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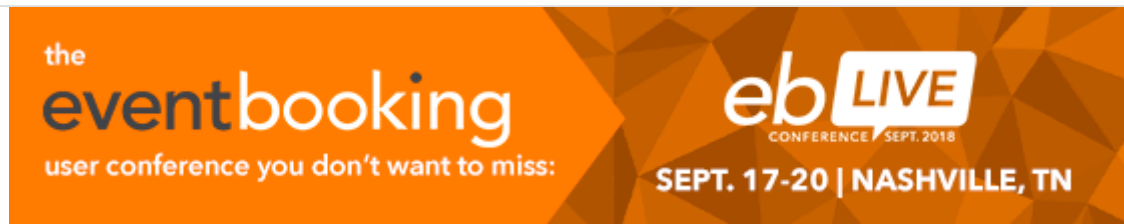
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Greetings Production,

I wrote a couple of weeks ago about a venue from my past that would soon be no more. Now the arrival of the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments has brought to mind several more arenas that I visited for March Madness that no longer appear on the map, among them the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and St. Louis Arena. Is there a now-gone venue that played a big part in your life personally or professionally? Send me a quick paragraph about a special day or night you spent there (bonus points if you have a picture), and we'll figure out a way to share them with our readers. Send them to Rob Knapp, VenuesNow managing editor, [rknapp@oakviewgroup.com](mailto:rknapp@oakviewgroup.com). Thanks, and now go finish filling out those brackets.



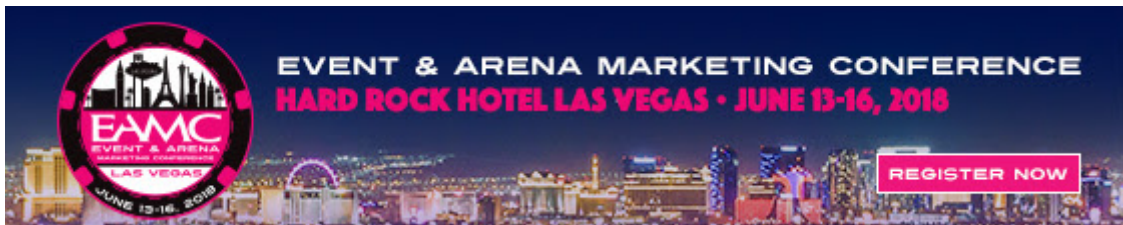
*Projects well underway, such as the NFL stadium in Inglewood, Calif., have already ordered most of their steel packages. (Courtesy Los Angeles Rams)*

## Is U.S. Trade Move Tariff-fying?

By Don Muret

President Trump's decision to place tariffs on steel and aluminum imports could affect sports developments in the coming months, general contractors and suppliers say. Even with exemptions for Canada and Mexico from the 25 percent tariff on imported steel and 10 percent tariff on imported aluminum, the move has the potential to put pressure on prices and supplies.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“This is like 1950s back alley politics. It would be unbelievable except it’s actually happening.”

— *Marvin Putnam of law firm Latham & Watkins, the attorney representing The Forum and owner MSG in its action against the city of Inglewood over the site of a proposed new*

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Pink, dangling 40 feet in the air and held by only a harness, performed part of her Beautiful Trauma Tour high above the fans at a sold-out stop at Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita on March 3. (Photo Credit: Brett Schauf)



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### MSG Sues Over Proposed Los Angeles Clippers Arena

By Brad Weissberg

MSG, the owners of The Fabulous Forum, have followed through on their promise to file legal action against the city of Inglewood, Calif., and its mayor, James Butts Jr. In a nine-count lawsuit, attorneys for the music-only venue argue fraud and breach of contract along with various



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claims that the mayor and City Council tricked MSG out of land rights.

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### A's Try Out A Treehouse

By Don Muret

The Oakland Athletics are using Oakland-Alameda (Calif.) County Coliseum as a "test kitchen" for new ideas they might use at their next home. The latest is the Treehouse, a new social gathering space above the left-field bleachers that will feature a redwood terrace with bar and lounge seating, an indoor bar and a standing-room deck with drink rails.

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### Wind In Their Sails: Investment Firm Backs Parachute Concerts

By Ryan Borba

Parachute Concerts has struck a deal to form a strategic alliance with investment firm Magna Entertainment. Founded by Ilario Altamura and Ross Atamian in



### Back In Business: Times-Union Fire Not Stopping Events

By Brad Weissberg

The show goes on at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville, Fla., where an electrical fire started by a faulty cord in one of the main lobby concession stands was quickly put out by the venue's fire suppression system. Damage includes the entire lobby carpet and other water damage.

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### Silver Lake Makes Investment in Oak View Group

By Don Muret

Technology investment firm Silver Lake has made a strategic investment in Oak View Group. Terms weren't revealed, but the amount involved is more than \$100 million, according to sources. Silver Lake's investment will help support OVG's KeyArena renovation in Seattle and its arena project for the NHL's New York Islanders.

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2015, Parachute's coming shows include Ja Rule and Ashanti, multiple "PJ Masks Live" shows, Carol Burnett in Chicago, Maks Val & Peta Live, Yanni and Aretha Franklin.

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### Queen Reigns Supreme

Queen and Adam Lambert's TEG Dainty-promoted tour is a hit Down Under. A Feb. 21-22 leg at Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney grossed \$3,434,491, with 24,791 attending. Ticket price range was \$131.96 to \$1,407.68.

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### IAVM Regional Meetings; VOS On Deck

IAVM Region 6 Meeting, Padre Island, Texas, Apr. 8-11; IAVM Regions 1,2,3,5, Lexington, Ky., Apr. 22-24; Venue Operations Summit, Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 29 - May 1.

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### Parker Joins MSG as Executive VP

Victoria Parker has been picked by Madison Square Garden to be its new executive vice president. Parker's last position was with Verizon's Oath Studios. She will work on the MSG Sphere, among other projects.

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## SHORT TAKES

### Bankers Life Fieldhouse To Be Renamed

Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, known as Conseco Fieldhouse from 1999 to 2011, will soon get yet another name. CNO Financial Group has announced it intends to end its naming-rights deal with Pacers Sports & Entertainment in June 2019. When the deal was initially struck between the Pacers and Conseco in 1998, the price tag was reported to be \$2 million a year for the 20-year contract. The deal included \$55 million more for a separate sponsorship, bringing the total commitment to \$95 million.

### JNTO Relaunches Website

Japan National Tourism Organization in North America has relaunched its meetings site, [japanmeetings.org](http://japanmeetings.org). The new site has been upgraded with information on cities and venues all over the country. The site offers advanced search capabilities and is written in English. It also features an extended list of suppliers across Japan to instantaneously help planners get started. The updated site also comes with a new tagline, "New

## Fisher Receives ESTA Lifetime Achievement Award

Scott Fisher received the Entertainment Services and Technology Association Lifetime Technical Achievement Award at the close of the New World Rigging Seminar on March 14 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The ESTA board created the award in 2017 to recognize individuals whose technical contributions have had a significant impact in the industry. The criteria includes significant and sustained technical contributions to the entertainment industry over at least 25 years.

## ALSD and AVIXA Form Union

AVIXA and the Association of Luxury Suite Directors have formed a partnership that will raise awareness of the fan-engagement benefits created by integrated audiovisual experiences in stadium and arena design. The agreement represents an expansion of AVIXA's continuing initiative to increase industry awareness across a variety of markets.



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