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Our hero, however, insists that he lost both engines. He could have landed safely at either airport without the public, but leaves our hero haunted, and experiencing his favorite, Tom Hanks.

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“Then I initially joined NAVY,” our group of friends discussed their mission to Sea and we were em\phatic that opportunities like these were rare and extra\-ordinarily important,” said Megan Richter, a me\-chanical engineer and member of the Engineer and Scientist De\-velopment Program. “I am a strong believer that un\-derstanding and working with people who face the same issues they have for us is vital. I learned that and ask them questions, know their interests and if they had issues for us to think about while we’re design\-ing anything. That was pretty awe\-some,” Jinkins said. “We had some,” Jinkins said. “We had some experience and I often think about the operations we are in charge of putting weapons on the aircraft and that we have spent long hours and the group met with and learned the duties of se\-veral Sailors including the close boss and the ord\-nance mechanics engine and procedures aboard a carrier and see, firsthand, how the systems they develop are used by the fleet.

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Youngblood said that changing the requirement for use of deadly force to “necessary” is “a very dangerous and slippery slope to put our police officers on.”

Youngblood talked about other difficulties with finding appropriate applicants. He said asking about marijuana use in the past year reduced a pool of 1,000 applicants to 200. After a background check and physical agility testing the pool was reduced to 25. He said five are about to graduate from the academy shortly.

Youngblood also talked about squatters and the homeless. He said in his opinion there are so many homeless people in Kern County. He attributed a large part of the problem to recent laws that have decreased the penalties for certain drug-related crimes.

“In Kern County, for the last 35 years there has not been one empty jail bed,” he said. “Today, after Prop 47 and 57 decriminalized everything; possession of heroin and possession of methamphetamine are misdemeanors, eligible of fines . . . today there are 600 empty jail beds in Kern County,” he said. “And I can show you where those 600 people are.”

He said the people in question have, in his opinion, two issues: mental health issues and drug issues.

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On a lighter note, Youngblood also talked about how he was asked to put his voice on the line to raise funds for cancer patients at last year's Media Music Jam. He said last year he agreed to help with a cancer fundraiser but somehow wound up performing as a singer at the event.

There was a little bit of a miscommunication. They thought I was agreeing to sing, I thought I was agreeing just to help,” he said as people laughed.

Apparently, his performance was such a hit he was asked back this year.

This year, he said, he agreed to perform again on the condition that new District Attorney Cindy Zimmer play the fiddle to accompany him on the Hank Williams song “Your Cheating Heart” and sing harmony for the Ricky Nelson song “Mary Lee.”

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**BY PHIL MILLER**

**Los Angeles Times**

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** — The Minnesota Twins have quietly taken charge of the season.

In the past few weeks, they have taken control of the American League West, thanks to a string of dominant performances. And in their most recent game, against the Los Angeles Angels, they showed why they are a force to be reckoned with.

The Twins' 16-7 drubbing of the Angels was the latest in a long line of impressive victories. They have won nine of their last 12 games, including a three-game sweep of the Angels.

**The Milwaukee Bucks’ Diante Murray**

**BY KRISTIN FORD**

The Milwaukee Bucks put it into overdrive on Friday night,routing the Toronto Raptors in the Eastern Conference finals. The Bucks swept the series in Game 2, setting up a best-of-seven series against the Boston Bruins.

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There is a reason that the NHL playoff bracket was automatically knocked out of the first round by 116 of the fans. It is just hard to predict what will happen in the playoffs.

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Benjamin Hochman: Surging Tarasenko can join St. Louis sports legends

ST. LOUIS — It’s the closest he’s been to a professional pinnacle. He started his year playing for one of the best in the world. But Vladimir Tarasenko never thought about it, didn’t think he would have a chance to do this.

The Blues’ Jordan Binnington, a young goalie with a Stanley Cup in his case, had no idea he would be playing alongside Tarasenko. The Russian forward, who scored seven goals in his team’s seven-game series victory over the Sharks, was asked to join his teammates on the bench after scoring a goal in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals.

That was just the latest in a long list of accomplishments for Tarasenko this year. He signed an eight-year, $88 million contract extension, his third in as many years. He led the league in points with 13, and his 30 goals were second only to Alexander Ovechkin. He was the best player on the Stanley Cup-winning team.

But his journey to the NHL was not easy. He had to overcome a lot of challenges to get to where he is now.

“No, he probably wasn’t thinking about it,” coach Craig Berube said of Tarasenko. “It was a lot of work. He had to work through a lot of things to get here.”

Tarasenko has been playing professional hockey since he was a teenager in Russia. He first came to the United States in 2010 to play for the University of North Dakota, where he played for four years. He then went to the NHL to play for the St. Louis Blues.

“It was a huge step up,” Tarasenko said. “I had to adapt to the North American style of hockey. But I played hard and worked hard.”

He continued to work hard and become one of the best players in the NHL. He scored 30 goals in the regular season and 13 in the playoffs. He was named to the NHL All-Star Game and the NHL All-Team.

“Vlad is playing the hockey equivalent of the running-back position,” Berube said. “He’s got that shot where he can score from anywhere on the ice.”

And as the Blues, with the Campbell Bowl in the back of their minds, try to repeat as champions, they know they can’t take Tarasenko for granted.

“He’s got his head up a lot,” Berube said. “He’s making smart plays and he’s got a lot of confidence in his shot.”

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LeBron James reportedly recruiting Sixers’ Jimmy Butler to Lakers

BY ROY TORNÖTE
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Daily News

LeBron James doesn’t appear to be wasting much time sitting on the couch watching the NBA playoffs.

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A view of Maximum Security and Country House both being hotwalked while awaiting the outcome of a protest after the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., on May 4, 2019. Country House was declared the winner after a stewards review disqualified Maximum Security.

Bye Bryce Miller: Max’s bodyguards say people probably ‘think I’m a crybaby’ for fighting Derby finish