

Rams Fan Anthony "Droopy" Drapaeu

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by Victoria Drapaeu
UPLAND - Anthony and missed by family and "Droopy" Drapeau, 44, of friends all close and far. Pomona, California, passed "Anthony is survived by away unexpectedly on Feb- his wife Leticia Drapeau, ruary 8th. He was in a car his daughter Victoria crash at lam on the 210 fwy on his way home from working DoorDash.
Anthony was born August 14th in Colorado Springs, CO to John Drapeau and Vicke Trujillo. Anthony was an avid bowler from a young age, growing up in bowling alleys and touching many lives throughout the years. He will be remembered

Drapeau, his stepchildren Jennifer and Christopher Tobias-Drapeau, a granddaughter Evangeline Ybar-ra-Serrano, his parents John Drapeau and Vicke Trujillo, a brother and two sisters of Illinois.

His daughter has set up a gofund me to help with his Funeral/Memorial arrangements. If you would like to donate Click Here.

> JESPER SVENSSON WIIS THE STORM CUP: DAIII SMAII'S BESTOF THE BEST CHAMPIONSHIP Leads throughout the entire tournament and claims his 11th PBA Tour title


#### Abstract

JACKSON, Mich.Jesper Svensson won his 11th PBA Tour title by defeating Packy Hanrahan in the championship match of THE STORM CUP: David Small's Best of the Best Championship at JAX60. Svensson was the tournament leader after every round of competition, ultimately rolling 248 in the championship match to claim the title. "I managed to play to my strengths and do what I like to do," said Svensson. "I was able to play my A game, was lined up, had a good process and threw a lot of good shots. I was comfortable." Hanrahan, the third seed, advanced to the title match with wins over Dom Bar- 


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## MIIE PARKER - Bowling Aficionado and "The Mostinteresting Bowler in The World"

by Frank Weiler
The bowler from Nottingham Drive knows Bowling. Mike Parker is his name. He is a Bowling Aficionado. That's a guy who is very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the sport of Bowling.

Mike Parker is as enthusiastic about the sport of Bowling as any Las Vegas Raider football fan is about a Derek Carr touchdown pass. Mike is a Bowling fan rooting for our sports success at every level.

Mike Parker knows Bowling. He is an expert with comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of our sport. He knows Bowling as an activity, a pastime and as a sport. Want to know Bowling history, ask Mike. Want to know Bowling trends and current preferences, ask Mike. Want to know about the Professional Bowling Tours (PBA and PWBA) and their competitors, ask Mike. Mike knows Bowling.

Bowling is a huge part of Mike Parker's life journey. He has been a bowler most of his life. Decades of competing. Since beginning as a bowler he has been a student of the sport. He studied every aspect of bowling form and function. His bowling accomplishments reflect his astute eye for the detail necessary for high scoring. His performance credentials
 include honor scores, league highs and high averages.

Once he mastered the art of Bowling Mike turned to learning more about the background and history of our sport. He now reads and researches all aspects of our sport and regularly purchases publications about Bowling's early days. Publications that describe the origins and development of the sport of Bowling.

I recognize Mike Parker as a Bowling pundit. Webster defines a pundit as an expert who is called upon to give his opinion regarding a question within his field of expertise. When I need an answer regarding Bowling, Mike is my man. Mike Parker knows Bowling.

Recently Mike gifted me with a book entitled Spalding's Official Bowling Guide. It was published in January 1907, just a dozen years after the formation of the American Bowling Congress (ABC) in 1895.

Like Mike Parker, the Bowling Guide is a gold mine of information about the early days of Bowling. The book describes when Bowling came to America, how the American Bowling Congress was formed and the growth of our sport in the early 20th century.

Mike Parker knows Bowling. He will tell you that Brooklyn's Tom Curtis is the "Father of Bowling" and the first President of the American Bowling Congress. That Miss Bertha Kern of St. Louis, Missouri was an early United States Bowling Champion and that the All American Trio bowling team managed by Sam Karpf won 81 consecutive matches while traveling throughout the United States in the years 1902 and 1903. The All American Trio team was undefeated with an 81-0 record. Never has there been a more dominant performance or better competitive record in American sports history. According to Mike the All American Trio bowling team should be recognized by the Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum as one of greatest teams in Bowling history. That accolade would be bestowed on the team if Mike Parker had his way.
"Mike Parker knows bowling". His enthusiasm for and extensive knowledge of our sport makes him a "Bowling Aficionado" and "The most interesting bowler in the world".
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January from expired Recipient accounts. $\$ 1.2$ million set aside for the new SMART Pell Grant Match.
USBC's SMART Committee intends to maintain the annual earnings allocation at $\$ 7$ million or more through at least 2024, unless investment market conditions significantly change. This will allow SMART Providers and Recipients to plan on similar new funds from SMART for three years.
"The 2022 SMART allocation will immediately change the lives of young bowlers with nearly $\$ 1,000$ in new scholarship funds hitting every active SMART Recipient's account," USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. "With SMART's intention to maintain at least a $\$ 7$ million allocation, SMART Providers should aggressively use their unassigned funds with the confidence of consistent new funding in the years ahead. This also allows active Recipients to plan on similar bonus scholarships through 2024 as well."

The federal Pell Grant is a national program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. The new SMART Pell Grant Match will maximize the power of this federal program for bowlers by matching it dollar for dollar. The SMART Pell Grant Match will be available to any student with at least one season of USBC Youth participation and two seasons of overall USBC membership.Students can request the SMART Pell Grant Match by visiting BOWL.com/SMART. Applications for the SMART Pell Grant Match will be accepted through the end of the year or until the $\$ 1.2$ million in funding is exhausted.
"The SMART Pell Grant Match provides a new and innovative way for USBC's SMART program to help students in financial need within our bowling community," said Frank Wilkinson, chair of the USBC SMART Committee. "We encourage everyone involved in USBC programming to help with awareness about this new grant. Our challenge will be reaching our former youth bowlers to let them know about this fantastic opportunity."

In 2021, the USBC Board of Directors approved a series of policy changes for SMART, designed to increase scholarship benefits for SMART Recipients. The new policy allocates a portion of investment gains to be awarded as new scholarships in SMART Recipient accounts.

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by Dave Williams
After completing the story on Miami Bowl in Chicago a few weeks ago, I received an interesting list from J.R. Schmidt entitled "America's Largest Bowling Alleys (1944)." The list was provided by the American Bowling Congress and was probably generated because 1944 was the year that Hudson Recreation, with 105 lanes, had ceased operations at their Philadelphia location.

What caught my eye was a bowling center in the number 7 position, Sunset Bowling Center in Hollywood, with a total of 52 lanes. Having grown up in California and spending a couple of years living in the San Fernando Valley while working for AMF, I was surprised that I had not heard of this particular pin palace.

A quick review of the internet revealed a couple of interesting summaries, the most notable by J.H. Graham, author of the Avery Shepard Detective Mystery Series. In her recap, Ms. Graham notes that Warner Brothers had been in the process of converting some of their older studios into a new recreation center for their employees and the public to enjoy.

The year was 1937, and Los Angeles Times film critic Philip Scheuer lamented that the studios where many of the first talking pictures were made, would be converted into a sports complex, housing a roller skating rink, badminton courts, and "the world's largest bowling center, with 52 lanes in a row."

Now for those of you that have been reading my column for the past few years, you're astutely aware that Detroit Recreation, with 88 lanes, was next in line to the title of the world's largest bowling center at that time (The Recreation Center in Baltimore, with 100 lanes, was not included in the list because it featured duckpins, rather than tenpins).

In fact, there were many locations that listed more lanes than Sunset, including State Fair Recreation, Detroit (70), Adams-Wabash Recreation, Chicago (64), Rogers Recreation, St. Louis (63), Great Lakes, Detroit (60), and Capitol Health Center, New York (56). While I'm familiar with the layout of both Detroit Recreation ( 88 lanes on four different floors), and State Fair Recreation, with two sections of lanes back-to-back, to make the best use of pin boys, I do not know the configuration of the others.

The only conclusion that I can draw from this claim by Sunset Bowling Center is that the lanes were featured in a continuous row, without interruption. But whatever the reason, Sunset was opened up on May 29th, 1937, with great acclaim. An advertisement in local newspapers announced a pre-opening charity show on that evening from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. It was rumored that Harold Lloyd, an avid bowler, had organized the event with a minimum of one movie star on each of the 52 lanes.

In order to confirm some of this newfound information, I called upon Bud Horn, my bowling historian friend for all things bowling in Los Angeles. "That was before my time," said Horn, a member of the USBC Bowling Hall of Fame. "I had heard about Sunset, but don't remember ever bowling there."

Through the course of my online investigation, I came upon a couple of other bowling centers in Hollywood during this time: Hollywood Recreation, which I had been aware of through my association with Rex Golobic, whose father opened the facility in 1935; and another location that was new to me, Art Linkletter's La Cienega Lanes, which opened in 1946. "We used to bowl pot games at La Cienega," recalls Horn. He went on to say that he believes that famed promoter Harry Grant ran Sunset before moving on to Victory Bowl, and finally Encino Bowl on Ventura Boulevard.


Sunset Bowling Center and the remainder of the War- the badminton courts and the roller skating rink, to build ner Brothers sports complex lasted until the spring of KTLA's new studio." The neoclassical style bowling cen1954, according to J.H. Graham, when the buildings were ter, resembling the White House in design, was not demolsold to Paramount's television station, KTLA. "In March ished, and still remains at 5858 Sunset Boulevard. 1955, Paramount began razing the older buildings on the back lot, including the famous Studio 1 that had housed

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Dear fellow tenpin scribes and promoters,
While I have enjoyed my "labor of love" in serving the sport of bowling in many ways for more than 40 years, in the words of the Beatles, "My life has changed in oh so many ways."

Centers have sadly closed or morphed into FEC's. Leagues and tournaments died on the vine. We all did or are doing our best to keep the spirits and the image up.

But I lost my mojo; not for the sport or people I dearly love, but for struggling to serve without any pay to offset expenses. Since retiring from corporate America, I have not been able to attend the annual meeting(s) and Expo. As most events and gatherings are in Vegas or Reno, I just can't swing it (until I win a lottery).

I am so grateful for the bowling family and for the people who mentored me (George Allen, Pearl Keller, Chuck Pezzano, Pat McDonough) and for those who allowed me to create feature stories for them, especially Bowlers Journal, International Bowling Industry Magazine, and BowlingDigital. I am still available to continue for any of you as you may need.

Further, I continue to encourage "newbies" and I personally welcomed and encouraged Nolan Hughes. We are now "pen pals" and FB friends.

Being retired, and having had my part-time local job "eliminated," coupled with hubby's serious health issues, it's time to admit I cannot serve the IBMA well.

Thank you all and so many others I met, for all the good times, sound advice, and friendships (including the "frenemies").

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OWNEY, Calif. .- The final night of Round 3, and really, the cenarios were all over the place. Four teams entered the night with a realistic chance of qualifying for our season-ending rolloff. Family Ties needed just two points to clinch it. You know Cal Bowl wasn't going to make that easy. Cal Bowl, with four points, could force a roll-off if US Foods didn't sweep. Even better, if Cal Bowl got four points and DV8 were to sweep US Foods, there would be a three-way roll-off.

You're going to have to read on to find out what happened.
We're going to go backwards this week and start from the bottom up to the top of the league. Really, fasten your seatbelts, adies and gentlemen. Here we go!
WBPI (7) vs. TDI Refrigeration (7)
These two teams have got to be the best of friends with how many times they've seen each other this season. The scores weren't very high, but the match was quite competitive. Game 1 aw WBPI take a $590-585$ five-pin victory. Game 2 flipped over to TDI Refrigeration, $630-621$, and also a four-pin series lead. Game showed more flip flopping, and WBPI took a 637-614 win for the game and totals for four points to go up to 11 points to finish Round 3. Adrian Pelayo shot 474 to lead WBPI. TDI Refrigeration finishes Round 3 with eight points behind Joe Ray Jr's 506 series.
Professional Approach Pro Shop (12) vs. Bowling Guys (10)
Bobby Campagnale had himself a night, and it was enough to sweep Professional Approach Pro Shop by 148 pins behind a 657 series ( $237,235,185$ ). Also big for Bowling Guys was Ricardo Mendoza, who chimed in with a 618 series. Saul DeUlloa shot 34 in Game 3 to help seal the sweep for Bowling Guys. Bowling Guys finished the round with 15 points. Bryan Osborne led way for Professional Approach Pro Shop with a 590 series.
California Timberline (14) vs. Team HuStle (13)
Edward Estrada could not be held back in Game 1. He shot a 245 game, combining with Blayke Miller's 205 game for a 785-693 win for California Timberline. The lanes must have broken down fugy from there on because the scores fell harshly. Jello Gray hot a 188 to help Team Hustie sneak a two-pin win (672-670) to ine set. Still, California Timberline held a 90 -pin advantage fornia Tino Game 3. The scores tumbled even more, antada led nia Timberline would not let go of its advantage. Estrada led 59 series in again, shooting a 651 to complete a cea. Californi Timberline jumps up to 18 points to finish the round. Jamie Carington's 524 series led the way for Team Hustle, which finished Round 3 with 14 points.
Westminster Lanes (14) vs. Threadworks (14)
It was rough going for Westminster Lanes to start this match out, as Threadworks jumped out to a 766-652 win behind Kevin Jones' 214 game. Don't say Westminster Lanes can't fight, though; Three of its bowlers shot at least 202 in shooting 803 against Threadworks' 741 for a 62 -pin win. Still, Threadworks held a 52 -pin series lead. Eric Snow didn't want to let the night get away from Threadworks, and he shot a 196 game to finish off his consisent 575 set, leading his team to four points and 18 for the round It was a 693-661 win for Threadworks. Jamie Ferry led the wa
or Westminster Lanes, which finished the round with 15 points.
Forest Lanes (17) vs. Junior Amateur Tour (16)
The pairings changed a little here, as Bowlium, the winner of Round 2, was moved into a matchup against the winners of Round 1, Forever Hope Foundation. We'll cover that matchup in bit. So, Junior Amateur Tour, instead of playing Bowlium, would get a Valentine's Day date with Forest Lanes. Forest Lanes got eliminated from round contention a week ago, but overall points still matter for teams that do not win one of the four rounds. Game , down to the wire, and Forest Lanes pulls it out, 745-743. The Diso's got business taken care of. JT led Forest Lanes with a 217 while his Dad, Jon, shot a 212. D.A. Smith added a 214 game for unior Amateur Tour. Game 2 remained competitive but the tide urned in favor of Junior Amateur Tour, as Anthony Santos shot a 226 game to help Junior Amateur Tour win a 765-729 result and ake the lead in totals. The Disos shot deuces once more in Game 3 , but both Smith and David Yamauchi would shoot 222 games in 779-758 win for Junior Amateur Tour. Smith led Junior Amateur Tour with a 599 ; but not far behind was Santos with a 598 . Junio Amateur Tour finished Round 3 with 20 points. JT Diso shot 614 lead Forest Lanes, which finishes the round with 18 points. Jo Diso added a 603

Forever Hope Foundation \$(22) vs. Bowlium \$\$(16)
Let's jump up to the matchup between the two round winners. Unless things drastically change between tonight and the end of Hope Foll ${ }^{\text {a }}$. roll-ofs But ther ill round two Bowlium in plered the night quand and he winners of "ound two, Bowlium entered the night quoting Lee Corso, saying,
 roundatidn's didn't like that, though. Billy Myers, Jr. came out firing with a 235 game, backed up by Butch Jackson's 220 and Arnold Cheesman's 211, and Bowlium shot 810 to Forever Hope Foundation's 768 to take the game and momentum in the matchup. Joe Smith added a 214 score in the Game 2 loss. Momentum stood with Bowlium, and it earned a 748-673 win behind a consistent team effort led by Cheesman's 197. Cheesman shot 590 to lead the team as well. Bowlium finishes Round 3 with 20 points. Basurto had himself a night with a 648 set. Forever Hope Foundation will settle for one point, finishing the round with 23 .

Co-Main Event: US Foods (19) vs. DV8 (18) and Family Ties (22) vs. Cal Bowl (19)
It all came down to this final night, and each of these four teams had a chance to win Round 3 and secure a spot in the roll-off. Family Ties needed just two points to finish off the round as champions.
What made this matchup all the more interesting was Leonard Ruiz, Jr. against Steve Gurrieri. The partnership that has brought home so many Brunswick Invitational championships could possibly decide Round 3

Game 1, the defending champions, Cal Bowl came out firing Three 200 games led by Leonard Ruiz, Jr.'s 213 game helped to fend off PWBA superstar Stephanie Zavala's 257 game in a 792 777 win for Cal Bowl

There was hope across the way. Either US Foods or DV8 needed at least four points to stand a chance in forcing a roll-off, or perhaps winning the round outright depending on what happened. DV8 would strike first behind Markus Betts' 229 game in

## a 765-707 win

DV8 had life. US Foods did as well. In fact, through one game all four teams were still in contention.

Family Ties came out shooting hard and would have won Game 2 against any other team in the league. However, there's two teams that would outpoint them, and one of those teams was on the pair with them, as Cal Bowl was on a mission to make things interesting. Cal Bowl got a 255 game from Ramon Torres in an 834-814 win. Guerrieri added a 223 game for Family Ties
It was beginning to look like Cal Bowl could seal the deal for itself outright.

Betts continued to be huge for DV8, shooting a 254 game, alongside Scott Smith's 227 game to put the league on notice that DV8 was a serious contender for the night. Remember the other team that would have beat Family Ties? You guessed it, it was DV8's 845-798 win, which eliminated US Foods from contention.

And then there were three. DV8 needed to finish up a sweep and hope that Cal Bowl would not sweep Family Ties; but also, that Family Ties wouldn't come back to win totals. Things got good.

The big names struggled for Family Ties in Game 3, and sub, Vince Duarte put Family Ties on his back, shooting a 215 game onatogh rokndown pair for anaw Ties. Ruiz, Jr. added a 212 for Cal Bowl, and totals came down to just 14 pins. But Cal Bowl had done what it needed to do. Cal Bowl jumped to 23 points for the round with its four points, led by Ruiz, Jr.'s 628 series. Family Ties also finished the round with 23 points behind Zavala's 609 series.

Entering Game 3, DV8 knew that Cal Bowl and Family Ties had to finish in that very scenario. US Foods could play spoiler though, and it nearly did. But Kyle Duster's 205 game would lift DV8 to a seven-pin win and qualify it for a three-game roll-off after bowling! Betts finished the night with a league-leading 667 series as DV8 finished with a round-leading 23 points tying Family Ties and Cal Bowl. US Foods, led by Gabriel Martinez's 586 series, finished Round 3 with 20 points.

Three-Team Roll-off: DV8 (23) vs. Family Ties (23) vs. Cal Bowl (23)

Totals was the name of the game here. The team with the most pinfall would lift itself into the roll-off at the end of the league

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 3

| Cal Bowl ............ 23 | Junior |
| :---: | :---: |
| Family Ties . . . . . . . . . 23 | U.S. Foods |
| DV8................ 23 | Forest Lanes. |
| Forever Hope Foundation\$ 23 | Threadworks |
| Bowlium \$\$............ 20 | California Timberline |

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Markus Betts Bobby Campagnale Ramsey Basurto.<br>Leonard Ruiz Jr.<br>Richardo Mendoza

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618 Anthony Santos
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Gilye 1 , it was all Family Ties. Led by Zavala's 207 game,相 02. DV8 was led by JT Jackson's 188 game. Cal Bowl sat 65 pins behind after shooting 701. Herman Ferguson shot 217 to lead he way for Cal Bowl.
Leonard Ruiz, Jr. must have given quite the pep talk to Cal Bowl, because in Game 2, Cal Bowl came out bowling like the defending champions they are. In their fifth game of the night, Cal Bowl led the trio with a 775 game to climb to 1476. Cal Bowl was led by Ruiz's 217 game. Family Ties shot 747 as a team, and still led with 1513 . Gurrieri shot a 232 along with Mikey Villarreal's 227 game as Family Ties was looking to pad its advantage Still, Family Ties held a 37 -pin lead heading into Game 3. DV8 shot 686 and was down 125 pins. Scott Smith led the way for DV8 with a 186 .
There was no stopping Cal Bowl, and in Game 6, Cal Bowl ot even better, shooting 804 to finish off with a 2280 for the rollff and the qualification to the roll-off. Once more, it was Ruiz leading the way for Cal Bowl; he shot a 227 game to finish off 603 set. Family Ties shot 667 to finish with 2180 . Duarte led the team with a 183 in that one. Gurrieri led Family Ties with 83 series in the roll off. DV8 shot 653 to finish with 2041. Betts led the team with a 174 game. Smith led DV8 with a 519 series Once more, congratulations to Cal Bowl. They earn the dolla signs for the round and will join Forever Hope Foundation and Bowlium in the Brunswick Invitational roll-off.

Sidepots: The first game sidepot was won by Stephanie Zaala with a 254 . She won $\$ 40$. Taking second place was Bobby Campagnale with a 237 , paying him $\$ 20$.

Game 2 went to Gabriel Martinez with his 236, good for $\$ 40$ Second place was earned by Campagnale with his 235 game. He gets $\$ 20$.
In the final game, Saul DeUlloa took home $\$ 120$ for his 234 game. JT Diso's 230 score earned him $\$ 60$.
The Financial Advisors Pot went to Ramon Torres for his 255 ame, which was worth $\$ 160$. Gabriel Martinez earned $\$ 70$ for is 236 game
We're off to Round 4 and the flat pattern. Which team is going prime itself for a run? There's really only one way for you to find out. Come down to Del Rio Lanes 8 p . m . as the best bowler Southern California battle it out to establish bowling supremacy.

