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**Big Spring State Hospital Hiring Fair**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Friday*

**Moonlight Rave Run**  
11:55 p.m.

**State Park/Scenic Mountain Registration open**

*July 18*

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*July 20*

**Marcy Place Open House**  
9 a.m. - Noon

*July 25*

**Alive After 5**  
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Co-hosted by SMMC  
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*July 25-27*

**Camp Life Life Church Registration Open**

## Mayor's veto sparks contentious City Council meeting Tuesday

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Area residents present at Tuesday evening's Big Spring City Council meeting were treated to a heated and disconcerting show as the council and Mayor Shannon Thomason discussed the legality and ramifications of the mayor's veto of a measure approved at June 25's council meeting.

After convening in closed session at the end of the June meeting, the council emerged and passed a measure granting Silver Leaf Communities an extension of 30 days to close on property located in the vicinity of the Parkway Road and Willard Street intersection.

In a letter dated June 28, Thomason vetoed the measure, stating in the letter, "It is my belief that the au-

thors of the Big Spring charter fully intended for the business of the City to be conducted in a fully transparent manner, in full view, wherever possible of the citizens we serve. An important aspect of this is the requirement to have two readings of any ordinance or resolution."

Disagreement on the veto boiled down to whether the Silver Leaf agreement constituted a resolution or ordinance, requiring approval on readings at two separate council meetings.

On the agenda of Tuesday's



**Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason, second from right, and the City Council listen Tuesday to City Attorney Marianne Banks, third from left, give her opinion on the legality of a veto issued by Thomason of a measure enacted at the June 25 council meeting.**

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

meeting, the item concerning the veto read, "21. Mayor's Veto of Item #25 from June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Big Spring City Council. (Action taken following Executive Session) Item returned to Council for Recon-

sideration". When Item #21 regarding the veto came up during the meeting, Thomason made it clear that he would follow Robert's Rules of Order

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## BSISD trustees to hold budget workshop at Thursday meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place.

After opening the meeting with a prayer and pledge, the trustees plan to:

- Provide time for limited public comments;
- Hold a budget workshop;
- Review policy update 113 (LEGAL) and act on (LOCAL) policies;
- Consider approval of a donation from SM Energy;
- Consider setting a date and a tentative tax rate for a public meeting to discuss budget and tax rate;
- Consider approval of the Howard County Appraisal District Budget;

• Discuss and possibly approve a Superintendent Evaluation Tool;

• Meet in closed executive session to discuss settlement offers for pending litigation regarding BSISD's claims against defendant Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc., and against third-party defendant RCS Flooring Services LLC. If the offers are accepted, the board will vote on whether to authorize Superintendent Jay McWilliams to execute release and settlement documents; and whether to authorize Gravelly and Pearson LLP as litigation counsel of record for the BSISD.

• Hear reports from McWilliams regarding employments, resignations, and retirements, the District Convocation; and August board meeting dates.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

Let's recognize the positive impact being made in our community. Send in names of organizations, individuals or businesses who have done something positive for our community. Submit your nominations for We Salute! to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).

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## Life Church offers Vacation Bible School - Camp Life

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

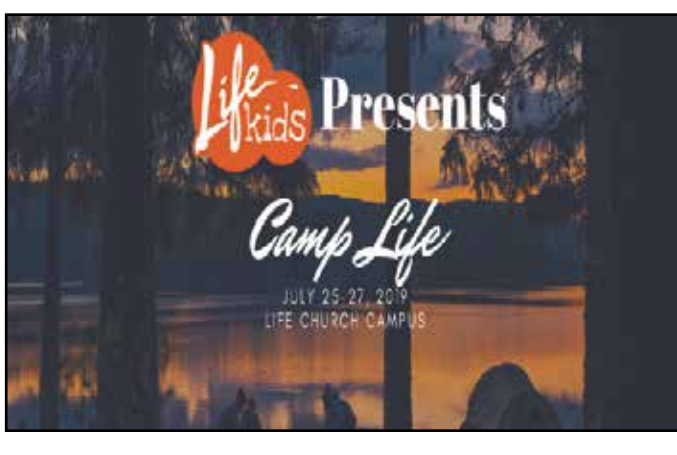
There is still time to get your camp on. Life Church Vacation Bible School is hosting Camp Life from July 25 through July 27. The three-day, indoor camp is open to students entering kindergarten through those entering Fifth Grade.

"Camping trips usually include fun, countless memories and even a few lessons," Manny Negron, Life Kids Director, said. "During the three days at Camp Life, we are looking forward to having fun, learn about God and even have the kids leave with a few new friendships."

Camp times will be in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. until Noon on Saturday.

"We are inviting all Big Spring youth to come and join us. You do not have to be a member of Life Church to attend. This is an experience we want to

share with anyone, whether you have a church home, are looking for a church home, or just want your kids to learn more about God and build new friendships," Negron said.



He continued, "We encourage the youth to come and join us so they can learn more about God and create some friendships as they head back to school."

Camp Life is one of the last scheduled Vacation Bible School's for this summer, according to Negron. The lessons

will focus on the importance of having a relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"The main thing we want the kids to walk away with after attending Camp Life is, God is for them and with them as they go into this next year," Negron said.

Volunteers and donations are needed and being accepted for VBS. Those wanting to donate items for snacks or craft projects can contact Negron or drop off donations at Life Church during normal business hours.

For more information or to register, email [manny@golifechurch.net](mailto:manny@golifechurch.net). More information can also be found on the Life Kids Facebook page. Registration will remain open until July 25.

Other upcoming activities at Life Church include 5<sup>th</sup> Family Sunday, which is set for Sept. 29. Plans are also beginning for the October Fall Festival, with more details to come.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT WILLY MILLER**, 32, of 538 Westover Rd., was arrested on charges of public intoxication, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and resisting arrest or transport.
- **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 31, of 1501 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KYLE ROSS DUE**, 33, of 106 W. Clinton, Athens, Texas, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200

grams), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **GABRIELLE GARZA**, 24, of 1612 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).
- **TOMMY GENE AYCOCK JR.**, 43, of 2105 Runnels St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 23, of 1205 College Ave., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **JOHN RAMON ORNELAS**, 33, of 226 N. Magdalen St., Apt. 8, was arrested on an outstanding

warrant from another agency.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell Ave., and in the 1600 block of Canary St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700, and the 1700 block of E. Hwy 350.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of E. Hwy 350.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison Dr.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TOMMY GENE AYCOCK**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).
- **HOLLY RENAE BARRERA**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MORNING BRAZEAL**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a

warrant for prohibited weapon-knuckles.

- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **KYLE ROSS DUE**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **GABRIEL GARZA**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled

substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

- **ROBERT WILLEY MILLER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or transport, and a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JOHN RAMON ORNELAS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.
- **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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## Take Note

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every

month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

## Obituaries

### Larry Chandler



Larry Chandler, 77, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 5, 2019, at his residence. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2019, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Brad Daniels officiating.

Survivors include one son, Michael Wayne Chandler; the mother of his children, Brenda Rolo; two sisters, Mary Jo Chaney and Wanda Howell; six grandchildren;

four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Laura "Missy" Chandler Hooper; and a brother, Frankie Chandler.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwech.com](http://www.npwech.com).

### Louie Ross Smith

Louie Ross Smith, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at his residence. No services are planned at this time.

Louie was born Oct. 23, 1953, in Big Spring. He was a paramedic and a firefighter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwech.com](http://www.npwech.com).

### Dennis W. Parks

Dennis W. Parks, 71, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on July 9, 2019, in Odessa. Arrangements are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas.

## Support Groups

### 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@wtc-mhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtc-mhmr.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.



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**COUNCIL**

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procedure, requiring council members to be recognized by himself in order to speak.

At the beginning of the process of dealing with the veto, District 6 Councilman Jim DePauw attempted to make the following motion: "I move that the city council ratify and extend the real estate sales agreement striking or excepting the 'developer's agreement' portion of the contract with Silver Leaf Properties, to allow for closing to occur on or before Au-

gust 12, 2019."

Thomason declared DePauw's motion "out of order," because it was not directly related to the business of the mayor's veto of the motion from the previous council meeting.

"We're discussing the veto, not the Silver Leaf agreement," said Thomason.

"Okay. Your veto is out of order. Your veto is out of order," responded DePauw. "This was not a resolution. This was not an ordinance. You are totally off base. 100 percent off base. Motion to reject whatever insanity this is...Item 21. Motion to veto the mayor's veto."

During discussion, District 5 Councilwoman Camilla Strande agreed with Thomason's stated desire for transparency in council dealings.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to be able to discuss this tonight," she said. "However, I disagree with the idea and the precedent we're setting that everything we do has to go through resolution."

Following Strande's comment, District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald spoke up.

"I agree with what you said about..." she started.

"You haven't been recognized," interrupted the mayor. "But I'll recognize you now. Mrs. McDonald."

"This is the first veto I've done, please excuse my ignorance," McDonald said. "I also agree that the veto may be in order to change it because we did not do it transparently, and I believe in transparency."

Another issue that was raised about the veto was the wording of the agenda item, containing the phrase "Item returned to Council for Reconsideration."

After she was recognized by the mayor, City Attorney Marianne Banks weighed in on the issue.

"Mayor, the City Attorney had her hand

up," DePauw said.

"You haven't been recognized," the mayor replied. "It's still...Mrs. Strande has the floor."

"Okay. I yield my time, and I think Marianne had her hand up," Strande said.

"I just wanted to point out that the agenda, as posted, is about the veto, but it's here for reconsideration," Banks said. "So, to me, that means the council could choose to make a different motion if they want to, on the matter of the contract, to clarify...which is what I thought the understanding was. That you wanted clarification on the date that the contract was extended to."

"No, I never stated that," the mayor said. "I have my understanding of what the date means, but I never requested clarification on it."

In other discussion on the matter, DePauw spoke of the benefits the Silver Leaf contract would bring to Big Spring.

"Mayor, if you don't want to bring \$40 million worth of new housing to Big Spring that will add \$280,000 a year in property tax value to our city - \$5.6 million over the next 20 years - before the city ever has to do a seal coat project or anything. And you want to run on the idea..."

"I'm going to stop you right there," interrupted the mayor.

"What? I have the floor. You recognized me and I'm stating my deal. So if that's what you want for this city, is to not grow this city, then I don't know why we're here. We have a city attorney that advises us on everything we do, and I don't know why you won't listen to her. Because you aren't an attorney."

Strande questioned attorney Banks about the differences between ordinances and resolutions, and other types of city business.

"Mrs. Banks, can you clarify...how is this different than an ordinance or a resolution, and what is your opinion on the veto power here?" Strande said.

"It's my opinion that the veto power only extends to resolutions and ordinances," Banks said. "It's also my opinion that the council's not limited to enacting only resolutions and ordinances. I think the provision that the mayor read relates to actions that the council could take that have a penalty attached to them, or some obligation that way. There's certain things that the council has the power to act... if you take the position that the city council can only enact a resolution and ordinance, you've already taken

action on the agenda tonight - awarding a bid, for example - that is not allowed without a resolution."

Ultimately, the mayor withdrew his veto of the approved item from the June meeting. The council was still left with the decision about whether to amend the item, a step Thomason said was not allowed under Texas open meetings law, as such an amendment was not specifically on the agenda. Other council members argued that the "Reconsideration" language in the agenda listing implied the ability to amend the item.

Later in the meeting, DePauw attempted to revive his original motion, but the Mayor attempted to disallow it once again. DePauw verbally petitioned the rest of the council for support, prompting the mayor to summon Big Spring Police Corporal Art Dehlinger, on duty as door guard at the meeting, to the front of the room.

"Corporal Dehlinger!" called Thomason.

"Yes sir?" Dehlinger answered.

"Would you come forward, please?" the mayor requested, then addressed DePauw: "Would you like to disrupt my meeting again?"

DePauw wasn't ejected from the meeting. The council voted 7-0 to reject the mayor's veto, then voted on a motion made by Councilwoman Strande which was essentially a reworded version of DePauw's original motion.

"I move that the city council ratify and extend the real estate sales agreement with Silver Leaf Properties to allow for a closing to occur on or before September 10, 2019." The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the council:

- Awarded a bid for water line replacements to Lupe Rubio of San Angelo in the amount of \$890,254.80.
- Recognized a donation from SM Energy to the Big Spring Fire Department for equipment including SCBA masks and helmets, and amended the city's budget to add the \$25,000 donation to the city's general fund.
- Approved an emergency reading of an ordinance requiring distemper and parvovirus vaccinations for pets, and requiring administration of such vaccinations to animals accepted by the Big Spring Animal Shelter.
- Approved an agreement with the YMCA regarding city funding for the "Y's inflatable splash pad area.

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**Weather**



**Today:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light after midnight.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 96.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 97.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 71.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

**Take Note**

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

- Scenic Mountain Medical

Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms

at 268-4907.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

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# H. Ross Perot rose from poverty to self-made billionaire

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — H. Ross Perot rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty to become a self-made billionaire who twice ran for president with a mixture of folksy sayings and simple solutions to America's problems. His 19% of the vote in 1992 stands among the best showings by an independent candidate in the past century.

Perot died of leukemia early Tuesday at his home in Dallas surrounded by his family, family spokesman James Fuller said. He was 89.

As a boy in Texarkana, Texas, Perot delivered newspapers from the back of a pony. He earned his billions in a more modern way, however. After attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a salesman for IBM, he set out on his own — creating and building Electronic Data Systems Corp., which helped other companies manage their computer networks.

Yet the most famous event in his business career didn't involve sales and earnings; he financed a private commando raid in 1979 to free two EDS employees who were being held in a prison in Iran. The tale was turned into a book and a movie.

Perot first became known to Americans outside of business circles by claiming that the U.S. government left behind hundreds of American soldiers who were missing or imprisoned at the end of the Vietnam War.

Perot fanned the issue at home and discussed it privately with Vietnamese officials in the 1980s, angering the Reagan administration, which was formally negotiating with Vietnam's government. Looking out for the health care needs of veterans became a long-time concern of Perot.

Perot's wealth, fame and confident prescription for the nation's economic ills propelled his 1992 campaign against President George H.W. Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton.

Perot briefly led in public opinion polls that summer, but stunningly he pulled out of the race, saying he did so to stop a Republican plot to sabotage his daughter's wedding.

He eventually re-entered the race, but his reputation had suffered. Critics said he had a penchant for embracing conspiracy theories. His poll numbers faded from a peak of nearly 40%, and he finished third.

Still, Perot recorded the highest percentage for an independent or third-party candidate since President Theodore Roosevelt's second-place showing in 1912. Some Republicans blamed Perot for causing Bush's defeat by splitting the anti-Clinton vote, although exit polls were inconclusive.

During the campaign, Perot spent \$63.5 million of his own money. He bought 30-minute television spots during which he used charts and graphs to make his points, summarizing them with a line that became a national catch phrase: "It's just that simple."

Perot's second campaign four years later was far less successful. He was shut out of presidential debates when organizers said he lacked sufficient support. He got just 8% of the vote, and the Reform Party that he founded and hoped to build into a national political force began to fall apart.

However, Perot's ideas on trade and deficit reduction remained part of the political landscape. He blamed both major parties for running up a huge federal budget deficit and allowing American jobs to be sent to other countries. The movement of U.S. jobs to Mexico, he said, created a "giant sucking sound."

Perot continued to speak out about federal spending for many years. In 2008, he launched a website to highlight the nation's debt with a ticker that tracked the rising total, a blog and a chart presentation.

Henry Ross Perot was born in Texarkana on June 27, 1930. His father was a cotton broker; his mother

a secretary. Perot said his family survived the Depression relatively well through hard work and by managing their money carefully.

Young Perot's first job was delivering newspapers in a poor, mostly black part of town from his pony, Miss Bee. He said when the newspaper tried to cut his commission, he complained to the publisher — and won. He said he learned to take problems straight to the top.

From Texarkana, Perot went to the U.S. Naval Academy even though he had never been on a ship or seen the ocean. After the Navy, Perot joined International Business Machines in 1955 and quickly became a top salesman. In his last year at IBM, he filled his sales quota for the year in January.

In 1962, with \$1,000 from his wife, Margot, Perot founded Electronic Data Systems. Hardware accounted for about 80% of the computer business, Perot said, and IBM wasn't interested in the other 20%, including services.

Many of the early hires at EDS were former military men, and they had to abide by Perot's strict dress code — white shirts, ties, no beards or mustaches — and long workdays. Many wore crewcuts like Perot.

The company's big break came in the mid-1960s when the federal government created Medicare and Medicaid, the health programs for seniors, the disabled and the poor. States needed help in running the programs, and EDS won contracts — starting in Texas — to handle the millions of claims.

EDS first sold stock to the public in 1968, and overnight, Perot was worth \$350 million. His fortune doubled and tripled as the stock price rose steadily.

In 1984, he sold control of the company to General Motors Corp. for \$2.5 billion and received \$700 million in a buyout. In 2008, EDS was sold to Hewlett-Packard Co.

Perot went on to establish another computer-services company, Perot Systems Corp. He retired as CEO in 2000 and was succeeded by his son, Ross Perot Jr. In 2009, Dell Inc. bought Perot Systems.

In September 2011, Forbes magazine estimated Perot's wealth at \$3.5 billion and ranked him No. 91 on its list of richest Americans.

Perot was not immune to mistakes in business, however. His biggest might have been a 1971 investment in duPont Glore Forgan, then one of the biggest brokerage houses on Wall Street. The administration of President Richard Nixon asked Perot to save the company to head off an investor panic, and he also poured money into another troubled brokerage, Walston & Co., but wound up losing much of his \$100 million invest-

ment.

It was during the Nixon administration that Perot became involved in the issue of U.S. prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. Perot said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger asked him to lead a campaign to improve treatment of POWs held in North Vietnam. Perot chartered two jets to fly medical supplies and the wives of POWs to Southeast Asia. They were not allowed into North Vietnam, but the trip attracted enormous media attention.

After their release in 1973, some prisoners said conditions in the camps had improved after the failed missions.

In 1979, the Iranian government jailed two EDS executives and Perot vowed to win their release.

"Ross came to the prison one day and said, 'We're going to get you out,'" one of the men, Paul Chiapparene, told The Associated Press. "How many CEOs would do that today?"

Perot recruited retired U.S. Army Special Forces Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons to lead a commando raid on the prison. A few days later, the EDS executives walked free after the shah's regime fell and mobs stormed the prison. Simons' men sneaked the executives out of the country and into Turkey.

The adventure was recalled in Ken Follett's best-selling book "On Wings of Eagles" and a TV mini-series.

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# AL fans 16, tops NL 4-3 to win 7th straight All-Star Game

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

CLEVELAND — For one night, the hours took back the power.

Hours after an awesome Home Run Derby got everyone buzzing even louder about monster shots and juiced balls, only a couple flew out of Progressive Field in the All-Star Game.

Instead, Justin Verlander blazed 97 mph heat from the start, Shane Bieber and Aroldis Chapman each struck out the side and the American League slowed a loaded NL lineup 4-3 Tuesday for its seventh straight win.

"I know it's the year of the home run, but pitching dominated today," Colorado slugger Nolan Arenado said.

Sure did — at least until play resumes Thursday.

Facing Christian Yelich, Cody Bellinger and a bunch of boppers, the AL staff combined to strike out 16.

"Baseball is a funny game," said Bieber, a most unlikely MVP after being added late to the roster.

With fans hoping to see a replay of Monday's jaw-dropping aerial show when 312 homers cleared the walls, this became the Arm-Star Game up until the late innings.

Derby champ Pete Alonso of the Mets grounded a two-out, two-run single past Gleyber Torres in the eighth to close the NL's gap. After a double steal put runners at second and third against Cleveland reliever Brad Hand, White Sox catcher James McCann made a tumbling catch on

Mike Moustakas' twisting foul pop to end the inning.

Chapman closed to give the AL its 19th win in 22 games, with a tie stuck in there. He got a little encouragement with two outs — Yankees teammate CC Sabathia, honored this week for his contributions on and off the field, strolled to the mound to talk to the flamethrower.

Chapman then struck out Yasmani Grandal for a save, giving the AL an overall 45-43-2 lead in the Midsummer Classic.

No need, either, for the experimental rule that was set to go effect: If the game went into extras, each team would've started the 10th with an automatic runner on base.

Major League Baseball is on a record-shattering pace for homers this season, but no one came close to clearing the walls until Charlie Blackmon connected in the NL sixth to make it 2-1. Texas' Joey Gallo countered with a solo drive in a two-run seventh.

Still, it was a far cry from last year's All-Star Game that featured a record 10 home runs.

"I kind of expected it, to be honest," former NL MVP Kris Bryant said. "You only see them once, so they have the advantage."

"There are a lot of hard throwers and great pitchers over there. Unless you've seen them before, it's a difficult matchup," he said.

Cleveland favorite Michael Brantley had an early RBI double off losing pitcher Clayton Kershaw. Jorge Polanco drove in a run with an in-

field single for a 2-0 edge in the fifth and another scored on a double-play grounder.

"I wanted to swing the bat early. I had some nervous jitters I wanted to get out," Brantley said.

Winning pitcher Masahiro Tanaka, Lucas Giolito and Shane Greene did their parts to protect the lead with scoreless innings.

Bieber dazzled in front of a chanting home crowd, striking out Willson Contreras, Ketel Marte and Ronald Acuña Jr. in the fifth with a 1-0 lead. Bieber later donated his cap to the Hall of Fame.

"It was electric out there, the fans got in it and it was fun," AL manager Alex Cora of the Red Sox said. "And I'm glad that he got the MVP. He plays at this level. He's really good."

The biggest misplay of the night might have been on the scoreboard. NL All-Stars David Dahl of Colorado and Willson Contreras of the Cubs had their names misspelled — "Davis Dahl" and "Wilson Contreras" — on the outfield videoboard. Jeff McNeil was spilling correctly, but the photo accompanying it was of Mets teammate Jacob deGrom.

"That was tough, to see deGrom's picture up there," McNeil said. "I didn't really like that. I wanted to see my picture up there. I know my family did, too. What are you going to do, I guess, but I don't think that should happen."

Fittingly, the first batter of the game was the guy who leads the majors in home runs — Yelich, the NL MVP with 31 homers at the break, hit

leadoff for the first time this year.

Yelich lined out and Verlander quickly fanned Javier Báez and Freddie Freeman to finish his work.

Those lively balls that Verlander is complaining about? Didn't bother him a bit.

NL starter Hyun-Jin Ryu, deGrom and Luis Castillo threw scoreless innings to keep the NL close in the early going.

Pittsburgh dynamo Josh Bell was part of the youngest starting lineup in All-Star history, with the NL crew averaging under 26 years old.

Overall, there were 36 first-timers, a number boosted by the absence of Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, José Altuve and several past peripherals. And consider this: Of the 16 AL pitchers on the 2017 All-Star roster, zero made the roster this year.

TRIBUTE

All players wore a uniform patch with No. 45 to honor late Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs. Los Angeles teammates Mike Trout and Tommy La Stella switched their jerseys to Skaggs' number, and there was a pre-game moment of silence.

"I felt him out there with me," Trout said. "To be able to represent him and what he meant to us on a stage like this is special."

UP NEXT

The regular season resumes on Thursday night with one game, Houston at Texas. All teams are back in action Friday. ... Next year's All-Star Game is at Dodger Stadium for the first time since 1980.

# Witt Jr., Lynch wins national prep athlete of year

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. — Bobby Witt Jr. realized a childhood dream, getting selected No. 2 overall by the Kansas City Royals in the major league baseball draft.

The younger Witt added another honor, too, when he and softball pitcher Kelley Lynch were named national prep athletes of the year on Tuesday night.

The son of former major league pitcher Bobby Witt, the Witts are the first father-son duo to be selected in the top three of the draft.

"He pretty much taught me the game since I was little," said the younger Witt, who pitched and played shortstop. "It's 90% mental and 10% physical and he's always taught me that and instilled the hard work."

Witt Jr. is skipping college to play in the Arizona rookie ball league with an eye on the major leagues.

"It's been a goal of mine ever since I was little," he said.

He received his trophy from retired NFL great Peyton Manning, a former winner.

Witt Jr., of Colleyville, Texas, batted .482 with 15 doubles, nine triples and 15 home runs, compiling

55 RBIs — 28 of which came with two outs. He led Colleyville Heritage High to a 39-3 record and the Texas Class 5A state title.

On the mound, Witt Jr. had a 1.80 ERA with five saves in 12 relief appearances, striking out 24 and issuing just three walks in 11 2/3 innings.

Witt's 55-year-old father pitched 16 years in the majors for Texas, Oakland, the Florida Marlins, St. Louis, Tampa Bay, Cleveland and Arizona. He had a 142-157 record with a 4.83 ERA and 1,955 strikeouts from 1986-2001.

The younger Witt had a 4.0 grade point average.

Retired soccer player Abby Wambach presented the girls' trophy to Lynch.

"I just want you women, you ladies, to understand I stood on the shoulders of giants and so will you," Wambach said, invoking the names of women's World Cup champions Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan.

"What Megan and Alex have done in terms of celebrating their victories, being confident, being badass, you all take that into every step of your career because the world is ready for you."

Lynch, of Sharpsburg, Georgia, is the first softball player to win national athlete of the year honors in the program sponsored by Gatorade.

She led East Coweta High to a 32-2 record and the program's second straight Class 7A state title last

season. She was 17-0 with a 0.27 ERA along with a .436 batting average.

Lynch singled out her mother for "playing two roles the last six years." Her father, who dreamed of Lynch playing Division I softball, died of cancer when she was 12. She has his date of death — March 7, 2011 — tattooed on the inside of her right arm.

"I felt still attached when I'm on the field," Lynch said. "I think for sure he's probably smiling right now. I definitely think of him."

Witt Jr. and Lynch will appear on the cover of next week's Sports Illustrated.

The other boys' finalists were: Jake Smith, football, Scottsdale, Arizona; Liam Anderson, cross country, Larkspur, California; James Wiseman, basketball, Memphis, Tennessee; Omar Hernandez, soccer, Dalton, Georgia; Matthew Boling, track and field, Houston.

The other girls' finalists were: Ellie Holzman, volleyball, New Orleans; last year's winner Katelyn Tuohy, cross country, Thiells, New York; Azzi Fudd, basketball, Washington, D.C.; Sophie Jones, soccer, Atherton, California; Jasmine Moore, track and field, Mansfield, Texas.

The winners and nominees will walk the red carpet at The ESPYS on Wednesday night.

# Perot roiled football-crazed Texas with 'No Pass, No Play'

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Part of late billionaire H. Ross Perot's legacy is a clear-cut rule about Texas high school sports: If a student can't pass class, they can't play.

The law, with its catchy "No Pass, No Play" nickname, has been in place since 1984. When first signed by Gov. Mark White, coaches and communities worried their best players, most notably in football, would be sidelined and troubled students would drop out of school.

The resulting firestorm helped lead to White's re-election defeat in 1986. Although softened a bit to help students get back on the field quicker if their grades improve, the law is still in place.

Perot, who died Tuesday of leukemia at 89, was appointed by White in 1983 to lead an initiative to improve Texas public education. The result was a series of proposals to reduce class size and to create both teacher merit pay raises and a high school basic skills graduation test.

But in the land of "Friday Night Lights," where coaches were often paid more than principals, and the excesses of high school football saw some wealthy schools charter airliners to state championship games, it was No Pass, No Play that sparked an uproar.

Failing students had to sit out for six weeks. Not just games, but practice too. Until then, local schools decided eligibility and the Texas law was hailed as the first of its kind in the nation.

"If the people of Texas want Friday night entertainment instead of education, let's find out about it," Perot said at one public hearing.

The impact was immediate. The first semester it was in place, more than 15 percent of all varsity football players and 40 percent of all junior varsity and freshman players statewide were benched. One Houston school lost 90 out of 190 players.

Charles Breithaupt, executive director of the University Interscholastic League, the governing body of Texas high school sports, was a bas-

ketball coach in 1984. He said coaches resented the diminutive big city businessman with the quirky voice telling them what to do.

"They looked at him as an affront. We were all offended. We were trying to protect our turf," Breithaupt said. "What was lost was that his message was 'school is first.' He was one of the few people who had the courage to say what he said. No one else would have gone against the coaches association."

D.W. Rutledge, who had just been promoted to head coach at a state championship program near San Antonio, said while some coaches worried about winning and losing, others didn't want struggling students boot-ed out of their programs entirely.

"I lost a couple," said Rutledge, who would go on to win four state titles. "They dropped out of the program, dropped out of school and got in trouble with the law. We were taking them out of a wholesome environment and putting them on the street."

Legal challenges followed. A lawsuit to overturn No Pass, No Play reached the state Supreme Court in

1985 and the law was upheld. The next year, the state's influential coaching community mobilized to support Republican Bill Clements in a successful bid to unseat White.

"It was heated," Rutledge said. "We had a deal where every coach wore a red dot on their watch to remind them not to vote for White."

White implored lawmakers to leave No Pass, No Play intact when he left office.

"Leave it alone," White said in 1987. "Let's be real: Anyone who can study a playbook can study a textbook. Americans didn't get to the moon on a quarterback sneak."

Within a decade, lawmakers reduced the law's punitive measures. Failing students are allowed to practice even if they are suspended from competition. And they can return in three weeks instead of six if they show progress academically.

"Perot, his heart was in the right place," Breithaupt said. "He was trying to raise the standard of education in the state ... It was best for Texas in the long run."



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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

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Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
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Survey Lines : 500.0 F N L, 880.0 F W L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
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Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 10095.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L

**Legals**  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 45 Block: 32 T1N  
Abstract: 150  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 120.0 F N L, 344.0 F W L  
Survey Lines: 120.0 F N L, 344.0 F W L  
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND

**Legals**  
AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.  
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♦ A J  
♣ A K Q

WEST  
♠ A K Q J 4  
♥ 9 8 4 2  
♦ 10 6 4  
♣ 3

EAST  
♠ 6  
♥ 6  
♦ K 9 8 7 5 3  
♣ 10 9 6 4 2

SOUTH  
♠ 5 3  
♥ A K Q J 10  
♦ Q 2  
♣ J 8 7 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥  
Pass 2 NT Pass 4 ♥  
Opening lead — king of spades.

Some contracts that initially appear very easy to play turn out, for one reason or another, to be much tougher than was originally anticipated. In such cases, declarer may have to use a little ingenuity to help him get home safely.

Consider the present deal from a rubber-bridge game where South landed in four hearts instead of an ice-cold three notrump (he was trying to score 150 honors). West started with the K-A of spades, East signaling with the nine of diamonds on the second spade. West then continued with the queen of spades, ruffed by South with the ten.

At this point, the contract seemed very easy to make. But when South next cashed the A-K of trump and East showed out, the previously promising picture changed drastically. Declarer realized that if he continued with the Q-J of trump, discarding a spade from dummy, he would then have no way to score the game-going trick with the jack of clubs.

The alternative — a successful diamond finesse — seemed highly unlikely under the circumstances, given that West had started with the A-K-Q-J-x of spades and had passed initially.

But our hero, South, was not born yesterday, and found a way out of his difficulties. Faced with the hard reality of the situation, he did play the Q-J of trump, but, on the last trump, he discarded dummy's ace of diamonds!

The rest of the play was simple enough. South next cashed the A-K-Q of clubs and then exited with the jack of diamonds. East won with the king, but had to yield the last two tricks to South's queen of diamonds and jack of clubs.

And so it was that South, by very good play, made four hearts and scored his 150 honors.

Tomorrow: Devilish deception.  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**  
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Pushing all the right buttons may make the thing go, but life is about more than effectiveness. The wins will happen beyond the bounds of the mechanical. Personality doesn't just count; it overshadows the rest.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When you're used to having a person's full attention, it's a little jarring to suddenly have to share it. Of course you understand that others have a life outside of knowing you, but there are times when the realization is more jarring.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Don't settle for whatever mood befalls the environment. Take charge. Set the emotional temperature. You know how to do this. Sometimes you just forget to command that talent.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Doing the same thing repeatedly can make you masterful, but it's a process. Dips happen. In the lows it may seem that the role has lost its luster. Reinvigorate. Seek inspiration. Or just take a break.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Just when you think you've seen it all, you'll be delighted by what falls into your field of vision. This happens more to you than to others because you're paying such close attention.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** This thing

going on in your life right now is really precious, but it's not announcing itself as such. If it were condensed in a movie scene, it would happen in one beautiful, breathtaking moment.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Though the cosmic backdrop is complicated, so are you, and something felicitous is likely to form out of the unique chemistry of this day. You'll magnetize a new friend.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Discomfort is a requirement of growth. When a pursuit is extremely attractive, the discomfort is less noticeable. You move through it unthinkingly as the goal draws you ever nearer.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Financial debts are the easiest kind to figure out. It's the emotional and karmic tabulations that can seem like impossible math to solve. It's about to get a whole lot easier on you, though. A debt will be forgiven.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you love someone, you figure out ways to help, support and maybe, once in a while, dazzle that person. The last effort takes the sort of planning that is favored for you today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've an interest that could be retired. Were you to decide to go in this direction, a clutter of material possessions would go, too. Paring down will liberate new energy.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Even the simplest action is executed through a multistep process. Instinct kicks in first, uncontrollably so. Next is thought. Some thoughts are also uncontrollable, but most can be managed when you assert yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10).** No one works harder or produces more than you. Your work ethic has been a source of pride and luck. This year, it's changing. You'll still deliver consistently, but tremendously excellent fortune befalls you as you focus on the feelings you generate and what you create, and as you make sure you're doing what matters. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 25, 3, 33, 48 and 1.

**DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, TAURUS:**  
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Taurus has a power like Queen Tara, the character Beyonce Knowles voiced in the family film "Epic." Queen Tara is the life of the forest. Where she walks, the branches, vines and flowers organize themselves to build a path. Her touch makes things grow. Her presence is felt or missed from endless miles away. Obviously, the plants won't really move to make a path for the human Taurus (though that would be super cool), but when Taurus is grounded, it will be as though providence is rushing to make the path easier -- which is probably better than a plant walkway, anyhow.

In many Taurus people, this gift is lying dormant and needs to be awakened. Awareness of the gift is the first step. Next, dancing, exercise, running, walking, yoga and more will activate and balance the root chakra that grounds Taurus.

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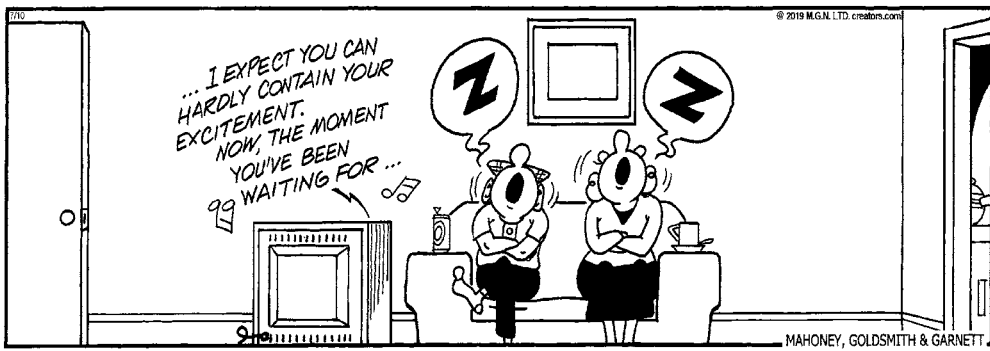
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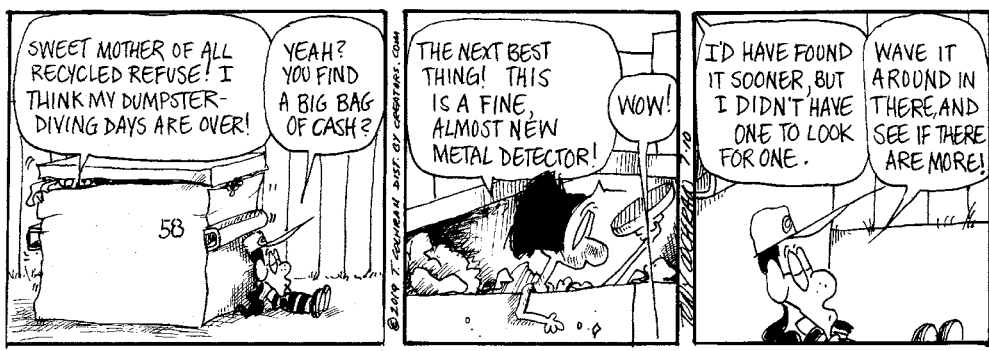


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| 6:PM  | News                | Amor eterno        | Big Bang           | CBS 7              | Caso cerrado          | News                | House               | PBS News-                 | M*A*S*H             | Fam. Guy              | Burgers              | Red Carpet                   | Question                                | NBA Sum-  | Law & Order:        | Wahlburgers          | Expedition           |                        |
| 6:30  | Wheel               |                    | Big Bang           | ET                 | Case (SS)             | News                | Israel              | Hour                      | M*A*S*H             | Fam. Guy              | Burgers              |                              |   | mer League  | SVU                 | Unknown              | Unknown              |                        |
| 7:PM  | The 2019 ESPYS      | La reina soy yo    | MasterChef         | Love Island        | Un poquito tuyo (SS)  | Ellen's Game        | News                | NOVA                      | Andy G.             | Penn & Teller         | Big Bang             | Movie:                       | 2019 World                              | NBA Sum-  | Law & Order:        | Wahlburgers          | Expedition           |                        |
| 7:30  |                     | Rosa de Guadalupe  | First Re-          | Big Brother        | Betty en NY (SS)      | Songland            | Light of Southwest  | American Experience (DVS) | G. Pyle             | Jane The Virgin       | Big Bang             | Contraband, Ben Foster (DVS) | Series of Poker: Main Event.            | mer League Basketball   | SVU                 | Unknown              | Unknown              |                        |
| 8:PM  |                     | Por amar sin ley   | FOX 24 News at 9   | S.W.A.T.           | La reina del sur (SS) | The InBetween       | Light of Southwest  | Heroes                    | Page Six            | Big Bang              | Full                 | Movie:                       | NBA Sum-                                | College Baseball: California Collegiate League Prospect Game. | Mod Fam             | The Employ-          | ables                |                        |
| 8:30  |                     |                    |                    |                    |                       |                     |                     |                           |                     |                       |                      | Shooter, Danny Glover (DVS)  |   |   | Mod Fam             | (:04) Wahl-          | Expedition           |                        |
| 9:PM  | Big 2               | Impacto            | TMZ                | CBS 7              | Tele                  | News                | News                | American Experience (DVS) | C. Burnett          | Gold                  | Conan                | SportsCenter                 | 2019 World Series of Poker: Main Event. | College Baseball: California Collegiate League Prospect Game. | Mod Fam             | (:03) Wahl-          | Expedition           |                        |
| 9:30  | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | Noticiero          | Mom                | Late Show-Colbert  | Titulares             | Tonight Show        | Freedom Cowgirl     | Perry Mason               | Seinfeld            | Full                  | Seinfeld             |                              |   | Mod Fam   | (:03) Wahl-         | Expedition           |                      |                        |
| 10:PM |                     | Contacto           | Mod Fam            | Betty en NY (SS)   | Seth Meyers           | The                 | Twilight ...        | Hitchcock                 | Rules               | New Girl              | Bones                | SportsCenter                 | Now/Neve. UFC Top                       | NCIS (DVS)  | The Employ-         | ables                | Unknown              |                        |
| 10:30 | Nightline           | Deportivo          | Funny              | James Corden       | La reina del sur (SS) | Daly                | Hope To             | King                      | New Girl            | King                  | New Girl             |                              |   | NCIS (DVS)  | (12:03) Wahlburgers | Unknown              | Unknown              |                        |
| 11:PM | Extra               | Soy tu dueña       | Two Men            | Simpsons           | Access                | Programa            | News                | Light of Southwest        | NOVA                | Mannix                | Makeup!              | New Girl                     |   |   |                     |                      |                      |                        |
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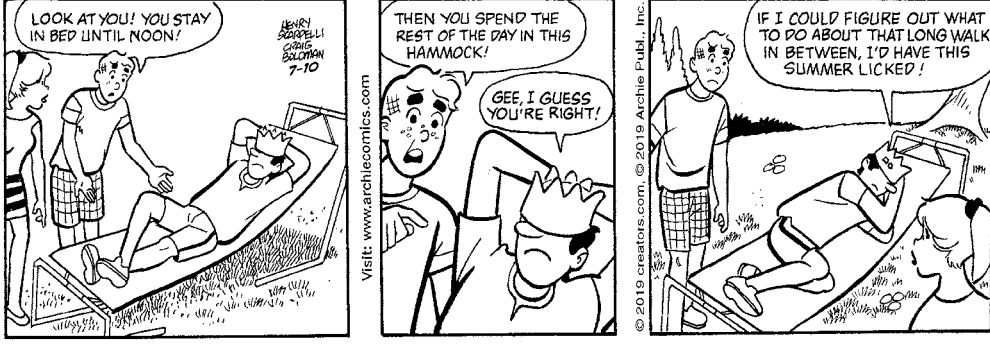
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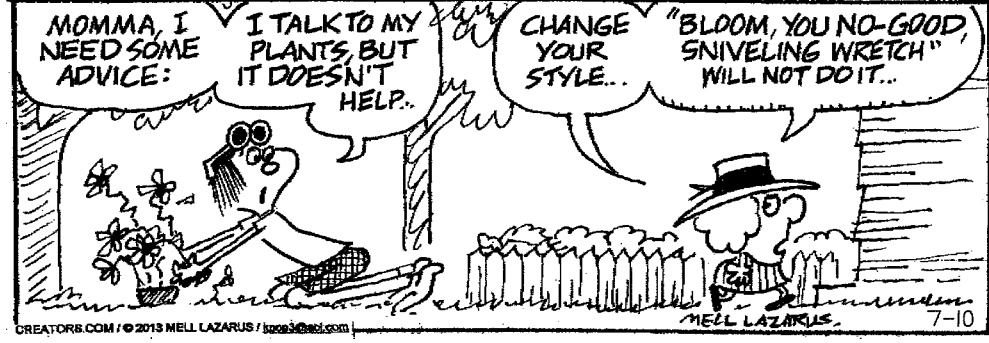
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 10, the 191st day of 2019. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 10, 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President George H.W. Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa.

On this date: In 1509, the theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born in Noyon, Picardy, France.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') to the Senate and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.)

In 1925, jury selection took place in Dayton, Tennessee, in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.)

In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.

In 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as the Luftwaffe started attacking southern England. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately victorious.)

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong.

In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule. John Paul Getty III, the teenage grandson of the oil tycoon, was abducted in Rome by kidnappers who cut off his ear when his family was slow to meet their ransom demands; Getty was released in December 1973 for nearly \$3 million.

In 1979, conductor Arthur Fiedler (FEED'-lur), who had led the Boston Pops orchestra for a half-century, died in Brookline, Mass., at age 84.

In 1985, the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior was sunk with explosives in Auckland, New Zealand, by French intelligence agents; one activist was killed. Bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 1999, the United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on pen-

alty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless play at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

In 2002, The House approved, 310-113, a measure to allow airline pilots to carry guns in the cockpit to defend their planes against terrorists (President George W. Bush later signed the measure into law).

In 2004, President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address that legalizing gay marriage would redefine the most fundamental institution of civilization, and that a constitutional amendment was needed to protect traditional marriage.

Ten years ago: General Motors completed an unusually quick exit from bankruptcy protection with promises of making money and building cars people would be eager to buy. Pope Benedict XVI stressed the Catholic church's opposition to abortion and embryonic stem cell research in his first meeting with President Barack Obama at the Vatican. British conductor Sir Edward Downes, 85, almost blind and growing deaf, and his terminally ill wife, Joan, 74, ended their lives together at an assisted suicide clinic in Zurich, Switzerland.

Five years ago: Germany demanded that the CIA station chief in Berlin leave the country as a new round of allegations of U.S. espionage worsened friction between the two allies.

One year ago: A daring rescue mission in Thailand was completed successfully, as the last four of the 12 boys who were trapped in a flooded cave for 2 1/2 weeks were brought to safety along with their soccer coach. The other eight had been brought out in the two preceding days. Rancher Dwight Hammond and his son Steven, who had been convicted of intentionally setting fires on public land in Oregon, were pardoned by President Donald Trump.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 92. Actor William Smithers is 92. Broadway composer Jerry Passer is 88. Director Ivan Passer is 86. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 80. Singer Mavis Staples is 80. Actor

Answer to previous puzzle

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Mills Watson is 79. Actor Robert Pine is 78. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 76. International Tennis Hall of Famer Virginia Wade is 74. Actress Sue Lyon is 73. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 72. Rock musician Dave Smalley is 70. Country-folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is 68. Rock singer Neil Tennant (Pet Shop Boys) is 65. Banjo player Bela Fleck

is 61. Actress Fiona Shaw is 61. Country musician Shaw Wilson (BR549) is 59. Bluegrass singer-musician Tim Surret (Balsam Range) is 56. Actor Alec Mapa is 54. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 54. Rock musician Peter DiStefano (Porno Pyros) is 54. Actor Gale Harold is 50. Country singer Gary LeVox (leh-VOH') (Rascal Flatts) is 49. Actor Aaron D. Spears is

48. Actress Sofia Vergara is 47. Rockabilly singer Imelda May is 45. Actor Adrian Grenier (grehn-YAY') is 43. Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor (CHOO'-ih-tehl EHJ'-ee-oh-for) is 42. Actress Gwendoline Yeo is 42. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas is 39. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 39. Rock musician John Spiker is 38. Actress Heather Hemmens is 35. Actress Emily Skeggs (TV:

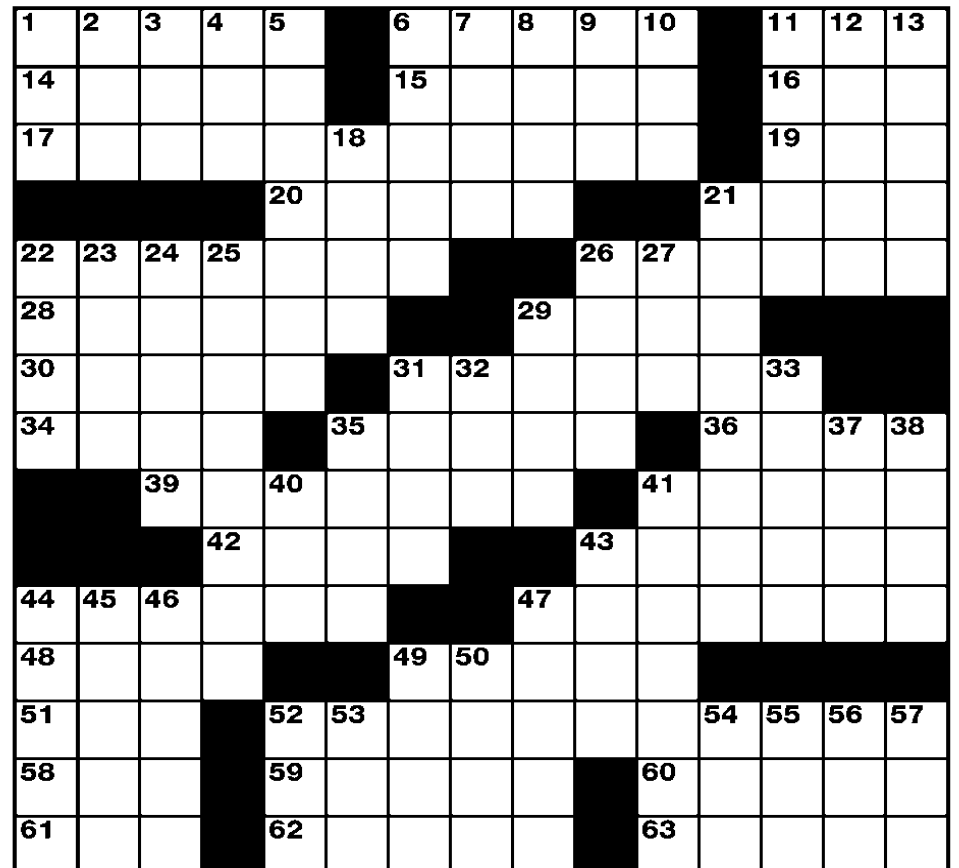
"When We Rise") is 29. Rapper/singer Angel Haze is 28. Pop singer Perrie Edwards (Little Mix) is 26.

Thought for Today: "The people I distrust most are those who want to improve our lives but have only one course of action in mind." — Frank Herbert, American author (1920-1986).

Newsday Crossword

NOT YET by Mark McClain  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Italy's fashion center
  - 6 Hoofbeat sounds
  - 11 Tabby or Siamese
  - 14 Pay hike
  - 15 Money of India
  - 16 Brewpub selection
  - 17 Not yet
  - 19 Neither here \_\_\_ there
  - 20 Spherical roofs
  - 21 What an adjective modifies
  - 22 Slow, high throw
  - 26 Drives too fast
  - 28 Ringed with an angel's light
  - 29 Deceptive trick
  - 30 Molecule parts
  - 31 Side-to-side measure
  - 34 Pita sandwich
  - 35 Not yet
  - 36 Nest-building stinger
  - 39 Metal-plated, as some trucks
  - 41 Slow music tempo
  - 42 Difficult to find
  - 43 Fade away
  - 44 Candy bar nut
  - 47 Table linens
  - 48 Erupted
  - 49 Wild guesses
  - 51 Mammal with wings
  - 52 Not yet
  - 58 Australian bird
  - 59 Be very fond of
  - 60 Prefix meaning "nerve"
- DOWN**
- 1 Hospital scan letters
  - 2 Actor McKellen
  - 3 Ignited
  - 4 Fireplace residue
  - 5 Sewing tools
  - 6 Tiny cracker fragment
  - 7 Minstrel's stringed instrument
  - 8 Numbered composition
  - 9 According to
  - 10 Lay eyes on
  - 11 Paddled boat
  - 12 For all to hear
  - 13 Gull cousins
  - 18 Nourishment
  - 21 Not yet
  - 22 Plush carpeting
  - 23 Tasting like granola bars
  - 24 Plants of a region
  - 25 Not yet
  - 26 Fly high
  - 27 Athlete's knee protector
  - 29 Pay attention to
  - 31 Unadorned
  - 32 Numbered rd.
  - 33 Capital of Vietnam
  - 35 Title for an earl
  - 37 Astound
  - 38 Cooking vessels
  - 40 Fellow
  - 41 Mouth the lyrics
  - 43 Computer fodder
  - 44 London's Westminster \_\_\_
  - 45 Camel's Andean kin
  - 46 Got together
  - 47 Connection points
  - 49 Unhealthy haze
  - 50 Protagonist
  - 52 Common Italian male nickname
  - 53 Poetic tribute
  - 54 Briny expanse
  - 55 "... that \_\_\_ flag was still there"
  - 56 Raw mineral
  - 57 Silent show of approval





# Tuesday Sports in Brief

Associated Press

## BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Justin Verlander, Shane Bieber and the American League pitchers plugged power back into the mound.

A day after an awesome Home Run Derby got baseball buzzing even more about monster shots, only a couple balls flew out of Progressive Field at the All-Star Game on Tuesday night.

Instead, Verlander blazed 97 mph heat from the start, Bieber struck out the side and the AL staff combined to fan 16, topping a loaded NL lineup 4-3 for its seventh straight win.

With fans hoping to see a replay of Monday's jaw-dropping aerial show when 312 homers cleared the walls, the diamond became a pitchers' paradise — at least until the late innings.

Derby champ Pete Alonso of the Mets grounded a two-out, two-run single past Gleyber Torres in the eighth to close the NL's gap. After a double steal put runners at second and third against Cleveland reliever Brad Hand, White Sox catcher James McCann made a tumbling catch on Mike Moustakas' twisting foul pop to end the inning.

Aroldis Chapman threw a perfect ninth to give the AL its 19th win 22 games, with a tie stuck in there.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Faced with a record onslaught of home runs that has convinced many pitchers that baseballs are juiced, Commissioner Rob Manfred says the sport has been unable to find any changes in the manufacturing process.

A May 2018 report to Major League Baseball by professors specializing in physics, mechanical engineering, statistics and mathematics concluded there was less drag on the ball, causing more home runs. MLB still has not figured out why, and Manfred denied accusations by AL All-Star starter Justin Verlander and other pitchers that baseballs deliberately had been altered.

Batters have hit 3,691 homers in 1,345 games, on pace for 6,668 over the full season. That would be 19% above last year's 5,558 and 9% over the record 6,105 hit in 2017 that topped the Steroids Era high mark of 5,693 in 2000.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Extending protective netting down foul lines is a ballpark-to-ballpark decision because of differing configurations, according to baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred.

Following a series of foul balls that injured fans, Major League Baseball mandated ahead of the 2018 season that netting extend to the far end of each dugout.

Still, several fans have been hurt by foul balls this season.

Manfred said changes during the midst of a season are hard to put in place.

## BASKETBALL

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The NBA knows that its rules on teams talking to free agents are not being followed, and says it will spend the next few months figuring out a better system.

Commissioner Adam Silver, speaking after the league's board of governors meeting Tuesday, says the league is aware "that there have been prior discussions" between teams and free agents.

So the next step will be finding ways to improve the process, either by changing some rules or perhaps eliminating some that are outdated.

In other matters:

— The NBA is giving coaches the right to challenge one call per game next season. They may challenge a personal foul charged to their team, a called out-of-bounds violation, a goaltending violation or a basket-interference violation.

— Instant replay can now be triggered by game officials working in the review center in Secaucus, New Jersey, without the involvement of the on-court refereeing crew.

## TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams

completed another two-win day at Wimbledon.

The mixed doubles team of Williams and Andy Murray beat Fabrice Martin and Raquel Atawo 7-5, 6-3 to reach the third round.

Earlier, Williams reached the semifinals in singles at the All England Club for the 12th time.

Williams also won two matches on Saturday, first in singles and then in mixed doubles.

## SOCCER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Megan Rapinoe (rah-PEE-noh) has accepted an invitation for the U.S. women's soccer team to celebrate its World Cup victory with a visit to Congress.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday he looks forward to scheduling a time when "these inspiring women can come to the nation's capital."

Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others in Congress invited the team to visit. Rapinoe said Tuesday on CNN that she had accepted invitations from New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Pelosi and Schumer to go to Washington.

## GOLF

John Daly has withdrawn from the British Open three days after being told he can't ride in a cart.

The R&A announced Tuesday that Daly, who won the Open at St. Andrews in 1995, has withdrawn because of a medical condition. He was replaced at Royal Portrush by Kevin Streelman.

Daly cited the Americans with Disabilities Act in requesting — and receiving — a cart for the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black. Daly says he has osteoarthritis in his right knee and that makes it difficult to walk.

The R&A said it denied his request because it considers walking to be an integral part of the championship.

## HOCKEY

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks have traded defenseman Henri Jokiharju to the Buffalo Sabres for underachieving forward Alex Nylander.

Chicago is hoping a change of scenery will help Nylander, who was selected by Buffalo with the eighth overall pick in the 2016 draft. The 21-year-old Nylander had three goals and three assists in just 19 games with the Sabres over three seasons.

Alex's father, Michael, played for the Blackhawks from 1999-2002.

Jokiharju, the No. 29 selection in the 2017 draft, made his NHL debut in October and finished with no goals and 12 assists in 38 games in his first season with the Blackhawks.

## COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University has fired a fencing coach over the sale of his home

for nearly double its assessed value to a wealthy businessman whose teenage son was later admitted to the school and joined the team.

Athletic Director Bob Scalise said in an emailed statement Tuesday that head fencing coach Peter Brand has been fired for violating Harvard's conflict-of-interest policy.

The Boston Globe reported in April that Brand received nearly \$1 million in 2016 for his suburban Boston three-bedroom house, which was assessed at the time at about \$550,000.

The buyer, Jie Zhao, never lived in the home and sold it at a steep loss 17 months later. Both men deny wrongdoing.

## AWARDS

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — Shortstop Bobby Witt Jr., son of former major league pitcher Bobby Witt, and softball pitcher Kelley Lynch have been honored as national prep athletes of the year.

They received their trophies on Tuesday night. Witt Jr., of Colleyville, Texas, was the No. 2 overall pick by the Kansas City Royals. He batted .482 with 15 doubles, nine triples and 15 home runs, compiling 55 RBIs — 28 of which came with two outs. He led Colleyville Heritage High to a 39-3 record and the Texas Class 5A state title.

Lynch, of Sharpsburg, Georgia, is the first softball player to win national athlete of the year honors in the program sponsored by Gatorade.

She led East Coweta High to a 32-2 record and the program's second straight Class 7A state title last season. She was 17-0 with a 0.27 ERA along with a .436 batting average.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Retired NFL player Chris Long and the National Hockey League have been honored at the Sports Humanitarian Awards.

The awards presented by ESPN on Tuesday night in downtown Los Angeles recognize those who use the power of sports to make a positive impact on society.

Long was honored with the Muhammad Ali Sports Humanitarian Award for his commitment to giving back through strategic, multifaceted efforts which attack larger systematic issues.

The NHL received the League Humanitarian Leadership Award for its efforts to create the most inclusive experience for the entire hockey community.

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