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Source: NWS, via weather.gov

**Today in History On August 8**

**1876:** Thomas Edison receives a patent for the mimeograph.  
**1963:** Great Train Robbery: In England, a gang of 15 train robbers steal £2.6 million in bank notes.  
**1974:** President Richard Nixon, in a nationwide television address, announces his resignation from the office of the President of the United States effective noon the next day.

**Daily Quotes**

"I see my face in the mirror, and I said, 'No, my ambition is not to be an actor.'"  
— **Dino de Laurentiis**

"I took a job at the pool in order to earn the five cents a day it cost to swim. I counted wet towels. As a bonus, I was allowed to swim during lunchtime."  
— **Esther Williams**

"Well, no, you can prepare it all you want, but I'd still stutter."  
— **Mel Tillis**

"One thing about being successful is that I stopped being afraid of dying. Once you're a star you're dead already. You're embalmed."  
— **Dustin Hoffman**

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## Big Spring Chamber's Shopping Race a success



Courtesy photos/Amanda Duforat

**The Amazing Shopping Race concluded Thursday evening at the Heritage Museum. This year there were 104 people who started the race and 61 who completed it. First Place went to Mercedes Rodriguez; Second Place went to Ruby Bruns; and Third Place went to Danelle Castillo.**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Contributing writer

... and the race is over. The Amazing Shopping Race has come to an end; winners have been announced and prizes claimed. As participants entered the Heritage Museum on Thursday evening there was one final task for them to complete before submitting their entry. "We had so many people tell us how much fun they had and how grateful they were for this opportunity," Debby

ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "This was all about highlighting local businesses and having a good time and by the sound of it that is exactly what happened." The evening began with mingling and refreshments as the crowd waited for the big announcement. This year there were 104 people or groups who started the Amazing Shopping Race at Lula Blu Boutique and 61 contest entries who vis-

ited every stop and roadblock along the way. At the end of it all, there could only be three winners. As the night drew to an end the top 3 were announced: Third Place was Danelle Castillo; Second Place was Ruby Bruns and the overall First Place winner was Mercedes Rodriguez who claimed prizes valued at \$3,000. "Our top three winners received an arrangement of gifts all donated by

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## Check it out at the Library this week

By **SANDRA VERDIN**  
Howard County Library

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the computer room closes at 5:30 p.m. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263. Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.ploud.net> and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary) for more information about our services and any updates. The library will be closed Wednesday morning, August 10, due to staff training. The library will reopen in the afternoon, August 10 from 1-6 p.m. This past Thursday The Friends of the Library had a great turnout for their One Day Summer Sale. Also this past Thursday, we had a great time celebrating the end of summer reading program with Eddie Austin who generously sponsored Mini-Golf at the library. We had so much fun presenting summer reading program this summer, we appreciate all summer reading program participants, presenters and sponsors for this year's program. Continue to visit us on Facebook and our webpage for any upcoming library news and events.

This week's review are fiction titles and large print western titles. When range detective Rance Dehner catches up with the vicious Kid Madero gang, a horrific gunfight ensues and all three members of the gang are killed in *Satan's Guns* (LP W CLA J) by James Clay. But Dehner's problems are just beginning. Before he dies, Madero mockingly taunts the detective by telling him the gang had been hired to torture and kill Reverend Colt, a gunfighter turned preacher. The culprit who employed the gang will now call on professional killers. Before dying, Madero whispers, "Satan." The devil does seem to be hard at work. Murder and mayhem strike the town of Grayson, Texas, as friends of Reverend Colt meet violent deaths. Dehner and the local sheriff must deal with a slew of gunfighters as they seek to find the person behind the hell that is devouring a Texas town. It begins with a spectacular train robbery – a brilliantly planned, brutally executed heist masterminded by a shadowy gang of conspirators with far deadlier motives than money or

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## A Moment in History The Melba Hotel



By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Heritage Museum of Big Spring  
In 1928, another hotel showed up on Big Spring's horizon. The Broadway Hotel was no comparison to the Settles, Crawford, and Douglass hotels, that were being completed at the same time however, lodging was always in demand. The red brick building at 813 West Third was small with 11 guest rooms and two bathrooms and was only 25 ft wide by 84 ft deep. It was named for the Broadway of America Highway that ran through Third Street and Big Spring. A narrow stairway led guests to a second-floor lobby and the bottom floor offered spaces for two business. The first occupants were Gates Auto Supply and Lydick Roofing. The Broadway was built by the E.D Carroll firm and Mrs. Steve Conocio was named as "matron

or manager. If there were any grand plans for this small hotel, they fell short immediately. Within two years, the hotel was under new management and by 1968 it had been renamed the Melba Hotel. Rooms were rented daily or even hourly. Screen doors were added to each room. There was another set of stairs at the back of the building that had a red light above. This light would be turned on as a warning that the police were entering the establishment and a quick getaway was needed. Ladies of the Evening usually arrived on the bus and were shuttled to the different hotels, including the Melba. They left after a few weeks and a new group would arrive. Big Spring had several of these "hourly" hotels and motels that included the Duncan and Wyoming. The hotel was eventually closed in the 1980s and the building remains vacant.

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**The Melba Hotel, located at 813 W. Third St. Originally known as the Broadway Hotel, the seedy hotel was renamed Melba by 1968.**



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## Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare

Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

### 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 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran 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.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life sto-

ries, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

## Take Note

• Quilts of Valor and D.A.V. Chapter 47 of Big Spring will be honoring local First Responder veterans in a special ceremony on Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center, and the community is encouraged to attend. Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation will be providing light refreshments at the conclusion of the ceremony. First Responders from the Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office will be recognized.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy News flash: now enrolling for 2022-2023 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We began August 1, 2022 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. This year we graduated two Seniors, Grace Wheat, Daughter of Ray Wheat of Denton, Texas, also a graduate of Maranatha. Grace is enrolled at the University of North Texas. Bryson McMurtrey, grandson of Tommy and Brenda McMurtrey, of this city. Bryson is enrolled at the Angelo State University. We are extremely proud of our two graduates. We have been in operation for 40 plus years, and we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our educational successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannan. Please call 432-213-1046. Or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• Homecoming for Big Spring High School is set for September 9 and 10, 2022. The class of 1962 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is looking for missing classmates, listed below. Please send names, addresses and/or contact information to: Susan Zack Lewis at ts@crcom.net

Jimmie Atkins, Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Joetta Barnes, Idalina Barraza, Alice Bedwell, Kenneth Billings, Cal Boardman, Bill Bonner, Gayle Bratcher, Leahmon Bryant, Joe Cagle, Kay Carter, Mildred Cawthron, Janice Chandler, Clementeen Chatman, Charles Clay, Sue Cole, Suzanne Compton, Ronnie Cox, Larry Deighton, Rexie Denton, Ann Drinkard Sinclair, Lonnie Evans, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Lana Fulbright, Margaret Fuller, Yolanda Gamboa, David Garcia, Richard Gibbs, James Gilbert, Norma Graves, Thomas Green, Gloria Greenwood, Edith Gregory, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Preston Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Don Heath, Billie Henderson, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Jimmy Hinds, Connie Hinojos, Caroline Holder, Virginia Houchin, Claudie Horn, Ronnie Jeter, Diane Jones, Nancy Jones, Karen Kendrick, Carey King, Rick King, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Ola Mae Lane, Tommy Leslie, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Dorinda Medford, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Cruz Montanez, Jerry Moore, Virginia Morris, Harold Morrison, Linda Morton, Carol McCullough, Virginia McKee, Bettie McPherson, Betty McWhorter, Skipper Neill, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Oliver, Shirley Osborn, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Dexter Pate, Judy Pate, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Jim Pierce, Bobby Prior, Mary Puga, Claudia Richardson, Winnora Richbrough, Teresa Rocha, Mary Roger, George Ryan, Carolyn Seago, Carla Smauley, Chap Smith, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Marcus Sweatt, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Earlene Trantham, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Lynda Whiteside, Troy Wilhite, Diane Womack, Margaret York, Jeri Cain.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kinder-

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• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

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• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Lynn Creswell or Chavonna Parker at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail [howardcountytxdems@gmail.com](mailto:howardcountytxdems@gmail.com).

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Jacqueline Roland at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Carl Reid, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or [carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:carl.reid@hhs.texas.gov).

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Kindred at Home needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Shiela Crockett at 466-9034.

# Alex Jones ordered to pay \$49.3M total over Sandy Hook lies

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas jury on Friday ordered Infowars' Alex Jones to pay \$49.3 million in total damages to the parents of a first-grader killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre, which the conspiracy theorist falsely called a hoax orchestrated by the government in order to tighten U.S. gun laws.

The amount is less than the \$150 million sought by Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, whose 6-year-old son Jesse Lewis was among 19 children and six educators killed in the deadliest classroom shooting in U.S. history.

The trial is the first time Jones has been held financially liable for peddling lies about the 2012 attack in Newtown, Connecticut.

Jurors at first awarded Heslin and Lewis \$4.1 million in compensatory damages, which Jones called a major victory. But in the final phase of the two-week trial, the same Austin jury came back and tacked on an additional \$45.2 million in punitive damages.

Punitive damages are meant to punish defendants for particularly egregious conduct, beyond monetary compensation awarded to the individuals they hurt. A high punitive award is also seen as a chance for jurors to send a wider societal message and a way to deter others from the same abhorrent conduct in the future.

Attorneys for the family had urged jurors to hand down a financial punishment that would put Infowars out of business.

"You have the ability to stop this man from ever doing it again," Wesley Ball, an attorney for the parents, told the jury.

It's unclear how much money Jones and Infowars' parent company, Free Speech Systems, have.

An economist hired by the plaintiffs testified that Jones and the company are worth up to \$270 million, suggesting that Jones was still making money.

But Jones testified that any award over \$2 million would "sink us." And Free Speech Systems filed for bankruptcy protection during the trial's first week.

Jones still faces two other defamation lawsuits from Sandy Hook families in Texas and Connecticut.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. AP's earlier story follows below.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his company Free Speech Systems are worth up to \$270 million, an economist testified Friday to a jury trying to determine if Jones should have to pay punitive damages to the family of a 6-year-old killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

The same jury ordered Jones to pay Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis \$4.1 million in compensation for defamation. Jurors began considering additional punitive damages Friday as a separate issue. The parents want to punish Jones for a decade of pushing false hoax claims that they say led to a decade of trauma and abuse from the Infowars host's followers.

Bernard Pettingill, who was hired by the plaintiffs to study Jones' net worth, said records show that Jones withdrew \$62 million for himself in 2021, when default judgments were issued in lawsuits against him.

"That number represents, in my opinion, a value of a net worth," Pettingill said. "He's got money put in a bank account somewhere."

The money that flows into Jones' companies eventually funnels its way to him, said Pettingill, who added that he has testified in approximately 1,500 cases during his career.

"He is a very successful man," Pettingill said, calling Jones a "maverick" and "revolutionary" for finding ways to monetize his online messaging.

While the \$4.1 million award Thursday was less than the \$150 million the parents sought, it marked the first time Jones has been held financially liable for repeatedly claiming that the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history was a hoax perpetrated to try to bring about tighter gun restrictions.

Mark Bankston, an attorney for Heslin and Lewis, whose 6-year-old son Jesse was among 20 children and six educators killed in the school attack in Newtown, Connecticut, insisted that the \$4.1 million compensation award wasn't a disappointment and warned that they would be trying to punish Jones in the next phase.

"We aren't done yet," Bankston said Thursday. "After tomorrow, he's going to owe a whole lot more."

Another of the plaintiffs' attorneys, Wesley Ball, asked jurors in closing Friday to award an additional \$145.9 million, which would bring the total amount in damages to that \$150 million target.

"You are asked to punish Alex Jones," Ball said. "You are asked to deter Alex Jones from ever doing this awful thing again to another person or another family — to deter anyone who wants to step into his shoes."

"Send the message to those who desire to do the same: Speech is free. Lies, you pay for," he said.

But Jones' lawyers said their client has already learned his lesson, and asked for lenience. The jury's punishment should be less than \$300,000, attorney Andino Reynal said.

"You've already sent a message. A message for the first time to a talk show host, to all talk show hosts, that their standard of care has to change," Reynal said.

Jones still faces two other defamation lawsuits from Sandy Hook families in Texas and Connecticut that put his personal wealth and media empire in jeopardy.

Jones — who was in the courtroom briefly Friday but left before Pettingill's testimony — told jurors earlier this week that any award over \$2 million would "sink us." And a week ago, his company Free Speech Systems, which is Infowars' parent company, filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

Lawyers for the family suing Jones contend that Jones has tried to hide evidence of his true wealth and have sued him claiming he's tried to hide money in various shell companies.

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A simple, flavorful salad to whip up in a snap (349 words, US, UK, CAN)

When preparing meals at home, cooks know that it helps to have a few simple, easily prepared dishes in their culinary repertoire. These are dishes that don't require too much planning and utilize certain staples that are present in everyone's pantry. Such is the case with this recipe for "Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts" from Ruta Kahate's "5 Spices, 50 Dishes" (Chronicle Books). Most of the ingredients for this flavorful salad are likely already in your kitchen, and it won't be long after you begin preparing the recipe that you'll be sitting down and enjoying a meal with family and friends.

Crunchy Cucumber Salad with Crushed Peanuts Serves 4

- 2 English or other unwaxed cucumbers, chopped into 1/4-inch dice (about 3 cups)
- 1 medium green serrano chile, minced (seed first if you prefer)
- 1/2 cup peanuts, preferably raw, but toasted, unsalted ones will do
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, or more if needed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon cay-

- enne
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/4 teaspoon mustard seeds

Place the diced cucumbers in a medium bowl along with the chile. Using a coffee grinder or food processor, pulse the peanuts until they are reduced to a coarse powder. (You don't want big chunks of peanuts, nor do you want a fine powder; stop grinding somewhere in between!) Add the peanuts to the cucumbers along with the lemon juice, salt and sugar, and mix well. Taste and adjust the salt, sugar and lemon juice as needed. The salad should be slightly tart. Make the tadka: Place the cayenne in a little pile on top of the salad. Do not stir it in yet. Heat the oil in a small skillet or butter warmer over high heat. When it begins to smoke, add the mustard seeds, covering the pan with a lid or spatter screen. As soon as the seeds stop sputtering, pour the oil over the cayenne. Stir the dressing in and serve at room temperature or cold. TF228184

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5 :AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Hidden Restaurants	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters George	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Domeo Secrets	Law & Order: SVU	Jeremiah	Unexplained Files
6 :AM	Good Morning America	¡Despierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Truth for Life Super	Peg & Cat	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers.	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Unexplained Files
7 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	La casa	Today-Hoda	Families	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Mauri	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	18 Holes	Law & Order: SVU	Road	Unexplained Files
8 :AM	Jeopardy!	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe	The Good Dish	Words of Shepherd's Heart	Curious	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
9 :AM	GMA3: What	Rosa de Guadalupe	TMZ Live	News	La reina del sur (SS)	Days of our Lives	You Need Molly	Almas	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	Rangers	Law & Order: SVU	Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
10 :AM	General Hospital	Contigo sí	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Eye on Israel	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers.	Law & Order: SVU	Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
11 :AM	Rachael Ray	S.O.S. me	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Supernatural	NBA Today	This Just In	Jalen	Law & Order: SVU	Neighbor.	Expedition Unknown
12 :AM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2-58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Supernatural	NFL Live	Football	Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
1 :PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Ignite	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos	Sheldon	Lucifer	Around Pardon	NFL Live	The Rally	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
2 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Noticias	NBC	Freedom	Hero	King	Farm. Guy	Big Bang	Lucifer	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Texans	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
3 :PM	ABC News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	ET	Sheldon	News	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Farm. Guy	Big Bang	Lucifer	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Texans	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
4 :PM	CMA Fest (DVS)	Fútbol Leagues Cup: LA Galaxy vs. Guadalajara.	MasterChef	Big Brother	Chicago Med	News	Truth	Odd	Dateline	Mysteries Decoded	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Movie: Justice League, Gal Gadot (DVS)	Leagues Cup: LA Galaxy vs. Guadalajara.	Putt-Putt Arm	Pogopakoza 2020	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
5 :PM	Big 2	Fútbol Leagues Cup	FOX 24 News at 9	S.W.A.T.	Infral: Historia de un	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	News	BattleBots (DVS)	Movie: Blade: Trinity, Jessica Biel	Leagues Cup: Los Angeles FC vs. América.	SportsCenter	Camp Rangers	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
6 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	TMZ	CBS 7	Late Show: Colbert	Noticias	News	News	Friends	Burgers	black-ish	Sheldon	Rich & Shameless	SportsCenter	World Poker	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
7 :PM	Nightline	Deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	El Chema (SS)	News	Jesus IS	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	George	Rich & Shameless	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers.	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
8 :PM	Extra	Noticiero	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	News	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	George	Rich & Shameless	SportsCenter	The Captain	Rich & Shameless	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
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11 :PM	World News Now	P. Luche	Seinfeld	Ovenight News	News	Blast	Minute	Cost	Odd	Paid Prg.	Lejeune	Wipeout	SportsCenter	The Captain	NCIS: New Orleans	Law & Order: SVU	Pain	Paid Prg.
12 :PM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Heritage	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Relief	Matters	NCIS: New Orleans	SportsCenter	The Captain	Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Pain	Paid Prg.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 4  
♥ A 10 8 7 5 4  
♦ Q J 10 5  
♣ —

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8 7  
♥ K J 9 6 3  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ J

**EAST**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ Q  
♦ K 9 7 4 2  
♣ Q 7 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 3 2  
♥ 2  
♦ A  
♣ A K 10 9 8 4 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥  
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥  
Pass 3 NT Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.  
This deal occurred in the 1989 Bermuda Bowl final between Brazil and the United States. It added to the Brazilians' already substantial lead at a time when the Americans were hoping to make a comeback. That hope never materialized, and Brazil went on to capture the world title.

When Mike Lawrence and Kit Woolsey of the U.S. held the North-South cards, they reached six spades as shown. Woolsey's second-round jump-shift — ostensibly showing 19 or more points — understandably caused Lawrence

to think of slam. However, Lawrence had an awkward choice after Woolsey rebid three notrump. He finally opted for six spades, even though he knew his partner had only four spades.

Six spades is not an unreasonable contract, but the opening diamond lead — which knocked a vital entry out of declarer's hand — and the uneven divisions of the black suits gave Woolsey no chance.

He won the diamond lead with the ace, East following low, and ruffed a club with the queen of spades. The K-A-J of spades came next, but when the suit broke 4-2 and the queen of clubs didn't fall, the hand fell apart, and Woolsey finished down three.

At the other table, where Pedro Branco and Roberto Mello of Brazil were North-South, the bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣		

Four notrump was Blackwood, and five notrump showed one ace and a void. With the club jack falling under the ace on the first trump lead, Mello had no trouble making six clubs. After conceding a trump to East's queen, the remaining tricks were his, and Brazil gained 14 IMPs on the deal.

Tomorrow: The lead's the thing.  
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# Today in History

Today in History: August 8, Nixon announces his resignation

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 8, the 220th day of 2022. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

On this date:

were spared.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S. instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign, which he ended up doing.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2000, the wreckage of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, which sank in 1864 after attacking the Union ship Housatonic, was recovered off the South Carolina coast and returned to port.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

Ten years ago: Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi fired his intelligence chief for failing to act on an Israeli warning of an imminent attack days before militants stormed a border post in the Sinai Peninsula and killed 16 soldiers. Misty

May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings of the United States became the first three-time gold medalists in Olympic beach volleyball history, beating Jennifer Kessy and April Ross in the all-American final.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump said continued North Korean threats aimed at the United States would cause the U.S. to respond with "fire and fury like the world has never seen." Venezuela's new constitutional assembly, created by embattled President Nicolas Maduro, took over the halls of the opposition-controlled congress and decreed itself to be superior to all other branches of government. Singer Glen Campbell died in Nashville, Tennessee, at the age of 81; he had announced in 2011 that he'd been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

One year ago: Taliban fighters seized most of Kunduz city, the capital of a key northern Afghan province, the latest in a series of blows to government forces. The pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics officially came to an end; the closing ceremony was held in an empty stadium, though athletes were still able to gather on the field. Hall of Fame football coach Bobby Bowden, who built one of the most prolific college football programs in history at Florida State, died at his home in Tallahassee, Florida, at 91.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nita Talbot is 92. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 85. Actor Connie

Stevens is 84. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 83. Actor Larry Wilcox is 75. Actor Keith Carradine is 73. Movie director Martin Brest is 71. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 70. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is 69. Percussionist Anton Fig is 69. Actor Donny Most is 69. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 65. TV personality Deborah Norville is 64. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 61. Rock musician Ricki Rockett (Poison) is 61. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 60. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 54. Rock singer Scott Stapp is 49. Country singer Mark Wills is 49. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 48. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 47. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 46. Actor Tawny Cypress is 46. R&B singer Drew Lachey (lah-SHAY') (98 Degrees) is 46. R&B singer Marsha Ambrosius is 45. Actor Lindsay Sloane is 45. Actor Countess Vaughn is 44. Actor Michael Urie is 42. Tennis player Roger Federer is 41. Actor Meagan Good is 41. Rock musician Eric Howk (Portugal. The Man) is 41. Actor Jackie Cruz (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 38. Britain's Princess Beatrice of York is 34. Actor Ken Baumann is 33. New York Yankees first baseman Anthony Rizzo is 33. Pop singer Shawn Mendes is 24. Actor Bebe Wood (TV: "The Real O'Neals") is 21.

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## Horoscopes By Holiday

**MONDAY**  
**AUGUST 8, 2022**

### Lunar Opportunity

The funny, flirty and playful people are the ones who are comfortable with risk. Fun often involves testing limits and dancing on demarcations. The daring and talent for this can apply to many situations. Sagittarius lunar vibes encourage exploration, favor the testing of boundaries and whisper the inspiration for bold and memorable moves.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The law of reciprocity, which is a spiritual tenant, a religious cornerstone and an inescapable physical reality, will be very immediately represented in your life. You'll be delighted at what zings back to you today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You know intense people with passions and tempers. Consider your part in the drama they always seem to stir up. Might your steadiness and stability allow them to fly off the handle? If so, is it acceptable to you?

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Different actions net different results. So much is going well, it would be a gamble to change what you're doing and how you're doing it or alter your course even a small amount. If you're going to take the risk, make it a calculated one.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Communicating with your favorite people will be part of the fun. Quick responses convey affection. You're a genius at steering interactions to a sunny, easy place. You sense where pressure points are and navigate away from them.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When a thing is going well, you leave it alone. It's just now better to be grateful for what comes than push for more. A hotheaded person you know may act rashly today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that the blessings of life are deeper than what can be appreciated with the senses. Even so, sensory input seems to take you there. Because you're so open, you'll follow your perceptions to spiritual and emotional places.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Empathy is a strength, and yet you never believe you have enough of it. You constantly strive for a better understanding of the other person's perspective, sometimes out of kindness, other times out of strategy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The odd ideas will be the most fun to execute. Perhaps the oddest one is to arrange to do nothing for a stretch of time. It's surprising what happens when you give yourself space and the freedom to be your own creature.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Very accomplished people will also be quite humble, partly because their focus on the work is more fulfilling than ego gratification, and because the truly secure have less need of extra attention.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be fascinated by mystery, drama and obscure motivations. It's like you're doing a jigsaw puzzle. You have to get a good amount of it clicked in before you'll know the picture that's coming together.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll notice where the voids are. As much as you'd like to fill in the blanks and supply what's needed, don't rush to do so. First, seek more listening and understanding.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If an activity doesn't bring you challenge, money or joy, then what does it bring you? The answer will teach you something about yourself and begin an internal shift. You'll close some doors and open others.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 8). With your sparkling intelligence as a given, you eschew over-thinking and rely on your good karma and excellent intuition to make quick and lucky moves. A financial spike allows you to experience new places and different circles. Other highlights: aesthetic upgrades, a rare professional opportunity and family pride. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 48 and 17.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Leos are the original artists -- natural-born entertainers. Case in point: Dustin Hoffman, a treasure talent whose natal chart features a rare planetary configuration between Jupiter, Uranus and Mercury in crafty earth signs. Indicated here are immense powers of observation, honed into chameleonesque abilities. Hoffman stars with his son, actor Jake Hoffman, in the comedy "Sam & Kate."

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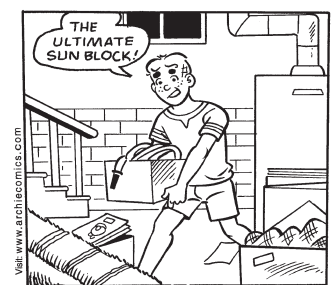
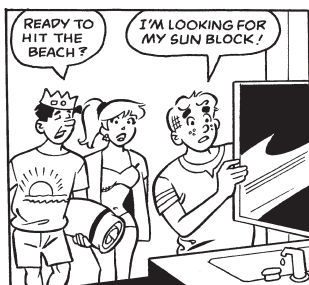
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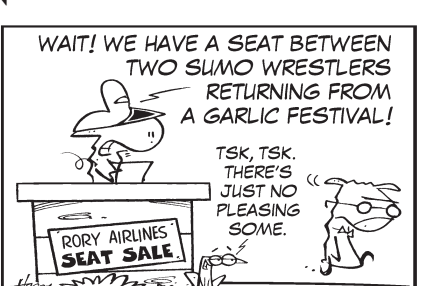
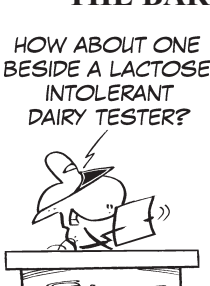
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## Newsday Crossword

**BIG DOG DAY** by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Adult female
  - 6 Ocean liner or aircraft carrier
  - 10 Irritation from poison ivy
  - 14 Montana's potato-producing neighbor
  - 15 With 32 Across, Pepsi competitor
  - 16 Rebound of a sound
  - 17 Prohibited things
  - 18 Rocks taken from mines
  - 19 Cups of pekoe
  - 20 Big dogs seen on sides of buses
  - 22 Ready to harvest
  - 23 Organ for listening
  - 24 Spruced up for publication
  - 26 In the center of
  - 30 Magazine edition
  - 32 See 15 Across
  - 33 Dislike very much
  - 35 Elude cleverly
  - 39 Lofty, as skyscrapers
  - 40 Shuts loudly, as a door
  - 42 Online auctioneer
  - 43 Reply to "Who's there?"
  - 45 Narrow cut in an envelope
  - 46 Any solemn ceremony
  - 47 Metal blend such as brass
  - 49 Took a break
  - 51 Fairy tale king's palace
  - 54 Convent resident
  - 55 Jai \_\_\_ (fast-moving sport)

- 56 Big dogs named for Copenhagen people
  - 63 Couch in a house
  - 64 Has a meal
  - 65 Vermont or Virginia
  - 66 At that time
  - 67 University sports organization: Abbr.
  - 68 Form an alliance
  - 69 Bratty talk
  - 70 Farmer's place, in a kids' song
  - 71 Fishing rods
- DOWN**
- 1 Limb of a bird
  - 2 Distinctive smell
  - 3 Hair on a horse's neck
  - 4 Nautical greeting
  - 5 Has a snack
  - 6 Scrub thoroughly
  - 7 Car part to honk
  - 8 Topped with frosting
  - 9 Free tickets
  - 10 Big dogs bred to bring things back
  - 11 Get 100 on a test
  - 12 In good \_\_\_ (physically fit)
  - 13 Sprayed with water, as a firefighter would
  - 21 Formal pledges
  - 25 Scheduled to arrive
  - 26 First part of a play
  - 27 Castle's watery ring
  - 28 Misfortunes
  - 29 Big white dogs with black spots
  - 30 Rome's country
  - 31 "Half" prefix for circle
  - 34 In addition
  - 36 Only slightly

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Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

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

### CROSSWORD

Today's Answers

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### Today's Answers

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# Coahoma Bulldogs wrap up first week of football practice



Herald photos/Patrick Gonzales

L to R, The Coahoma Bulldogs football team practice early Friday morning to beat the Texas heat. The Bulldogs will have a scrimmage on August 12 in Ozona with the JV starting around 6 PM and the Varsity starting around 7 PM.

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

All across the State of Texas, high school football teams are wrapping up their first official week of practice. The Coahoma Bulldogs ended their first week of practice on Friday with an early morning workout.

Coahoma started the week off with their annual Midnight Madness practice early Monday morning and alternated their practice schedule during the week to beat the heat. The Bulldogs have a scrimmage scheduled up on August 12 where they travel to Ozona to scrimmage the Lions. Their first game of the season will be on August 25 where they will face Howard County rival Forsan

in the 9th Annual Howard County Bowl.

The Bulldogs finished last season with a 3-7 record and missing out on the playoffs. This year the Bulldogs will look to bounce back this season. Fifth year head coach and athletic director Chris Joslin will look to get the young Bulldog back on the winning track. The Bulldogs lost some key players due to graduation this past year, but they will head into this season will possibly one of the fastest offenses at the skill position come district play.

The Bulldog's will remain in District 4-3A, which is considered to be one of the toughest districts in the state in Class 3A Division II. Littlefield will join the district after moving from Division I Class 3A to Division II Class 3A.

## Barr could help young Cowboys star Parsons' pursuit of sacks

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The signing of free agent linebacker Anthony Barr could nudge young star Micah Parsons closer to being primarily a pass rusher for the Dallas Cowboys.

The club also had depth in mind with the addition of Barr, a four-time Pro Bowler who spent his first eight seasons in Minnesota. Dallas had shown interest in him long before training camp in California.

Barr is starting his stint with the Cowboys on the physically unable to perform list, not for an injury but because the club is taking a conservative approach getting the 30-year-old ready for camp practices.

Parsons had 13 sacks on his way to winning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, tied for the third-most for a first-year player since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.

Because of injuries early last season, there were times Parsons played the majority of his snaps at defensive end, and the Cowboys usually had two other linebackers on the field.

The addition of Barr means the top three choices in the new mix, which includes Leighton Vander Esch, are former first-round picks.

"I think when you look at packages and how we feature Micah, I think it gives you another weapon,

another excellent player on and off the ball," coach Mike McCarthy said. "I think when you get in and out of packages as you build your system for a 17-game season, I know the defensive staff is real excited to have another piece."

Barr's career high for sacks is four from his rookie year with the Vikings in 2014, when he was the ninth overall pick. The 6-foot-5 Barr is more in the mold of Vander Esch (6-4) as a traditional linebacker.

When Parsons lines up at defensive end, including in the three-point stance the Cowboys envision on occasion, Barr and Vander Esch could be paired on the second level behind him.

"I'm just trying to continue to help unlock his game and allow him to be the best player he can be," Barr said of Parsons. "Pretty amazing what he was able to accomplish. I think he can just continue to elevate and take it to the next level. I'm hoping to be a tool and resource to him and also to learn from him and learn from all the guys."

Barr was a steady presence during his first six seasons in Minnesota, including four straight trips to the Pro Bowl from 2015-18. A torn pectoral muscle sidelined him for the season in Week 2 in 2020. He then missed the first four games last year with a knee injury.

Because he went unsigned through the offseason, Barr's first practice at camp will be his first since

the end of last season. He said there was never a specific timeline for finding a new team.

"Timing is everything," Barr said. "No rhyme or reason to it. It was just the right time for both parties. Hopefully, it's a good marriage."

Second-year player Jabrille Cox was cleared for camp after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament in Week 8 against Minnesota last season, although he recently was given a couple of days off.

The Cowboys are high on rookie fifth-round pick Damone Clark, who fell in the draft because of spinal fusion surgery that could sideline him all of this season. The injuries to Cox and Clark are two more reasons the Cowboys had interest in Barr.

McCarthy remembers Barr from facing the Vikings as coach in Green Bay. And part of Barr's interest in Dallas came from senior defensive assistant George Edwards, who was Minnesota's defensive coordinator for Barr's first six seasons.

"We always had to be very, very consistent of the matchup that you had with him," McCarthy said. "We want to be multiple in our defensive packages and we want to continue to develop different rush plans. He's a great fit for us."

NOTES: The Cowboys are thin at RB in camp with Rico Dowdle and rookie Aaron Shampklin in COVID-19 protocols. They also lost their only fullback for at least a couple of weeks as Ryan Nall battles a shoulder injury.

## Column: NFL lets bad boy owners get off with slap on wrist

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Columnist

After Donald Sterling's racist rambles were exposed to the world, the NBA moved quickly to banish him from the league.

Sure, the forced sale of the Los Angeles Clippers made Sterling even richer, but it sent a clear signal that such behavior would not be tolerated, even from the guys with the biggest checkbooks.

Then there's the NFL, which seems content to let its bad boy owners slide with nothing more than a slap on the wrist, no matter how egregious the offense.

Tampering with some of the game's biggest names? Suggesting it would be a good idea to lose games intentionally?

No problem, says the league which likes to throw around the word "integrity" at every opportunity — except when it really matters.

In the eyes of Commissioner Roger Goodell, some mandatory vacation time, a fine that roughly amounts to loose change in the sofa, and surrendering a couple of draft picks should be enough to smooth things over.

That's exactly what Goodell imposed this week on Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, whose conduct was so reckless that it wouldn't have been out of line to shove him out the door — or at least give him a gentle

nudge.

Of course, in its version of the just-before-the-weekend news dump, the NFL brilliantly unveiled the case against Ross — and it's quite a doozy — while most fans and pundits were fixated on what's next for quarterback Deshaun Watson, who received a six-game suspension for multiple allegations of sexual misconduct during massages.

The NFL appealed, which could have sent the case to Goodell for harsher, more appropriate punishment, but he timidly handed it off to an outside arbiter.

The Watson case is bad enough. Ross' shenanigans were also worthy of outrage.

But Goodell would prefer we all just move along from a week of disturbing revelations and get to what's really important: a season that conventionally began Thursday night with the Hall of Fame exhibition game in Canton, Ohio.

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By now, it should be crystal clear to everyone that Goodell couldn't care less about integrity as long as the league's coffers — and his own — keep growing at a rate far ahead of surging inflation.

Sure, he'll swing into action when a player who hasn't been with his team

all season dares venture onto a casino app to place legal bets on NFL games. Never mind that the league has fully embraced sports gambling and has no problem cashing all the massive checks it brings in.

Calvin Ridley's wagering, which he readily admitted to with no suggestion that it impacted games, led to his suspension for at least the 2022 season and means the Atlanta Falcons receiver has no chance to receiving his \$11.1 million salary until he's reinstated.

Compare that with Ross' case.

Goodell issued a harsh statement, singling out "violations of unprecedented scope and severity," but showed he didn't have the stomach to actually back up his words with decisive action.

Sure, the Dolphins will be hurt by the loss of a first-round pick next year and a third-round pick in 2024, but the remainder of the sanctions were laughable.

Ross was fined \$1.5 million, which is roughly 0.018% of his estimated net worth of \$8.2 billion and a blip compared to

the salary Ridley isn't receiving. Ross also was suspended from his team through Oct. 17, meaning he won't be around for the first six games of the regular season — at least 11 games fewer than Ridley's banishment.

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