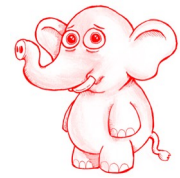


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## World Language Day



By Danielle Grillo and  
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A chance to see  
all different countries



You can witness places in the  
world  
without traveling .

You can learn all differ-  
ent games

and eat authentic food  
in the classrooms  
that were transformed.

There are projects  
and decorations  
that uniquely represent  
each culture

For just one day  
we all experience  
something we have never  
encountered before.



## B-Ball Challenge 6th Period Recess Tomorrow!



By Owen Kerins  
Tusker Tribune Staff  
Writer

Jordan Berell strikes  
at it again!

After all his wins and fame,  
the fans are now calling him JMAN,  
as he takes on opponent after oppo-  
nent and beating them not only phys-  
ically but mentally.

All he does is win and win and  
win. His finger roll layuogs are out of  
this world and his jump shots and

three-pointers are insane. Even if JMAN takes a  
loss, his mental toughness and basketball  
abilities will never stop. He is the ulti-  
mate king of the playground b-ball game.  
However, JMAN can't handle the papa-  
razzi's. No one's photographed him play-  
ing. No one will stop him and his easy  
road to the NBA.

Breaking news: JMAN has been  
beaten by Matt Demm and he is calling  
for a rematch tomorrow during 6th period  
recess. Be there 1<sup>st</sup> half recess for the best  
b-ball game of the century!



## New Cube Fosters 'Fidgeting'



By Skylher  
Reyes and  
Allison Zattola  
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The newest craze this  
month has been Fidget Cubes.  
You may not know what a Fidget  
Cube is but it is a toy used for  
people who get distracted easily  
and it helps them focus.

Fidget Cubes help people fidget without an-  
noying the people around them. Also, people who



**FIDGET CUBE**  
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use Fidget Cubes tend to do better  
on their tests. The Fidget Cube has  
been around for almost four years  
now. While making the Fidget Cube  
the manufacturers wanted to  
achieve two things. The first one is  
satisfying the need to fidget for eve-  
ryone. And number two, the mak-  
ers, Matthew and Mark McLach-  
lan, wanted the Fidget Cube to be

used and brought everywhere, from a classroom to  
a board room.

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## A 7th Grade 'Will'



By Avery Kossov and  
Alisa Tierney  
Tusker Tribune Staff Writers

*Editor's Note: Avery and Alisa decided to write a story on what they would leave behind, or "Bequeath" to other SMS students once they graduate from the 8th grade.*

When I, **Alisa Tierney**, graduate middle school, I would like to bequeath my pens and pencils to all the special people in my grade who have been in school for about 8 years and who ALWAYS come to school without a pencil or pen.

I would also like to bequeath my ability to have self-control to all the people who scream in class as if the class was a zoo.

I would also like to bequeath my humor to all of the humorless, cold-hearted, and cruel people in this grade.

Finally, I would like to bequeath my ability to know when to shut my mouth to one really obnoxious female whose name shall not be typed.

When I, **Avery Kossov**, graduate middle school, I would like to bequeath my niceness and knowledge to all of the spoiled brats in the grade who think they are so popular that they put other people down and talk behind their backs to try and look cool, because they're not.

Also, I would like to bequeath my ability to control what I say to all of the people in the grade who curse their butts off to look cool. Just so you guys know, it's not.



## City of Calamity Part 1



By Nick Cirillo  
Tusker Tribune Staff Writer

As the destruction rains around him, Tony look up at the sky, the layer of ash that clouds it, and the crumbling buildings in this ghost of a city. I turn to Farooq. "What happened here?" Tony questioned.

The destruction certainly didn't seem to have been caused by weapons, nor what would've been living humans. Only corpses remained now.

"More like what *didn't* happen. Looks like this place faced, like, fifty apocalypses fifty times over. I dunno, man, we should get out of here..."



Go back to the hub and cash in what junk we found," Farooq replied, a worrisome look on his face.

"Whoa... DUDE COME LOOK WHAT I FOUND!" Tony screamed. Farooq ran over to see his friend holding some kind of futuristic engine system. It glowed with an acidic green highlight along its pattern. It could - no, *would* - be worth at least 5,000 credits... 10K if they really pushed it.

"If we find more like this, we could be rich! Dude, we hit a gold mine here!" Farooq yells, excited at what they had discovered. But shortly after Tony dove back into the pile of rubbish to find more tech, Farooq heard a rumbling behind him. He turned around, but nothing was there. Tony popped back up with two more gadgets and let Farooq have a turn searching.

"Hey Tony, I'm going to bury myself in this pile for an hour or so. It looks like it's a few dozen feet deep, so if you hear me, blip me on your comm. I won't be able to hear you," Farooq said.

"Gotcha. I'll be here investigating these wonderful treasures." Then Trey heard a rumbling. Little did he know, it was the same one Farooq heard, but Trey would sadly never cash in all those gadgets they found. It got to him first. The creature.

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## "Uranium" (Chapters 9 and 10)



**By Nitin Seshadri**

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*Editor's Note: Somers Middle School Eighth Graders have been writing novels during the school year for the NaNoWriMo program. The name is short for National Novel Writing Month. Nitin Seshadri, a Tusker Tribune Staffer, will be presenting his NaNoWriMo entry chapter by chapter in the Tusker Tribune. Chapters 9, 10 of his novel, "Uranium", appears today.*

### Chapter 9

Derek was running and running and running in the desert. *I have to get away from those weird creatures*, he thought. Derek had sensed from the beginning that something was not right. And he had found it. That was why he had escaped. Now he had to find Andrew and Andrea, wherever they were.

However, what was his priority right now was to find a place to go for food and water. The Sun was already high in the sky and Derek was starving.

After jogging for a few more minutes, Derek approached a water hole. There were a few trees surrounding it and Derek could smell the pungent, smoky odor of a campfire. *So this place has been civilized*,

Derek thought. Derek reached the edge of the water hole—or was it a pond?—and took a quick survey of his environs. On the far edge of the water hole, there was a burning campfire and a pot suspended above it. Derek walked the distance around the water hole and saw that there were some people sitting around the campfire and chatting in some language. Derek approached the campfire. One of the members had already caught sight of him.

"So, do you have any—" Derek asked.

"No," the man interrupted in a heavy Irish accent. "Sorry. But if you go a few miles in that direction—" he pointed north—"then you should be able to find some food and water. We're camping on limited resources, so we can't waste any. Say, where do you come from?"

"Well, I came from New York, USA—"

"We know where that is. We all lived in New York before that damn asteroid hit the planet. This area of the Sahara Desert is practically the only part of the world that does not have fatal radiation levels. Weird, right? We live in New York, and we wake up halfway across the world in the middle of the Sahara desert."

"Well, I saw the asteroid hit in front of my eyes," Derek explained. "Then I woke up with two of my classmates from school in this underground hospital thing. The nurses were aliens—"

The people sitting around the campfire groaned. "The alien story again?" one asked.

"Yes, they were. I opened my cell phone and they melted into green blobs. I escaped out of that godforsaken place and somehow got here. My friends disappeared somewhere and are presumably dead. I'm starving though, so I'll make my way out. I need food, drink and a place to rest. Bye!"

"Wait, don't leave!" the Irishman said. "Tell us more about those aliens. I think we might, just might, have seen them."

### Chapter 10

Derek turned around. "So you really saw these aliens?" Derek asked the band of people.

"Yeah, we did," said the bald guy.

"How?"

"Before I can tell you that, I need to tell you how the heck we even got here," the bald man narrated. "We were in a bar near Summertown, NY—"

"That's not far from my house! I lived on Strawhat Road!"

"Exactly. Were you outdoors at around 7:30 AM? You should have been, you're a school-kid. High school, right? Because my nephew is in middle school and his bus only comes at 8:30."

"Yes! I was at the bus stop."

"So we all saw the asteroid come down, right?"

Everyone nodded.

"And we all woke up in this barren wasteland of a place. Is this even on Earth? Because Robert's—he's the Irish guy—phone's GPS said that we were in the middle of the Sahara desert. "

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## Uranium

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It looks more like a wasteland than a desert. I mean, really? Those damn aliens could have dumped us in that underground hospital thing where they actually give you food," the bald guy ranted.

"The food was rotten. You wouldn't want to eat there," Derek said.

"I was the first to get up," said a dark-skinned man with an African accent. "I saw these weird blobby green things walking away from us. I yelled at them to stop but they turned around and sprinted off into the distance like a lightning bolt."



"Those things were the *nurses* in the fake underground hospital. I pointed my phone at one of them and it and died and became like squished Jello." The men chuckled.

"Really? So we can use our phones to obliterate the aliens? Thanks for the advice," a familiar looking man said. "Wait a minute... you look very familiar...wait—Derek?"

"Mr. Reilly?" Derek exclaimed. "What were you doing in a bar?"

"I wasn't in a bar, stupid. I woke up with these people in this desert somehow. The aliens might have made a

categorization mistake." Everyone chuckled.

"I had begun grading your last math quiz. I suddenly glanced out the window. A giant fireball hit the earth and the world went white. I woke up inside one of these oval pod things and the green blob aliens took off my belt and almost beat me to death."

I realized that, since they were made out of Jello-like matter, even a light tap would send them reeling backwards. I punched each and every one of them and they fell back, knocked out. The next thing I knew, I woke up with these ruffians."

"Ouch, that must have hurt," the Irishman said. "Alrighty then, what else do you need?" he said

to Derek.

"Yeah. So where can I go to get some food, drink and a place to rest?" Derek asked.

"Go that way!" all the men said as they pointed north.

"There will be a hut. A nice guy named Jose lives there. He's my son. He knows you from the school concert last year. Remember?" Mr. Reilly said.

"Yeah, I remember."

"Then good luck with your travels," the Irishman said.

"Okay then. I'll be on my way." Derek sprinted around the water hole and into the sunset.

## An Ode to School



By Ava  
Crecco  
Tusker  
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An ode to school:  
Pens and pencils sitting on the desk,  
eraser shavings soaring through the air;  
and something sticky found under the chair

An ode to school:  
A sweet aroma coming from the cafeteria  
But a blob of meat resting on your plate  
"EAT YOUR FOOD!" screams the lunch lady.

An ode to school:

Colorful banners covering the walls;  
but when you run by, every banner falls.  
Then you're off to math class.

An ode to school:  
Dodgeballs running across the gym floor;  
more and more coming after you.  
The gym floor crowding, it's a zoo.

An ode to school:  
Running through the long, dark halls;  
BOOM! You collide with an upcoming teacher.  
"THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T RUN THROUGH THE



## Calamity

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"Reports have stated that today, two scavengers working independently were under scrutiny for entering private property and government facilities to gather rare materials. They were under pressure to reveal themselves to the police to try and become pardoned, but one scavenger was found dead by a patrol on the outskirts of New York City, a city deep in the Wastelands. The other has not been found. Dylan, back to you."

The newscaster sighed as the cameraman shut down for the day. She checked her NanoSurf, a hand implant that projects a small screen that functions as a cellular device, and saw a text message waiting: *Meet me outside in five minutes. -DG*

The reporter walked outside into the back alley behind her office.

"Dom. You called?" the reporter said.  
"Yes, Marie. We need to talk... About New York. About the Malus."

# 'Munchkins'—Episode 1

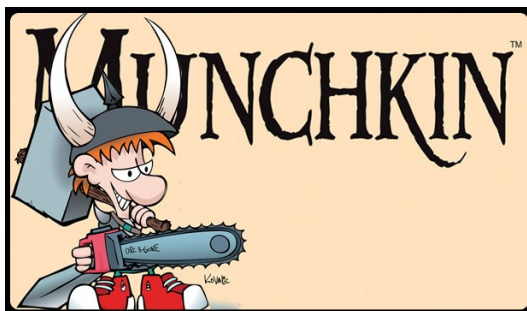


**By Brandon Armstrong  
Tusker Tribune Staff Writer**

Hello, I am the elf and I am about to start my journey. I am adventuring with a warrior, a Halfling thief, and a human. I have a horned helmet (+3 for elves). That is just great. I am level 4 when the warrior is level 6, the Halfling thief is level 9, but lucky for me the human is level 3.

The warrior kicks open the first door and finds a level 2 large angry chicken. Wow. He beats it and gets 1 treasure. This is the start of a treacherous journey through the many dungeons to the ancient treasure.

As soon as the warrior beats it, he puts down a convenient math error and goes up a level to make him level 8. That is just great. Now the human opens a door and sees a level 8 amazon, but since she is, a female, the monster gives her 1 treasure and lets her pass. Now she is level 4 just like me.



Now the Halfling thief opens a door and finds a wizard suit. He puts it on and grabs a card but cannot advance. Now he is a Halfling wizard Thief (That is a mouthful).

Now it is my turn. I kick down a door and find a level 1 potted plant. Oh no, I am done! Just kidding. I beat the level 1 potted plant and become level 5. Good. Now the real battle begins.

The warrior opens the next door. He finds a level 10 floating nose!!! He cannot vanquish this slimy foe on his own. I jump at my chance to get ahead and say I can help. He accepts my help but for a price. He must give me half the treasure. We vanquish the nose and part ways once more.

Now the human opens a door and finds a level 14 Unspeakably Awful Indescribable Horror! She asks the warrior for help but he wants half the treasure. She accepts the help and they vanquish the foe, happy with what they have gained.

## Mr. Pappas Continues Greek Independence Day Tradition in his Classroom



**By Zoe Rubin and  
Ava Crecco  
Tusker Tribune  
Staff Writers**

Saturday, March 25th was Greek Independence day. All of Mr. Pappas' classes celebrated on Friday, March 24th with pastries and videos.

We watched videos showing the parade the Greeks do every Sunday. The march is called the Changing of the Guard and is done in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Athens.

Mr. Pappas brought in classic foods from Greece. He brought in Baklava, a classic pastry. He also brought in Diples which is also a classic pastry. The last thing Mr. Pappas brought in was Koulourakia which are butter cookies.



On Friday, we had to wear blue and white. Mr. Pappas was very specific. He did not let us wear anything with logos or teams on it. Kids who planned out their blue and white outfits received extra credit on the Unit 5 test they recently took.

Mr. Pappas has been celebrating Greek Independence Day in his classroom for the past five years. He was inspired to do this seeing Mr. Mullaney hold a large celebration in his classroom each year for St. Patrick's Day.

# Hurricane! A Tale of Human Endurance

**By Gabby Roman**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff Writer**

The only thing you could've heard that night was the pitter-patter of the heavy rain on the windows and ceiling, thunder, and violent cracks of lightning so close to you, it was scary.

Imagine being in Riley's shoes at that moment. All through her life, the thing that made her scared the most, was a nice storm.

The house groaned from the gusty winds, the tree branches next to her window created a silhouette that made her uneasy. Trees had fallen, and water gushed down the roads making it impossible for anyone to get by.

Whenever she was scared, she'd hold onto her cat, but her parents had dropped him off at the groomers prior to the storm, and they decided to stay in a hotel until the storm ceased.

So Riley was all alone in a storm. The phones had cut off, the power went out, and she was hungry, but leaving her room to get a snack was a risk she didn't dare take.

She was wrapped up in a blanket when she heard barking outside.

She lobbed the fleece onto her bed and ran up to her window, investigating the area. There was a puppy stuck in the flood. The dog's leg had been entangled with a fallen tree, and Riley's heart sank.

She thought it was crazy to go out there,

but if she didn't do anything, the dog would be severely injured. Today was the day.

She grabbed her rain jacket, pulled it on over her head and sprinted to the front door. She put on her boots and grabbed a key from the counter, quickly shoving it in her pocket.

She opened the door, and it swung back, hitting the wall. The winds were much stronger than she'd thought and she hesitated. Then she heard the dog whimper in pain. She maneuvered over trees, and fallen poles, making her way to the dog. This was an actual life or death situation.

Riley came up to the dog and inspected its leg before carefully and slowly removing it from the bundle of branches.

She picked up the dog and thought for a moment. She'd thought about how to get to the dog, but she hadn't thought about how to get BACK to the house.

She slowly took a step forward, but missed, and watched her boot get engulfed by the violent waters. Riley shrieked, making the puppy flinch in her arms.

Swiftly removing her foot, she booked it back to the house. Not the smartest idea, but if she hesitated, they would both be taken by the current.

She hopped on the doorstep and scampered into the house, forcing her back against the door, with the dog still in her arms. Her strength was rubbish compared to the wind. She managed. The wooden door sealed with an exaggerated 'SLAM'.



## Le Miserables—A Review



**By Hartin Bruncaj**  
**Tusker Tribune**  
**Staff Writer**

Whether you watched this as a movie or a play, or even read the book, the story of the great John Valjean and the men who fought at the barrage during the rebellion of 1832 in France was one of the greatest performances I saw. The musical had a super talented cast with live orchestra. The actors at Somers High School made it look like a Broadway show. It was amaz-



ing how they worked together with the orchestra to really make it happen (read on to see the plot).

It starts out with John Valjean as an outcast stealing some silver. We find that he was originally a convict for stealing a piece of bread to feed a child. When police catch him and bring him to the priest he stole from, the priest pardons him and Valjean

decides to start a new life as he hides from the police.

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## SPORTS UPDATE



**By Eli Yates**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff**  
**Writer**

It's now down to 4 teams in March Madness.

In the East we have South Carolina, the 7 seed, playing the 1 seed out of the West division, Gonzaga.

On the other side, we have North Carolina, the 1 seed from the South, playing the 3 seed, the Oregon Ducks from the Midwest.

South Carolina has had a tough ride and has still been able to pull through. In the Round of 64, they had an easy game against Marquette. In the Round of 32, they made a sur-



prising upset again the 2 seed—the Duke Devils. In the Sweet 16, they had a hard team in Baylor, the number 3 seed, but they still made a shocking win. Then in the Elite they didn't have such a hard matchup compared to Duke and Baylor, but they only won by 7 points to the 4 seed, Florida, which is the same margin of victory by which they defeated Duke.

Now this coming Saturday, South Carolina will probably play the hardest team that they have played all tournament.

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## Fidget

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It is a 6 sided cube that contains 2 buttons that click audibly, two silent buttons for sneaky fidgeting, a joystick that glides smoothly across the surface, switches that rock back and forth that are modeled after worry stones which are ancient tools used for anxiety relief, tactile gears, a clickable ball and socket for quiet and loud fidgeting and a rotating dial.

We asked a student who owned a Fidget Cube what their opinion was on it. Chloe Wiener, 12 stated that the Fidget Cube helps her focus in

class. For example when she is having a hard time focusing on the lesson the teacher is explaining, she would simply take her Fidget Cube out of her pocket and click a few buttons. It then helps her focus and not doze off so she can learn and listen better in class. It satisfies her while in and out of class.

The good thing about having a Fidget Cube with different buttons is that if a teacher does not allow Fidget Cubes in class or the noise is not pleasing, there are always silent buttons to use without distracting others.

All in all, Fidget Cubes have helped so many people and have become so popular.

## Le Miserables

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The head of the police insists that he still has to be brought to justice. Years later he becomes the mayor of the town and the master of a factory.

At the factory, one of the women there has a child she takes care of in secrecy. When they find out, she is fired and ends up almost going to jail when Valjean tells the police she needs to go to see doctors. After a little while, the police think they found him, but it was somebody else.

As they are taking the other man to jail Valjean reveals himself and runs to save the man. The woman from the factory, who is dying, tells Valjean that she has her daughter with innkeepers who treat her badly. The girl's name is Cosette.



Valjean buys her from the inn keepers and they set off together to hide around France, staying away from the National Guard. When he is hiding with Cosette, she falls in love with a man named Marius. Marius loves her too, but he then starts preparing for a battle as the city will rebel against the new king who is put in charge of France.

They prepare and Valjean runs just in the nick of time to save Marius from death as they fight the Army.

Marius does not know that Valjean saved him until his wedding. Marius and Cosette learn about who Valjean is before he dies. This spectacular performance left the audience with mixed emotions. The story was sad at times but had a great ending. Senior class actors were visibly sad that this was their last show at the high school. This made me think that they had a great time as well.

# Spring Means Baseball's Back!



By **Jesse Heller**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff Writer**

MLB Opening Day is just around the corner. The season kicks off on April, 2 when the New York Yankees travel to Tampa Bay to face the Rays, the San Francisco Giants play the Arizona Diamondbacks and the defending champions, Chicago Cubs play the St. Louis Cardinals in a big divisional rivalry. In the past 20 years, only the New York Yankees have won consecutive titles in 1998, 1999 and 2000 but in the past 100 years only one National League team has one consecutive titles. Can the Cubs repeat their Championship?

## American League Predictions

In the AL East, the Boston Red Sox will win the division. The Red Sox have all the keys to winning the World Series this year. The problem is there are teams just as good. Off season acquisition Chris Sale is an amazing pitcher but many don't know that they gave up 21-year-old Cuban prospect Yoan Moncada. He is at the top in every prospect list there is. It was a good trade for the Red Sox because Moncada had only gotten 19 at bats in the majors so it was almost like they never had him. If the Red Sox can stay healthy and execute the way their players have in the past, they have potential to make a championship run.

In the AL Central the Cleveland Indians will win the division. The Indians last year made it to the World Series only to blow a 3-1 lead to the Chicago Cubs in a dramatic game 7. The Indians lost two important members of the team but they acquired power hitting Edwin Encarnacion, and outfielder Michael Brantley who was out most of all season last year with a shoulder injury should be good to go. The pitching staff and bullpen is looking great and I don't see why the Indians can't make it back to the World Series.

In the AL West, the Houston Astros will

win the division. The Astros are a very interesting team with a lot of young talent plus a couple veterans as well. As far as the hitting goes, they are looking amazing but the pitching will have to come through if they want to go deep in the post-season. The Astros ace Dallas Keuchel won the Cy Young award in 2015 but didn't pitch like a Cy Young winner in 2016 notching only 9 wins and posting a 4.55 ERA. If the starters can get six or

seven innings into the game, I am confident the bullpen can finish the job.

In the AL the New York Yankees will get the first wild card and the Texas Rangers will get the second. The Yankees will defeat the Rangers in the wild card game. The Yankees are young, and a team to look out for in the future. I don't think they will come through just yet this year with highly risky start-

ing pitching but in 2018 or 2019 I see them as one of baseball's elite teams.



## National League Predictions

In the NL East, the Washington Nationals will win the division. The Nationals pitching is absolutely amazing and I don't think most teams can get around it very easily. Their hitting is not nearly as good as their dominant pitching but it should be enough to win close to 90 games. The Mets though come in right behind them and they also have fantastic pitching. I wouldn't be surprised if the Mets win the division. The Nationals bullpen is going to have to step it up if they want to win a title because they no longer have star closer Mark Melancon.

In the NL Central the Chicago Cubs will win the division. The Cubs really have the tools to win again. They have great starting pitching and an amazing lineup that can take them deep into the postseason.

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## Baseball

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Kyle Hendricks was really a surprise last year posting a 2.13 ERA and 16 wins. It is very unlikely that he will surpass that but if he can the Cubs are in very good shape to do very well again this season. The Cubs won't have the motivation that they did last year after a 108 year championship drought, but the skill and talent of the team still hasn't changed.

In the NL West, the Los Angeles Dodgers will win the division. Rich Hill was really incredible last year but I don't think he will perform nearly as well. He is already 37 years old, although he has missed a lot of his career due to injury. Clayton Kershaw should be excellent this year like always and the bullpen will get things done. The hitting is all right this year but not enough to beat teams like the Cubs or Nationals. The Dodgers have underachieved almost every year and I don't think they will do well in the postseason this year either.

In the NL the first wild card will be the New York Mets and the second

will be the San Francisco Giants. The Giants will defeat the Mets in the wild card game. The Giants are a good team with a lot of experience in the postseason. The pitching staff is also great especially Madison Bumgarner who is lights out in the postseason and I think they can compete with the NL divisional winners.

### Playoff and Award Predictions

AL Wild Card: Yankees defeat Rangers  
NL Wild Card: Giants defeat Mets  
AL Divisional Round: Indians Defeat Yankees, Astros Defeat Red Sox  
NL divisional Round: Giants defeat Cubs, Nationals defeat Dodgers  
AL Conference Round: Indians defeat Astros  
NL Conference Round: Giants defeat Nationals  
World Series: Indians beat Giants in 7 games  
World Series MVP: Corey Kluber

AL MVP: Jose Altuve  
AL Cy Young: Corey Kluber  
AL Rookie of the Year: Yoan Moncada  
NL MVP: Kris Bryant  
NL Cy Young: Clayton Kershaw



## Sports Update

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**MY PREDICTION** is Gonzaga on this one. This year, Gonzaga is a really strong team and they know how to break down teams. *The game will be on Saturday at 6:09 pm on CBS.*

On the other side, we have UNC and Oregon. Oregon was also kind of a shock for them to get to the final 4, but not really. Up until Oregon's last game in the Elite 8, it wasn't a shock that they won. Last game, though, they played the Kansas Jayhawks who were the #1 seed. It was a shock when they won. Kansas was supposed to beat them by at least 10 points and Oregon actually ended up winning by more than 10. They ended up winning by 14 points.

Also, in Oregon's first game in the Round of 64, Oregon beat Iona by 16 which is only 2 points more than they beat Kansas by. *Their game is also on Saturday, but at 8:39 pm on CBS.*

**MY PREDICTION** is UNC. UNC has a lot of experience and a lot of talent and I'm not saying that Oregon doesn't, but UNC has more talent.

