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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

<u>Today</u> Last Day of Early Voting for Big Spring Runoff Elections extended hours -7 a.m. to 7 p.m.Howard County Courthouse

West Texas Injury Prevention Meet and Greet 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1111 S. Scurry St.

This Week

Wound Care Awareness Week

June 6

Song Swap at the Spring 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Tickets still available

June 8

Runoff Election Voting Day Big Spring Mayor and City Council District 4 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Howard County Voting *Centers*

June 20-22 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo

<u>June 22</u> $10 \ a.m.$ Rodeo Parade Starting at 10th and Main

June 29

Low Putt Disc Golf West Texas Doubles Tournament 8 a.m. Comanche Trail Park Disc Golf Course

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Grand Jury hands down 17 indictments

Charges include Indecency With a Child and Sex Assault of a Child

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The 118th District Grand Jury delivered true-bill indictments on 17 individuals Thursday on felony charges, including one for Indecency With a Child by Sexual Contact, and another for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

According to a release by the 118th District's DA Hardy Wilkerson, Reynaldo Montez Garcia, 72, of 2418 N. Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, was indicted on a charge of Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact, a first-degree felony (enhanced). The release also stated that William Soto, 29, of 305 E.

19th St. in Big Spring, was indicted on charges of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, a first-degree felony; and Indecency With a Child by Sexual Contact, a second-degree Others indicted Thursday include:

• Ethan Artos Alan Coterill, 33, currently a resident of

the Howard County Jail, on a charge of Forgery of a Financial Instrument, a third-degree felony (enhanced). • Jose Manuel Jimenez, 23, currently a resident of the

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'Pops' prep underway By AMANDA DUFORAT from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at

Managing Editor

Preparation has be-



for Pops in the Park 2019. The fireworks are confirmed, vendors are starting to come in and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus is ready to start practicing. Chorus rehearsals will take place

First Presbyterian Church, for the next five Tuesdays beginning this evening. Big Spring Herald's

"The Symphony Pops Chorus plays a huge roll in Pops in the Park. The chorus is essential to Our Flag ceremony and Patriotic performance, from singing our Salute to Armed Forces personnel to closing the section with 'God bless America', Keith Graumann, Sym-

phony Conductor, said. " The music is Americana at its' greatest."

For those wanting to be part of the Chorus this year, rehearsals will be this evening, June 11, June 18, June

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Coahoma Stu. Co. raises more than \$9,500 for Children's Miracle Network

Courtesy photo Joe Manning, Coahoma High School student council representative who is pictured on the left, presents a ceremonial check to Austyn Montgomery, the 2019 Miracle Kid for the Children's Miracle Network. Coahoma ISD raised a whopping \$9,520.20 for the CMN's annual Miracle Pennies Campaign. Montgomery was in a serious car accident in June of 2018 and was severely injured. Equipment purchased by CMN and donated to Lubbock's University Medical Center helped to save her life.



Second Chance Awareness bringing hope

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Big city problems, small town resources are the two best ways to describe the issues facing Second Chance Awareness. "If we can look past the felony, the of-

fense, and give them a second chance, then we could help break the cycle of recidivism," Stephanie Boen, TCOOM-MI Case Manager, said. "In order for us to do this, we have to come together as a community, raise awareness, and work together." Second Chance awareness is a move-

ment allowing an opportunity for those who are being released from jail or prison to be connected with resources that could help them stay on the right path. Through the assistance of case managers, they are able to receive help with mental illnesses, substance abuse issues, housing assistance, employment opportunities, and more. somewhere else, but we have to realize,

"Many would say we'll send them

we send our people somewhere else and

another city is saying the same thing

and sending their people to us," Boen said. "It's a never ending cycle unless we work together to find a way to break

According to Jail Case Worker Patricia Watlington, many people in our community have a history of mental illness, and a history with the legal system. This is a problem that effects men and women, of all ages, and will continue until communities join together to offer resources and opportunities. "The reality is there are those with

felonies, with offenses, living next to us, walking by us in the grocery store, or driving next to us on the street. They are being released back into our community, living in our community, but we have an opportunity to help them be productive citizens of the community instead of helping perpetuate the cycle," Patricia Watlington, jail caseworker, said.

Statistics provided by a pamphlet promoting Second Chance Awareness, show, as of March Howard County had

809 individuals on probation and 180

individuals on parole. Three prisons

are located in Howard County and one jail, which houses an average of 85 individuals on a daily basis. There are 597 residents in Howard County who are receiving services through West Texas Centers, not including those located at the Big Spring State Hospital.

"We understand this path isn't for everyone and some will continue in the cycle, but for those who want to break the cycle, we can help make that happen, but we have to be able to offer them a way to get back on their feet and become a productive citizen," Watlington

There have already been a few success stories, through available grants and programs associated with the Second Chance Awareness movement, in Howard County about a year ago, and Adrian Aguilar is one of those stories. "I got tired of the cycle. I first got in

trouble when I was 18, for something minor, but I had to serve jail time," Aguilar said. "While all the times have been for minor things, it still had me in jail and it got me thinking, I'm sitting See CHANCE, Page 3

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Obituaries

Martha Helen Camp Nordhaugen



Martha Helen Camp Nordhaugen, 80, of Wade, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at WakeMed in Raleigh.

Martha was born in Big Spring, Texas, on Sept. 28, 1938. She was the oldest of three siblings, including Paul and Mary. She graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Texas Tech University where she met her future husband, Leslie. She traveled as an Air Force

officer's wife and was many times a single mom of two very inquisitive boys, David and Paul. She, Leslie, and the boys settled in Wade, North Carolina, after Leslie's retirement from the Air Force. She worked in Cumberland County schools for many years from where she eventually retired. She attended Center Baptist Church in Wade and was a staunch Southern Baptist and Democrat. She had many talents and was well known for the beautiful quilts she created and sewed. She loved doing puzzles of all kinds and loved to read. She was fiercely devoted to her family and friends and received that same devotion back many times over. She had a

wicked sense of humor, and you could also count on her to give you her honest opinion.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Waples Camp; mother, Dagmar Dolores Collins; sister, Mary Bartlett; husband, Leslie D. Nordhaugen; son, David L. Nordhaugen; and niece, Melissa She is survived by her son, Paul Nordhaugen;

brother, Paul Camp, and wife, Kay; three grandchildren, Jennifer Langton, Erik Nordhaugen, and Evelyn Nordhaugen; and two great-grandchildren, Lorelei and Maverick Langton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Center Baptist Church Community Outreach, 4980 Wade-Stedman Rd, Wade, NC 28395.

Visitation will be held at Jernigan-Warren on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Church services will be at Center Baptist Church in Wade, North Carolina on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., with burial to follow at Lafayette Memorial Park, 2301 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, North Caro-

Online condolences may be made at www.jerniganwarren.com

Services are entrusted to Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home, 545 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, NC

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following ac-

- PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 2700 block of Carol. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

ter.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 7700 block of S. Service Rd. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Center Point Rd. and N. Hwy 87. No transport was re-
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of MLK Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was report-
- ed in the 400 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for

Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
 - Post-Traumatic

Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9



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Police blotter The Big Spring Police Department reported the

- following activity: • MARILYN ELIZABETH CERDA, 19, of 1011 E 5th St., was arrested on a charge of consumption of
- alcohol by a minor. • KORY EAIN MARCANTEL, 29, of 738 E. 7th St., Colorado City, Texas, was arrested on a charge
- of public intoxication. DISTURBANCE was reported at 16th and Ori-

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Langley Dr. • FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3600

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of E, 6th St.

block of of W. Hwy 80.

- THEFT was in the 600 block of Culp Ave.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13th St.
- ACCIDENT MAJOR was reported in the 3500 block of I-20 north service road.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report. • MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 29, was arrested by DPS on warrants for motion to revoke-driving

- while intoxicated, motion to revoke-theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500), and surrender of principal-theft of property (less than \$750). MARILYN ELIZAETH CERDA, 19, was arrest-
- ed by BPSD on a charge of consumption of alcohol BROOKELYNN PAIGE COKER, 27, was arrest-
- ed by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/ open alcoholic container. ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 44, was arrested
- by BSPD on warrants for credit or debit card abuse, expired drivers license, and charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and unauthorized use of a vehicle. BRNDON SCOTT HAYMAN, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for credit or debit card abuse.
- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to ap-
- LUZ MARTINEZ JUAREZ, 54, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of failure to appear, and
- speeding over limit. MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.
- SABRINA VALENCIA MADRID, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for order of modified conditions of community supervision.
- KORY EAIN MARCANTEL, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. SONNY JORDON OLIVIO, 45, was arrested by
- BSPD on warrants for a parole violation, no drivers license, and a charge of burglary of a building. • BRODERICK EARL SNEED, 29, was arrested
- by HCSO on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.
- CHRISTOPHER MONTEZ VIERA, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$100).

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Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could be severe, with large hail, damaging winds, and heavy rain. Low around 65. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. West wind around 5 mph. Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via

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25 and July 2. There will be a dress rehearsal with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra at 5 p.m. on July 3 in the Big Spring High School Band Hall. The Symphony Chorus will be directed by Gershom Garcia.

"Gershom Garcia has directed the chorus for the last two years, and the chorus has never been better. Gershom is an excellent musician and singer, and his rehearsals are interesting and enjoyable. I encourage any interested singers to come and join the chorus," Graumann said. "The entire experience is very rewarding."

After the dress rehearsal on July 3, there will be a light meal at 6:30 p.m. and then a carpool will head to the amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. for the performance that begins at 8 p.m.

"We have another wonderful program planned this year. We encourage everyone to attend," he said.

The rehearsal accompanist will be Beth Spence. For those wanting to be part of the chorus, it is encouraged to attend as many of the rehearsals as possible.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@ bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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here because I did stupid stuff. I just finally got tired of it."

Aguilar is one of the most recent to be offered support through a grant available and offered up through the movemnt of Second Chance Awareness. He had to receive permission and recommendation from the case workers, Sheriff Stan Parker and the District Attorney. "I was given a new life. I go to

church, I work 50 plus hours a week, and my old life is gone," Aguilar said. "There is no hope inside the drug houses, inside the cycle. There are those who want to get out, who get tired of it, but once you are in that cycle, it's too easy to just accept the bad choices and just accept the

Watlington said Sheriff Stan Parker has been a vital part of the movement pushing Second Chance awareness. She said he will identify those who he feels would be a good fit to go through Second Chance.

"Sheriff Parker really is the one who helps these guys and ladies start the path of recovery. He encourages them to go to church, to seek help," Watlington said.

Once someone is realeased from jail or prison, there are certain requirements that have to be met in order for them to not go back to being detained, according to Watlington. There are fines that must be paid, housing is required as well as employement. "Our community in a way sets

those coming out on parole and probation up for staying in the cycle. There are very limited options for housing and employment. Too often people see the felony charge or an offense associated with someone and any opportunity that person had is gone," Watlington said. "Without a support system the chances are very slim of them getting any better."

The average cost for those serving time in jail is \$45 per day, which is multiplied by the average census in the jail of 90. The costs, according to Boen and

Watlington, continue to add up to more than \$4,000 per day and \$200,000 per month. The costs for one person to go through the the programs offered in hopes of pushing Second Chance Awareness is about \$6,000 per month.

"Everyone deserves a second chance. Yes, for some it may be the 10th chance, the 50th chance, but once they decide they want to break the cycle, we should do whatever we can to help them. It doesn't just benefit that person, but it benefits our community; it benefits their family, their friends, and the future of a community," Boen said.

In addition to the sobriety programs and assistance of finding employment and stable housing, it is a future goal of Boen and Watlington to establish a sober living community.

"A sober living community allows a network of accountability. It's only a stepping stone, not a permanent housing option, but it's one more support system that they can lean on," Boen said.

She continued, "One person saved is worth it.'

INDICTMENTS Continued from Page 1

Howard County Jail, on a charge of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a state jail felony.

- Dearies Quincy Jones, 32, of 724 Bucknell, on charges of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a state jail felony; and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, both second-degree felonies.
- Michael Paul Leuschner, 51, of 707 Craigmont, on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a state jail felony.
- Mobey Cordell Lewis, 26, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, 1 to 4 grams), a second-degree felony (enhanced); Unlawful Possession of a Firearm By a Felon, a second-degree felony (enhanced); and Possession of Marijuana, a state jail felony.
- · Comanecki Olyn Loper, 38, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on charges of Assault On a Public Servant, a second-degree felony (enhanced); and Tampering With or Fabricating Physical Evidence, a second-degree felony (en-
- Michael Ray Moore, 33, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of Possession

Take Note

• Lighthouse Restoration Center will be hosting Vacation Bible School for all children through seniors in high school; the only requirement being they are fully potty trained. VBS will begin Monday, June 3, 2019 and will run for one week, ending June 7. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a hot lunch will be served to all who attend. Please arrive by 8 a.m. to register your children. Lighthouse Restoration Center is located at 604 E. 13th St. For more information, please all 432-270-5597.

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- a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, 4 to 200 grams), a first-degree fel-
- Dexter Joseph Ned, 33, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on a charge of Sexual Assault, a second-degree felony.
- Kyle Windell Richards, 35, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, 1 to 4 grams), a third-degree felony; and two counts of Evading Arrest With a Vehicle, both third-degree felonies.
- James Eric Trevino, 27, of 1016 Bluebonnet, on a charge of Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon, a second-degree felony.
- Matthew Erin Sturgill, 21, of 1216 E. 15th St., on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 2, 1 to 4 grams), a third-degree fel-
- Holly Corrine Ussery, 60, of 2018 CR C2831 in Stanton, on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram), a
- Tiara Sheme Ware, 30, of 4616 Aspen St, on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram), a state jail fel-
- James Burlin Williams, 33, of 800 S. Nolan St., on a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram), a third-degree felony (enhanced).

Remember that indictment is not evidence of a crime, and that all defendants should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Coahoma FFA holds end-of-year banquet



Pictured are Coahoma FFA members with advisor Aaron Custer during the annual banquet held recently. The students presented a belt buckle to Custer to honor his years of dedicated service to the program.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma FFA Chapter celebrated a tremendously successful year at its annual banquet held

Some of those accomplishments included:

- Earning more than 35 new banners from Leadership Development and Speaking Development competition events.
- Having three members attend the National FFA convention last October. Micah Worley served as a voting delegate from Texas, Bailey Wells played in the national FFA band, and Julia Cox placed 16th

in the Junior Creed Contest.

- · Sending the public relations team of Micah Worley, Julia Cox, Emilee Custer, and Aubrey Green to compete at state LDE contest last fall.
- As a program, the Coahoma FFA won the Single Teacher Division Leadership Development Event and the Single Teacher Division Speaking Development Event.

During the banquet, students who earned a competition banner were recognized and the following received proficiency buckles:

Goat: Sr - Emilee Custer, Jr - Case Custer and

Rowdy Atkins.

Sheep: Jr - Jocelyn Young.

Pigs: Sr - Julia Cox; Jr - Addison Collier.

Rabbits: Sr - Ashley Crisp; Jr - Kyla Lacefield. Steers: Sr - Seth Brooks.

Also recognized were the top ag salespersons, who are: 1st, Kolt Redden; 2nd, Kaylee Kernick; and 3rd, Emilee Custer.

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Texas Tech blanks Dallas Baptist 3-0 for regional sweep

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bryce Bonnin allowed three hits in seven innings,

three-run homer in the first inning and Texas Tech advanced as host of a Super Regional with a 3-0 victory over Dallas Baptist on Sunday night.

Cameron Warren hit a

Warren's 17th homer was his third in three regional games as the Red Raiders (42-17) beat the Patriots for the second day in a row in the second straight sweep

of their home regional. It's the fourth consecutive year Texas Tech has hosted a regional.

The Red Raiders, seeded eighth nationally, will face either Oklahoma State or Connecticut in the best-of-3 Super Regional in Lubbock next

Bonnin (6-1) struck out seven with two walks, and John McMillon

fanned five while allowing two hits over the final two innings for his second save. Dallas Baptist (43-20)

lost in the final round of a regional for the fifth straight year. One of those losses was in Lubbock in 2016.

The Patriots had the potential tying run at the plate just once, in seventh inning. With two runners on and one out, Bonnin

finished his outing by getting groundouts from Herbert Iser and Blayne

Cole Reeves (1-2) allowed four hits and three runs in four innings with

Arkansas tops TCU 6-0, gets 2nd straight home super regional

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Patrick Wicklander combined with two relievers on a five-hitter and Arkansas advanced to host a super regional

for the second straight year with a 6-0 victory over TCU on Sunday night.

Dominic Fletcher had a two-run double in a three-run first inning and Matt Goodheart connected on a two-run homer in the fifth.

Arkansas seeded fifth nationally, swept a home regional for the second consecu-

tive year and will face Mississippi in a best-of-3 super regional in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Razorback were an out away from the national title last year before losing twice to Oregon State in the College World Series.

The Horned Frogs (34-28) had reached the CWS four straight years

starting in 2014 before getting left out of the NCAA Tournament last year. They were a surprise at-large choice before beating California in their regional opener and getting a 9-5 win

over Central Connecticut State in an elimination game earlier Sunday.

TCU lost to Arkansas on consecutive days in matchups of teams with 10 CWS appearances between them — five each since 2004.

Wicklander (6-2) allowed three hits and a walk with seven

strikeouts in five innings. Cody Scroggins struck out four in 2 2/3 innings, and Jacob Kostyshock struck out the side in the ninth.

Jared Janczak (0-4) allowed seven hits and five runs with eight strikeouts in 4 2/3 innings.

Astros use big 1st inning to hold off Mariners 4-2

ing is it's a double play, and Dylan actually made the right read. He wasn't going to be able to turn a

double play on that," Servais said. "He made a very

athletic throw to the plate, and Omar just vacated

too early. You got to make sure he is committed to

going to second before you trail the play to go back

Houston starter Corbin Martin was pulled after

just three innings, but relievers Framber Valez

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — An early offensive punch from Robinson Chirinos, a solid effort by Houston's bullpen and another baffling play by Seattle's defense helped the Astros keep rolling.

Chirinos homered to cap a three-run first inning, Houston's bullpen pitched six shutout innings and the Astros beat the Mariners 4-2 on Monday night for their sixth win in seven games.

Chirinos' eighth home run capped a first inning in which Seattle's decision to use Cory Gearrin as an opener backfired. Gearrin (0-2) gave up an RBI triple to Josh Reddick, a run scoring groundout to Yuli Gurriel and Chirinos' long homer to cap his one inning of work before handing off to Wade LeB-

Chirinos was guessing he'd get a first-pitch fastball and was correct.

"My plan was to swing early. He's a guy that likes to throw his fastball first pitch and after that he starts to use his slider," Chirinos said.

Houston tacked on another run in the sixth when Seattle's defensive problems resurfaced. With runners at the corners and one out, Gurriel hit a grounder to shortstop Dylan Moore. Alex Bregman broke from third to try and score and Moore threw to the plate, but catcher Omar Narvaez had taken several steps up the first base line believing Moore was going to try and turn a double play. The throw was on target and beat Bregman easily, but instead

Seattle manager Scott Servais said Narvaez was

bounced to the backstop as a fielders' choice and the fourth run for Houston.

"When the ball is hit the first thing you are think

(2-2) and Chris Devenski worked five scoreless innings. Ryan Pressly pitched the ninth for his third

Martin has not been able to finish four innings in his last three starts. "I was falling behind in the count. I wasn't as ag-

gressive as I needed to be and throwing 30 pitches in the first inning that kind of slows down the rest of my outing," Martin said.

Seattle got solo home runs from Mallex Smith and Edwin Encarnacion in the third inning, but the Mariners were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position, leaving runners at either second or third base in each of the first five innings. Jake Marisnick saved a run in the eighth with a diving catch of Moore's liner to end the inning.

WADE IN RELIEF

LeBlanc threw eight innings, allowing one run and three hits over the final eight innings after replacing Gearrin. It equaled his career-high for innings pitched and set a club record for most innings pitched in a relief appearance, topping Bryan

Clark's 7 2/3 innings in 1982. In his three starts since coming off the injured list, LeBlanc had not lasted past the fifth inning.

"There were things in the last two or three starts that were trending toward a quality outing," LeB-

ROSTER MOVES

Seattle placed RHP Chasen Bradford on the 10day injured list with a forearm strain and recalled RHP Matt Festa from Triple-A Tacoma. Bradford pitched two innings on Sunday against the Angels but came out of the outing feeling soreness in his arm. Festa will be in his third stint with the Mariners this season having appeared in seven games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Houston manager A.J. Hinch said 2B Jose Altuve, OF George Springer and IF Aledmys Diaz all went through an extensive running program before Monday's game. Altuve and Diaz also did some fielding drills. Hinch was pleased with the progress all three are making and said the club will get a better assessment of their recovery.

Mariners: SS J.P. Crawford (ankle) did fielding drills before Monday's game and continues to progress faster than expected from his sprained ankle. Manager Scott Servais said there is a chance Crawford could rejoin the team on the next road trip. ... Seattle hopes 2B Dee Gordon (wrist) and IF Ryon Healy (back) will be able to go out on rehab assignments toward the end of this week.

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Mercury's First Moments in Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Each organization has its own unique power structure, but they all run the same way. In order to get anything done within the organization, you must first figure out who has influence, who the influencers listen to and what they want.

May 20). Stopping is different from quitting. When you find yourself pushing in a way that feels harmful or useless, stop. Step back. Catch your breath. And figure out your next

move. Don't quit.

TAURUS (April 20-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll acknowledge the other person's situation. This conveys that you've paid close attention. You might be surprised

ever after."

at the difference this makes. Sadly, many people aren't listened to very often.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** As a rule of thumb, there are two emotions present in you at any given moment. There's the emotion you're presenting and the emotion you're feeling. The closer those two are to each other, the more comfort and ease you feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The competition is

also a friend. The questions about what you're up to and your process are partly aimed to satisfy your friend's curiosity and partly asked for other reasons. Be aware and strategic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know what you like, what you need and what would feel nice to trade for it.

Finding

to the work that you enjoy is a form of

and committing

self-appreciation that goes a long way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Feedback can make things better. It can also make things mediocre or terrible. Much depends on how well you filter the ideas. Listen to all today, but don't dismiss or commit to any. Go away, and think about it for a

Though moods are states of mind that are temporary, you add up enough of one kind of mood and it becomes an attitude, or even a personality. Make mood management today's top priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Making things up isn't always the same as lying. When you put your mind to it, you're wonderfully imaginative, and you can fabricate a reality for the purposes of entertainment, play or enhancing an experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). You've done a thing enough to know there will be a few surprises along the way. Not only are you ready for those surprises; you'll use your skills to tease them out so you can deal with them before they catch you off guard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Emotional obstacles are as real as physical obstacles and can be much harder to move. The first step is in recognizing when they're there and what exactly they are. Label and explore the feeling.

PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). To see a thing clearly is to look at it from the point of view of someone about to sell it, buy it, play with it, trash it or come upon it several years from now. Different angles provide the most comprehensive seeing.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (June 4). This solar return feeds and fortifies your dreams while strengthening your sense of self, readying you to take advantage of opportunities coming your way. Highlights: Your brainchild will walk on its own. You'll give a performance that opens the door for you to give 10 more. A committee will promote you. Taurus and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 9, 49, 17 and 44.

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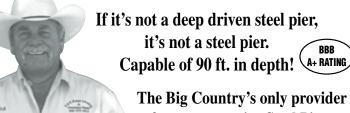
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RV, rent a car or use

safe to do this trip by

myself? (I'm a wom-

my own? Will it be

an.) I've traveled by myself before and felt confident and self-assured, but those trips have all been by plane, never by car. Any and all advice would be appreciated. -- Solo Soul-Searching

Dear Solo Soul-Searching: It sounds like you'll be going the route that takes you past the Grand Canyon: There really are no words to describe the majesty. And that's just one of many memorable sights you'll be seeing. There is so very much of this big, beautiful country to take in. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I'm glad you're making for

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Preparation is key, and it's good you're taking your safety seriously. AAA offers the following road trip tips:

--"Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained. If maintenance is not up to date, have your car and tires inspected before you take a long drive.

-- "Map your route in advance and be prepared for busy roads during the most popular times of the year. If possible, consider leaving earlier or later to avoid heavy traffic.

-- "Keep anything of value in the trunk or covered storage area.

--"Have roadside assistance contact information on hand, in case an incident occurs on the road.

--"In case of an emergency, keep a cellphone and charger with you at all times. AAA and many other companies offer smartphone applications that enable motorists to request help without making a phone call."

You might also invest in a satellite messenger, which should be available at most major sporting goods stores. (Hikers use them on trails.) This will allow you to share your location with friends and to communicate with emergency service teams should you find yourself

stranded. They have far greater coverage than cellphones.

Lastly, if you're not already a AAA member, I recommend joining. You can stop by a AAA center for help planning your road trip.

Dear Annie:

I have to weigh in on the letter from "Scared," who was terrified of turning 40. My goodness! I heard a long time ago that "middle age is 10 years older than you are," and I loved that quote! My age has never been an issue for me (coming up on 86 in a few weeks), and I freely admit my age to others.

To be hung up on age is very sad. I hope they can get over this sense of "getting older," which I welcome. (Though it's not "getting old"; there's a difference.)

Being active and interested in everything, life is wonderful, I cherish my faith, family and friends! --Grace Nelson

Dear Grace

Nelson: May we all live with as much joie de vivre as yourself. Thanks for the beautiful letter, and happy birthday!

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At the first table, South next played the A-K of spades and ruffed a spade in dummy before drawing East's remaining trumps. This left declarer with one trump and only nine tricks, with no way to develop a 10th. When he next led a diamond, East won with the king, cashed the jack of clubs and played another club. Declarer ruffed, but West took the last two tricks with the ace of diamonds and a club for down one.

The second declarer saw that unless he scored a diamond trick, he would fall a trick short, but that this could not be done if trumps were drawn first. Therefore, after the 4-0 trump split was revealed, he led a diamond from dummy at trick three.

South knew that if East started with a doubleton diamond, the defenders could negotiate a diamond ruff, but this might not be easy for them to do. However, it was a risk that had to be taken.

East followed low to the first diamond, and South's jack lost to the ace. West returned a club to East's jack, and East shifted to a spade. Declarer won with the king, drew trumps, led the ten of diamonds to East's king and claimed the balance.

Of course, East could have defeated the contract by rising with the king at trick three, leading a diamond to West's ace and ruffing the diamond return. Alternatively, West could have led a diamond to East's king after taking the ace, and East could have led a low club to West's ten to obtain the ruff. But South saw that his only chance was for the opponents to go wrong, and this was far better than what his counterpart elected to do at the other table.

Tomorrow: An unusual defensive play.

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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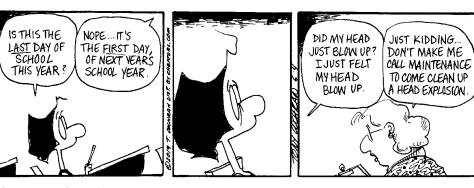
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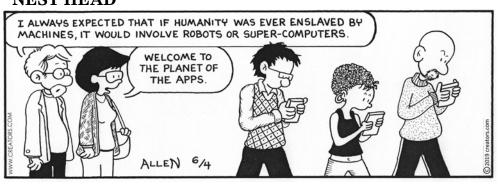




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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Tuesday, June 4, the 155th day of 2019. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 4, 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific. On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1943, the president of Argentina, Ramon Castillo, was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1944, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.Ś. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20,

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michi-

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Okla-

homa City. In 2000, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Putin (POO'-tihn) ended their summit by conceding differences on missile defense, agreeing to dispose of weapons-grade plutonium and pledging early warning of missile and space launches. In 2003, Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. (Stew-

art was later convicted of lying

about why she'd sold her shares

of ImClone Systems stock in

2001, just before the stock price

plunged.) Ten years ago: Speaking at Cairo University, President Barack Obama called for a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims" and said together, they could confront violent extremism across the globe. Actor David Carradine, 72, was found dead in a Bangkok, Thailand,

hotel room. Five years ago: On the second day of a visit to Poland, President Barack Obama held up the nation as a guidepost for neighboring Ukraine as it sought to fend off a pro-Russian insurgency; later that same day, in Brussels, Obama attended a meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations, with the pointed exclusion of Russia from the gathering. A gunman fatally wounded three Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers and wounded two others in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. (Justin Bourque was convicted of the shootings and sentenced to life in prison.) Baseball player, manager and coach Don Zimmer, 83, died in Dunedin, Florida.

One year ago: President Donald Trump claimed that he had an "absolute right" to pardon himself, but that it wouldn't be necessary because had had "done nothing wrong;" Trump also tweeted that the Justice Department's appointment of a special counsel in the Russia probe was "totally unconstitutional." The Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, but it was a limited decision that didn't address the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people. Howard Schultz announced that he was stepping down as executive chairman of Starbucks, and said public service may be in his

Answer to previous puzzle

future. Saudi Arabia issued its first driver's licenses to women as the kingdom prepared to lift the world's only ban on women driving.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 91. Actor Bruce Dern is 83. Musician Roger Ball is 75. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 75. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 74. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 68. Actor Parker Stevenson is 67. Actor Keith David is 63. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 62. Actress Julie Gholson is 61. Actor Eddie Velez is 61. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 58. Actress Julie White is 58. Actress Lindsay Frost is 57. Actor Sean Pertwee is 55. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 54. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 53. Rhythm and blues singer Al B. Sure! is 51. Actor Scott Wolf is 51. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel

is 50. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 50. Actor James Callis is 48. Actor Noah Wyle is 48. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 45. Actorcomedian Russell Brand is 44. Actress Angelina Jolie is 44. Actor Theo Rossi is 44. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 43. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 41. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 39. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens

Edge) is 38. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 34. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 34. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 32. Rock musician Zac Farro is 29.

Thought for Today: "When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself." — Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

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- **58** Large coffeepots 59 Strong impulse
- 60 Symbol for a state on a flag
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Bjork introduced as Texas A&M's athletic director

<u>By KRISTIE RIEKEN</u>

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — When Ross Bjork first visited Texas A&M more than two decades ago, the way the old press box at Kyle Field shook as fans locked arms and swayed during the Aggie War Hymn gave him a taste of just how enthusiastic Aggie fans were.

That moment piqued his interest in the university, and after working at several other schools since that day in 1998, Bjork is at Texas A&M after being hired as the school's new athletic director. Bjork, who is the Mississippi athletic director, was introduced on campus on Monday but won't officially begin work until July 8 as he wraps things up at

"There was just a ton of passion here," he said. "The students stand the whole game and you have the 12th Man and the Corps (of Cadets) and the band and all those things. I'm a student of college athletics. I love going on a different campus and seeing what they have to offer."

Renovations to Kyle Field in 2015 brought with them a new press box, which moves considerably less than the former one, but it still shakes a bit when the 100,000-plus fans get particularly rowdy.

"When you come on this campus ... you know that this place is special and they care and it's big time," he said. "And if the stadium is shaking, you know you're at a special place."

R.C. Slocum has served as the school's interim athletic director since Scott Woodward left to be LSU's athletic director in April. The former Texas A&M football coach will remain in that role until Bjork takes over in July before transitioning back to special assistant to the president of the univer-

Bjork was asked if people should expect to see

him at a lot of athletic events and out and about around the community.

"I want to be there," he said. "I want to be actively involved in everything we do. This is not an 8-to-5 job. This is a lifestyle."

Though he won't even start work in College Station for more than a month, Bjork was quizzed



on the possibility of Texas A&M allowing alcohol sales at football games this fall after the Southeastern Conference lifted its ban on booze during the conference's spring meetings last week.

Though beer and wine sales are now permissible conference-wide, the league left it to each school to decide whether alcohol will be allowed.

"Whatever the local philosophy is should apply," Bjork said. "I like the flexibility. I don't know enough about Texas A&M yet. I know they've looked at a few things and they're looking at more of how things could be implemented. But I know we have not made a final decision on what the direction is vet."

Bjork also weighed in on the direction of the football program under coach Jimbo Fisher, who signed a 10-year, \$75 million contract to take over before last season. Fisher, who went 9-4 last season, won a national championship at Florida State in 2013.

"When you have a championship head coach not many programs have that. So that's a great starting point," Bjork said. "We have the right ingredients. Now we've just have to go to work and really get

Fisher said he's looking forward to working with

"He has a great vision for the overall department and for the complete student-athlete experience, Fisher said. "He has done a tremendous job in the area of academics as well as fundraising to help provide the necessary resources needed for excellence in all areas."

Bjork has been the AD at Mississippi since 2012. He helped the department increase its annual revenue from \$57 million to \$117 million. Before taking over at Mississippi, Bjork was the athletic director at Western Kentucky from 2010-12. From 2005-10 he was the senior associate athletic director for external relations at UCLA.

Bjork was accompanied by his wife Sonya and sons Paxton and Payton at his welcome event on Monday. He said their quality of life was important in his decision to take the job, and said he's always liked Texas.

"Los Angeles was cool and Miami was fun, but we love college towns," Bjork said.

Orioles draft Oregon State catcher Rutschman with No. 1 pick

By DENNIS WASZAK

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SECAUCUS, N.J. — Adley Rutschman heard the chatter for months that he'd be the No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball draft.

The switch-hitting Oregon State catcher just kept slugging at the plate and throwing out would-be basestealers all season from behind it — making it an easy call for the Baltimore Orioles on Monday

"It's unbelievable," Rutschman said from Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon, shortly after becoming the top selection. "Just to look back on how I was as a kid and seeing what my expectations were, how far I've come from there, it's special."

The announcement by Commissioner Rob Manfred at MLB Network studios marked the second time the Orioles led off the draft — they took LSU pitcher Ben McDonald in 1989.

"I met with all the teams over the course of the year and knew the Orioles were going to be the first overall," said Rutschman, a 40th-round pick by Seattle three years ago. "As the year progressed and went along, it looked like it was a possibility more and more. It just worked out that way."

With the No. 2 choice, the Kansas City Royals grabbed Texas high school shortstop Bobby Witt Jr., son of former big league pitcher Bobby Witt.

The younger Witt has draft-day bragging rights on his father, who won 142 games over 16 seasons after being selected No. 3 overall by Texas in 1985.

"Now I've got him beat," Bobby Witt Jr. said on MLB Network. The rebuilding Orioles had the No. 1 pick after

plummeting to the worst record in the majors last season. They're at the bottom of the standings again with an 18-41 start - but getting Rutschman provides hope for a franchise that finished last in the AL East the past two years. "He's everything you want and he plays a premi-

um defensive position with athleticism that gives him versatility to play elsewhere, as needed," Orioles general manager Mike Elias said in a video statementposted on the team's Twitter account. "A future fixture for this organization."

The 21-year-old Rutschman had been the favorite to go first overall since he led Oregon State to the College World Series championship last year and was selected the most outstanding player.

He followed that up with a dominant junior season for the Beavers, hitting .411 with a career-best 17 homers to go with 58 RBIs and a school-record

76 walks. On defense, he threw out 13 of 27 runners attempting to steal. Rutschman, a native of Sherwood, Oregon, is a

finalist for the Golden Spikes Award given to the country's top college player. He was the Pac-12 player of the year and the conference's co-defensive player of year.

His selection marked the seventh time a player drafted as a catcher was taken with the top pick, and first since Minnesota tabbed Joe Mauer in 2001.

"The amount of work that goes into what he's done and becoming the No. 1 pick is not something that's ordinary," Elias said. "I met Adley this winter and was immediately struck by him and impressed by his maturity and leadership."

The Witts became the highest-drafted father-son duo, topping Tom Grieve (No. 6, 1966) and Ben Grieve (No. 2, 1994). They are the seventh fatherson combination of first-rounders, and first since Delino DeShields (1987) and Delino DeShields Jr. (2010).

"The dreams are kind of turning into reality," the younger Witt said.

University of California slugging first baseman Andrew Vaughn went to the Chicago White Sox with the third pick.

Vaughn batted .381 this season with 15 homers and 50 RBIs, and struck out just 74 times in three college seasons. The 6-foot, 214-pound Vaughn is also looking to become the first repeat winner of the Golden Spikes Award after earning the honor as a sophomore last year.

Cal had the only set of teammates — college or high school — drafted in the first round, with Golden Bears catcher Korey Lee going 32nd overall to Houston.

Miami drafted Vanderbilt outfielder JJ Bleday at No. 4, adding the Southeastern Conference player of the year who leads Division I players in home runs with a school-record 26. A finalist for the Golden Spikes Award, the lefty-hitting Bleday brings a 42game on-base streak into next weekend's super regionals round of the NCAA Tournament.

With the fifth pick, Detroit took Florida high school outfielder Riley Greene. Gatorade's Florida state player of year hit .422 with eight homers and 27 RBIs.

More draft history was made when San Diego selected speedy Georgia high school shortstop CJ Abrams at No. 6, marking the first time no pitchers were taken within the first six picks.

In a draft light on premier pitching prospects, 22 of the 34 first-round picks were position players —

setting a draft record.

TCU left-hander Nick Lodolo ended the early run on hitters, going seventh overall to Cincinnati. Lodolo was the 41st overall pick by Pittsburgh in 2016 — the highest selection to go unsigned that

Texas Tech third baseman Josh Jung , the co-Big 12 player of the year, was the eighth pick by Texas.

Atlanta took Baylor catcher Shea Langeliers with the ninth selection — which the Braves received as compensation for not signing last year's No. 8 pick, pitcher Carter Stewart, who was eligible for this year's draft but instead inked a six-year contract last week with the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks of Japan's Pacific League that will guarantee him as much as \$7 million.

Langeliers threw out 14 of 25 would-be basestealers this season and set an NCAA Tournament record with 11 RBIs in a three-homer game against Omaha last Saturday night.

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