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# **COVID-19 Update:**

Active Cases: 1 Confirmed:

985

*Tests performed:* 

*Pending:* 

18 Negative tests:

959

Recovered:

Deaths:

# Just a Note:

Summer Meal Program will run through June 30. *Text FOODTX to 877-877* to find a site close to you.

Big Spring Graduation 2020 Ceremony Friday at 9 p.m.

Aquatic Center to open June 15 at 25% capacity

> Big Spring HS Prom 2020 June 13

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# Freedom Parade 2020 gearing up, looking for community entries

# By SAMANTHA RANEY

Herald Contributing Writer

The Coahoma Lions Club is holding its annual Freedom Parade to celebrate the lives of Veterans and the Patriotism of Coahoma residents. This yearly event, that ends with lunch and games, brings families together from surrounding areas to enjoy the holiday. The parade is open to the entire community and it should be noted that participants will gather at the The Coahoma Freedom Parade is gearing up for this year's After the Coahoma Football Field, and it will conclude at the Coahoma Administration office.

"Whatever you want to enter is fine as long as it is Red, White, and Blue," Connie Shaw, the Secretary of the Coahoma Lions Club, said. To participate you must begin lining



HERALD file photo downtown Coahoma.

celebration. Parade entries are now being accepted. hamburger will be sold for \$6 and

includes burger, chips, drink, and cookie. There will be live entertainment in the Coahoma park. Kid activities such as

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# Big Spring Community Blood Drive next Friday

By NATALIE PERMENTER

Herald Contributing Writer

Finding ways to give back to your community can be as simple as heading down to City Council Chambeers next Friday and donating blood. Blood donations are always needed, and an opportunity to give is coming to town next

The City of Big Spring is hosting a community blood drive next Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in City Council Chambers located at 307 East Fourth Street. Scheduling an appointment is encouraged, but walk ins will be accepted.

You can schedule an appointment online at https://www.vitalant.org/Donate/Blood-Donation/Locations.aspx. You can also schedule by calling Stacie King at 432-264-2347 or email to sking@

mybigspring.com.

Blood banks are an essential health service and volunteer donors help sustain the community blood supply – an important resource that cannot be manufactured in a laboratory.

"The COVID-19 pandemic hurt the blood supply in so many ways," Dianne Scott, Drive Coordinator with Vitalant Blood Services, said. "We usually have 30 to 32 blood drives a month, but for the last two months, we have had eight blood drives total. This is because of social distancing, where we were unable to use the busses. We are now in critical need of blood.'

She continued, "We are going by all CDC and FDA guidelines. We are social distancing and everyone has to get their temperature taken before they go inside the room or bus. Blood drives are crucial so that we can get the blood to the

patients in the hospital. As of June 1, all donors will be tested for the COVID-19 antibodies, free of charge. Results

should be in from 10 days to two weeks." In order to meet social distancing recommendations and to ensure the safest donation experience possible, donors are encouraged to schedule appointments and are required to wear a face mask during the appointment. It's important for donors to keep their appointments, and schedule future appointments to ensure blood is available

for those in need. Businesses and individuals can also help by hosting a blood drive. Recently Scenic Mountain Medical Center held a two-day blood drive.

You can call Dianne Scott at 432-296-8755 to get more information on opportunities to help with this very critical

# Fix West Texas setting up clinic Sunday, June 14

# By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Fix West Texas will be hosting a vaccination and microchip clinic in Big Spring on Sunday, June 14, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. They will also offer flea and tick preventative for your pet, as well as heartworm and tick-borne disease testing. The clinic will take place - by appointment only from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. or until the last appointment is taken care of.

"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 focussed 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.

"It all started with a little guy named



Courtesy photo Fix West Texas - a 501c3 based out of Midland - has been holding vaccine clinics in the West Texas area over the past couple of weeks. The clinic will be taking place in Big Spring at the Amphitheater on June 14. Appointment times can be scheduled online through Facebook or through their website.

Roscoe," Fix West Texas shared on their Facebook Page. "The pitbull had been hit by a car and for a few days had been hanging out at the gas pumps in Roscoe, Texas, waiting for help. We picked him up and little did we know he would change our world."

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Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals

will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be

picked up at any of the three campuses where

they are being handed out, which will be Moss,

Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus

lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be

Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)

Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)

made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

meals at the following times and locations:

Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)

# **Obituaries**

Randy Thompson

Randy Thompson, 72, of Kimball, Texas passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Funeral Services will be Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

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

Whitney Ann Weeks Whitney Ann Weeks, 34, of Big Spring, passed

away Tuesday, June 2, 2020,



at home, after a lengthy battle with illness. Graveside Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2020, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born Nov. 14, 1985,

in Odessa, Texas to Don and Joy Weeks.

She fought a long, hard battle with her health throughout her life, but always had a larger than life smile for everyone around her. She

touched many lives and will be missed. Survivors include her parents, Don and Joy

Weeks; one sister, Kendra Diaz and husband, Sloan of The Woodlands, Texas; Uncles and Aunts, John Weeks and wife, Cynthia, of Big Spring; Beth Cook, of Mesquite, Kit Pettigrew and wife Ann, of Portales, NM, and Judy Baggett and husband Bill, of Mineral Wells, Texas; cousins, Tatum Weeks and Doris Banks, of Big Spring; and a niece and a nephew, Jase and Caroline. She was preceded in death by her Grandparents,

George and Johnnie Weeks, and Maurine and John Pettigrew; Aunts and Uncles, Jewel Wisinger, Glenn and Kay McGaugh, and their son John

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

Paid Obituary

Susan King

Susan King, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 2, 2020. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. A Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



# Ernest Sarmiento

Ernest Sarmiento, 49, of Big Spring died Friday, May 29, 2020. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ernest was born Jan. 1, 1971, in Lubbock to Josephine and Melecio Sarmien-

Ernest is survived by his wife: Amy Sarmiento of Big Spring; three children: Justice Sarmiento of Big Spring, Dominque Sarmiento of Big Spring, and

Aurianna Sarmiento of Big Spring; parents: Josephine and Melecio Sarmiento of Big Spring; three sisters: Christina Gonzales of Lubbock, Priscilla Carrillo of Big Spring, and Daniella Sarmiento of Big Spring; one brother: Tony Sarmiento of Big Spring; granddaughter, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

# Margaret Bell Fitzgibbons Margaret Bell Fitzgibbons was reunited with her

parents and siblings at 3:30 in the afternoon on June 1, 2020 at the age of 81.

She was born Margaret Bell Morgan in 1939 in Baird, Texas, to Tommy and Margurete Morgan. She was the fifth of six children.

She married Robert Frank Fitzgibbons on July 9, 1953. They were devoted to each other for 66 years, through sickness and in health. Together they have four chil-

dren. She lived most of her life in Big Spring where she was a devoted nurse for more than 30 years at both Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the VA

She was a long-time member of Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring. Mom loved to bake and made the best chocolate pie you will ever eat. She enjoyed having her family over for holidays and special occasions. Taking care of her flower garden full of

roses was one of her favorite activities. Watching Texas Ranger games with dad was a favorite pastime of hers and something they did together for many years, even celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at The Ballpark in Arlington.

She is survived by her husband Frank of Big Spring, children Mary, Bob (Tina), Wayne, and Karen; four grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, six great grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, and one grand dog, Molly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather W.G. "Pat" Patrick, two brothers, Jim and Tommy; three sisters Betty, Shirley, and Matchie; and two grand dogs Diamond and Ranger.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the ladies at Marcy Place Senior Living and Home Hospice of Big Spring for the excellent care you gave our mother.

Celebration of life is scheduled for 10am on June 6, 2020 at The Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Friday from 9am-9pm.

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

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# Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

 MIGUEL RAFAEL CASIL-LAS, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated and unlawful carrying weapon.

• ISAAC XAVIER CERDA, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle and evading arrest detention with vehicle.

 KAMERON RAY COKER, 16, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a

• EDUARDO GALLARDO JR, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a

order. JUSTIN LEE RIVERA. 28, was arrested by BSPD on a

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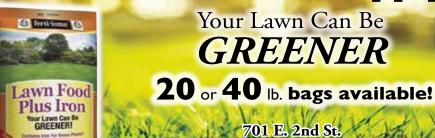


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# charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

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Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

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Bus 96: Albrook and Randolf (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

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Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m - 10:30 a.m.) Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11

Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.) Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25

Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.) Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)

Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55

Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.) Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses,

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

# **Support Group**

#### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 • Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lu-
- theran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group
- meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.





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conduct low cost spay and neuter clinics,

however, with the onset of the recent coro-

navirus pandemic - just as many other or-

ganizations and businesses - plans were

put on hold. According to VanHoozer,

while the pandemic had made things dif-

ficult they were determined to continue to

"We are a grassroots effort that was fo-

cused on offering spay and neuter clinics,

but at the same time, we are doing what

we can to continue to serve the commu-

The Big Spring Police Department re-

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serve the West Texas area.

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charge of public intoxication.

# LOCAL

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nity during this pandemic," she said. "We have hosted a few vaccination clinics alcontinued from Page 1 ready - Midland, Odessa and Stanton - and we will have a couple more before we get The main focus of Fix West Texas is to to Big Spring."

There will be different stations according to VanHoozer; one for rabies and blood work and one for DAPPV and Bordetella. During the Big Spring clinic, there will be volunteers from Happy Day Humane Society on hand helping and all procedures will follow COVID-19 compliant guidelines.

Other clinic sites coming up will include Sat. June 13 in Rankin and in the afternoon Fix West Texas will be back in

westtexas.org. Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com

or call 432-263-7331.

Odessa. Sunday morning before arriv-

ing in Big Spring, there will be a clinic

at the Horseshoe Arena in Midland. A

spay/neuter clinic is set for June 18

and 19 at the Horseshoe in Midland. To

find out more about Fix West Texas or

to schedule an appointment for the Big

Spring Clinic, visit the Fix West Texas Facebook page and click the blue Book infant daughter of Now button or the website at www.fix-Chasity Arguijo and Fred Rubio died May 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help with

> Elmer Clinton, 91, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

expenses at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# **Police Reports**

•JUSTIN LEE RIVERA, 28, of 4313 Redbud Avenue in Odessa, on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- •EDUARDO GALLARDO JR. 34, of 1753 Purdue Ave., was arrested on a charge of violation protective order - communicates.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the area of extension 172 WB Side; 500 block of E. 4th Street; 800 block Rosemont Street.
- FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 10000 Longshore Drive.
- •DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the area of NW 5th and Gregg; in the area of Calvin and Wasson.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700.

57, of 1213 17th Street, was arrested on a •MALORY MARIE LUNA, 29, of 1300 Harding Street, was arrested on a charge

of unauthorized use of motor vehicle. •MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 41, of 1400 S. Johnson Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity: • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the

- 1200 block of E. 15th Street. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the
- 7000 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Med-
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was • MEDICAL CALL was reported in
- the 600 block of George. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4700 block of Ratliff. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of E. 3rd Street. One person was

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of NE 10th Street and Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of W. Davis Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRASH/OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. The fire was contained.



# **Friday Night:**

Clear, with a low around 70. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

#### Saturday:

Sunny, with a high near 98.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.go

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the basketball free-

throw, bounce house, and water slide will also be available.

"Our goal is to celebrate Independence day and have a good time with the families of our community," Shaw said. While gathered in the park, Plaques for the Veterans will be handed out to show the appreciation of the Veteran's service. Tables and chairs will be

provided however, for extra comfort, bringing chairs from home is advised. Having fun, bringing families to- I gether, all while hon- I oring the Veterans and 1 Indepencelebrating dence Day.

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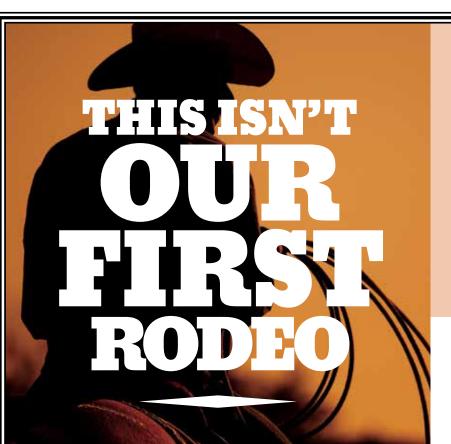
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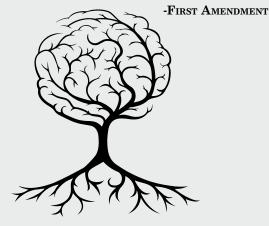


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# Opinion

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# Legend

recently went to see my nephew's graduation parade and my niece's virtual graduation as she

became the first valedictorian ever in her family. As I sat in my car and watched the graduates go by I felt remorse over how much the world has changed because of something so small.

I felt sad and a little bit angry and frustrated because these young adults worked hard for this and they deserved a graduation ceremony.

These thoughts stuck in my mind until I saw the faces of the graduates as they passed in their cars. I saw the look of pride and pure happiness on the faces of their parents, and all those feelings vanished in an instant. When I saw my niece who is the valedictorian of her class (did I mention that she was valedictorian) walk across the stage on her outdoor ceremony, I too felt a sense of pride.

As a physician for 21 years I remembered many of these students as babies and children, and I had the honor of taking care of them and watched them grow over the years. As I watched them graduate from my

> car, I began to remember what it felt like to graduate from high school and college and even medical school.

I remember that day of accomplishment that has meant so much to me. That feeling of elevation that has carried me through every trial and tribulation in my life. That is what I saw in each graduates eyes and all I could do is smile.

I remembered a verse I once read in the Bible in Matthew 6:25 that says

"therefore I tell you, stop being worried or anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted) about your life, as to what you will eat or what vou will drink: nor about vour body, as to what you will wear. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? That's not to say that your body does not need food and that you should not wear clothing.

It says to me that we do not need material things to live a bountiful life.

We may need a little money to

live and we need to work for it, but one of the most important things in life is that we all have the opportunity to live a bountiful life the way we want it.

We have the choice to live a good life. We have the freedom to choose which path we want to follow and we get to decide how hard we want to work for it. These graduates whether it be from high school or college get to dream their dream and set their own goals and hold the world in their hands.

They have the opportunity to make this world not just great, but fantastic and amazing.

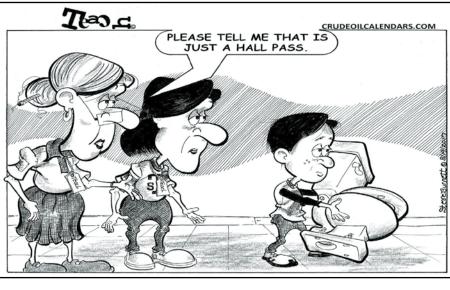
These graduates that do not get a ceremony or a party get something else instead. They get that feeling of accomplishment and pride.

Their parents get that feeling of pride as they know that what they created and shaped and dreamed has finally come to fruition in their child's life. This is what I felt as I watched

the graduates from my car and from my computer walk across the stage. I watched as they became not just another name or number or even a statistic.

These individuals became a part of history.

They became legend.



JOSEPH

CHAVEZ

# Daily Prayer

May You, Lord, renew our lives through Your blessings.

Amen

# The Postscript: The only dog in Minnesota

want to make it clear that we are not adopt-

I won't deny it is tempting. We decided not to get another dog because we travel. Dogs

and airplane travel do not go well together. Now, however, with no travel in sight, I admit I am consumed with envy when I see happy dog owners on the trail. I have started carrying dog treats just so I can talk to the dogs of complete strangers. The owners are tolerant. The dogs love it.

My brother-in-law had our entire extended family in a lather for a full 48hour news cycle when he circulated photos of puppies on Facebook. Everyone was convinced he was going to adopt a puppy. He didn't, as it turned

"He should never have put those photos on the internet!" my sister said. "Everyone thought we were getting an-

This is the same brother-in-law who, at age sixty, enrolled in the seminary. Everyone was wondering how he was going to preach sermons, write two papers every week, and study Hebrew and Greek while paper-training a puppy.

But now, it seems everyone has more time, and puppies (I have been told) are in short supply. Yes, along with toilet paper, yeast, flour, hand sanitizer, and vegetable seeds, there is a national puppy shortage.

I couldn't believe there was actually a dog shortage so I checked the website of our local shelter. They had no dogs—but this didn't prove a thing. We have a wellfunded shelter and I've heard rumors that dogs from towns with less wellfinanced animal shelters are smuggled into town. (Okay, I've heard more than rumors but I am not squealing on anyone.) A dog shortage here is not news.

So, I checked with the animal shelter in Minneapolis, where my sister and brother-in-law live. Sure enough, there was only one puppy. It was a black and tan shepherd mix. She was holding her head at an adorable angle.

"Hi, my name is Bella!" the story beside the photo read. "I came to Animal

Humane Society because I need help with my behavior." Uh oh. I saw that Bella had been surrendered at the end of March.

"That was right at the start of the pandemic!" I thought. "Who surrenders a dog when they are stuck at home?" #CommunityStrong, We Are Here For You!

"I'm ready to find a new home where I can continue to work on learning

good manners," the story continued. I wondered exactly how bad Bella's bad manners were. I wondered if "learning good manners" was another way of saying, "not chewing up the furniture." I went to the humane society for St. Paul. I clicked, "Adoptable dogs."

To my astonishment, there was only one—it was

"I like playing with toys and enjoy other busy interactions." Busy interactions! This was obviously another euphemism for something-like, "Little Johnny is being sent to juvenile detention for his

busy interactions." I went further afield, to suburbs on the north and south sides of the Twin Cities. Bella again! The Twin Cities has a population of 3.4 million people and it appeared that Bella was-at the moment-

the only dog in Minnesota available for adoption. So, I thought I should just get the word out for anyone near or traveling to Minnesota that, in spite of the nationwide puppy shortage, there is one dog available. Her name is Bella. She's famous for her busy interactions and needs a little work on

her manners. Frankly, I'm thinking Bella couldn't have picked a better time to try to find a home.

Till next time, Carrie

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# Forsan's Cory Richardson continuing 30 Days of Toughness for his team

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Two weeks ago, the Forsan basketball Twitter account - @BuffaloBallers - tweeted out something new. With the coronavirus still keeping a stranglehold on the world of sports, as it has done for the past two-and-a-half months, high school coaches have had to get creative with workout ideas and how to stay engaged with their players.

It has recently been reported that Big Spring's Eric Tuttle uses his social media platform to spread positivity to people throughout the city through videos and pictures. Steers Head Football Coach Cannon McWilliams uses his Twitter account to post daily workouts every morning for his student-athletes to do so that they can stay in shape and will not be too out of sorts when the team gets back together next

Forsan coach Cory Richardson had a different

idea. After participating in the annual Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) coaching clinic last week, Richardson came up with an idea to keep his players sharp and active during this time they cannot be on the hardwood.

That idea was called "30 Days of Toughness" and was accompanied with the message that "toughness is a skill that you can practice and improve on." Richardson has now posted the first two days tasks and, while they may seem menial, they both contribute strongly to a student-athlete's toughness and are well-thought out by Richardson.

"I made a list of a few things that we needed to instill in our program and goals for next year," Richardson said. "I was thinking of things we could do with the kids not here. You can do a lot of things in practice to build toughness but when you're sitting at home, it becomes more mental and an accountability type of thing. I'm just taking things I've learned and factor that into what we're doing right now without being able to meet with the players."

Day One's task was to make your bed every day. Even though it seems like a task that does not take much effort or time, a recent study by the National Sleep Foundation found that only 7-of-10 Americans regularly make their bed

"If you can't do the little things right, you'll never be able to do the big things right. And if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made, that you made. And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better," former U.S. Navy Admiral William H. McRaven

To follow-up on the first day's challenge, Richardson picked "embrace the suck" as the challenge for Day Two.

"Find something you don't love doing, that's good for you or your family and choose to do it. Mine will be clean the bathroom – what's yours?" Richardson asked his players.

The team and Richardson are working by an honor system and he is encouraging his players to share pictures of their completed tasks with teammates. There are now 14 tasks for the Buffalo Ballers to complete each day and Rich-

ardson has been receiving positive news about his players participating. Summer workouts will begin next Monday and Richardson, along with all of his student-athletes, could not be more excited to be back together as a team.

Let us now take a look back at the first two weeks of tasks handed out by



Day 1: Make your bed everyday.

Forsan's 30 Days of Toughness start off with an easy task that should be way more common in everyday activities. The important thing to remember is that each day the student-athletes must complete the previous day's tasks along with the new one.

Day 2: "Embrace the suck"

Find something that you don't love doing, that's good for you or your family and choose to do it.

Richardson has his own example on how he would embrace the suck. He recently took a road trip with his oldest son and decided to let him choose the music during the entire nine-hour drive.

"I don't love his music, but I will let him choose the entire trip so that I can hear what he listens to, get to know what he loves, and maybe get to know him a little better."

That is what embracing the suck is all about.

Day 3: Put your phone down

Maybe it's one hour, or after 10:00 p.m., or at the dinner table - whatever challenges you - unplug yourself and sync into life.

"I will put my phone aside during anytime we sit down to eat," Richardson

Day 4: Read Start a book and read a chapter every day of the challenge. Or you can read

an article each day about something that interests you. Richardson acknowledged the fact that there are plenty of sports-related

books that can be found plenty of places online. He even had some fun joking around with student-athlete Chris Mendez, who he suggested could read 'The Cat in the Hat' for his reading. Day 5: Thanks

Take time to thank someone for something they do/have done for you. A handwritten note is the best way to do this but a text, phone call, or in-person "thank you" will do. Day 6: Workout

Hopefully you have a routine already. If not, start today. It does not have to

be over-the-top, but do something every day and develop a habit of exercising. Day 7: Stop Whining

Do not complain about anything unless you have a solution - at least not out loud. When you're feeling frustrated, think of the Day 5 challenge.

Richardson felt the need to ask his players following the first week of his 30 Days of Toughness if they were still with him.

"If you've been soft for the last six or seven days, it's not too late to start," he said. "If you only missed one day, that does not give you the OK to just quit. Be tougher than that. What else are you doing now?"

Day 8: Push Ups

Do 10 push-ups each time that you check your phone.

This has been a long-standing workout for athletes across the country and is a great way to get consistent exercise. Doing 10 push-ups does not seem like many, but if you do them every time there is a commercial break, you could have a serious pump by the time the day is over.

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# Daniel Zou Leads Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship

DALLAS - Daniel Zou of The Woodlands leads the Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship by three strokes following an opening round 7-under-par 64 at Lakewood Country Club.

Zou earned his exemption into this year's field with an STPGA win two weeks ago. On Tuesday, the 14-year-old proved he deserved his spot. He birdied four of his first six holes and never looked back during his Veritex Bank Byron Nelson Junior Championship debut. The high school freshman closed out his front nine with a birdie on the par-5 ninth to post a 5-under 31 at the turn.

"On the second hole, things started picking up for me," Zou said. "My day started getting better as my putting started getting better. Putting kind of carried my round today.'

He didn't slow down on the back nine. Zou birdied the par-4 10th, and despite a bogey on the par-3 12th, he pulled off something special just two holes The par-3 14th hole was playing 203 yards with a

gentle breeze off the left. Zou pulled a 5-iron with plans to find the center of the green. He striped it. The ball bounced once just below the hole and trickled in for his third career hole-in-one.

"I was just trying to go up there and make par," Zou said. "That is a really tough hole with bunkers on both sides. That hole-in-one was just the cherry on top today.'

Zou came into this year's championship with confidence. He won the 2020 LJT Spring Preview in early March at The Wilderness Golf Club, and he plans to stick with his game plan all week. "I just want to play like it's any other day," Zou

said. "I don't want to play with a score in my head. I just want to play like it's the first round again and reset." J. Holland Humphries, the No. 1-ranked junior

golfer in the state of Texas, sits in solo second. He began his opening round stress-free. The 2021 Southern Methodist University commit carded back-to-back birdies on the par-4 third and par-5 fourth holes. He closed out a bogey-free front nine with two more birdies on the par-4 eighth and par-5 ninth to turn at 4-under 32. "My ball-striking was really good," Humphries

said. "I only missed one fairway and hit every green."

His consistent play continued the back nine. Despite dropping a shot on the par-3 14th, the Westlake High School senior bounced back with a birdie on the par-5 17th and closed out his round with a routine par to post 4-under 67.

"It's awesome to just see everybody again," Humphries said. "State got canceled, so it is kind of like our state championship."

Sean-Karl Dobson of Austin is third after a 3-under 68, while Keaston Vo of Austin is fourth after a 2-under 69.

The 2019 Texas Junior Amateur Champion Zach Heffernan of Boerne, Andrew Spaulding of Spring, Jase Summy of Keller, Michael Heidelbaugh of Dallas, Vishnu Sadagopan of Pearland, Cole Sherwood of Austin, Preston Stout of Richardson and Keaton Vo of Austin are all tied for fourth place at 1-under

Ranked as one of the strongest fields in the championship's history, Round 1 at Lakewood CC proved to be a special day for everyone involved. It was the first competitive round hosted by the LJT since early March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Team

**Pick** 

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"We're excited to get back to playing golf and getting a little sense of normalcy," Tournament Director Kevin Porter said. "With that though, there comes some limitations in keeping all involved safe. The LJT has worked hard to limit the amount of touch points among all the players, staff, volunteers and spectators."

Players, spectators and volunteers were required to follow specific health and safety guidelines throughout the day. The LJT provided hand sanitizer at water coolers, starting tees and scoring tents. Players were not allowed to touch the flagsticks and bunker rakes were removed from the golf course. The driving range and practice putting green were monitored and limited to a specific number of players. Spectators were asked to practice social distancing throughout the golf course and the clubhouse remained closed to the public.

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1	9	Colorado Rockies	Reid Detmers	LHP	Louisville
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1	11	Chicago White Sox	Patrick Bailey	C	North Carolina State
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Declarer won with the ace and led the queen of trump, on which West followed low. South was then faced with a crucial guess. It did not take him long to go up with the ace, catch the king and so make four hearts. There is no doubt that when a

declarer is faced with the trump combination shown here, he will do much better in the long run to finesse than play the ace from dummy. But in the given circumstances,

South had ample justification for abandoning the normal percentage play. He had seen West show up with the A-K of clubs and ace of spades on the first four tricks, and he also remembered that West had passed originally. It followed that West could not have the king of hearts, which would have given him an opening

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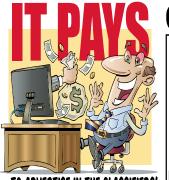
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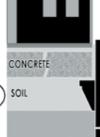
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The science shows that daily cardio can be as effective an anti-depressant as some types of prescriptive medicine. Relatedly, you'll solve a problem with a low-cost, low-risk, totally natural remedy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Job descriptions are just constructs used to attract the right applicants. The real job is to do what it takes to get a result. Whether a task is technically your job or not may be irrelevant to the big picture of what needs doing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your quiet confidence comes as a

Geri Is Not the Best

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Dear Annie: I work

result of the kindness at the bedrock of your character. You're kind on purpose, on accident, without reason, without warning; you're kind in theory and in practice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll revel in your freedom. Being left alone to live as you like without being nagged, judged or subjected to the whims of authority is the perk of adulthood you cherish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is safe to assume today's work will come easily to you. This cosmic offer is only good for the next 24 hours though. What's coming won't be harder; it will just be better approached without assumptions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You become like the people around you and this is why you're pretty choosy about whom you allow to the inner circle, or, for that matter, any concentric circle of which you are the center.

# Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis do this SCOR-PIO for (Oct. free? 24-You Nov. refuse 21). to con-You cern know yourthe self senwith sation matyou get ters when that do not you look directly conback on old cern you. It photos and takes less

realize
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needless? Be happy
now. Cast worry aside.
Trust time. It will handle
so much for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your cosmic gift of the day is a clear demarcation on the point of diminishing returns. This prevents you from unnecessary work and frees you to focus on what matters most to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Judges get paid to judge. Why should those who aren't

work, right is might.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (June 4). This year turns up your vitality; lifestyle changes and exciting projects figure in. People you admire find their way into your world. You already have what others need, and you'll find the niche that allows you to feel a deep sense of contribution and belonging, not to mention the chance to get exactly what you want. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 44, 48, 31 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I lose patience for people who don't or can't take care of themselves. It's your No. 1 job as a human, don't you think? My girlfriend, a Cancer, calls me cutthroat. I'm a realist, I think. And a Scorpio."

If humans were like sharks, only responsible for their own well-being, then what you say would work so well. The shark species has roamed the oceans for 400 million years and survived five mass extinctions. They are born ready and are self-sufficient throughout their lives. The ability to provide and receive care isn't a huge factor to their survival as a species, if it plays any role at all.

Humans, on the other hand, take anywhere from 14 years to a lifetime to mature, depending on whom you ask. If humans suddenly stopped taking care of one another, the whole 7 billion of them would be doomed.

You are right. Taking care of yourself is one of the most important things you can do to forward the interests of mankind, but it is not enough. Luckily, the populous of humankind is peppered with supergivers who offset the balance of those who merely uphold high standards of self-care. Aspire to be one of them.

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# Annie's Mailbox ®

have ever seen. At this point, I believe that she has become a human suppository to my boss. She has absolutely no idea how to share and gets very upset when you treat her the same way she treats you.

Geri has been nasty to me since Day One. When I've told her I don't appreciate the way she treats me, she tells me that I'd better get used to it.

"Quantity, not quality" must be her personal motto. She will, on occasion, share work that comes out of the fax with everyone else in the room except myself (but only after she's bitten off more than she can chew).

She has told me that the reason I don't like her is that she has "a work ethic." I would beg to differ. It seems more along the lines of a personality disorder and/or extreme arrogance. I work with quite a few other people who have healthy work ethics. We get along just fine.

She also doesn't believe that she can ever make a mistake. If she does and you catch it, she will instantly blame someone else or say, "What's the big deal?"

She even has made flyers saying that "Geri is the best!" and "Geri is a NICE PERSON!" I can't wait till she passes them out! I am at the end of my rope. I'd hate to quit because the days that she doesn't show up are pretty darn good. We laugh; we work; and, get this, we (SET ITAL)share(END ITAL).

energy to live and let

AQUARIUS (Jan.

**20-Feb. 18).** The rules

and boundaries are not

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would appear. What

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PISCES (Feb.

want what's best for all.

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friendliness and reward

to incentivize people to-

ward your aims. In the

rare case that doesn't

**19-March 20).** You

tactics like charm,

or crossing them.

live.

The only time she is kind is when she wants something from you, whether it be knowledge or for you to pick her up some food or perhaps complete a task that she feels is beneath her. Please offer me some guidance. -- Enough Is Enough

Dear Enough: In my years writing this column I've heard of all sorts of behavior, but someone making "I'm Great!" flyers -- that is a first. Clearly, Geri has some issues that didn't begin with you, and they won't end with you. Acknowledging that might help you find some measure of peace with the situation. That's not to say you should put up with workplace bullying. The first step toward addressing that is talking to Geri again. Ask what you could do that might make your working relationship smoother. Let her know how her behavior impacts you. Don't rattle off a laundry list of all her transgressions. Focus instead on the overarching pattern of her taking on so much of the workload.

If this peace talk doesn't bear out results, it's time to go up the chain of command. Request to meet with human resources (and if there is no HR, then your supervisor). Go into the meeting seeking solutions, not pointing fingers. And again, leave out all the personal animosity you may feel toward Geri. Present only the ways in which her behavior has concretely impacted your work.

Whatever happens, try to disengage from her antics as much as possible. "The Geri Show" may go on, but you don't have to tune in.

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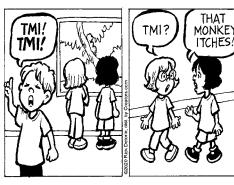




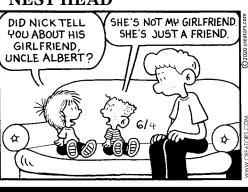
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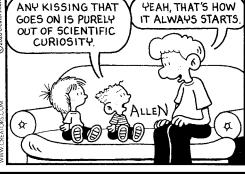






#### **NEST HEAD**







# This Date In History

#### Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 4, the 156th day of 2020. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 4, 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma

#### City. On this date:

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

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

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

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

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific. În 1944, U-505, a German sub-

marine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome. In 1972, a jury in San Jose, Cali-

fornia, acquitted radical activist Angela Davis of murder and kidnapping for her alleged connection to a deadly courthouse shootout in Marin County in

In 1985, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling striking down an Alabama law providing for a daily minute of silence in public schools.

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

In 1989, a gas explosion in the Soviet Union engulfed two passing

trains, killing 575 In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan. In 2000, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Putin

(POO'-tihn) ended their summit by conceding differences on missile defense, agreeing to dispose of weapons-grade plutonium and and space launches.

Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of 12 million U.S.-made "Shrek" glasses sold by McDonald's which were found to be tainted with cadmium. Anamika Veeramani (AHN'-uh-MEEK'-ah VEER'-ah-MAHN'ee) of North Royalton, Ohio, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., correctly spelling the medical term "stromuhr." Death claimed postmodern author David Markson, 82; legendary basketball coach John Wooden, 99; and Jack Harrison, 97, survivor of the Great Escape plot by Allied prisoners in World

ment of Homeland Security announced that hackers had broken into the U.S. government personnel office and stolen identifying information of at least 4 million federal workers. (The breach was later said to have totaled 21.5 million current and former federal employees and job applicants; Chinese hackers were suspected of being behind the cyberattack.) Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry opened his second bid for the Republican presidential nomination. A huge explosion at a gas station in Ghana's capital of Accra

left at least 160 people dead. One year ago: Thousands of protesters crowded London's government district while President Donald Trump met Prime Minister Theresa May nearby. The White House instructed former aides Hope Hicks and Annie Donaldson to defy subpoenas and refuse to provide documents to the House Judiciary Committee. Florida deputy Scot Peterson, who knew a gunman was loose at a high school in Parkland in February, 2018, but failed to go inside to confront the assailant, was arrested on 11 criminal charges related to his inaction during the massacre that killed 17 people. The Trump administration ended the most popular forms of U.S. travel to Cuba, banning cruise ships and a heavily-used category of educational travel. New York legislators approved what would be the first statewide ban on the declawing of cats. (Gov. Andrew

pledging early warning of missile Ten years ago: On his third personal trek to the Gulf disaster, President Barack Obama said that he saw some progress in fighting the enormous oil spill but that it was "way too early to be optimistic." The U.S. Consumer Product

Fourteen-year-old

Five years ago: The Depart-

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Answer to previous puzzle

July.) The Maine Legislature voted to legalize assisted suicide. (Gov. Janet Mills signed the measure into law the following week.)

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 92. Actor Bruce Dern is 84. Musician Roger Ball is 76. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 76. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 75. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 69. Actor Parker Stevenson is 68. Ac-

tor Keith David is 64. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 63. Actress Julie Gholson is 62. Actor Eddie Velez is 62. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 59. Actress Julie White is 59. Actress Lindsay Frost is 58. Actor Sean Pertwee is 56. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 55. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 54. Rhythm and blues singer Al B. Sure! is 52. Actor Scott Wolf is 52. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 51. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 51. Actor James

Callis is 49. Actor Noah Wyle is 49. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 46. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 45. Actress Angelina Jolie is 45. Actor Theo Rossi is 45. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 44. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 42. Rock musician JoJo Ġarza (Los Lonely Boys) is 40. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens Edge) is 39. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 35. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek

Graves is 33. Rock musician Zac Farro is 30. Thought for Today: "If America forgets where she came from,

is 35. Americana singer Shakey

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# Newsday Crossword

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- 44 Totally fascinated
- walks in beauty . . .": Byron
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- 48 Medal depicting Washington
- **51** Quiet-lamb link **52** When daylight fades
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# Brees' anthem comments draw backlash from teammates and others from around NFL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As athletes and sports organizations around the world speak out against racial injustice in the wake of George Floyd's death, Drew Brees drew sharp criticism after he reiterated his opposition to Colin Kaepernick's kneeling during the national anthem in 2016.

Los Angeles Lakers great LeBron James, Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins and former NFL player Martellus Bennett are just some of the high-profile athletes to criticize Brees on their Twitter feeds.

Brees, a New Orleans Saints quarterback who won the Super Bowl in the 2009 season, was asked in an interview with Yahoo on Wednesday to revisit former NFL quarterback Kaepernick's kneeling during the national anthem before games to bring awareness of police brutality and racial injustice.

"I will never agree with anybody disrespecting the flag of the United States," Brees began, adding that the national anthem reminds him of his grandfathers, who served in the armed forces during World War II. "In many cases, it brings me to tears thinking about all that has been sacrificed, and not just in the military, but for that matter, those throughout the civil rights movements of the '60s, and all that has been endured by so many people up until this point."

Many athletes have repeatedly said the kneeling was not about disrespecting the flag or the military but instead about police brutality.

Derek Chauvin has been charged with second-

degree murder in the killing of Floyd, a Minneapolis black man who was handcuffed as the officer kneeled on Floyd's neck for more than eight min-

Kaepernick hasn't yet responded to the comments by Brees, but he did retweet a post by Los Angeles Lakers forward Kyle Kuzma.

"This shows you that there are a lot of people & companies out there right now that will say they stand with us but only do it so they dont get bashed not because they mean it," Kuzma wrote above a photo of Brees kneeling alongside teammates before an NFL game.

Brees has previously said he supports those against police brutality but he does not see the national anthem as the proper forum. In 2017, Brees participated with teammates who knelt before the national anthem, but then stood in unison when the anthem was played. James, who has been a leader in the social justice

movement, said he couldn't believe Brees was still confused about what Kaepernick was trying to do.

"WOW MAN!!" James wrote on Twitter. "Is it still surprising at this point. Sure isn't! You literally still don't understand why Kap was kneeling on one knee?? Has absolute nothing to do with the disrespect of (American flag emoji) and our soldiers (men and women) who keep our land free. My father-in-law was one of those."

Bennett, who won a Super Bowl with the New

England Patriots and retired in 2018, posted a long thread saying none of the white quarterbacks in the league have spoken out when it wasn't easy to

"And y'all wanna applaud them for these statements, when y'all crucified every athlete that said something by protesting in the beginning," Bennett wrote. "Look (I'm) happy they're saying something.. but when they had a chance to make a big play for their black teammates and colleagues most of em remained silent, showed ignorance or didn't say anything of importance when it was really needed."

Jenkins, who was Brees' teammate when the Saints won the Super Bowl, spent the past six seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles before returning to New Orleans this offseason. He posted a video of himself on Twitter speaking to his teammate. "Drew Brees, if you don't understand how hurtful,

how insensitive your comments are, you are part of the problem," Jenkins said. "To think that because your grandfathers served in this country that you have a great respect for the flag that everybody else should have the same ideals and thoughts that you do is ridiculous. "And it shows that you don't know history. Be-

cause when our grandfathers fought for this country and served, they came back ... they didn't come back to a hero's welcome. They came back and got attacked for wearing their uniforms. They came back to racism. To complete violence."

# MLB rejects 114-game schedule, threatens plan of about 50

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If Major League Baseball and its players take the field for a coronanvirus-delayed 2020 season, it will be after acrimonious negotiations that resemble their labor war of a generation ago.

MLB rejected the players' proposal for a 114-game regular season with no additional salary cuts, and will turn its attention to a shortened slate of perhaps 50 games or fewer. Owners last week proposed an 82-game schedule starting in early July.

"We do not have any reason to believe that a negotiated solution for an 82-game season is possible," Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem wrote in a letter Wednesday to chief union negotiator Bruce Meyer that was obtained by The Associated Press.

MLB's plan included a sliding scale of pay decreases that would leave players at the \$563,500 minimum with 47% of their original salaries and top stars Mike Trout and Gerrit Cole at less than 22% of the \$36 million they had been set to earn.

Players insisted they receive the prorated salaries agreed to in a March 26 deal, which would give them 70% pay at 114 games. That agreement called for the sides to "discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators." The union has said no additional cuts are acceptable.

There has not been a schedule averaging fewer than 82 games per team

"Despite what it sounds like with some of the Twitter bickering back and forth and some of the posturing back and forth, I am optimistic that we are going to play baseball this year," Milwaukee president of baseball operations David Stearns said. "I'm optimistic that both sides genuinely want to play baseball this year, that there's a path to doing so, even if it's a shorter season, even if it's 50

Ballparks without fans appear certain due to the pandemic. MLB claims large losses due to the virus, which the union disputes, and teams want additional salary reductions. Halem said 27 of the 30 teams would lose money with each additional game.

A 50-game schedule would result in players receiving about 30% of their full salaries under the March 26 deal.

"You confirmed for us on Sunday that players are unified in their view that they will not accept less than 100% of their prorated salaries, and we have no choice but to accept that representation," Halem wrote.

"Nonetheless, the commissioner is committed to playing baseball in 2020," Halem added. "He has started discussions with ownership about staging a shorter season without

Halem ended his letter by telling Meyer "we stand ready to discuss any ideas you may have that might lead to an agreement on resuming play without regular fan access in our sta-

# **TOUGHNESS**

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#### Day 9: Water Intake

As you prepare yourself for June 8 workouts, being well hydrated is a key. The student-athletes should also start cutting out soda from their diet.

A good rule of thumb for athletes is to divide their body weight in half and drink at least an ounce per pound of body weight throughout a typical day. This amount should then be adjusted for the day's activity level and outside temperature.

Day 10: Serve

Do something for someone expecting nothing in return. Find a way to help others whether it be family, friends, or neighbors.

"Even the smallest spark shines brightly in the darkness," Richardson quot-

Day 11: Get your hands dirty Change the oil in the family car or lawn mower, fix a leaky faucet, change

the light bulbs... There is something around your house that needs attention.

Day 12: Cokes

Stop drinking them all or cut down to one-a-day. Whatever pattern works best for you is the one that you should do. Read the ingredients and research them for your daily reading. You would be surprised at what all of the ingredients of a Coca-Cola can do.

Day 13: Learn something new

Can't whistle or play the guitar? What other skills have you always wanted to learn? Go for it. Start today and practice for the next 18 days and learn how to improve at the skill you've always wanted to.

Day 14: Pray

It takes a real man to bend a knee. We will catch flak for this one and that is okay. Be tough enough to stand for what you believe in.

This is a special task to Richardson and one that he feels everyone could use

right now.

With the current state of our country, there needs to be more unifying powers bringing people together

instead of pulling them apart. Richardson's 30 Days of Toughness have been great for his student-athletes to follow and can also be followed by people around the city of Big Spring and For-

Richardson is at the midpoint of his "30 Days" and will continue to try to get his players to keep improving as athletes and human beings in the second half. During a time where there are no sports being played, the country seems to be in shambles and the future seems grim. Richardson is doing his part in keeping positive and spreading healthy knowledge.

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