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Council votes down 8% tax cap increase; approves infill program

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Community input was prevalent during Monday's special meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The first reading of a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to Direct the Howard County Tax Appraiser/Collector to calculate the voter approval tax rate of the City of Big Spring under Texas Tax Code 26.04 using the special taxing unit cap rate of 8% instead of the recently amended 3.5% cap rate as a result of the Declaration of Disaster issued by the President of the United States and the Texas Governor, clarifying to the Citizens of Big Spring that this cap rate increase does not reflect the City Council's intent to raise taxes by 8% but instead to increase the cap as a precau-

tionary measure as permitted during times of disaster.

More than 20 residents approached the podium and expressed their sentiment about the proposed taxing unit cap rate of 8% from the current 3.5%. There was an overwhelming expression voiced encouraging the council members to vote the proposed item down citing the current environment was not the right time to raise any kind of tax cap or rate.

After hearing more than an hour of public comment, the Council took to the vote. Councilman Jim DePauw made a

motion to approve the first reading and Councilwoman Gloria McDonald made a second. However, the item failed with a 5-2 vote from the Council.

Another hot topic on the agenda was the new infill development incentive program designed to facilitate private investment toward construction of single-family housing within the city limits of Big Spring and therefore encourage economic development that benefits the health, safety and welfare of the Big



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COVID-19 Update:

- Active Cases: 15
- Confirmed: 34
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- Pending: 54
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- Recovered: 18
- Deaths: 1

Effective immediately, Second Street from Union Street to Birdwell Lane is closed completely to all through traffic. We apologize for any inconvenience and request your patience while repairs are made, according to the City of Big Spring media release Monday afternoon.

Governor Abbott has issued bars to close; 50% capacity at restaurants and businesses; outdoor gatherings limited to 100 or less before needing approval; river rafting trips have been shut down.

Back the Blue; World Champion Bullriding Champion Studley shows support for law enforcement



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Misty Studley, Women's National Professional Bullriding 2019 World Champion, presented local law enforcement with a autographed plaque last week. Studley wanted to show her support of law enforcement.

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 Managing Editor

As the world continues to focus on law enforcement's actions amidst other issues, one local resident has chosen to step out and show support to local law enforcement officers and encourages the community to do the same.

"I wanted to show community support," Misty Studley, Women's National Professional Bullriding 2019 World

Champion, said. "I don't like the flack that the officers are catching for one bad choice that someone made, and I feel it's important for the community to know that we need to back our law enforcement officers."

Friday afternoon Studley met with Howard County Sheriff's Department deputies and Big Spring Police Department

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Fix West Texas served more than 60 pets during the Big Spring clinic earlier this month



HERALD photos/Erica Morse

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Big Spring and Howard County residents had an opportunity to take advantage of low cost vaccines for their four legged friends a few weeks ago, at the Fix West Texas vaccine clinic. The non-profit organization held a special clinic at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater on June 14 where they served 63 animals.

"We were originally contacted by a couple different residents in Big Spring wanting us to bring the clinic to the community," Lori VanHoozer, Fix West Texas Treasurer, said. "After connecting with the Mayor and having him express that we had the City's support we knew we were ready to set up a clinic date."

Fix West Texas is a 501c3 based out of Midland

Fix West Texas held a clinic on June 14 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater in Big Spring. During the clinic there were 63 pets served. The majority of the vaccines were provided to dogs, but a few pet owners brought their cats and took part in the services.

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Obituaries

Corey Dale Dancer (Moreno)

Corey Dale Dancer (Moreno) 36 was received into the loving arms of Jesus on June 26, 2020.



He was the owner and operator of Powerwash Industries. He had a love for motorcycles as well as music. He became talented in playing the guitar and drums and he loved jamming with his friends. He also wrote songs that were inspired by the beat in his heart, his son Gavin.

Corey was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Leo Ashinhurst, his paternal grandmother Louise Whitaker, his maternal great grandparents, Ora and Oran Ashinhurst, one uncle, Rodney Ashinhurst and one aunt Rita (Cookie) Dancer.

Corey is survived by his parents, Thomas and

Debra Moreno of Big Spring; Kaela and his son Gavin Lee Dancer of Big Spring; Austin and Crystal Mize and children, Ellison and Genevieve of Hawaii, Bryson VanVleet and Jaylee Gonzalez of Big Spring; parents Lawrence and Wendy Dancer of Odessa; one brother, Larry Miles and his wife Connie of McCamey and their six children Brayden Miles of San Angelo, Lauren Miles of Lubbock, Bradyn Medina, Cadyn Elloitt Miles, Sophie Miles and Cali Miles of McCamey; Six sisters, Natasha Dancer of Big Spring, and her children, Isabella Rivera and her fiancé Phillip Bacon of Ft. Stockton, Marcus Rivera, Adrian Rivera, and Jeremiah Rivera of Big Spring; Brittani Brown and her children Koda and Elliot of Odessa; Brianna Dancer and Kaelan King of Odessa and their children Laila and Knox; Kaylea Dancer of Odessa; Emma Gomez and husband Fred of Big Spring and their children, Emeree Gonzalez, and Mia Gomez; Heather More-

no of Big Spring. Corey is also survived by his childhood partner in crime, Megan Smith of Lamesa and their two accomplices, Amanda Arguello and Elisabeth Canales of Big Spring

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Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Life Church in Big Spring with burial to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Marcus Rivera, Adrian Rivera, Jeremiah Rivera, Chris Mason, Bryson VanVleet, Matt Reeves, Phil Kuykedall, and Sergoi Azdar.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Tracy Lynn Sturgill



Tracy Lynn Sturgill 51, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. A Memorial gathering will be held at her home on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Tracy was born May 15, 1969, to Arthur and Marjorie Merworth Sturgill in Comanche, Texas. The family moved to Fort Worth when she was two years old, and then finally settled in Big Spring, Texas when she was eight years old. Tracy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1987. She earned her Associates of Arts Degree from Howard College in Marketing and Business. Tracy worked for the District Attorney's office, Cowboy's Construction, VA hospital and finally the State Hospital before poor health interfered with her work career. She was a stay home mom that became everyone's trusted babysitter known as Tia Tracy.

Tracy loved to grow flowers and plants and loved the country life which allowed her to enjoy her pet dogs and raise chickens. She often felt she was a hippie in another life because she loved the simple things in life. Tracy loved rock (especially AC/DC),

oldies, blues and some country music. She was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan as well as honest and blunt to a fault. A loyal friend and loving mother. She was a great listener and sometimes gave advice you knew was right, didn't want to hear but was "given out of love, Darling."

Tracy's friends and family are left with many fond memories of her colorful stories, bright smile and beautiful laughter.

Tracy leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of five years, Adam Graves, her mother, Marjorie Merworth Sturgill, brother Jason Sturgill, two sons, Marcus Emory Sturgill, Matthew Erin Sturgill (Vanessa Garcia), the father of her children Marcus Armendariz aka Beef, 2-month-old grandson Omar, nicknamed Homer, two stepchildren, Alexis and Abraham Graves, all of Big Spring.

Her dear sister friends Yolanda Bryant, Jacquelyn Hardeman-Manley, Melissa and Pam Puga. Celeste and Vergile Jones, Lori and Vance Gaston, and especially Holly Walker. Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Arthur Sturgill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Gary L. O'Dell

Gary L. O'Dell went to be with the Lord on March 31, 2020.

He was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on July 7, 1946 to Amy Lee Echols Purcell.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jenna L. Fahrner and Meredith D. Prue; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four brothers; and two special aunts.

A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held at 11 a.m., on July 7, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, TX, with a burial following at Coahoma Cemetery.

For full obituary and to make condolences to the family go to www.SturtevantFuneralHome.com

Ned Hildebrand

Ned Hildebrand, 46, of Big Spring died Monday June 29, 2020.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorrace June (Judy)

Purgason Smith

Dorrace June (Judy) Purgason Smith passed away June 25, 2020, surrounded by those that loved her. The unforgettable Judy was a wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend as well as being a charismatic witty intellect, elegant beauty queen, and an inspirational and dedicated teacher of life lessons. A common comment made by people that knew her was that she made an im-

impact on their life and that her greatest contribution was not necessarily activities that would be printed in the media, but was counseling others on a path to Christianity and having a life well lived.

Judy graduated from Highland Park High School at the age of 16, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas, Austin, and her Masters from Hardin Simmons University. She met her future husband, Jimmy Ray Smith, while attending the University of Texas and he convinced her to leave her beloved Dallas to move to West Texas during the dust bowl of the 50's, for which she really never forgave him.

However, the friends she made in Big Spring

through her membership at First Baptist Church, Hyperion, Potpourri, civic groups, bridge and professionally, remained lifelong friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Ray, parents, James Edward and Hazel Mae (Hubbard) Purgason, sister, Dr. Dorothy Geraldine Purgason, granddaughter, Summer Ray Smith, and son-in-law, Thomas Glenn Smith.

She is survived by her three children, Stephen Ray Smith, Mrs. Louis Dunnam (Nancy Carolyn), and Mrs. Thomas Smith (Rebecca Suzanne), four grandchildren, Mrs. Jonathan Bruton (Amy Michele), Matthew Tyler Dunnam (and wife Sara Anne), Mrs. Matthew Thomas Houston (Stephanie Suzanne Dunnam), Ms. Rebecca Caroline Smith, four great-grandchildren, Austin Seth, Summer Gabrielle, and Hannah Alexis Trevino, and Sally June Dunnam, and one great-grandchild she was anxious to meet in November, Forrest Walker Houston.

A special thanks goes to her caregivers, Mabel, Esther and Naomi, who made the last few months of her life quite entertaining and comfortable. Due to COVID, there will be a family only graveside service June 30, 2020, at Trinity Memorial, Big Spring, Texas.

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Spring Community.

At last week's regular meeting, four of the seven council members walked out after discussion got heated. As the Council re-approached the agenda item, the atmosphere was more somber as the discussion concluded quickly and Council put the item to a vote. Councilman Raul Marquez made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

"With this resolution we are trying to take the burden off the existing tax payors...", Marquez said. "We need more affordable housing (in Big Spring) and this is something that will make Big Spring look better and more affordable. At the end of the day it's about the betterment of Big Spring."

According to information provided by City Staff there are about 2,000 vacant lots in the City of Big Spring. Through this resolution, incentives will be able to be provided to those looking to bring a new addition or to renovate existing structures and/or lots. The incentives are based on different tier levels which are broken down by square footage.

Other agenda items approved by the Council during the Special Monday meeting included:

First reading of a resolution authorizing the auction of surplus property to the highest bidder for cash, without reservation and providing an effective date.

According to Colonel Jim Little this is property left behind from a previous tenant and a trailer. This was approved unanimously by council.

Approval of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 19, 2020 and of the Special meeting of June 9, 2020

Item number 11 on the agenda: Consideration and possible action to grant an easement and right-of-way to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC for purpose of improving the value of property at 5412 I-20 West, Big Spring, Texas. According to Shane Bowles, representatives from Oncor wanted to be present for the meeting when this was up for discussion. In respect of that request, Council members unanimously voted to table this item until the next agenda

Item number 10 on the agenda, according to Col. Little was no longer needed as an item up for discussion. City Staff held a meeting prior to the City Council special meeting and a short term lease was signed, which will allow time for needed details to be worked out. When a long term lease is ready to be agreed upon, the item will be placed back on the agenda to go before council.

As part of Council input, several of the Council members expressed their appreciation for the public comment that was made at Monday's meeting.

DePauw chose not to make any comments as part of Council Input. Councilwoman Strande expressed her gratitude and honor felt as serving on the Council.

"I am very appreciative of those who spoke tonight, it shined a new light on what I was thinking," Councilman Terry McDaniel said. "Big Spring is an interesting community and it can change in a heartbeat from an oil industry. The oil industry and COVID will change Big Spring in the near future ... we have a lot to fix in Big Spring..."

Councilman Doug Hartman echoed his appreciation for the community involvement before Councilman Marquez spoke.

"I've wanted community involvement since I got elected to this council...", Marquez said. "I encourage young people to get involved; anyone with an idea I encourage you to call a City Council member and share that idea. If we have collaboration then we can move Big Spring forward."

Before the Council retired into Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation with the City Attorney regarding Oncor, Jake Tiner Construction, GEO Group and Whiting Oil, Mayor Thomason reported on the most recent COVID-19 update for Big Spring. As of Monday evening there were 15 active cases reported along with 18 recoveries. Howard County has a total of 34 cases out of 1,791 tests, with 1,703 negatives and 54 tests currently pending.

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Obituary

Betty Jeanette Wallace

Betty Jeanette Wallace, 85, died Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



Betty was born Feb. 19, 1935, in Stephenville to Elna and Marshall Miniard. She married Elton Wallace on July 22, 1950, in Stephenville. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1998. She was a homemaker and attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Betty is survived by three sons: Dewayne Wallace of Elkhart, Davis Wallace of Bethelhem, Georgia, and Douglas Wallace of Bethelhem, Georgia; two daughters: Lisa Bernet of San Antonio and Marsha Garcia of Lake Whitney; one sister: Marilyn Larimore of Abilene; 26 grandchildren; and 54 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Betty was preceded in death by two daughters: Emily Edith Wallace and Amiee Aragon; and one grandson: Ellery "Ray" Wallace.

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officers and presented them with an autographed picture from the Outlaw Money Mob in Dallas. The picture, and photo opportunity, was an extension of her support and a way to let the officers know she has their back.

"These guys (and gals) have our backs, we need to have theirs," she said. "With all that's going on, these guys are the ones there to save our backs and we need to have respect for them and not judge them."

In a time where so many across the nation are focusing on judging someone based on the color of their skin, she encourages the Big Spring and Howard County community to stop for a moment and extend acceptance to all.

"Just as we shouldn't judge someone based on the color of their skin, we shouldn't judge someone on the fact that they are in uniform or not," Studley said. "It all goes the same way. We all bleed red and we should back those who have our back. In the community it's our law enforcement and first responders who have our back."

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Jeanette Wallace died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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focused on helping reduce the overpopulation of unwanted animal population. Through a series of unexpected events and encounters the organization was able to gain the needed support and form a team working towards the same goal.

According to VanHoozer, the majority of those who visited the clinic were seeking services for their dogs. There were a few families who brought their feline friends, but overwhelmingly those that attended brought their dogs.

"We are a grassroots effort that was focused on offering spay and neuter clinics, but at the same time, we are doing what we can to continue to serve the community during this pandemic," she said.

While the community showed great support for the services, according to VanHoozer in order for them to make another trip to Big Spring, there will

need to be a larger volunteer base supporting.

"With the volunteer support we had and the attendance rate, we ended up being short staffed for the Big Spring event. While we would love to cover the shortage, we are a non-profit and cannot continue to do so at this time so at this time we are a non-profit and rely on donations."

To find out more about Fix West Texas or to find upcoming dates in surrounding communities, visit the Fix West Texas Facebook page and click the blue Book Now button or the website at www.fixwesttexas.org.

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Special to the Herald

The Texas Tech University System had its long-term credit rating of Aa1 reaffirmed by Moody's Investors Service, the corporation announced last week (June 25).

The TTU System received an upgrade to Aa1 Stable in 2015, received an Aa1 rating in 2017, 2019 and again this year. Moody's is the latest of the influential credit rating agencies to rate the TTU System with an elite-level rating.

"We are proud of this recognition — one that unequivocally places us among the top tier of higher education institutions in the country," said Gary Barnes, vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the TTU System. This accomplishment wouldn't be possible without the collaboration, expertise and teamwork among our CFOs across the system and our investment team."

During the past 11 years, Moody's has given the TTU System two rating category updates from Aa3 to Aa2 (2008-2010) and from Aa2 to Aa1 (2015-17).

Moody's cites the reaffirmation credit rating is due to the TTU System's excellent strategic positioning which will enable it to withstand near term effects from the coronavirus pandemic. The corporation also lists the TTU System's sizable and growing \$2 billion diverse scope of operations, with robust operating, debt service and capital support as key components of the positive rating.

"This is fantastic news and demonstrates the quality of leadership we have guiding our finan-



Tedd L. Mitchell

cial operations and strategic investments across the Texas Tech University System," said Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., chancellor of the TTU System. "I'd like to congratulate System CFO Gary Barnes, our university CFOs and financial leadership teams, along with our investment team for building a strategic approach that supports the missions of our universities."

Moody's also touts the TTU System's steady donor support for capital and student financial aid, solid wealth of \$2.6 billion and spendable cash and investments of \$1.8 billion.

The TTU System also has received back-to-back AA+ ratings by Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Rat-



Gary Barnes

ings reaffirmed the TTU System with an AA+ rating in 2018.

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During the 86th Texas Legislature under the leadership of Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., legislative funding and authority was provided to establish a new Texas Tech University veterinary school in Amarillo and a new dental school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. This will be the state's first veterinary school in more than a century and first dental school in over 50 years. The addition of these two schools makes the TTU System one of only nine in the nation to offer programs for undergraduate, medical, law, nursing, pharmacy, dental and veterinary education, among other academic areas.

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Liberty Hill man builds his own mini Moontower

By MICHAEL BARNES

Austin American - Statesman

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In 1894, Austin purchased 31 moonlight towers from Detroit.

By 1980, only 17 of the 165-foot towers still stood, and of those, only six were in their original locations, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Since the 1890s, the large lamps, originally called simply "electric light towers," bathed much of the existing city in soft light that, then as now, resembles the silvery glow of the moon.

Some towers have been reassembled. Some have been moved.

One serves as the skeletal anchor for the Zilker Holiday Tree. It was assembled from the parts of several towers.

Others have been immortalized in

movies "Dazed and Confused," documentaries "Last of the Moonlight Towers," and at least one annual festival Moontower Comedy and Oddity Festival.

The Moontower Saloon raised a replica on its 11 acres in South Austin.

According to Austin historian Jeff Kerr — co-creator of the documentary film — the local moonlight towers are the only functioning ones left in the world.

And now there's a new one.

It's nowhere near as tall as the 19th-century streetlamps, but it's a rather startling presence in the private Liberty Hill backyard of retired civil engineer Bob Wucher.

"I'm a lifelong Austinite, so have always been familiar with them and have been following their history," Wucher says. "My dad and younger son also have an interest in Austin's

history and the towers would occasionally come up in conversation. Dad and I also shared a liking of soft lighting, moonlight."

Wucher started the project in early 2019 and completed it late last summer. Powered by a solar panel, it is 29 feet tall, or 18% of the size of the historic towers.

"I strive to use existing material whenever possible in my projects," Wucher says.

"The tower itself I bought second-hand from a ham radio operator in Copperas Cove. The base, elevator, light framework and guy wire poles I either had on hand or found at thrift or antique stores. The solar hardware I bought off the web. I don't weld so it is mostly bolted together, with a little glue."

Before you get into a car in order to catch a glimpse Wucher's moontow-

er, it is not visible from the street on his curving, heavily wooded block.

"It doesn't light up the entire backyard because of the trees," Wucher adds. "It's a nice dappled effect though."

Wucher was the sole constructor, but he got some help in May.

"Where the group comes in is during repair and modification," Wucher says. "The neighbors help lower the tower — it has a pivoting base — with ropes and a pulley."

During the time that Wucher worked as a civil engineer, he inspected and evaluated dams.

"I've spent the first years of retirement building projects for the grandkids," Wucher says, "zip line, space ball, tree deck."

Sorry, he would not be tempted to assemble a moonlight tower for somebody else.

Vice President, Texas governor acknowledge rapid virus rise

DALLAS (AP) — Both Vice President Mike Pence and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott acknowledged Sunday that there has been a rapid rise in the number of coronavirus cases in the state in recent weeks after Abbott begin allowing businesses to start reopening in early May.

"Covid 19 has taken a very swift and very dangerous turn in Texas over just the past few weeks," said Abbott, who on Friday again shut down bars and limited restaurant dining, a day after Texas reported a record high confirmed positive tests of 5,996.

Abbott has also banned elective surgeries in the state's largest counties, Dallas, Harris, Travis and Bexar.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the COVID-19 virus without feeling sick.

Pence praised Abbott for his decisions both to reopen the state, then to roll back the reopening plans.

"You flattened the curve here in Texas ... but about two weeks ago something changed" and the number of positive confirmed cases have risen from about 2,000 cases a day to more than 5,000 a day. "With

the development of these new cases, we're grateful, Governor, you've taken the steps you've taken," Pence said.

Pence also encouraged the wearing of face coverings in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

"Wear a mask, where ever it's indicated or where ever you're not able to practice the kind of social distancing that would prevent the spread of the coronavirus," said Pence, who along with Abbott wore face masks as they entered and left the room, taking them off while speaking to reporters.

Texas health officials on Sunday reported at least 148,728 confirmed coronavirus cases in the state and 2,393 deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, a jump of 5,347 cases and 27 additional deaths from numbers reported Saturday.

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Forsan joins growing list of Texas high schools to postpone summer workouts

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports writer

The Forsan Buffaloes have taken the past week off from strength and conditioning as a precautionary measure because of the recent increase in coronavirus cases throughout Texas. After some more deliberation, Forsan athletic director Jason Phillips has decided that the Buffs will be taking this week off as well.

"Due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, Forsan ISD strength and conditioning workouts for June 29-July 3 have been cancelled," Phillip said. "As of now, workouts will resume Monday, July 6. At-home workouts will be posted on our google classroom athletics page."

After just a couple of weeks training together, schools around the state are opting to suspend their summer workouts and are reverting back to the virtual meetings and workouts that had filled the previous three months.

That is not the plan for every school, however, as Big Spring continued their workouts this week after a four-day hiatus. The Steers decision-makers have the feeling that they are well-equipped to handle the UIL's strict social distancing guidelines and will be able to follow them without any hiccups.

This is not to say that schools like Forsan and Coahoma are not well-equipped to follow the guidelines. Those two schools would just prefer to take a more cautious route with this virus and feel as though a short break would be beneficial to the student-athlete's and the coaching staff going forward.



"It kills us to do this with the work our kids are putting in, but I feel it is the best decision right now," Coahoma head coach Chris Joslin said. "This is only a precaution taken because of the rapid increase of Covid-19 cases across the state, area and country over the last week. We do not have any cases at our workouts and have been cleaning our facilities thoroughly following the rules set forth."

As long as those rules continue to be followed and the state does not move in reverse in the re-opening phases, the crosstown rivals will be well on their way to their head-to-head meeting in the Howard County Bowl in late August. Every athlete and coach is surely missing their sport and can not

wait to get back to their normal routine that they had before this pandemic swept across the nation.

For now, Buffalo and Bulldog athletes will have to return to their at-home workouts and try to improve and build on the progress that they have already made over the past couple of weeks.

There has been plenty of speculation recently on if their will be sports this fall. If each community continues to follow the guidelines handed down by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), there will be a greater chance of a football season being played. That is why this precautionary move by both Coahoma and Forsan is a smart one and will only increase the chances of fall sports being played.

Every school has their own decision to make and just because Big Spring is holding strength and conditioning workouts this week does not at all mean they are making the wrong decision. The most important thing to every coach is the health of their athletes and Steers' head coach Cannon McWilliams believes his staff is well-suited to run the workouts and keep everyone safe and healthy.

Update: Big Spring will hold workouts this week through Thursday and will return back to strength and conditioning next Monday (7/6).

Coahoma and Forsan will start back up next Monday as well after both schools took a two-week break away from group workouts.

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Texas Tech locks in another key transfer in Eric Monroe

By TEXAS TECH ATHLETICS

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK, Texas – Texas Tech head coach Matt Wells added his second graduate transfer in as many weeks Monday with the signing of former LSU safety Eric Monroe to an athletic scholarship agreement.

Similar to the signing of running back Chadarius Townsend just over a week ago, Monroe will arrive in Lubbock with a national championship ring in his possession as he appeared in 12 games this past season as part of LSU's run to the College Football Playoff title.

Monroe, a native of Houston, played in 29 games with one start during his time at LSU where he will complete his degree in interdisciplinary studies later this summer. He will have one year of eligibility remaining with the Red Raiders, beginning with the upcoming 2020 season.

Monroe recorded 21 tackles, including one for a loss, to go along with a pair of pass breakups as a regular in the secondary and on special teams for the Tigers. He posted 14 tackles during his 2017 redshirt freshman season alone, eventually earning his first career start at safety during SEC play against Auburn.

Injuries derailed Monroe's sophomore campaign as he was limited to only four games. He bounced back with seven tackles as a junior in 2019, including one in LSU's victory over Oklahoma in the CFP semifinals. He also saw action in the National Championship win over Clemson.

Monroe signed with LSU out of North Shore High School in the Houston area, one of the top football programs in the state of Texas. North Shore claimed the Class 6A Division I title in three of the past five seasons, a run that began with its 2015 crown to conclude Monroe's senior season. The Mustangs added another state title in 2018 behind current Red Raider sophomore defensive lineman Tony Bradford Jr.

Monroe was a consensus four-star prospect coming out of North Shore, ranking as high as No. 86 among recruits nationally by ESPN. He was listed as a top-15 recruit in the state of Texas and the No. 6 safety in the country by Rivals and was later invited to the Under Armour All-America Game, which annually consists of the top players nationally.

Monroe is the fifth graduate transfer to commit to Texas Tech this offseason, joining Townsend, a running back who arrives from Alabama, as well as former Michigan State linebacker Brandon Bouyer-Randle, Wofford offensive lineman Josh Burger and Duke linebacker Jacob Morgenstern.

Roster shuffle: Plans change in MLB because of health issues

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — A small group of players, including Nationals slugger Ryan Zimmerman and Rockies outfielder Ian Desmond, have announced they plan to sit out this season. The Minnesota Twins have shuffled their on-field staff to protect the health of some of their older coaches.

As the sport lurches toward a late July start during the coronavirus crisis, roster flexibility and organizational depth will be key.

Zimmerman, who told The Associated Press last week he still was deciding whether to play this year, ultimately said having three young children, including a newborn, and a mother at higher risk because of multiple sclerosis factored into his decision.

"Given the unusual nature of the season, this is the best decision for me and my family," Zimmerman said.

The 35-year-old Zimmerman, who has been with the Nationals since 2005, said he still is deciding on his future beyond this season. The two-time All-Star and 2009 Gold Glove winner has 270 career homers.

Desmond cited his family as one reason why he decided to stay home for the upcoming 60-game season. But the biracial slugger also mentioned a myriad of issues within baseball, including racism, sexism, homophobia and socioeconomic concerns.

"With a pregnant wife and four young children who have lots of questions about what's going on in the world, home is where I need to be right now," the 34-year-old Desmond wrote in an Instagram post. "Home for my wife, Chelsey. Home to help. Home to guide. Home to answer my older three boys' questions about Coronavirus and Civil Rights and life. Home to be their Dad."

Desmond, who hit .255 with 20 homers in 140 games last season, had been due \$5,555,556 for the prorated share of his \$15 million salary, part of a \$70 million, five-year contract. He is owed \$8 million next year, and his deal includes a \$15 million team option for 2022 with a \$2 million buyout.

The Twins confirmed Monday that 68-year-old bullpen coach Bob McClure and 66-year-old major league coach Bill Evers won't be in the clubhouse at the start of this season because of health concerns. Both will stay with the organization to help in altered roles.

Twins manager Rocco Baldelli, who was sitting

in a Target Field dugout during a Zoom call, said he's known both coaches for a long time and that the decisions were difficult. He added that both coaches were disappointed.

"I think we all know that we're making the right decision, but that doesn't mean it feels good," Baldelli said. "It's very, very challenging to even think about these sorts of things and have these conversations."

But they're exactly the conversations that are being had at both the organizational and personal level across the MLB landscape. The beginning World Series champion Nationals will begin their title defense without Zimmerman and pitcher Joe Ross, who also declined to play because of health concerns.

"We are 100% supportive of their decision to not play this year," Nationals GM Mike Rizzo said in a statement. "We will miss their presence in the clubhouse and their contributions on the field."

Ross, 27, has five seasons of MLB experience. He appeared in 27 games last season.

Zimmerman was due \$740,741 and Ross \$555,556 as prorated portions of their salaries, originally \$2 million for the first baseman and \$1.5 million for the pitcher. If they are deemed high risk by team physicians, they would still get paid and receive service time.

Arizona's pitching depth took a hit when Mike Leake said he had decided not to play this year. Leake was expected to be a part of the team's starting rotation after starting 10 games last season and finishing with a 3-3 record and 4.35 ERA following a midseason trade with Seattle.

Diamondbacks general manager Mike Hazen didn't elaborate on Leake's decision, but the pitcher's agent issued a statement saying he made a personal decision not to play during the pandemic. The GM also didn't say whether Leake falls under the high-risk category. If Leake does, he would be due \$5,555,556 as the prorated share of his \$15 million salary.

The fragility of baseball's current health situation has been apparent for the past few weeks. The Philadelphia Phillies had a

coronavirus outbreak at their spring training facility in Clearwater, Florida, earlier this month. Seven players and five staff members tested positive in the organization.

Phillies GM Matt Klentak said the team was "fortunate that none of the cases, player or staff, have been especially serious." He said no one has been hospitalized.

But the outbreak is another example of how difficult it is to limit exposure.

"What is eye opening to a lot of us is how quickly it spread even in an environment where we were on the extreme end of caution," Klentak said. "The facility in Clearwater was pretty airtight in terms of staggering times of players reporting to work out, cleaning the facilities in between. Truthfully, it was frustrating to some players how strict it was and yet the outbreak still happened."

San Francisco minor league center fielder Hunter Bishop has tested positive for the coronavirus and has mild symptoms, according to president of baseball operations Farhan Zaidi. The 10th overall pick last year would have been among 51 players reporting to training this week.

Boston Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke, 63, said his organization is doing as much as it can to keep everyone — especially older staff members — as safe as possible. Terry Francona, Cleveland's 61-year-old manager, said he's not nervous, even though he's had previous health issues.

UIL won't award Lone Star Cup this season due to virus

Special to the Herald

The University Interscholastic League announced that it would not be awarding the Lone Star Cup this season with the cancellations of spring events due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The Lone Star Cup recognizes the top high school in each conference based on overall team achievement in sanctioned academic, athletic and music championships.

The UIL did release the standings on Thursday from all events completed through March 13. Completed events were team tennis, cross country, marching band, volleyball, robotics BEST, football, congress, spirit, swimming and diving, wrestling, Mariachi, film, basketball and theatrical design.

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Annie's Mailbox

Protect Your Catharsis

Dear Annie: I recently read the letter from A Better Man Today, who was concerned about people reading his personal diary, particularly about his "dark times."

I agree with your answer but would like to add one more idea. Create a "burn box" and entrust it to someone who will not open it or divulge its contents but will see that it is destroyed upon your death or at your request. I read about this once upon a time and apologize for not recalling the origin. I suspect it was from the military.

I shared this idea with a very dear friend of mine years ago because she also journaled and was concerned about how her children might react to her words and deepest feelings. She created her burn box, sealed it and left instructions that it was to be given

to me. I understood that once I received it, I was to burn it.

She may have cleaned it out and destroyed the contents already. I don't know and don't need to know at this point. But this may be another way for A Better Man Today to have some peace of mind about his most personal, deepest thoughts.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It costs nothing to try

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 7 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q 5

EAST
♠ K
♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 5 3
♣ A 10 9 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ A K 4
♦ A Q J 10 2
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

3 NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Not many rubber-bridge players get excited by scoring one or two overtricks as a result of good play. To make five spades when the contract is four, or three clubs when the contract is two, is not viewed as an earth-shaking event. Only the inveterate duplicate player, to whom an extra trick is both a shibboleth and a god-send, strives for it with undiminished zeal.

And yet, while overtricks lack the dramatic impact of games and slams bid and made, extra tricks do amount to a tidy sum over a period of time

and should not be totally ignored.

Today's deal occurred in a Life Masters pair event many years ago. It provides a typical example of how a declarer can try for extra tricks without placing the contract in jeopardy. Although it actually arose in a duplicate game, the hand carries a lesson of equal interest to both the ardent rubber-bridge player and the duplicate fanatic.

At several tables, South wound up in three notrump, and the heart queen was led. South won with the king and then cashed five diamond tricks, hoping the defense would discard enough clubs to enable him to make two club tricks instead of one. When this didn't happen, all these declarers finished with just nine tricks.

But some of the more astute declarers did not immediately cash their best suit first. Instead, they played the ace of spades at trick two, hoping either opponent had the singleton king or queen, or the K-Q doubleton (altogether, about an 18% possibility). When the king appeared, they continued with a spade and eventually made five or six notrump.

A gain of 60 or 90 points on one deal is not to be sneezed at, especially when the effort to make extra tricks involves no risk. If an honor does not fall on the ace, declarer can then abandon spades and lead a club to establish his ninth trick.

Tomorrow: Playing the percentages.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



you're aiming your work, words and even your manner of dress.

Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 14, 50 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC: YOUR MOON SIGN: (part three) The moon is our closest luminary, and she changes more frequently than any other, transiting through the zodiac in about 28 days. You can find out what your moon sign is by consulting books on astrology or going to the computer and keying "moon sign" into a search engine.

Cancer moon people are not as resistant to feelings as the rest of the zodiac can be. When the moon is in Cancer, she's in her home territory. Just as people tend to be more comfortable and expressive in their own homes, Cancer people are very at home with the changing emotional landscape that is human nature. Cancer moon individuals are wonderful in a crisis and can be quite patient working with children and others with a wide emotional range. Leo moon people have a knack for attracting attention, though not always while doing the things that would classically fall under the category of performance. Leo moon endows her natives with a show-stopping glow and a stellar sense of timing. Leo moon people may insist that they don't want to be in front of the crowd, and yet they secretly feel at home there.

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Double Cosmic Conjunctions

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A scenario that's got your attention happens to match up with a subconscious script, a memory imprinted on your childhood brain. In other words, you've seen this one before. Now is your chance to fix it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're worrying unnecessarily about the practicality of your own wishes. It's not up to you to decide what's within the realm of reality. Let yourself dream wild and free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Attention is like a key; it has a particular shape and every lock is different. Ill-fitting attention won't open doors or lead anywhere. Cater your focus. Give what the other person actually needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "Progressive desensitization" is the clinical name for today's success key. Dive in and start facing fear. The only way to get to the place you want to be is to do a thing until you are no longer afraid of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're not sure, don't do it. Action will suffer from the doubt you feel. What's worse is that the others on your team, or the opposing team, will sense that you're not all in. It's an all-or-nothing kind of day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Better to be

wise than clever. You could be both, but today you'll choose one, forgetting about the applause and fame and going for the quiet strength of simply doing the right thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're still allowed to have fun, and, in fact, it's the most important work of the day. When you impart your own enjoyment of life to your circle, you enrich the lives of everyone in the circle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's an art to seizing the day. It's all in the grip. Keep it vigorous but not so hard that it constricts the flow of spontaneity that makes the hours so engaging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Follow through on your instinct to tell people upfront what they can expect from you -- your desires, talents and follies - because, together, you can figure out straight away if there's a fit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Communication will be as effective as it is specific. It will give you clarity to whom

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Kudos to you for continually making the effort to learn something new. Your many excellences lead you to more relationships, as each talent brings with it a circle of people who need or share that talent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Time marches forward in slow and steady steps, but emotions often take leaps and bounds. These two styles of movement will play against one another to create some interesting perception and tension now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 30). Because you are so respectful of all you meet, you'll gain trust, and then followers, and, finally, power. You'll find yourself in the position of liaison between people who otherwise wouldn't be able to communicate. You're needed, and so you'll be well-paid! Romance is alive in your soul. Self-expression leads to adventure. Taurus and Gemini adore you.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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2	4	9	5	3	6	8	1	7
3	5	8	9	7	1	2	6	4
7	6	1	4	8	2	9	3	5
8	3	5	7	6	9	4	2	1
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6:PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Minuto para ganar	News	Truth for Life	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang		SportCtr	NBA2K League: Week 8, Day 2.	Dallas Stars Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Escaping Polygamy	Deadliest Catch
7:PM	Mod Fam	Te doy la vida	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell	NCIS (DVS)	Cennet (SS)	America's Got Talent	Our Mess	Finding Your Roots	Andy G.	DC's Stargirl	Big Bang	Movie: Cinderella (DVS)	Boxing: Alex Saucedo vs. Sonny Fredrickson.		Dallas Stars Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Warren Jeffs: Prophet of Evil	Deadliest Catch
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9:PM	Genetic Detect.	Como tu no hay dos	FOX 24 News at 9	FBI: Most Wanted	Enemigo intimo (SS)	(:01) World of Dance	Light of Southwest	Hoover	Heroes	Seinfeld	Celebrity Show-Off	(:15) Movie: Save the Last Dance				Dirty John	Jonestown: The Women	(:02) Deadliest Catch
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1:AM	Mel Robbins	Papá a toda madre	Pawn	ET	Programa	News	Light of Southwest	Hoover	Mannix	Short List	Brooklyn		Boxing: Alex Saucedo vs. Sonny Fredrickson.	SportsCenter	(:05) Chi-cago P.D.	Jonestown: The Women	Deadliest Catch	

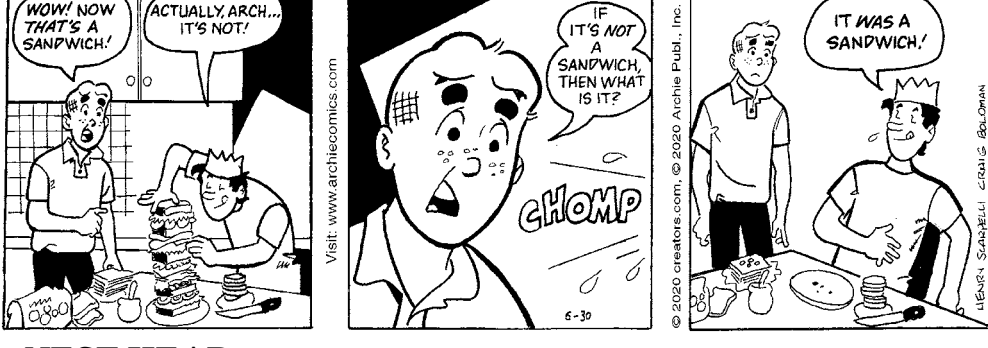
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Tuesday, June 30, the 182nd day of 2020. There are 184 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On June 30, 1971, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that the government could not prevent The New York Times or The Washington Post from publishing the Pentagon Papers.
On this date:
In 1865, eight people, including Mary Surratt and Dr. Samuel Mudd, were convicted by a military commission of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. (Four defendants, including Surratt, were executed; Mudd was sentenced to life in prison, but was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1869.)
In 1918, labor activist and socialist Eugene V. Debs was arrested in Cleveland, charged under the Espionage Act of 1917 for a speech he'd made two weeks earlier denouncing U.S. involvement in World War I. (Debs was sentenced to prison and disenfranchised for life.)
In 1934, Adolf Hitler launched his "blood purge" of political and military rivals in Germany in what came to be known as "The Night of the Long Knives."
In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.
In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.
In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead of asphyxiation inside their capsule after it had returned to Earth.
In 1982, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution expired, having failed to receive the required number of ratifications for its adoption, despite having its seven-year deadline extended by three years.
In 1986, the Supreme Court, in Bowers v. Hardwick, ruled 5-4 that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults (however, the nation's highest court effectively reversed this decision in 2003 in Lawrence v. Texas).
In 1994, the U.S. Figure Skating Association stripped Tonya Harding of the national championship and banned her for life for her role in the

attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan.
In 1997, the Union Jack was lowered for the last time over Government House in Hong Kong as Britain prepared to hand the colony back to China at midnight after ruling it for 156 years.
In 2009, American soldier Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl went missing from his base in eastern Afghanistan, and was later confirmed to have been captured by insurgents. (Bergdahl was released on May 31, 2014 in exchange for five Taliban detainees.)
In 2013, 19 elite firefighters known as members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots were killed battling a wildfire northwest of Phoenix after a change in wind direction pushed the flames back toward their position.
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama talked about the economy at a town hall in Racine, Wisconsin, saying, "We got it moving again," and that he intended to get "our debt and our deficits under control," but warned he wouldn't slash spending at the expense of the economic rebound. Benigno Aquino III was sworn in as the Philippines' 15th president.
Five years ago: a tough-talking New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie launched his 2016 campaign for president with a promise to tell voters the truth "whether you like it or not, or whether it makes you cringe every once in a while or not." An Indonesian Air Force transport plane crashed, killing more than 120 people on board and 22 on the ground. Actress Jennifer Garner and actor Ben Affleck announced plans to end their 10-year marriage.
One year ago: President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un met at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea, and agreed to revive talks on the North's nuclear program. (A working-level meeting in Sweden in October would break down over what the Americans described as the North's "old stance and attitude.") A small plane

crashed at a suburban Dallas airport, killing all 10 people on board; the plane had struggled to gain altitude before veering to the left and crashing into a hangar. At the start of the NBA's free agency period, Kevin Durant announced that he was leaving the Golden State Warriors after three seasons and signing with the Brooklyn Nets.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Lea Massari is 87. Actress Nancy Dussault (doo-SOH) is 84. Songwriter Tony Hatch is 81. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 76. Actor Leonard Whiting is 70. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 69. Actor David Garrison is 68. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 67. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 64. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 61. Actress

Deirdre Lovejoy is 58. Actor Rupert Graves is 57. Former boxer Mike Tyson is 54. Actor Peter Outerbridge is 54. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 51. Actor-comedian Tony Rock (TV: "Living Biblically") is 51. Actor Brian Bloom is 50. Actor Brian Vincent is 49. Actress Molly Parker is 48. Actor Rick Gonzalez is

41. Actor Tom Burke is 39. Actress Lizzy Caplan is 38. Actress Susannah Flood is 38. Rock musician James Adam Shelley (American Authors) is 37. Country singer Cole Swindell is 37. Rhythm and blues singer Fantasia is 36. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps is 35. Actor Sean Marquette (TV: "The Goldbergs") is 32.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "How clumsy of me!"
 - 5 Chess or Scrabble
 - 9 Full of lather
 - 14 Operatic solo
 - 15 Numbered musical work
 - 16 Loosen, as shoelaces
 - 17 Nashville's state: Abbr.
 - 18 Chooses (to)
 - 19 Red vegetables
 - 20 Places to grab a frankfurter
 - 23 Decline an offer
 - 24 "I kid ___ not"
 - 25 Angry crowd
 - 28 Extremely long time
 - 31 Dedicate, as time
 - 33 One more time
 - 37 Right, on a map
 - 39 Tiny bit
 - 40 Starts doing something seriously
 - 43 Barge ___ (disturb)
 - 44 "That's all there ___ it!"
 - 45 Paying careful attention
 - 46 Soup legume
 - 48 Datebook entry: Abbr.
 - 50 Compass point opposite WNW
 - 51 Orange pekoe, for instance
 - 53 Lowest possible
 - 57 Aggressive workers
 - 61 Terrible
 - 64 Our natural satellite
 - 65 Gather up, as a harvest
- DOWN**
- 1 Sworn promise
 - 2 Sandwich
 - 3 Ship of 1492
 - 4 With a light brown surface, as a beach
 - 5 Bit of baby talk
 - 6 Downloadable programs
 - 7 Mixed-breed dog
 - 8 English assignment
 - 9 Bring under control
 - 10 Small bills
 - 11 Consumed
 - 12 Center of a peach
 - 13 "Of course!"
 - 21 For hours ___ (nonstop)
 - 22 Acknowledge silently
 - 25 Reindeer cousin
 - 26 River-frolicking mammal
 - 27 Beauty and the ___
 - 29 Current events
 - 30 "Ho, ho, ho!" guy
 - 32 Perfume bottle
 - 33 Nimble
 - 34 Bits of heredity
 - 35 Make amends
 - 36 More proper "ain't"
 - 38 Quit it
 - 41 Ship carrying petroleum
 - 42 Supply party food for
 - 47 Rome's country, to natives
 - 49 Wood-smoothing tools
 - 52 Grant entrance to
 - 54 See eye to eye
 - 55 Appears to be
 - 56 Chaplin's vagabond persona
 - 57 Shell of a wrecked ship
 - 58 Secret message
 - 59 Donut center
 - 60 Reach across, as a bridge
 - 61 Play a part
 - 62 "What person" question
 - 63 Fish's appendage

Answer to previous puzzle

S	H	I	N	R	A	F	T	H	A	H	A
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The NBA is coming back, and here's 10 things to know

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

The deals are done. The NBA is coming back. The season will resume on July 30 at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Florida.

Here are 10 things to know about the restarted season:

THE RACE FOR 8

There are six teams in the race for the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference — Memphis, Portland, New Orleans, Sacramento, San Antonio and Phoenix. (Technically, Dallas is also in that race, though the Mavericks need only one win and one Memphis loss to clinch no worse than the No. 7 spot.)

There are seven games where those six teams will go head-to-head, including four featuring the Pelicans — who play Sacramento twice, Memphis once and San Antonio once. The other games: Sacramento vs. San Antonio, Memphis vs. San Antonio and Portland vs. Memphis.

Phoenix doesn't play any of the other five teams in the race for eighth.

The Grizzlies start with a 3 1/2-game lead over Portland, New Orleans and Sacramento, along with a four-game edge on San Antonio. Unless the Grizzlies open up space on all four of those clubs, it seems likely that there will be a best-of-two play-in series for the final spot in the West playoffs and a probable first-round matchup with LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers.

The play-in games will take place if the ninth-place team in either conference is within four games of eighth when the seeding round ends.

In the East, it's a bit simpler. No. 7 Brooklyn is six games ahead of Washington and No. 8 Orlando is 5-1/2 games clear of the Wizards in the race to clinch a berth and avoid a play-in series. None of those teams can move past the No. 7 spot on the East bracket.

MAGIC NUMBERS

Milwaukee needs a combination of two wins or Toronto losses to clinch the No. 1 seed in the East. The Lakers need a combination of three wins or Los Angeles Clippers losses to clinch the No. 1 spot out West.

Denver also has a mathematical chance at the No. 1 seed out West — but would need to go 8-0 and have the Lakers go 0-8 for that to happen.

Most of the races at Disney will be for seeding. Milwaukee cannot finish lower than No. 2 in the East and Toronto needs only one win to be assured of a top-four seed. The West can still see some shakeups, with four games separating second place from sixth place and only 2 1/2 games separating fourth place from seventh.

HEAT CHECK

Miami had a league-high eight games remaining against the eight teams that didn't qualify for the Disney restart.

Now the Heat will have a fight on their hands just to hang onto the No. 4 spot in the East.

Miami plays Boston, Denver, Indiana twice, Milwaukee, Oklahoma City, Toronto and Phoenix in the seeding games. That schedule ranks harder than Indiana's or Philadelphia's — the Pacers and 76ers both will head to Disney two games behind the Heat in the East standings.

Orlando and the Lakers both saw seven games against the eight Disney-non-qualifiers canceled, tied for second-most in the league behind Miami. Memphis had the fewest such games lost, with just one — a matchup against New York.

HOME ON THE ROAD

All 22 teams will be staying at the Disney campus for the rest of their seasons. Yes, that includes the Orlando Magic — whose home arena is about 20 miles from Disney World.

The Magic simply see it as doing their part to make the restart happen.

"We appreciate the leadership of NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, our long-time partner, Disney, and our local leaders in this unprecedented time," Orlando Magic CEO Alex Martins said. "We look forward to providing assistance

as needed in restarting the NBA season in Orlando, while using our collective platform to drive meaningful social impact."

SPEAKING OF ROAD

Philadelphia was the NBA's best home team this season, going 29-2 — on pace to be the second-best home record in a season in franchise history. The 1949-50 Syracuse Nationals were better, going 36-2 at the State Fair Coliseum in the franchise's inaugural season.

Problem is, the 76ers won't be playing in Philly again until next season.

Philadelphia went just 10-24 on the road in the regular season, the second-worst road mark of the 22 teams that will be playing at Disney. Only Washington (8-24) was worse.

If the 76ers are going to go deep in these playoffs, they'll need to figure out how to win without the raucous Wells Fargo Center advantage.

THEY WILL BE MISSED

Milwaukee has the NBA's best record, and one of the reasons the Bucks hold that mark right now is because of how good they were against the eight teams (Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Atlanta, New York, Minnesota and Golden State) that didn't qualify for the Disney restart.

The Bucks were 22-0 against those eight teams — one of three NBA teams to go unbeaten against that group. Oklahoma City was 15-0 and the Lakers were 12-0. Toronto and Boston were both 19-1 and Utah was 15-1.

Only one remaining team had a losing record against those eight clubs: San Antonio went 7-8.

LAKER BREAK

The schedule means that the Lakers won't play a back-to-back-to-back after all.

The Lakers would have played home games on April 7, 8 and 9 against Golden State, Chicago and the Clippers — the last of those coming because a game that was scheduled to be played shortly after Kobe Bryant's death was moved until later in the season.

HELLO, AGAIN

For 26 players on the rosters of the 22 teams, Disney is going to look familiar. They played there in college.

The Disney campus plays host to the Orlando Invitational over Thanksgiving, and some alumni of that event are headed back there now for NBA contests. Among them: Heat teammates Jimmy Butler (Marquette, 2009) and Kelly Olynyk (Gonzaga, 2012), Portland's Zach Collins (Gonzaga, 2016), Washington's Rui Hachimura (Gonzaga, 2016), Milwaukee's Khris Middleton (Texas A&M, 2010), Indiana's Edmond Sumner (Xavier, 2015), Phoenix's Kelly Oubre Jr. (Kansas, 2014) and Boston's Marcus Smart (Oklahoma State, 2013).

And lest we forget, the Lopez brothers — Milwaukee teammates Brook Lopez and Robin Lopez — are huge Disney fans, and have made their affinity for the place very well-known in recent weeks.

NO 3'S RECORD

For the first time in eight seasons, the league record for total 3-pointers made won't get broken.

It was on pace to be smashed.

NBA teams have combined for 23,560 3-pointers made so far this season, which is already the fourth-most of any season in league history. The league was on pace for 29,844 3-pointers, which is 1,889 more than the record of 27,955 set last season.

STATE OF BASKETBALL

Florida — the Sunshine State — will be the epicenter of basketball this summer.

While the NBA is headed to Disney, the WNBA season is also scheduled to begin next month and be headquartered in Bradenton, Florida. That's about 100 miles from where the NBA will be playing.

The WNBA plan is for its players to be housed at the IMG Academy, with games to be played at the nearby Feld Entertainment Center.

USA Football plans return to play for youths in 2020

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USA Football has developed a phased approach for the return of youth football this year.

The plan is based on phased reopening guidelines from the CDC. The governing body for the sport in this country advises youth leagues to consult their city or county health departments to determine which CDC phase their community is in. That step begins a youth program's local reopening procedure during the coronavirus pandemic.

From there, those youth leagues are advised to consult with local school systems to share information and resources.

Naturally, the leagues should be screening for virus symptoms and signs prior to any activities; practice 6-foot physical distancing in the first two phases of USA Football's plan

before adjusting to a separation of 3 to 6 feet in Phase 3; follow sanitizing and cleaning steps; require separate, clearly labeled footballs, drink bottles, towels and other personal items; and have non-players wear face coverings.

Face coverings are advised for all coaches and optional for players.

"During this very uncertain time, it's important that parents know that USA Football has a detailed plan for getting their children back to the activities they enjoy," said Dr. Michael Koester, chair of the National Federation of State High School Associations' Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. "This document provides expert guidance in safely returning young athletes to football in a thoughtful and deliberate manner."

The first phase concentrates on football workouts and drills, limiting practices to 10 or fewer people

(including coaches) who must stay within their groups and at least 6 feet apart. No equipment is shared. USA Football's guidelines offer examples to help youth programs within each phase.

In the second phase, practices can include up to 10 people inside or 50 people outdoors, again within the same group of five to 10 teammates in station-based activities. Individual drills conducted either unopposed without contact or against bags or soft surfaces are suggested, with coaches remaining at a minimum of 6 feet from players. All bags and sleds must be sanitized between each use.

Passing, kicking, punting and shotgun snaps will be allowed, but no hand-offs or snaps under center in deference to physical distancing.

The third phase includes modified flag football and 7-on-7 games, and modified tackle practices, with up

to 50 people in small groups. Player contact, including blocking, may be introduced with partners or within small groups, along with games and activities involving a limited number of players.

All such activities are consistent with its Football Development Model for progressive play.

USA Football has worked with the CDC and other medical experts, including those with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the National Federation of State High School Associations, in developing the phases introduced Monday.

"We have spent a lot of time talking to governing bodies and, for the most part, they are taking this conservative kind of approach," says Scott Hallenbeck, USA Football's executive director.

AP source: Patriots sign QB Cam Newton to replace Tom Brady

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BOSTON (AP) — The New England Patriots have reached an agreement with free-agent quarterback Cam Newton, bringing in the 2015 NFL Most Valuable Player to help the team move on from three-time MVP Tom Brady, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The one-year deal is worth up to \$7.5 million with incentives, the person said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss it publicly. A Patriots spokesman said the team had nothing to announce Sunday night. The signing was first reported by ESPN.

"I'm as excited as I don't know what right now!!" Newton posted on Instagram. "All praise to God!! Dropping content tomorrow!! I hope you're ready!! Let's go Pats."

The Patriots had been heading to training camp with 2019 fourth-round draft choice Jarrett Stidham as the heir apparent to Brady, who led the team to six Super Bowl championships since 2001 but signed with Tampa Bay this offseason. Stidham appeared in three games last season, completing two passes for 14 yards with one interception.

The only other experienced quarterback on the defending AFC East champions' roster was 34-year-old Brian Hoyer, who has started 38 games in an 11-year career with seven NFL teams, including the Patriots twice.

A three-time Pro Bowl selection who was the league's top player in 2015, Newton remains the

NFL's all-time leader in touchdowns rushing by a quarterback. He had one year remaining on a five-year, \$103.8 million contract, but the Panthers saved \$19.1 million under the salary cap by releasing him on March 24.

The 31-year-old Newton was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2011 draft after leading Auburn to a national championship and winning the Heisman Trophy. He helped the Panthers reach the playoffs four times, including the Super Bowl in 2015.

The Panthers finished 15-1 that season and Newton won league MVP honors after throwing for 3,837 and 35 touchdowns and rushing for 636 yards and 10 TDs. But he was criticized after Carolina's 24-10 loss to the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl for not jumping on a loose ball late in the game and cutting his postgame news conference short.

After missing the postseason in 2016, the Panthers returned after going 11-5 the next year, losing to the New Orleans Saints in the wild-card round. More problematic, a shoulder injury severely hampered his throwing in 2018; after starting 6-2, the Panthers lost their next seven games.

Newton had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff before the 2019 season. But he injured his foot in a brief appearance in the third preseason game against New England; he played only two games last season before being placed on injured reserve with a broken bone in his foot.

Newton has been rehabbing ever since, posting several workout videos on Instagram. But because of the new coronavirus, he hasn't had a chance to meet with other teams to show he's healthy.

In nine seasons, he has completed 2,371 passes for 29,041 yards and 182 touchdowns with 108 interceptions. He has also run for 4,806 yards and 58 scores.

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