Cameron

Brink, but UConn also has stars of their own with Azzi Fudd and Aaliyah Edwards. Additionally, UConn has Paige Bueckers.

Through her injury battles in recent seasons, Bueckers has taken her name, image and likeness to the top, and used the time she spent away from basketball developing her brand.

"I'm just extremely grateful for the opportunities that we do have," said Bueckers. "Now I'm just being able to capitalize off of name, image and likeness and just being grateful for all the partnerships and people and relationships that I've made. And just how much knowledge I've gained through people in my circles, whether it be my agency or people that I'm working with and partnering with and learning how to build a new wealth for the future."

Sort of being able to

"I think women's basketball and sports in general is on the rise and we're seeing a whole lot of different people capitalize off of it," said Bueckers. "And different people playing women's college basketball, but not even just basketball but other sports as well."

Bueckers expressed the importance of capitalizing off playing a sport and starting off at a young age is even more beneficial. She looks to be a role model for young girls, especially with the injury woes she has been through; Bueckers wants to be the example to girls to know that they can come back from anything and be even better.

"It means everything. Just to see how many kids look up to me because I was just a little kid, looking up to people and wanting to fill their shoes," said Bueckers. "So for me to be a positive role model and try to create something like 'I can be her one day' as I can. I think the future for me lately has been showing people that you can come back from an ACL surgery, you can come back from an injury and you can be just as good if not better than you were before," explained Bueckers.

"So I think using that is sort of a motivation to come back even better to show little girls and other people going through injuries that they can do the same thing and come back even better."

Being surrounded by women's college basketball for almost 40 years now, Auriemma knows what it takes to be great and is a huge voice for getting women's sports more respect.

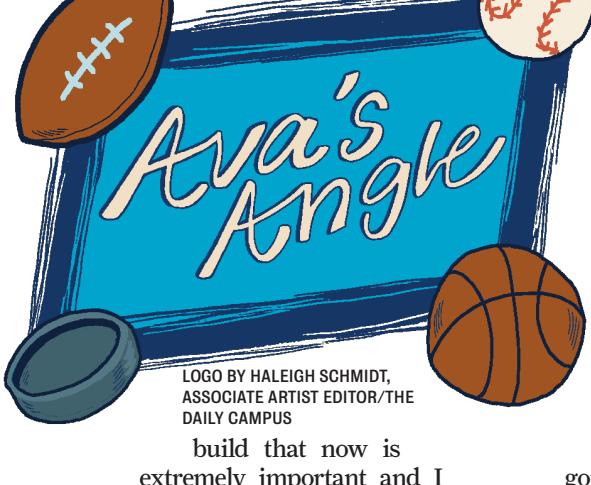
"There should be way more coverage of women's basketball with the advent of social media, everything is magnified and certainly now is the perfect time for women's basketball to capitalize on that."

Women's college basketball is on the up, especially after last year's record-breaking NCAA March Madness Tournament with Iowa and LSU at the front. There is so much excitement for this upcoming season and it all starts this weekend. One of the biggest faces in college basketball, Bueckers, will be back on the court in her UConn jersey, which will benefit the game more than people expect. After not playing a full season since her National Player of the Year rookie campaign, Bueckers is fully back for the Huskies, and she's going to take women's basketball by storm.

build that now is extremely important and I think we're blessed. I'm extremely grateful for the opportunities that I do have now and that we all have received with NIL passing."

NIL has generated millions of dollars for NCAA athletes in many different programs all over the country, especially women athletes. You mainly see the athletes in winning programs getting the bulk of the partnerships and sponsorships, but NIL is spread completely across the board, which is an incredible opportunity that only builds up sports. It is especially great for women's sports as the scene in itself is on the rise, and so are the athletes; they are becoming the faces of the game which is absolutely huge in every way.

"Just to be a part of the rise of women's basketball, women's sports, I think is amazing because women's sports have always been great," said Bueckers. "We're just now getting the attention and the media coverage that we deserve. So you see it, college basketball, you see the WNBA, you see it in tennis with Coco Gauff. So you see it in a lot of different areas, I think the rise and the more respect and attention has been greater."



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Tage Thompson warms up before a game against the New York Islanders on Oct. 21, 2023. The Buffalo Sabres won the game 3-1 at the KeyBank Center in Buffalo, New York.

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Huskies in the Pros: Hawkins off to strong start, Thompson heats up, Hornets decline Bouknight's team option

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NBA: Jordan Hawkins earns first career start

On Monday, former UConn basketball star Jordan Hawkins became the first recruit from the Dan Hurley era to start in the NBA. The 14th-overall selection of the New Orleans Pelicans logged 14 points, five rebounds and two steals in the team's 130-102 loss to Golden State on Monday.

Through three games this season, Hawkins has seen his minutes increase dramatically, playing just nine minutes in his debut and then 35 in the Pelicans' most recent game. So far, the Gaithersburg, MD native is averaging 8.7 points on 45% from the field and 40% from beyond the arc. With the dramatic uptick in minutes, it is evident that head coach Willie Green has big plans for the rookie sharpshooter going forward. Hawkins, who was an integral part of UConn's 2023 national championship run, looks to establish himself and represent UConn in the NBA.

NHL: Tage Thompson tallies five points over last three games for Buffalo

Limited to just one point across over the first six games of the season, Buffalo Sabres star Tage Thompson has caught fire with some big time performances as of late. Over his last three games, Thompson has found the back of

the net three times with two assists. The 6-foot-7 right winger from Phoenix scored twice in Buffalo's 6-4 win against Ottawa on Oct. 24 and assisted on a goal in the team's most recent win over Colorado on Oct. 29. Thompson is coming off a career year in which he finished in the top 15 in the league's MVP voting, just shy of 50 goals. The former UConn star looks to make performances like these a trend after having a breakout, 94-point season last year.

NBA: James Bouknight's fourth-year option declined as he recovers from meniscus injury

After undergoing surgery to repair a meniscus injury in early October, former UConn lottery pick James Bouknight had his fourth-year player option declined by the Charlotte Hornets this week. It's been tough sledding for Bouknight, as the former Husky star has appeared in just 65 games with career averages of 5.1 points and 1.9 rebounds while spending most of his career in the G-League. Bouknight, a native of Crown Heights, NY, was selected 11th overall by the Charlotte Hornets in the 2021 NBA Draft after averaging 18.7 points on 45% from the field in his final year in Storrs. Now looking for a new contract and likely a new team in 2024, Bouknight hopes to return from injury and finally make a positive name for himself in the league.

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Minnesota Vikings' QB Kirk Cousins will be out for the remainder of the 2023 season with an Achilles tear. The Vikings have dealt with injuries early on, but acquired the right quarterback at the right time. Minnesota completed a trade with the Arizona Cardinals for quarterback Josh Dobbs. Dobbs, who filled in the starting QB role for Kyler Murray in Arizona, gets another starting opportunity. Dobbs will have to acclimate on short notice with another playbook. His journey this year started in Cleveland, but didn't last long, as he got sent to the Cardinals early in the year. Dobbs shares the same agent as Cousins, and with Cousins out, he could be the perfect mentor. Dobbs' ability to escape the pocket and win with his legs gives the Vikings a chance the next four weeks to add more wins to their record, though he is turnover prone.

The Cardinals' season is just about in the tubes. They are 1-7 with a first-year head coach, and are still awaiting their starting quarterback Murray to be fully healthy. Cardinals Rookie quarterback Clayton Tune looks to make a start this Sunday.

San Francisco acquires DE Chase Young from Washington for a 2024 3rd round draft pick

The San Francisco 49ers have dropped three games in a row, with struggling play on the defensive line, key injuries and turnovers. The 49ers made a splash to remedy that issue, adding DE Chase Young. Young, a former first round pick, is an elite defensive end, adding more disruption on both sides of the line alongside former college teammate Nick Bosa. Young might be treated as a rental player because Bosa received a deal making him the highest paid defensive end ever. In addition, the 49ers signed Javon Hargrave to a four-year \$84 million deal in the offseason.

The Washington Commanders' new owner Josh Harris traded both Montez Sweat and Young. Both these moves seem a bit confusing for the Commanders, since both Sweat and Young were former first round picks, and in return the Commanders only received a second and a third round pick. Young's ACL was certainly a factor, even though his snap count was up. Regardless, it appears the Commanders are in for yet another rebuild. Harris oversaw the "trust the process" basketball era with the Philadelphia 76ers, and is

pretty much doing the same thing to the Commanders.

Philadelphia acquired DB Kevin Byard from Tennessee in exchange for DB Terrell Edmunds and 2024 5th and 6th round picks.

Eagles' general manager Howie Roseman does it again, adding one of the best safeties in the NFL, Kevin Byard. In the last two seasons, Byard has nine interceptions and adds more depth to the Eagles' defense. Starter DB Reed Blankenship is on his way back from an injury, and Byard will replace him in the meantime, adding to Philadelphia's juggernaut defense as they seek to return to the Super Bowl.

Terrell Edmunds, former first-round pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers saw action in all seven games for the Eagles this season. Edmunds' 82.3 run defense grade ranks in the top-10 among safeties in the NFL. Entering his sixth year, the Titans added a necessary piece to their defense in Edmunds. Tennessee is potentially entering yet another rebuild, with QBs Will Levis, veteran Ryan Tannehill and QB Malik Willis all in the fold. Not only are they in a QB Carousel, the Titans have not been the same ever since trading star receiver AJ Brown to the Eagles.



The 2023 NFL trade deadline was at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Teams negotiate trades before this deadline to swap their draft picks or current NFL players.

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UConn women's soccer ties against Marquette 0-0 on Oct. 1, 2023. UConn dominated the game with a 13 to 2 shot advantage, but they were unable to score a goal.

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The UConn women's soccer team (10-3-5, 6-1-3 Big East) hits the road to face off against No. 2 Georgetown (10-1-7, 6-0-4 Big East) in the Big East Championship semifinal on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The Hoyas were awarded a bye to the semifinals for securing the second seed in the conference, so they will face the Huskies on ten days of rest. The Huskies will have their hands full running off less, but sufficient rest heading into the game.

UConn opened up their tournament with a dramatic 3-2 victory over Butler on Sunday. The game looked to be destined for overtime until sophomore Chioma Okafor chipped in a shot in the final minutes of the game.

Okafor, with her second goal of the game and team-leading sixth of the season, put away the Bulldogs for a trip to the semifinals.

The Huskies were happy to host the Bulldogs in the opening round of the Big East Tournament. UConn collected its seventh win at Morrone, establishing its dominance at home this season. This Thursday will be a good test on a neutral field against Georgetown to assess their resilience, as an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament is still in the cards.

Often an invaluable attribute for teams playing in the postseason is championship experience. Knowing how to win championships can create a culture of winning in the locker room, and that's exactly what the Hoyas have done in recent years. After losing the Big East title to Xavier in 2019,

Georgetown would claim three consecutive championships. They are the defending champions entering the tournament.

With that being said, dethroning Georgetown will not be an easy task. The Hoyas are undefeated against conference opponents, and suffered their only loss in an away match against Princeton back on Sep. 14. They currently sport a 10-game unbeaten streak.

Georgetown finished out the season strong with a 4-2 win over Butler on Oct. 22. The win crowned them Big East co-regular season champions, sharing that title with Xavier.

UConn's offense has come alive recently, scoring 11 goals in the recent four games, but they will have to construct a game plan to get around Hoya goalkeeper Allie Augur. The Northford, Connecticut native

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ranks third in the country for goalkeepers in goals against average. On two separate occasions this season, Augur strung together four games without allowing a goal.

One the offensive side for the Hoyas, graduate student Allie Winstanley leads the team in points scored. Along with her 11 points on the season, she's scored four goals with her last one coming in Georgetown's penultimate game against Marquette, which resulted in a 5-0 victory.

The game will be a battle of two of the top defenses in the Big East. Both teams have notched 11 shutouts in 18 games, putting themselves at 13th in the country. The matchup between Augur and UConn's goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney will be an exciting watch.

The Huskies look to be peaking at the right time, as they are currently on a four game win streak. If they can get past

Georgetown, they will have their eyes set on adding another Big East title to the trophy case.

In the event of a UConn win, the Huskies will advance to the Big East title match against the winner of the No. 4 Providence and No. 1 Xavier game. That game will take place on Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m. to crown the 2023 Big East Champion.

Thursday's game will be held at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Boyds, Md. For those who cannot travel to spectate, the game will be streamed live on FloSports.

Sam's Section: College basketball needs more exhibition games

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In the past week and a half, college basketball unofficially tipped off with exhibition games, many of which raised funds and awareness for the foundations supporting the Maui wildfires.

It was a sight to see after past years only included secret scrimmages and Midnight Madness events for the most part.

UConn men's basketball used to play one to three exhibition games every season. During the Jim Calhoun era, the Huskies would face American International College, the Hall of Famer's alma mater. During the 2017-18 season, the Huskies opened with Providence in an exhibition match supporting the American Red Cross. The last time Connecticut had an exhibition game was in 2019 when they hosted Saint Michael's.

There are many benefits to holding televised exhibitions in front of fans. The schools would make money off of tickets, concessions and advertisements, and it would

give the fans a better look at what the team can do. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy seeing the group split into two teams for a Blue and White Scrimmage, but I think I speak for everyone when I say the team needs to show what they can do as a whole group.

This season showed multiple exhibition games, including some big-time matchups.

No. 1 Kansas faced off against No. 25 Illinois at the State Farm Center. While the game doesn't

count on both teams' records, we had the opportunity to see what former Michigan center Hunter Dickinson could do to help the Jayhawks, who are on the hunt for their second national title in three years. However, Illinois, led by Coleman Hawkins and Terrence Shannon Jr., knocked off the pre-season top team 82-75.

No. 4 Michigan State hosted No. 9 Tennessee in another charity exhibition game providing financial support to Maui.

The Spartans, led by guards Tyson Walker and AJ Hoggard, staged an 18-point comeback to tie the game with five seconds remaining. However, the Vol-

unteers had the help of transfers Dalton Knecht and Jordan Gainey, who combined for 38 points. Tennessee beat Michigan State on a last-second free throw trip, 89-88, with Spartans' head coach Tom Izzo claiming that Tennessee is a Final Four team.

Even a non-blockbuster matchup turned into madness.

Coming off a historically abysmal season, Louisville began the season with yet another exhibition loss to a Division II school. Last season, the Cardinals began the Kenny Payne era with a loss to Lenoir-Rhyne University. However, this year was different. It was not different in terms of the outcome, but in terms of the opponent. Louisville saw another horrific loss at the KFC Yum! Center as Kentucky Wesleyan College showed how low the expectations are in Derby City.

That wasn't even the craziest result from an exhibition game in October. St. John's, now led by Hall of Fame head coach Rick Pitino, saw a rocky start to a new, promising era. Despite former Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim calling the Red Storm a top-25 team, they lost to Pace University at Carnesecca Arena. Not only did they lose to a Division II school, but St. John's did not lead for a second the whole game.

When the charity exhibition games that included Michigan State hosting Tennessee and Illinois hosting Kansas were announced, I was ecstatic.

These games are great for col-



The University of Illinois Springfield plays an exhibition game against the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in downtown Springfield on Nov. 19, 2015. This was the first time the two schools had ever met on the basketball court.

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lege basketball; they show some of the top teams put against each other early. Plus, they raise money for various charities, which is more important than the game itself.

Former Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski sees more importance in these exhibition games than most people do. "We've done the two exhibitions instead of playing the scrimmage because you can't simulate the crowd," he said in 2017 to The News & Observer.

He emphasized that all levels of basketball are important.

Enough of the secret scrimmages. I'm sure everyone would agree that finding out the final score of the UConn-Virginia scrimmage with unofficial box scores from beat writers isn't ideal. While secret scrimmages have benefits, such as stopping the game to teach while also setting up different scenarios for the team to be in, college basketball needs to give the fans what they want and televise these and raise money for good causes.

WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

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