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The Taylorsville-Spencer County Fire Protection District wanted to remind Spencer County residents about the Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons.

The first one started last week, and runs through April 30, with the next being from Oct. 1 through Dec. 15.

During these periods, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to, or to procure another to set fire to any flammable material capable of spreading

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Good game, bad dunk contest. The highs and lows of an eventful NBA All-Star weekend

BY GREG BEACHAM

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. — If you still didn't like the NBA's newest All-Star Game format, you probably just don't like All-Star games.

That seemed to be the sports sphere's consensus after the U.S.-against-the-world, round-robin tournament Sunday produced three thrilling mini-games and several impressive individual performances. Something about the setup compelled these stars to play their exhibition at a level much closer to real competition than usual.

"I think every team honestly wanted to win," said Phoenix's Devin Booker, a member of the victorious Stars team.

That's no small statement about an event that had become sports shorthand for pointless midseason pseudo-competition — a charade that wasted fans' time and produced unwatchable TV while players simply tried to get it over with.

That's precisely why the NBA implemented its fourth format in four years, creating

a World team and two teams of Americans to play 12-minute games.

To the surprise of those who assumed this event was irredeemable, it actually worked for most people.

"I've been asking for it, fans have been asking for it, media have been asking for it, (and) I feel that after today, I think you all can see the competition is there," Karl-Anthony Towns said. "I think that we all brought it today, brought a sense of effort. I hope that the fans and all of you appreciate it."

An Americans-versus-everybody finale didn't materialize, however. Instead, the team of slightly younger Americans routed the team of slightly older Americans in an anticlimactic finale.

Even that finish had its entertaining points, though: "We're definitely one-up on the uncs right now," said a grinning Tyrese Maxey, who scored nine points in the final.

The NBA hasn't declared a format for next year's All-Star Game in Phoenix, and the World component has potential problems depending

on how many international players are having All-Star-worthy seasons.

Several players, including LeBron James and Kawhi Leonard, said they still want a return to the classic East vs. West format — you know, the one that produced enough bad games to force the NBA to try something different in the first place.

It's tough to imagine basketball in its current state producing an All-Star Game significantly better than this one, but not everything about the All-Star weekend at Intuit Dome was savory.

The highs and lows of an eventful weekend in Inglewood:

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Just when the NBA might have its All-Star Game fixed, the Slam Dunk Contest was underwhelming enough to prompt fan discussion on how to save a venerable competition that's running out of steam.

The event immortalized by the likes of Julius Erving, Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant was mostly compelling for bad reasons this year, although Miami's Keshad

Johnson did well enough to join 3-Point Contest champion Damian Lillard in an all-Oakland sweep of the two marquee events at All-Star Saturday.

In the early round, Lakers center Jaxson Hayes gave an effort that drew online criticism from his own fans. Orlando's

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TAYLORSVILLE-SPENCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY
OWNED BY
Michael Thompson
for
Vivacious Living LLC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE that the City adopts the Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning & Zoning Commissioners' recommendation of December 4, 2025 recommending the application to rezone a 1.426 acre tract of land from I-1, Industrial to R-3, Residential District located on 106 Railroad Street in Taylorsville, Kentucky and

the City does hereby rezone said land, from I-1, Industrial to R-3, Residential District based on the findings of fact presented by the planning commission that the Recommended Land Use Map indicates Mixed Use, the change would be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and with a Binding Element that the R-3 is not for multi-family use, it is for single family use only on both Tracts 3-A-1 and Tract 3-B-1.

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication. Passed and approved by the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky, on the 10th day of February, 2026. WITNESS our hands this the 10th day of February, 2026.

CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE
/s/ Karen Spencer
Karen Spencer, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ Marcia A. Finley
Marcia Finley, City Clerk

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