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County Commissioners meeting held by live stream Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

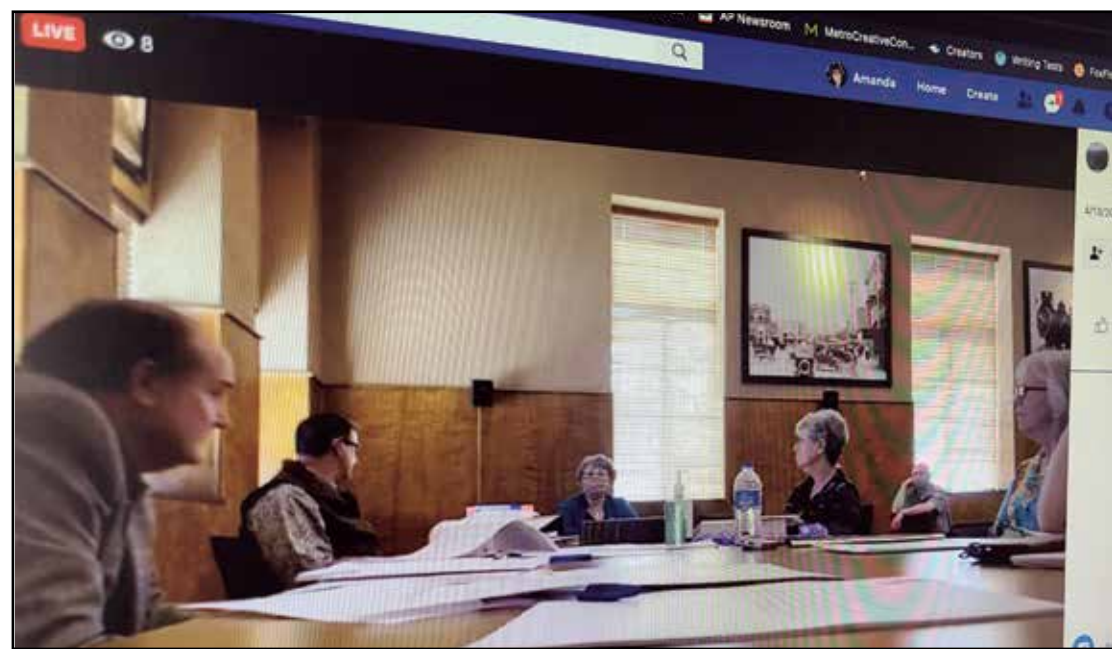
Howard County Commissioners Court met to discuss a routine agenda Monday afternoon, after convening for a budget workshop. The meeting was able to be viewed from Live Stream on the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page.

The meeting began with a session marked for citizen input, and no comments were made during this time. Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman opened up the meeting with the introduction and discussion of the AT&T Election Security Assessment Program which was presented by Gene Moore.

After Moore concluded his presentation telephonically, the Commissioner's decided more discussion and further research needed to take place before giving approval and allowing the assessment to take place. The agenda item was tabled until the next meeting on April 27.

Howard County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek presented an update on TX DOT CTIF Grant Program to the Commissioners.

"I want to show that we have more need than is funded," Klinksiek said. "I'm not going outrageous, but I want



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The Howard County Commissioners met Monday afternoon for a regular Commissioner's meeting with a fairly routine agenda. The meeting was aired live on the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page for those wanting to attend. The meeting is also able to found on that same Facebook page for those who missed the meeting.

them to know we have more needed than has been funded."

As part of the grant program an annual road report has to be conducted and reported. According to Klinksiek, he will have a report ready for the Com-

missioner's Court in a couple of weeks.

In addition to the update, Klinksiek also submitted a request to the Commissioner's to allow the addition of an

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Photo submitted by Aide Moreno Buentello

Pictured are Aide's children working on a puzzle during their days at home, in between learning from home lessons.

Motorcycle accident near Forsan results in fatality Saturday

Special to the Herald

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety a one-vehicle accident resulting in a fatality occurred six and a half miles south of Forsan on Saturday evening around 7:44 p.m.

The preliminary investigation indicated the 2007 Harley Davidson, driven by Jesse Cantu, 52 years old of Big Spring, was traveling east on FM 821 when he entered a curve in the roadway at an unsafe speed, left the roadway and rolled.

According to the report, Cantu was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The report indicated the weather condition was clear and road conditions were dry at the time of the accident.

Cantu was pronounced at the scene by Justice of the Peace Angela Griffin.

Creativity abounds as families stay at home

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Social distancing has been implemented for almost a month now and Big Spring and Howard County residents are finding creative ways to occupy their time. While many families, with school aged children, are focused on completing school work and taking care of daily tasks – especially those who are essential workers – there are those who do not have school aged children and are directing their time to other creative past times.

One local family of five hasn't been hit as hard as some have been, but they have had to make some adjustments with the extended learning at home. With three kids at home doing school work, David Salazar and his wife had to purchase extra laptops in order for the kids to keep up with their work.

"Other than my wife and three kids having to stay home we haven't been impacted too hard yet," Salazar said. "My wife is a teacher at Bauer Headstart and between her using the computer to do lesson plans and the kids doing their daily work we needed the extra laptops."

Now that Salazar's family is at home with him, his routine has changed. Typically, he would pick up and drop off his wife and kids off at school and work.

"Up until all of this I was in charge of the home and taking the kids too and from school," he said. "My wife and I actually recently started walking the mountain, but with these new orders that will probably be stopping."

Shortly after speaking with Salazar, Governor Greg Abbott issued an order – April 7 – closing the State Parks and Historic Sites through April 17. The Big Spring State Park falls into that order and the City of Big Spring also issued an order to close the parks in the city in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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Photo submitted by David Salazar

David Salazar has been putting his time to use by making walking sticks and canes. Not only has he kept himself busy, but has been able to use his creativity.

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



Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw
Bus 14-Bauer
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald
Bus 27: 5th and Abrams
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary
Bus 86: 6th and Circle
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments
Bus 14-Lakeview
Bus 15: Colby and Drew
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile
Bus 85: Scott and Macausian
Bus 86: Washington Elementary
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill
Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

Coahoma ISD will provide take-home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No meals will be provided on the Easter holiday.

Forsan ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do.



Obituaries



Larry Hass

Larry Hass, 55, died Thursday, April 2, 2020. Private family services will be at a later date.

Larry was born Oct. 30, 1964, in Monahans to Lizzie and James Hass. Larry is survived by one daughter: Chalayne Winkler; mother: Pearl Hass; sister: Patricia Prater, and one granddaughter: Josie Winkler.

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

Josephine Lewis

Josephine Lewis, 74, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 9, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jesse Cantu

Jesse Cantu, 52, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 11, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention

and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ERIC DELFINO HINOJOSA**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid, open container in motor vehicle and public intoxication.

• **FRANK ANDREW MONTEMAYOR**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL DEAN NALL**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL WAYNE PETERSON III**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STACIE JEANETTE RIOS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARGARET LEE ROUSE**, 74, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon.

• **MARK HOLLIS RYERSON**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JASON JAMES WILMER**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Texas Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln. No transport was required.

• **DUMPSTER OUTSIDE TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Westover that was contained.

• **PASSENGER VEHICLE FIRE** was reported 2700 block of N. FM 700 that was contained.



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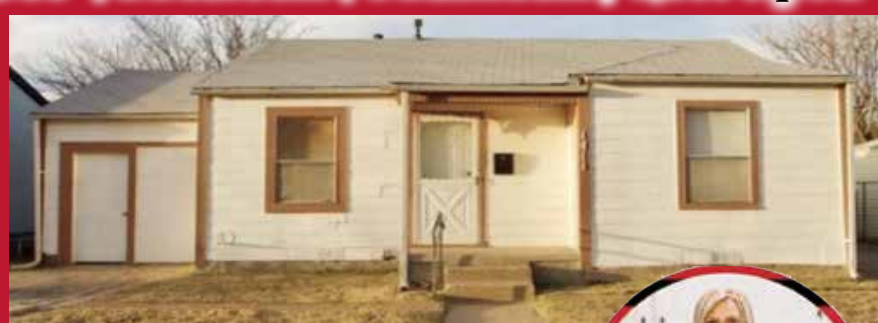
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However, while Salazar and his family aren't able to take a walk around the mountain he spends his time and his crafting ability to make walking sticks. This is a past time that he used to do, before his disability that limited his use of his dominant arm.

"As best I can with my dominant arm not working like it used to before the two shoulder surgeries, I make walking sticks," he said. "Our kids will go outside and shoot some hoops or play in the yard."

Creativity has seemed to spark across Big Spring homes as crafts and unique ideas begin to pop up on Facebook. Whether the idea is a national movement that has swept across like Heart Hunters, which encourages residents to place hearts in their windows or teddy bears for families to find while walking or simply painting rocks or taking part in puzzles, families are embracing time

with each other.

"My kids and I painted rocks one day and then we hid them the next and had the kiddos look for them," Tabitha Renee Darden said.

Another Big Spring resident, Aide Buentello mentioned her family had spent a couple of days working on some puzzles. Others, like Brittany McGuffey, got out the painters tape and some chalk and got creative in the driveway with decoration.

While the order to close schools has been extended until May 4, school work doesn't have to take all the focus as families are at home together. Whether it's a little bit of sidewalk chalk drawing, working in the yard or putting a creative gift to use for when the parks open back up, there are new ideas coming up daily almost, to spend your time.

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Weather



Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 47. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

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

Large item pick up District 4 set for Wednesday

Special to the Herald

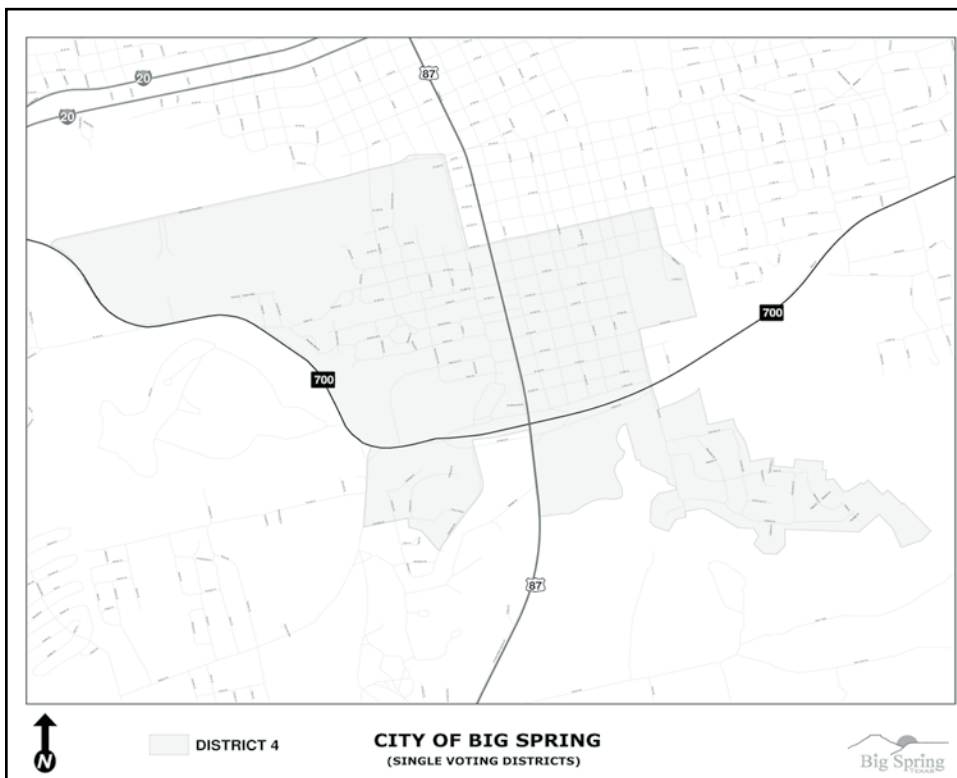
Large Item/Bulk Item Pick up for District 4 will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. This is a free service and is an opportunity to get rid of old furniture or any other bulk items without the hassle and expense of hauling it off. It's easy and it's free! Just place your bulk items neatly at the curb, by 7 a.m. on the scheduled Large/Bulk Item Pickup day.

City staff will only pick up items that are placed on the curb.

For those residents who are unsure what district your residence is in, please visit www.mybigspring.com to view individual District Maps.

For questions concerning Large/Bulk Item Pick-up, residents are encouraged to call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.

The large/bulk items that will be accepted by placement on curb-side include: appliances, furniture, scrap metal, lumber, brush/tree limbs and mattresses. The large/bulk items not accepted by curb-side are: automotive products, furniture chemicals/petroleum products, scrap metal demolition/construction debris, lumber paint brush/tree limbs and tires.



Courtesy image

Pictured above is a map of District 4, which will be the focus of the next Large Item Pickup that is taking place this Wednesday. Residents who need items pick up should have their items placed on the curb by 7 a.m. Wednesday.

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in-person convenience fee for Road and Bridge and Septic permits during the Coronavirus pandemic precautions. The suggested fee was proposed at \$25 as a way to monetarily discourage people from coming in over submitting payment and documents online. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners voted to allow the additional fee for the time being. Before wrapping up his report, Klinksiek provided a roadway maintenance update and informed the Court about a possible three month closure by TxDOT around the railroad tracks around Stallings. The work will allow for drainage issues to be addressed around the tracks, flatten out the roadway near the tracks which will allow for a safer crossing. The exact start date was not provided.

As part of Commissioner John Cline's presentation, he informed the Court of interest that was expressed in Airport property. After discussion the Court decided that Cline would gather some additional information and measurements in order to allow for the properties to be put up for bids. The Court decided they would put the properties out for bid with a minimum bid of \$4,000 attached. There will be more information provided at the next meeting.

Other items discussed and approved by the Commissioners included:

- Monthly financial report, invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments from the County Auditor, Jackie Olson
- Personnel consideration, treasurer's monthly report (March), treasurer's monthly payroll

report (March), from County Treasurer Sharon Adams.

- Clerk's Monthly reports by County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf
- County travel and school/seminar attendance presentation and discussion led by Commissioner Craig Bailey, Pct. 2

For those who were unable to view the meeting live, the meeting can be found on the Howard County Info Tech Facebook page, along with the Budget Workshop video.

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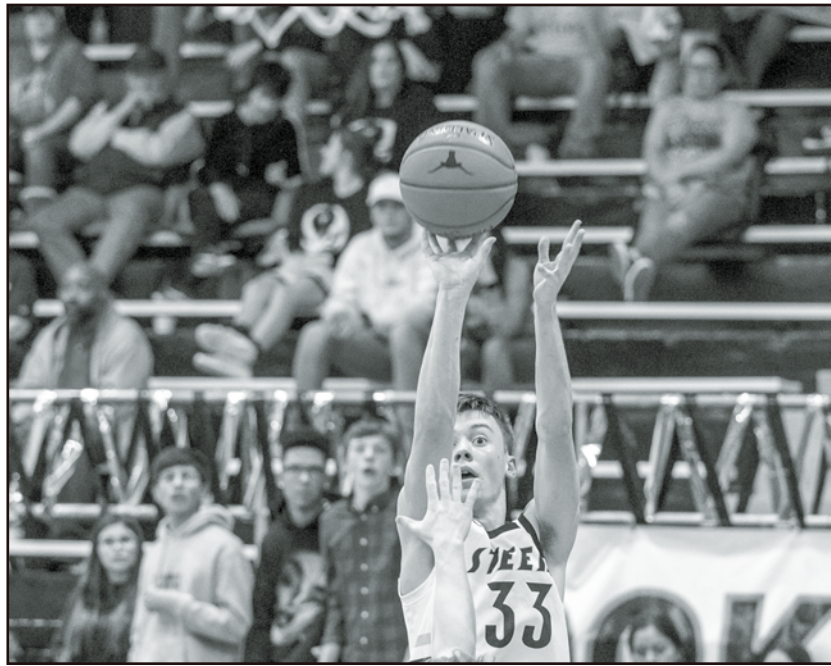
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Big Spring's Seymore aims to keep improving following Offensive MVP season



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Pictured above left: Seymore snags a rebound away from an opponent during this past season where he averaged 5.5 boards per game. Pictured above right: The junior guard puts up a shot over a close defender.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Big Spring's Kyler Seymore has been named to several postseason teams that have recognized his tremendous junior season on the court. Since the conclusion of the season, Seymore has been named the District 5-4A Offensive MVP, a goal he wrote down in his notebook following his sophomore year, and has been named to all-star teams such as the All-Big Country team and the Gym Rat team.

Seymore is not satisfied.

"It's great and all and I just want to keep on improving," Seymore said. "I'm pretty excited. I've put in a lot of hard work to be where I'm at now and I want to just keep on improving every time that I get in the gym."

Seymore is a perfectionist who practices and shoots hoops for a few hours each day. Even during the current Coronavirus pandemic, he has been trying his best to get to a basketball court as often as possible. All of the recognition that he has received from this past season is not enough to satisfy Seymore and he is sure to come back better than ever during the 2020-21 basketball season.

The dominant shooter averaged over 20.0 points per game this past season and even dropped 40 points in a late-season district matchup. He has a way of playing the game so smooth that he can score that many points and it the observing fan would not know unless they saw the final box score.

Since Seymore is also a track and field standout that has a strong possibility of competing in the high jump at the NCAA Division I level he does not know how much longer he will be playing the game of basketball. After years of working on and perfecting his shot, there is a chance that Seymore will never lace up on the hardwood again after next season.

"I don't know how much basketball I'll be playing after high school so I definitely want to make the best of it," Seymore said. "I'd like to improve on our overall team record and just continue to get better."

That does not mean that he has not already set goals for himself heading into the next school year and basketball season. After the apparent snub from the

All-Region team, Seymore has already set his sights on being named to that squad next year. He will be heading into his senior year at Big Spring and will be the undisputed team captain on the hardwood next winter.

Seymore guards such as Takeover the Mitchell will be able to learn even more from Seymore and prepare to take over the top scoring duties when he is gone. After a first-round exit from the playoffs this past season, Head Coach Kris Hise and Seymore will surely be looking for a deeper postseason run next year.

There are plenty of publications naming Seymore to their All-Star lists and acknowledging him for his high-scoring junior year. It is possible that all of the attention placed on Seymore being one of the best players in West Texas could help his basketball recruitment. There are plenty of schools around the nation that could use a high-scoring guard such as Seymore and would welcome his decision to pass up track and field for the hardwood.

That is ultimately Seymore's decision and whatever route he chooses to take, the community of Big Spring will be there to stand behind and support him.

Like his attitude through every achievement and every postseason accolade, Seymore is not completely satisfied and is just looking to get better every time he steps onto the court.

"I don't know how much basketball I'll be playing after high school so I definitely want to make the best of it," Seymore said. "I'd like to improve on our overall team record and just continue to get better."

If he is able to improve his defense enough to match the level of intensity he plays with on the offensive end, Seymore could very well be the best player in West Texas next season. The 6-foot-2 guard is a walking bucket and gives the teammates around him confidence in their shot as well.

Once things return to normal and regular practice routines can continue, Seymore will be in the gym every day for around three hours working on his game. Until then, the accolades will continue piling up and motivating Seymore to work harder than ever.

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Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: Lost without sports

Dear Athletic Support: I have two high-school-aged boys. My husband and I are both lucky enough to work from home. We're following proper social-distancing guidelines. Nobody leaves the house. The hardest part, though, has been trying to get through our days without sports. Both of my boys are athletes, and I'll be honest, they are lost now that their seasons have been cancelled. It's the same way with my husband. To make matters worse, there aren't even any sports on TV. Watching them mope around the house is very painful for me. Without sports, it's like they don't have anything left to talk about. What, if anything, can we do to pass the time? — Waiting on the World to Change

Dear Waiting: You and your family are not alone. Across our country there are millions of young athletes who are currently feeling the pain of a sport-less world. These are young men and women who have invested a great deal of time and energy in their chosen activity, only to have it yanked away from them as the school year enters the fourth quarter.

When I was a boy, there was always something about warmer weather that screamed sports to me. Mowers

cranking up around the neighborhood went hand in hand with all sorts of outdoor activities. Baseball. Swimming. Track and Field. You name it. If it meant finally being able to get outside again, I was ready to go.

I'm sure your boys feel the same way, but you're doing the right thing by keeping them away from their friends. Our country is currently up against a formidable opponent in COVID-19, and the only way we're going to beat it is as a team.

I'm so glad that you're not letting your boys out of the house during all of this mess. It'd be easy to allow them to meet up at the local basketball courts for a quick pickup game, but as parents we should all be thinking ahead, past however long these new guidelines will last. If you stick to the rules, you'll be able to use this hardship as a lesson, a pivotal point in your sons' lives that you can point to and say, "Remember how we stuck it out?"

The point here is that your boys are watching. Kids everywhere have their eyes glued to their par-

ents, waiting to see how they should behave during these unprecedented times. You want to talk about sports? Take this as an opportunity to teach your children a lesson in grit and perseverance. Use the metaphor of our country as a team if you have to, doing our best to flatten the curve and save lives in the process.

After you've had your little heart-to-heart talk with them, go out in the backyard and play catch. Find joy in the simple movements of your body. Cherish the time you have together. The crowds and the scoreboards don't make the game, the people do.

Note on "Workout" column: A few weeks back I wrote a column about staying in shape during a pandemic. I mentioned using pillowcases stuffed

with books as a substitute for dumbbells. I received a letter not long after from a seventy-year old man who suggested five-gallon paint buckets as a possible stand in for weight room equipment. If the buckets are attached to a sturdy pole with duct tape, the user could perform exercises such as squat and bench press. Just be careful and don't add too much weight. The focus for all young athletes right now should be staying in shape and not trying to make strength gains. If anyone in your house gives it a try, let me know how it goes!

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or visit elicranor.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pluto Magnifies Aries Intensity

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know who you want to be. Mold your aspirations. Don't let them be dictated by the friends who just happen to show up. Seek the influencers you want to be influenced by.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As for the interesting person who just happens to cross your path, this is no mistake. Nor will it happen again soon. Seize the opportunity to connect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't like to be bossed around by anyone, even yourself. So you rebel against all dictates, even your own. It will take creativity to get yourself to enact discipline.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do you have the feeling that your moment is coming? You're absolutely right about that. Don't worry, there's still time to prepare, and you know best what to do to get ready.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). By giving a problem too much focus, you're apt to overanalyze. Ask for another perspective. Someone else will see what's simple about it. There's really only one thing to fix here.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The urgent call is to enjoy what you most would like to. Don't wait for permission; you don't need it at all. You probably don't even need money. All you need is a strong enough desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've thought something through and now it's time to share. Yours will be the first word, the last word and the word that everyone remembers. Much will get better because you decided to speak up.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



the art of shifting gears. There will be fast action in the next six weeks and then a period of slower pacing as you take in beauty, relax, ponder and review. New people and projects come into your life in July. There's a chance to plug into a group that's making changes in the world. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 33, 25 and 15.

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Aries is ruled by Mars, the warrior planet, and guess what? So is Tuesday. The Spanish word for Tuesday is "Martes." From that, you can see the root word, Mars. For you, Tuesday matches your intensity. You'll find it's a perfect day get in touch with your passion. Put yourself fully into your work and your loves. Pinpoint your most difficult task of the week and schedule time to tackle it on Tuesday. If you have someone else setting your calendar, make sure this person knows to put the intense jobs on Tuesday. Most people are mentally at their sharpest on Tuesday and will have the strong energy it takes to move an agenda forward. Powerful Mars energy brings your true strengths to bear in any situation, so don't be afraid to go for it. Rev up your body by drinking spicy herbal tea with cinnamon, ginger and cloves. Wars have literally been fought over these powerful Mars-ruled herbs, shown to boost vitality. Cardio workouts are also favored, as are games that engage friendly competition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Preparation is the most significant contributor to the success of your projects. Take twice the time you think you'll need. As for the resources, keep them simple so you have fewer things of which to keep track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Separations that occur for logistical reasons may be unavoidable. But separations that occur because of conflicting attitudes are unnecessary and should be sorted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will naturally align themselves in the order of status. You'll recognize the psychology and humanity operating here and quite successfully play the game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll put deep thought into your decisions and exercise free will at every corner. You don't mind being led, but only by those whom you choose to follow.

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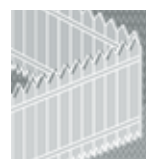
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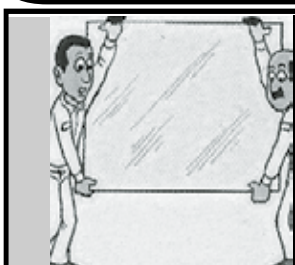
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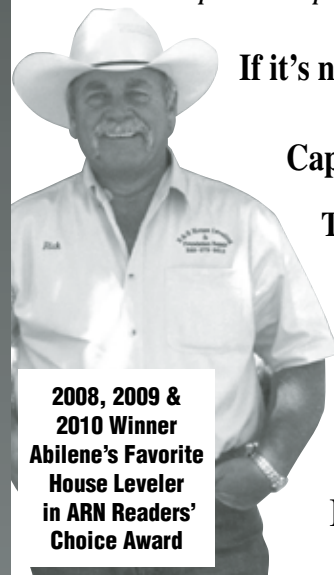
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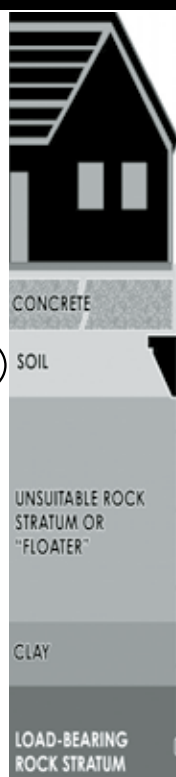
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South West North East
1 NT Pass 6 NT
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Consider this deal where South was in six notrump. He won the

spade lead in dummy and, since a heart finesse had to be taken sooner or later, led the queen and let it ride, losing to West's king.

Declarer won the spade return with the queen and had the rest of the tricks if he could score four club tricks. But when he next led a club to the king, East smoothly followed with the eight. East's purpose was to try to convince South that he might be short in clubs, and had declarer next led a low club to the ace, he would have gone down one.

But South had seen a few false-cards in his time, so before committing himself in the club suit, he decided to first find out as much as he could about the adverse distribution. At trick five, he cashed dummy's high spade, on which East discarded a heart, disclosing that West had started with five spades. Next came the A-J of hearts, and when East discarded a diamond, West was proven to have started with four hearts.

Three rounds of diamonds, West following to each, completed the picture: West had started with exactly one club. South's course was now clear, so at trick 11, he cashed the club queen, then took a finesse against East's jack to make the slam.

East made a good try, but, unfortunately, South had come equipped with a lie detector.

Tomorrow: Silence is golden.
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**Forgiving Friends in
Frightening Times**

Dear Annie: My best friend had planned a vacation to visit friends in Florida for several weeks. Despite being asked to stay home by our nation's health care advisers, to stop the spread of coronavirus, she and her husband went on their vacation. When I told her I couldn't believe they were still going, she said, "Well, at least we'll be in warm weather."

I consider it extremely irresponsible and dangerous that my friend and her husband disregarded the directive to cancel all nonessential travel to keep everyone safe. People throughout the country are stepping up, making the necessary sacrifices and staying home as we've been asked to do -- and is often mandated now. I have four of the preexisting conditions that could make getting the virus very deadly. I am so furious at my friend and her husband for their reckless choice. How do I deal with my anger

toward my friend and save this friendship? -- Angry in New England

Dear Angry in New England: You have every right to be angry with your friend. According to the experts, to slow the spread of the virus and not overwhelm our hospitals and medical staff, who are working 'round the clock, we must all do our part and stay home. Everyone wants a warm-weather vacation. In normal times, I would say, yes, go take that well-earned holiday. But these are unprecedented times, and we all must stay home.

Now you seem to be a very responsible citizen and already know that. I'm guessing that your friend is running scared. She doesn't want to deal with the anxiety of what is going on in the world and thinks she can escape to Florida. It was a poor decision. That said, she is your friend and she made a mistake. We all make mistakes. But let it go. If you hold a grudge, then it will hurt you more than her.

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The rest of us are being called upon to stay on the couch. The experts have said that the most important thing the average person can do is to keep your distance from other people, wash your hands and don't touch your face. These seemingly small measures will make a world of difference.

Please stay home and do your part to stop the spread of this virus. And if you have access to medical protective gear, please give it to those who are on the front lines of this battle. We are all in this together and need to help each other. It is the only way things will get better.

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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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3	2	8	4	7	1	6	5	9
6	4	1	5	3	8	7	2	9
9	7	5	6	2	8	1	4	3
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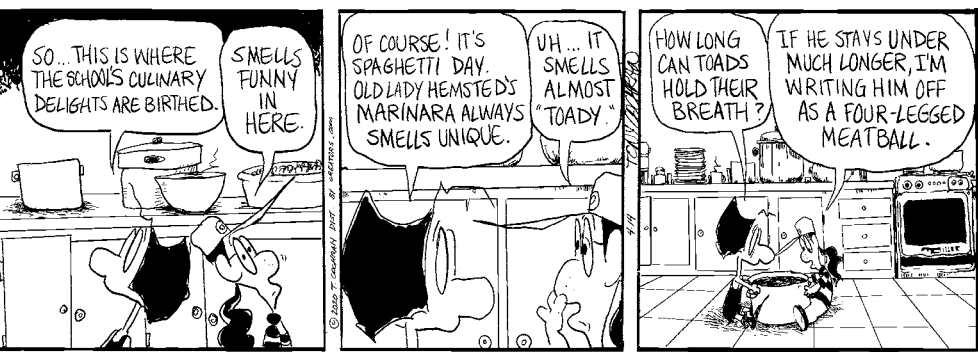
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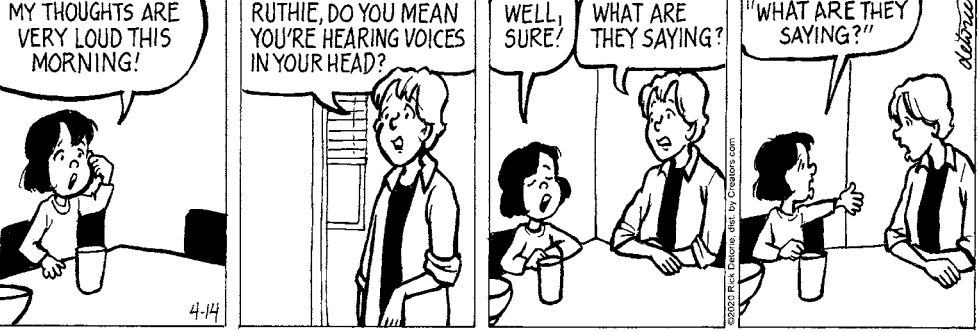
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 14, the 105th day of 2020. There are 261 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. On this date: In 1759, German-born English composer George Frideric Handel died in London at age 74. In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, The Golden Rule, in Kemmerer, Wyo. In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.) In 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness. In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published by Viking Press. In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago. In 1965, the state of Kansas changed Richard Hickock and Perry Smith for the 1959 "In Cold Blood" murders of Herbert Clutter, his wife, Bonnie, and two of their children, Nancy and Kenyon. In 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated Harry Blackmun to the U.S. Supreme Court. (The choice of Blackmun, who was unanimously confirmed by the Senate a month later, followed the failed nominations of Clement Haynsworth and G. Harrold Carswell.) In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1994, two U.S. Air Force F-15 warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. Turner Classic Movies made its cable debut; the first film it aired was

Ted Turner's personal favorite, "Gone with the Wind." In 1999, NATO mistakenly bombed a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees; Yugoslav officials said 75 people were killed. In 2004, in a historic policy shift, President George W. Bush endorsed Israel's plan to hold on to part of the West Bank in any final peace settlement with the Palestinians; he also ruled out Palestinian refugees returning to Israel, bringing strong criticism from the Palestinians. Ten years ago: A magnitude-7 earthquake in a remote Tibetan region of China killed some 2,700 people and injured more than 10,000. The Eyjafjallajökull (ay-yah-FYAH'-lah-yer-kuhl) volcano in Iceland erupted, sending out an ash plume that led most northern European countries to close their airspace between April 15 and 20, grounding about 10 million travelers worldwide. Five years ago: The White House announced that President Barack Obama would remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism, a key step in his bid to normalize relations between the two countries. Percy Sledge, 74, who soared from part-time singer and hospital orderly to lasting fame with his aching, forlorn performance on the classic "When a Man Loves a Woman," died in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. One year ago: Pete Buttigieg, the little-known mayor of South Bend, Indiana, made his official entrance into the 2020 Democratic presidential race. Rep. Ilhan Omar said she had faced increased death threats since President Donald Trump spread around a video that purported to show her being dismissive of the 2001 terrorist attacks; House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she had taken steps to ensure the safety of the Democratic Muslim lawmaker from Minnesota. After going nearly 11 years since he won his last major tournament, Tiger Woods rallied to win the Masters for the fifth time, closing with a

2-under-par 70 for a one-shot victory. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Loretta Lynn is 88. Actress Julie Christie is 80. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 79. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 75. Actor John Shea is 72. Actor Peter Capaldi is 62. Actor-turned-race car driver Brian Forster is 60. Actor Brad Garrett is 60. Actor

Robert Carlyle is 59. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 58. Actor Robert Clendenin is 56. Actress Catherine Dent is 55. Actor Lloyd Owen is 54. Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 54. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 53. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 52. Actor Adrien Brody is 47. Classical singer David Miller (Il Divo) is 47.

Rapper DaBrat is 46. Actor Antwon Tanner is 45. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 43. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 43. Roots singer JD McPherson is 43. Rock singer Win Butler (Arcade Fire) is 40. Actress Claire Coffee is 40. Actor Christian Alexander is 30. Actor Nick Krause is 28. Actress Vivien Cardone is 27. Actor Graham Phillips is

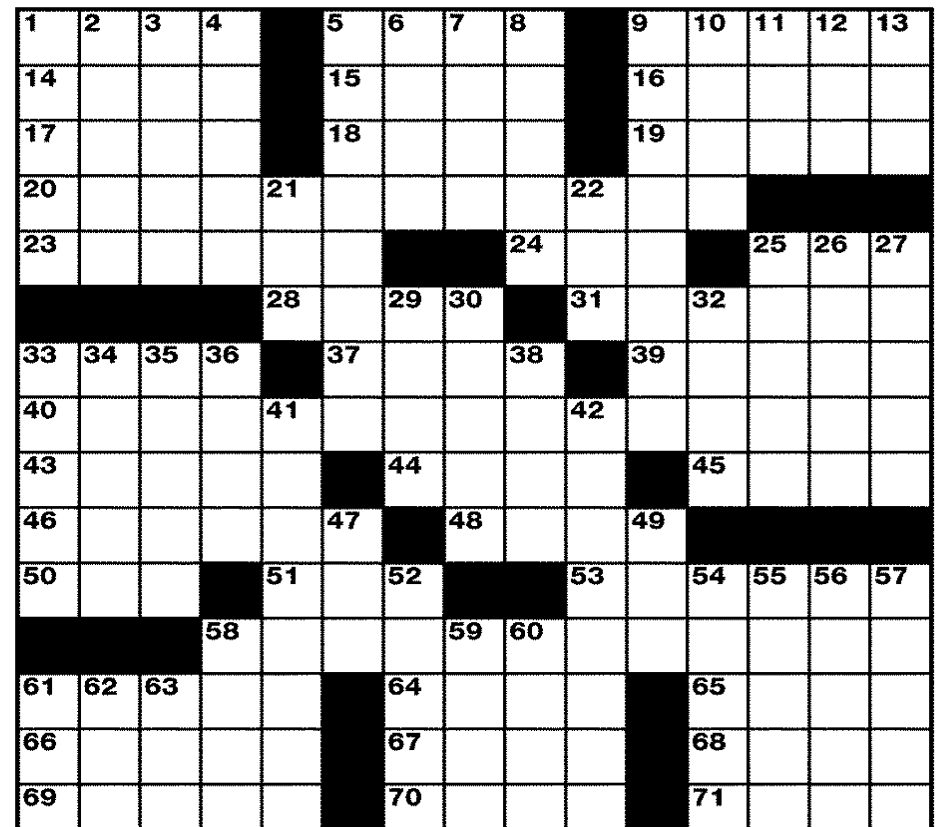
27. Actress Skyler Samuels is 26. Actress Abigail Breslin is 24. **Thought for Today:** "I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times." — Everett Dirksen, American politician (1896-1969).

Newsday Crossword

SETTING THE TABLE by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rich with vegetation
 - 5 Belonging to the lady
 - 9 Spicy beef-and-beans meal
 - 14 Just a single time
 - 15 "Better get ___ writing!"
 - 16 Allude (to)
 - 17 Fashion designer Christian
 - 18 Folded, crunchy Mexican food
 - 19 Desert spot with water
 - 20 Glass container for an underwater pet
 - 23 Cancels a project
 - 24 Boy in the family
 - 25 Smartphone download, for short
 - 28 Company manager
 - 31 Packing popcom's use
 - 33 Pampering places
 - 37 Cheering crowd
 - 39 Explosive liquid, for short
 - 40 Lens for reading fine print
 - 43 Assumed name
 - 44 Practice boxing
 - 45 Oak or pine
 - 46 Pants leg measurement
 - 48 Blueprint detail
 - 50 Fireplace fuel
 - 51 Hem and ___
 - 53 Relent a bit
 - 58 Stylish dresser
 - 61 Entry in the plus column
 - 64 Apex

- DOWN**
- 1 Winter resort's hotel
 - 2 Worker's organization
 - 3 Chide for misbehavior
 - 4 Groups of cattle
 - 5 Get along well
 - 6 When planes are due in: Abbr.
 - 7 Wealthy
 - 8 Snooty people
 - 9 Putting headgear on a monarch
 - 10 Become cured
 - 11 "No __, ands, or buts!"
 - 12 Hawaiian garland
 - 13 Tax agcy.
 - 21 Minor untruth
 - 22 Comics cry of distress
 - 25 Place to exchange vows
 - 26 In itself
 - 27 Nonpoetic writing
 - 29 Recites
 - 30 Cuts with scissors
 - 32 Bouncy tune
 - 33 Little
 - 34 Diet inspired by prehistoric times
 - 35 Ripening
 - 36 Unforeseen problem
 - 38 Break sharply
 - 41 "Oh, really?"
 - 42 Most inexperienced
 - 47 Owls
 - 49 Baseball hat
 - 52 Massive marine mammal
 - 54 List of candidates
 - 55 Diner patron
 - 56 Speak
 - 57 Remains unsettled
 - 58 What shoes surround
 - 59 Chilled, as champagne
 - 60 Prefix meaning "all"
 - 61 Nile reptile
 - 62 Slide down snowy slopes
 - 63 Moral wrongdoing



Answer to previous puzzle

GASH	AMFM	FORT
BRUTE	LAIR	OHIO
TIDAL	PUSH	UMPS
UNIVERSITY	RYES	
ENE	DAS	
AHA	SEA	DENTIST
SOBS	DUDE	TASTE
THOMAS	JEFFERSON	
RUDER	USER	SUNS
OMELETS	RID	EYE
LAB	AIR	
SMOG	OF	VIRGINIA
LIMO	NEAT	IPADS
OREO	ELSE	TUNES
BEND	STEM	SPAS

NASCAR's Larson suspended for racial slur in virtual race

By **JENNA FRYER**

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Larson's racial slur cost him his two primary NASCAR supporters. It likely will cost him his job soon.

McDonald's and Credit One Bank ended their sponsorship of Larson on Monday, a day after he used the N-word during a live stream of a virtual race. The decision came hours after NASCAR and Chip Ganassi Racing suspended Larson indefinitely, his team doing so without pay.

Without funding from McDonald's and Credit One Bank, Ganassi seemingly will be forced to dump Larson in favor of a different driver.

"We were extremely disappointed and appalled to hear about this incident," McDonald's USA said in a statement. "The comments made by Kyle Larson are insensitive, offensive and not reflective of our inclusive values and will not be tolerated."

McDonald's has partnered with CGR for nearly a decade and sponsors the team's No. 42 Chevrolet in the Cup Series. Ending its relationship with Larson would make it next to impossible for Ganassi to stick with Larson behind the wheel.

Ross Chastain would be a likely replacement. Chastain is a Ganassi development driver who has been on loan to Roush Fenway Racing as an injury fill-in for Ryan Newman.

NASCAR ordered Larson, who is half Japanese, to complete a sensitivity training course before he can be eligible for reinstatement.

Larson apologized in a video posted on his social media accounts. "I made a mistake, said the word that should never, ever be said," Larson said. "There is no excuse for that. I wasn't raised that way. It is just an awful thing to say. I feel very sorry for my family, my friends, my partners, the NASCAR community and especially the African-American community."

"I understand the damage is probably unrepairable and I own up to that. But I just want to let you all know how sorry I am and I hope everyone is staying safe during these crazy times."

Larson was competing in an iRacing event Sunday night when he appeared to lose communication on his headset with his spotter. During a check of his microphone, he asked his spotter, "You can't hear me?" That was followed by the N-word. The slur was directed at his spotter, who is white.

"The words that he chose to use are offensive and unacceptable," Chip Ganassi Racing said. "As of this moment, we are suspending Kyle without pay while we work through this situation with all appropriate parties."

Larson also was suspended indefinitely by iRacing for "offensive and inappropriate" language, but more significant damage to Larson's future could come from sponsors.

Credit One Bank denounced Larson's "highly offensive language" at first and dumped the driver altogether three hours later. McDonald's followed suit.

Chevrolet suspended its personal services relationship with Larson "as we do not tolerate this behavior."

One secondary sponsor, Plan B Sales & Marketing, backed Larson, saying "we know he is an awesome young man that made a mistake and we are going to stand behind him 100% and help any way we can."

Larson, whose grandparents spent time in an interment camp in California during World War II, climbed from short-track racing into NASCAR through its "Drive for Diversity" program. He is the only driver of Japanese descent to win a major NASCAR race.

"NASCAR has made diversity and inclusion a priority and will not tolerate the type of language used by Kyle Larson during Sunday's iRacing event," NASCAR said in a statement. The stock-car body added that its conduct guidelines are clear and it will enforce them to "maintain an inclusive environment for our entire industry and fan base."

NASCAR in 2013 suspended Xfinity Series driver Jeremy Clements for using the same word Larson used while Clements was speaking to a reporter. Clements was reinstated after completing a sensitivity training course and still competes.

Larson is the second driver in a week to draw scrutiny while using the online racing platform to fill time during the coronavirus pandemic.

Bubba Wallace one week earlier "rage quit" an official NASCAR iRacing event televised live nationally, and his sponsor fired him immediately. Wallace had been wrecked, and, fed up, quit the game and admitted it was out of anger on Twitter. Blue-Emu, a topical pain reliever who had sponsored Wallace for the virtual race and has an association with him for real, then fired Wallace in a reply to his tweet.

Larson was parked during the race Wallace quit a week earlier by iRacing officials for intentionally wrecking another driver.

Larson, in his seventh full season racing at NASCAR's top Cup level, is in the final year of his contract with Chip Ganassi Racing. He was at the top of the list of a crowded free-agent field when the circuit was suspended four races into the season as sports stopped during the coronavirus crisis.

NASCAR quickly pivoted to create an iRacing league of virtual racing that has engaged viewers and set records for esports television viewership. One of the draws of the platform is that drivers can link into one another on a live stream, where they banter, argue, make jokes and discuss the racing. Fans can eavesdrop through the gaming app Twitch.

Larson used the slur during a race for fun against drivers from various series. The event was not part of NASCAR's official series.

Drivers in the chat immediately reacted to Larson's use of the slur, with one alerting him, "Kyle, you're talking to everyone, bud." Others were in disbelief.

Larson has six career Cup wins and finished a career-best sixth in the standings last season. He is 27 and the married father of two young children.

Panthers make McCaffrey highest-paid running back

By **STEVE REED**

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers have rewarded Christian McCaffrey for his production and versatility, making him the highest-paid running back in the NFL.

The team agreed to a four-year, \$64 million contract extension with McCaffrey on Monday, a person familiar with the contract negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Panthers have not announced the extension. Details on how much of the contract is fully guaranteed were unavailable.

The \$16-million-a-year deal eclipses Ezekiel Elliott's contract with the Dallas Cowboys that is worth \$15 million per season.

The extension keeps McCaffrey, 23, tied to the Panthers through the 2025 season. The coming season would be the final year of his rookie contract, and Carolina had the option to pick up a fifth year in 2021.

It appeared to a matter of when, not if, the extension was coming after Panthers coach Matt Rhule made it clear last week that he viewed McCaffrey as a vital part of the franchise moving forward.

"I think Christian McCaffrey is a centerpiece player that you can build around," Rhule said. "And I think he really builds to the culture that you want to have within the building."

McCaffrey ran for 1,387 yards and posted 1,005 yards receiving last season for the Panthers, joining Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig as the only running backs in NFL history to reach 1,000 yards in both categories in the same season.

The former first-round draft pick has been a spectacular selection for the Panthers, amassing 2,920 yards rushing and 2,523 yards receiving along with 39 touchdowns in three seasons. He is the only player in NFL history with at least 2,500 yards receiving and rushing in his first three seasons.

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney hinted last week that a contract extension was coming, saying the team was having "internal discussions." Hurney said then that "everyone knows what we

think of Christian as a player."

There has been some question about whether the team has overused McCaffrey the past couple of seasons, with him playing more than 90% of the team's snaps — by far the most in the league by a running back.

But Rhule expects that new offensive coordinator Joe Brady, who helped lead LSU to a national championship last year, will be an important part of the offense.

"I hired Joe because I know that he's going to utilize guys to their strengths," Rhule said last week.

Of McCaffrey, Rhule said: "He's a tailback-slash-wideout, he can do it all, returner, too. So I'm anxious to get him out there and anxious to build this thing around him. I think he's going to be a special player for us."

With McCaffrey locked up, the Panthers are expected to turn their attention to defense in the NFL draft next week.

Current Seahawks and former Panthers tight end Greg Olsen applauded the move on social media, tweeting "Beyond deserving."

Popular NYC sports photographer dead at 48 from COVID-19

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Causi, a highly skilled and exceedingly popular sports photographer for The New York Post who covered the city's teams for 25 years, died Sunday from the new coronavirus. He was 48.

The newspaper reported Causi's death on its website Sunday night and included an image of Monday's back page. It featured a photo of Causi holding a camera with a long lens and the words "Our Eyes, Our Heart" and then below: "And our city's loss."

Causi was married with two young children.

Many of New York's professional teams and several players posted messages on Twitter expressing sadness, condolences and paying tribute to him.

"Do you know how many athletes reached out when they heard he was sick?" said Stephen Lynch, editor-in-chief at the Post. "Players from every team, sending thoughts, hoping he was going to be all right."

Major League Baseball called Causi a "sports photojournalist extraordinaire" and said he "brought out the best in the players and the people of our National Pastime."

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