The top seed Warriors swept No. 2 seed Houston, 4-0, during their regular season series this year, winning by an average of 12.8 points per game. But who would have given the Rockets a chance after they fell behind the Clippers, 3-1? The series features the 2014-15 MVP Steph Curry of Golden State against the runner-up James Harden of Houston.

Loria dismissed his critics. “The same thing happened when I brought in Jack McKeon (in 2003, when the Marlins won the World Series),” he said. “They said, what are you doing? The man is 73 and retired.”

For Muslims, any depiction of the Prophet is blasphemous; but Charlie Hebdo’s first post-attack edition carried on its cover a Luz cartoon of a tearful Mohammad holding a "Je suis Charlie" (“I am Charlie”) sign under the words "All is forgiven".

"I've said repeatedly that it's crucial the parties resolve the welfare reform impasse and press ahead with implementing the Stormont House Agreement, which includes putting the executive's finances back on a sustainable footing for the future."

The following day Christopher Conger, 32, and Jeremy Robertson, 29, were arrested and hit with a number of charges. Those include possession of cocaine with intent to sell, grand theft of a firearm, using or displaying a firearm during a felony and wearing a bulletproof vest during certain offenses.

"It's a miracle we still find a few vehicles interesting enough for us to buy when nearly everything -- from planning, design, marketing to customer service -- is done for men by men," said Jane Nakagawa, managing director at U.S.-based product and market strategy consultancy Portia Consulting.

Tyler Johnson, the playoff scoring leader with 11 goals and 16 points, found it three times in the first 28:17 for the first hat trick in Tampa playoff history. He scored shorthanded and on the power play in the first period and at even strength in the second, helping the Lightning to three power-play goals on six attempts.

There are over 87,000 different drink combinations at Starbucks, according to the coffee retailer’s website… but how many of them do you know? From flu remedies to Harry Potter-inspired beverages, we highlight the weird and the wonderful brews and infusions.
To test this, researchers at Duke University took foreign speech (German, in this case), cut it into chunks ranging from 30 to 960 milliseconds and then patched them back together in a sort of "speech quilt." They then played these speech quilts for study participants hooked up to an MRI machine, which scanned their neural activity while the sounds played.

Our casting dream is just a fantasy. JVG will be far away from the New York Hilton, site of the draft lottery, analyzing Game 1 of the Rockets-Warriors Western Conference Final on ESPN. And Jackson will be holed up somewhere in his Zen Bunker, watching Mark Jones and Jay Bilas watch Mills during ESPN's coverage of this made-for-TV event, just another way to squeeze more moo-la-dee out of advertisers.

Curry's top-seeded Golden State Warriors are set to meet the Harden-led Houston Rockets in a Western Conference shootout, and across the coast the Cavaliers and Hawks face off in the East with each team trying to make a rare appearance in the NBA Finals.

The Minnesota Timberwolves, who lost their final 12 games to surpass the Knicks by one game for the league's worst record, own a 25% chance in the Ping-Pong ball drawing of winning the first pick, with big men Karl-Anthony Towns (Kentucky) and Jahlil Okafor (Duke) the consensus top two players available.

The five Rangers leaders in their nearly-empty locker room knew it. Garden chairman James Dolan knew it, letting out a heavy audible sigh as he passed the media in the hallway. No one had to say anything, but thankfully captain Ryan McDonagh did.

The party's sole MP - former Tory Douglas Carswell - urged the party leader to "take a break" after a campaign that saw the party secure more than 12% of the national vote share but end up with only one Commons seat.