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Haunted Hues of Halloween: Spotighting Sports, Scares, and Soundtracks

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We're just a few days away from Halloween, but I don't feel the same excitement about the holiday as I once did. Maybe it is because I am older and eat less candy (I have the before and after pictures to prove it). Maybe it is because the world is a scarier place right now than any horror movie could be. Maybe it is because I am dreading all of the Barbie-Ken and Travis Kelce-Taylor Swift costumes. Or, even more troubling, it is because I am looking forward to all of the Barbie-Ken and Travis Kelce-Taylor Swift costumes. I'll ponder that some more as I snack on some candy corn (controversial choice, I know--if only that was the most divisive issue facing us in our time...). In any event, practice safe trick-or-treating: look both ways before crossing the street and carry both a flashlight and the knowledge from this spotlight.

- Collectibles company Rally is selling fractional ownership of New York Yankees legend Mickey Mantle's childhood home. One can only assume the space above the fireplace will garner top dollar.
- Unable to secure the \$30 million per year that he was seeking for NBA jersey sponsorship rights for the Las Vegas Sphere, Sphere Entertainment Executive Chairman James Dolan found another suitor: Madison Square Garden Sports Executive Chairman James Dolan. As a result, the New York Knicks' jerseys and warm-up shirts will bear Sphere branding. Hopefully, I'll be as excited to watch the Knicks as I am the animations on the outside of the Sphere – but I'm not holding my breath.
- Taking cues from Universal Music Group, music streaming platform Spotify unveils a new royalty structure designed to address fraud that siphons royalties away from legitimate human artists. My dog's recording career will have to be put on paws.

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Philadelphia Phillies among top MLB teams for sponsorship deals, report shows

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Washington Wizards land Robinhood as new jersey patch sponsor

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How The Next NBA Media Rights Negotiations Will Be Different

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Rally to offer shares of Mickey Mantle's childhood home for \$7

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Music Biz

Spotify is embracing elements of Universal Music Group's 'artist-centric' royalties model – following a new multi-year licensing deal between UMG and Daniel Ek's platform

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Music streaming was 2022's top moneymaker for songwriters, composers

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Music Industry Moves: Puma Taps A\$AP Rocky as Creative Director for Formula 1 Partnership

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YouTube working on tool that lets creators sing like Drake

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Retail investors can now bet on music royalties: 'We want people to have access'

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LeBron James Could Team Up With Obamas, Peyton Manning Ahead Of 2023-2024 NBA Season: Here's Why Sports Fans, Netflix Investors Should Be Excited

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NBCUniversal's Olympic ad sales for Paris outpacing previous Games

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