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In the world of 'Things You've Heard Him Say Before': Twitter is a powerful resource.
In the world of 'Things You Probably Don't Hear Too Often': Nicely done, Dwight Howard.
Let's combine those two and explain what I mean.
Howard, the talented yet sometimes-spacy Los Angeles Lakers center, officially announced late Friday night which NBA team he will play for next season — drum roll, please ... Houston.
Although the news was leaked out by various media outlets, Howard made the announcement on his Twitter page by updating his profile picture to one with him in a Rockets jersey.

Howard's Planned Twitter Announcement Not A Bad Idea

To that I say, way to go, Dwight.
We are forever tainted by the joke that was the LeBron James "Decision" on ESPN a few years ago, where the so-called "Worldwide Leader" turned over full control to James to make his announcement. The hour-long program was a complete joke and was met with appropriate backlash by fans and media.
Dwight Howard is no LeBron James, nobody would argue that, but his news is still rather large in the scheme of the NBA. (You wouldn't find, say Mike Miller, getting such hype over his next destination).
Howard does, however, appear to be making the right move. Yes, the news was still leaked out by various media outlets (including ESPN, which likely used "according to sources" — I didn't check), but he is controlling his story.

More athletes, over time, will begin to use social media for big news; some have even started to do so already. They realize they can skip the media filter and release information whenever they want to — as can general managers, agents, teams, etc.
By announcing his decision on his own Twitter page, Howard is owning his story, though you could make the argument that his picture post was anti-climactic. He is making it truly his.
That, to me, shows just how influential and widespread Twitter has become. It's not only a place for conversation, but is a true news machine (which is why you see the *Press & Dakotan* pushing forward with social media).
And so again, I say, kudos, Dwight Howard.

Ford To Become Linebackers Coach At USD

MINOT, N.D. — Minot State University linebackers coach Joe Ford has resigned his position with the university accept a similar job at NCAA Division I University of South Dakota, according to a MSU released Friday.

Ford, who coached linebackers and defensive backs for Minot State for the past six season, resigned at MSU late last week.

"I've been working with Joe since 2004 and he has been a big part of football and career and life, we will miss him," said MSU head football coach Paul Rudolph. "Joe's a good guy so we wish good luck to him. He has always had a dream to be a DI guy."

Ford helped the Beavers through a difficult transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II over the past two seasons as MSU played its first season as a full member of NCAA DI and the rugged Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Minot State advanced to the NAIA National Playoffs in 2009 with an 8-3 record and the 23rd ranked pass defense in the country.

He returns home to South Dakota as he is a 2003 graduate of South Dakota State University and joins a Coyote squad under head coach Joe Glenn, who is in his second season at USD. The Coyotes were 1-10 overall and 0-8 in their first season in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Former Coyote Myles To Play Overseas In Slovakia

Juevol Myles, a former point guard with the University of South Dakota men's basketball team, signed with a professional team in Slovakia.

Myles, a 6-foot-1 guard from Ajax, Ontario, Canada, will play for MBK Rieker Komarno, located in Komarno, Slovakia.

A former player at Tallahassee Community College (Fla.) and Kansas State, Myles was named to the Summit League's All-Newcomer Team for the Coyotes last season. He led USD in scoring (15.4) and also averaged 3.5 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game.

Diamondbacks Pay Tribute To Fallen Firefighters

Eds: APNewsNow. Clarifies that caps worn during batting practice.

PHOENIX (AP) — In a moving tribute before the first pitch at the Arizona Diamondbacks-Colorado Rockies game, a firefighters' bagpipe band played "Amazing Grace" as photos flashed on the giant video screen of the 19 "hotshot" firefighters killed fighting the Yarnell Hill wildfire northwest of Phoenix.

That was followed by a 19-second period of silence from the sellout crowd at Chase Field. Players from both teams wore "Prescott Fire Dept." baseball caps during batting practice, with

a large No. 19 behind home plate. During the weekend series, the Diamondbacks are wearing special black jerseys with a 19 patch.

The Diamondbacks have matched \$100,000 in fans' donations and have pledged another \$100,000 in matching funds.

Proceeds from the weekend's 50-50 raffle also go to charities aiding those affected by the fire and the deaths.

Bowker, Johnson Each Card Hole-In-One At The Bluffs In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Two golfers each shot a hole-in-one at The Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion over the four-day Independence Day weekend.

On Thursday, Jane Bowker made an ace on Hole No. 5, hitting the 88-yard shot with a 7-iron.

On Friday, Alec Johnson aced No. 8, hitting the 170-yard shot with a 3-hybrid.

Carpenter Optimistic After Extended Bullpen Work

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter left an extended bullpen session feeling optimistic about his on-and-off rehab program.

After working four simulated innings and totaling 106 pitches counting warm-ups Friday, the 38-year-old Carpenter said it was

the best he'd thrown and was something he could build on. The next step likely will be facing hitters.

The former NL Young winner and longtime Cardinals ace was sidelined before spring training by a nerve injury that causes numbness and tingling on the right side of his body. Lately he's been dealing with a lower back injury that briefly delayed the process.

The often-injured Carpenter pitched sparingly last season after undergoing radical surgery to relieve nerve compression.

Mavs, Calderon Agree After Howard Passes On Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Mavericks moved quickly once they were out of the running for Dwight Howard.

A person with knowledge of the deal tells The Associated Press that Dallas and free agent point guard Jose Calderon have an agreement on a four-year, \$28 million contract.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because free agent contracts can't be discussed publicly before Wednesday, when they can first be signed.

A starting point guard was the top priority for Dallas after the pursuit of Howard. The Mavericks were among five teams pursuing the free agent center, but owner Mark Cuban said Friday he was told Dallas was out of the running.

Calderon spent his first seven years with Toronto before the Raptors traded him to Detroit in January.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

YANKTON MEN'S LEAGUE

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 8-12

NOTE: Schedule for the rest of the regular season will be announced next week. Teams listed in parenthesis are scheduled to provide a base umpire.
MONDAY, JULY 8: JB Auto Body vs. JW Roofing (Ferdig's Transmissions), 7 p.m., Field C; Ben's-Signtech vs. Chugers (Hubbs), 7 p.m., Field D; JW Roofing vs. Ben's-Signtech (JR's Oasis-TJ's), 8 p.m., Field C; JB Auto Body vs. Chugers (Heine Farms Feed Yard), 8 p.m., Field D.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10: Dakota Trailer vs. Old Lumber Co. (Shurco-Steamway), 7 p.m., Field C; Special Day Limo vs. Old Lumber Co. (Marquardt Trans.), 8 p.m., Field C; Special Day Limo vs. Dakota Trailer (Upper Deck), 9 p.m., Field C.
FRIDAY, JULY 12: JR's Oasis-TJ's vs. Ferdig's Transmissions (JB Auto Body), 6:30 p.m., Field C; Heine Farms Feed Yard vs. Hubbs (JW Roofing), 6:30 p.m., Field D; JR's Oasis-TJ's vs. Hubbs (Ben's-Signtech), 7:30 p.m., Field C; Ferdig's Transmissions vs. Heine Farms Feed Yard, 7:30 p.m., Field D; Leo's-The Landing vs. Upper Deck (Old Lumber Co.), 8:30 p.m., Field C; Marquardt Trans. vs. Shurco-Steamway (Special Day Limo), 8:30 p.m., Field D; Leo's-The Landing vs. Shurco-Steamway (Old Lumber Co.), 9:30 p.m., Field C; Marquardt Trans. vs. Upper Deck (Dakota Trailer), 9:30 p.m., Field D.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	53	34	.609	—
Baltimore	48	39	.552	5
New York	47	39	.547	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	47	40	.540	6
Toronto	42	44	.488	10 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	47	38	.553	—
Cleveland	45	41	.523	2 1/2
Kansas City	40	43	.482	6
Minnesota	36	47	.434	10
Chicago	34	49	.410	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	51	36	.586	—
Texas	49	36	.576	1
Los Angeles	41	44	.482	9
Seattle	38	48	.442	12 1/2
Houston	31	55	.360	19 1/2

Thursday's Games

Boston 8, San Diego 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 10, Cleveland 7
N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 5
Tampa Bay 7, Houston 5, 11 innings
Oakland 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Detroit 11, Toronto 1
Texas 5, Seattle 4
L.A. Angels 6, St. Louis 5

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2
Detroit 7, Cleveland 0
Toronto 4, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 4, Cincinnati 2
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Oakland 6, Kansas City 3
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Tillman 10-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettille 5-6), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-6) at Toronto (Dickey 6-8), 12:07 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 6-6) at Kansas City (E.Santana 5-5), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Ani Sanchez 6-5) at Cleveland (Carrasco 0-3), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Bonderman 1-2) at Cincinnati (Latos 7-2), 3:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-7) at

Tampa Bay (M.Moore 11-3), 6:15 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 4-5) at Texas (Darvish 8-3), 6:15 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 5-8) at L.A. Angels (Williams 5-4), 9:05 p.m.

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Detroit at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
Seattle at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 12:40 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	37	.570	—
Washington	44	42	.512	5
Philadelphia	42	45	.483	7 1/2
New York	35	47	.427	12
Miami	32	53	.376	16 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	53	32	.624	—
St. Louis	51	34	.600	2
Cincinnati	49	37	.570	4 1/2
Chicago	38	46	.452	16 1/2
Milwaukee	34	50	.405	18 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	44	41	.518	—
Colorado	42	44	.488	2 1/2
Los Angeles	40	44	.476	3 1/2
San Francisco	39	45	.464	4 1/2
San Diego	47	47	.460	5

Thursday's Games

Washington 8, Milwaukee 5
Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 15 innings
San Francisco at Cincinnati, ppd., rain

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 4
Boston 6, San Diego 2
Oakland 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Miami 4, Atlanta 3
Colorado 9, L.A. Dodgers 5
L.A. Angels 6, St. Louis 5

Saturday's Games

Washington 8, San Diego 5
Seattle 4, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis 4, Miami 1
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami (Eovaldi 1-0) at St. Louis (J.Kelly 0-3), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 4-10), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Marquez 9-4) at Washington (Zimmerman 12-3), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Bonderman 1-2) at Cincinnati (Latos 7-2), 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Malmon 9-6) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 7-5), 6:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Fife 3-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-5), 6:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 1-9) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 6-8), 6:15 p.m.
Colorado (Pomeroy 0-1) at Arizona (Miley 4-7), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Seattle at Cincinnati, 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
Miami at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 3:10 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—M.Cabrera, Detroit, .361; Pedroia, Boston, .325; CDavis, Baltimore, .325; Loney, Tampa Bay, .320; DOrtiz,

Boston, .319; HKendrick, Los Angeles, .318; Machado, Baltimore, .316.

RUNS—M.Cabrera, Detroit, .65;

CDavis, Baltimore, .62; Bautista, Toronto, .59; AJones, Baltimore, .57; Trout, Los Angeles, .57; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, .56; Ellsbury, Boston, .54; Encarnacion, Toronto, .54.

HITS—M.Cabrera, Detroit, .86;

CDavis, Baltimore, .83; Encarnacion, Toronto, .66; Fielder, Detroit, .65; NCruz, Texas, .61; AJones, Baltimore, .59; DOrtiz, Boston, .59.

STRIKEOUTS—Harvey, New York,

141; Kershaw, Los Angeles, .126; Samardzija, Chicago, .123; Lee, Philadelphia, .119; Wainwright, St. Louis, .117; H.Bailey, Cincinnati, .111; G.Gonzalez, Washington, .109; Latos, Cincinnati, .109.

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Rosario, Washington, .23; Kimbrel, Atlanta, .23; Mujica, St. Louis, .22; Chapman, Cincinnati, .20; Romo, San Francisco, .19; Papelbon, Philadelphia, .18.

Cincinnati, .18; Tulowitzki, Colorado, .16.

STOLEN BASES—Cabrera, San

Diego, .31; Segura, Milwaukee, .26; SMarte, Pittsburgh, .25; Revere, Philadelphia, .20; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, .18; Pierre, Miami, .16; CGomez, Milwaukee, .17.

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OF Kyle Nichols.

LAREDO LEMURS — Traded

OF Jon Gaston to Lincoln for INF Mike Provencher.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed

OF Brian Wuest.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALLES — Signed

INF Issael Gonzalez.

ROCKLAND BOULDERBS — Re-

leased INF Nick Del Guidice.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Traded F Bobby Ryan to Ottawa for RW Jakob Silfverberg, F Stefan Noesen and a 2014 first-round draft pick. Signed F Saku Koivu to a one-year contract.

BOSTON BRUINS — Signed

F Jarome Iginla to one-year contract.

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed

F Karri Ramo to a two-year contract and C Corban Knight to a two-year, entry-level contract. Traded a 2014 fifth-round draft pick to St. Louis for D Kris Russell. Re-signed C Greg Nemisz to a one-year contract.

CAROLINA HURRICANES —

Agreed to terms with D Mike Komarek and G Anton Khudobin on one-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS —

Agreed to terms with D Michal Rozival on a two-year contract, F Michal Handzus and G Nikolai Khabibulin to one-year contract.

COLORADO AVALANCHE —