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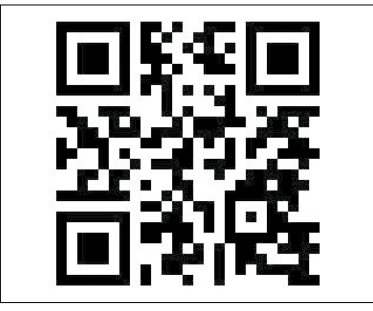
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A Moment in Time:

The Rise of Lake J.B. Thomas, Part One

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
 Heritage Museum of Big Spring

West Texas wondered, could there really be a man-made lake in this dry and desolate area? The Colorado River Municipal Water Association believed it to be true. In 1946, a group from Snyder, Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, and Colorado City met and led to the creation of the Colorado River Municipal Water District created by Texas Legislature in 1949. Bids were quickly solicited for construction on the new lake as contractors, Freese and Nichols submitted the lowest bid. Total costs for the lake project included: a dam reservoir, oil-well mounds, bull creek diversion, supply line from reservoir to Big Spring, Odessa, and Snyder, terminal water storage, Martin County water field development, and other costs totaling \$11,750.00 which was the amount of the original bond issue of the district.

In 1913, young engineer, J.B. Thomas, was given his first assignment with Texas Power and Light Company. The company had just located in Big Spring and wanted to see what could be done to boost the water production in the growing town. Mr. Thomas had a vision and worked toward that reality of the new water source named after him, J.B. Thomas Lake. Thomas always gave credit to West Texans, who succeeded in financing a staggering project, without federal assistance or tax money. The new lake basin was to be located



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Pictured above is **Murphy/Sour Dough Peninsula at Lake J.B. Thomas.**

on the Conrad Ranch. CRMWD made an agreement with the estate to attain 5000 acres. On April 29, 1951, several hundred people from surrounding areas, gathered on the land site for the groundbreaking. Lake J.B. Thomas was about to be no longer a dream but a reality.

As the lake was nearing completion, 1951 marked another dry year on the record books. Finally, July 1952, the rain started to come, and the anticipation of fish was next. CRMWD assured the fishermen that the lake would be stocked by the fall. Supplying water was the District's primary mission, however recreational inquiries were coming in

quickly. In addition, CRMWD made a lucrative agreement with the oil industry. The District's largest customer was Scurry Area Canyon Reef Oil. This one individual oil company required 3.7 billion gallons of water a year. The revenue from water sales allowed CRMWD the opportunity to retire several bond issues ahead of schedule.

The lake continued to take on water with each rainfall as it slowly grew in water capacity. The sounds of hammers and saws could be heard all around the area as cabins, boat docks and fishing piers were being built. The land sur

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Special Meeting for Coahoma Board of Trustees this evening

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A special meeting has been called by the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees. The meeting will take place this afternoon at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room, located at 400 Ramsey Street in Coahoma.

After roll call has been taken and an establishment of quorum has been confirmed, a call to order will be issued and the opening ceremony will commence. At the beginning of the meeting, there will be an open forum for those wishing to speak.

The Board of Trustees will move into agenda items and

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Emergency Reading of an ordinance passes 4-0

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

There were four members of City Council present for the Sunday night special meeting; Mayor Shannon Thomason, Doug Hartman, Gloria McDonald and Camilla Strande. Councilmen Raul Marquez, Terry McDaniel, and Jim DePauw were not present.

The meeting kicked off with public comment. Libertarian Treasurer was the first to speak during public comments at the City Council. She extended her gratitude to the City of Big Spring for hosting the convention, reminisced about the key to the city her grandfather received while he was in Big Spring and the pride she had for being able to receive the same honor this past weekend, as she was presented with the key to the city.

Other members of the Libertarian Party who were present

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Toasty Tuesday focusing on West Hwy 80 this week



Courtesy photo

Last week **Toasty Tuesday** volunteers focused on cleaning up the area on the East side of the mall. There were 21 volunteers who showed who picked up 27 bags of trash. This week, the **Toasty Tuesday** efforts will focus on clearing up the area around the old **Burrito Express** on West Highway 80. Volunteers are encouraged to come out and support the efforts. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. and pick up trash for about an hour. There will be trash bags and gloves provided for those who come out to help.

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Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Big Spring YMCA is now offering an opportunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little outdoor activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for 20-21 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, out of Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20, is our startup date and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Leading EDG understand the serious challenges our country faces as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to this crisis, the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) has created new programs geared towards financial relief for affected businesses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”), is currently available, but only by applying directly to the SBA via the online portal: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster/apply-for-disaster-loan/index.html>. It only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Another option, The Paycheck Protection Program, (“PPP”), has been approved by Congress. If you want to apply for the “PPP” loan contact your local lender.

Information changes daily so make sure you are checking the SBA website regularly.

• City of Big Spring announces water office number change. Effective immediately, the temporary phone numbers used to contact the Big Spring Water Office are no longer in effect. Customers can contact the water office at the following phone numbers:

1. Pay online at www.mybigspring.com. Click ONLINE BILL PAY. Pay via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Payment can be placed in the Drop Box at 305 South Johnson. Staff checks the box daily. Pay over the phone by calling

the Water Office directly at the phone numbers listed above. Water Office staff are available to assist customers Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 PM, by phone or in the office located at 305 South Johnson Street.

• 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.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

• 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.

• 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.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. Sacking takes place throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• 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 Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Obituaries

Nadine Jones

Nadine Jones, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, August 2, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Milton Ora Horton Sr.

Milton Ora Horton Sr., 84, of Big Spring formerly of Westfield, Texas passed away on Aug. 1, 2020.

The family will be receiving friends on August 4, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch funeral home.

A funeral service will be held on Aug. 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, with interment following at Trinity Memorial Park.

Guadalupe “Lupe” Castillo

Guadalupe “Lupe” Castillo, 78, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020. Visitation will be from Noon until 9 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.



Lupe was born Dec. 12, 1941, in Big Spring. She married Tony Castillo on August 5, 1964, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2016. Lupe was a homemaker, but also worked as dietician at Hall-Bennett Hospital and later a housekeeper for Young and Alive, Quita’s and Jerry’s Coiffures, and later as a caregiver.

Lupe is survived by two daughters: Michelle Yanez and Danelle Castillo and her partner Johnny Franco, Jr.; special daughters: Evelyn Gomez and Beckie Marin; three granddaughters: Natasha Yanez and her partner Corey Herrera; Kori Yanez and her partner Manuel Sosa, and Stacey Gomez; four great granddaughters: Jennifer Partlow, Jessica Marie (Bella) Sosa, Selena Guadalupe (chunky monkey) Sosa and Giana (Gigi) Sosa; four sisters: Cruz Salazar, Alicia Trujillo and her husband Mariano, Rosa Montez and Teresa Sanchez; five brothers: Pete Estrada and his wife Mary Lou, Ramon Estrada and his wife Juanita, Enrique (Henry) Estrada, Edward Estrada and his wife Lu Lu, and Felipe Estrada; a special aunt: Matilda Reyes; several cousins, nieces, and nephews including three special nephews who were like sons: Rudy Castillo, Ben Gomez, and Ric Arguello.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her mother: Carolina Estrada; sister: Adela DeHoyos; granddaughter: Ashton Chloe Franco; son-in-law: David Yanez; brother-in-law: Celedonio Salazar; uncle: Johnny Flores.

Lupe was a very friendly person who always had a home for everyone. Her doors were always open to everyone anytime. She loved crafting, quilting, coloring, listening to music, and spending time with her grandchildren.

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

Paid Obituary

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson’s Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson’s Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson’s Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.



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LAKE

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rounding the lake, belonged to CRMWD but they allowed long term leases on individual property.

The District worked closely with the Texas Game and Fish Department and its successor the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, in stocking the lake with game fish, including channel cat, black bass, striped bass, crappie, bream, and finally wall-eye pike, which grew substantially but were almost impossible to catch. Once the lake had water and fish, man rushed to be the first to catch a fish in the new lake. The District had to adopt an ordinance regulating a closed fishing season until May 1, 1954. Opening the lake to fishermen, created a scene somewhat like the land-rush days. Over 600 people lined the shores of the lake, as they tried their luck. Pleasure boats, skiers, swimmers and on-lookers added to the excitement of the day. The only concessions store opened on the lake was the Lake Lodge, located by the dam and owned by Ned Sanders. The Lodge was doing a booming business that Saturday, selling cold drinks, food, fishing tackle, bait, license, life jackets and gasoline. The minds of many entrepreneurs began to click "this could be a golden opportunity for a lucrative business."

By August 1955, Lake Thomas had finally gained 5850 acres underwater. Advertising boasted that the lake's longest stretch was eight miles in length, as much as three miles wide at some points and would cover 12 square miles, if filled. It provided the best boating, fishing, and recreation in Texas. The recreational fever went into high gear and on October 20, 1960, Lake J.B. Thomas finally ran over the spillway. The lake was full! Boat dealerships and shows started springing up in Big Spring and Snyder. The Big Spring Herald covered a Sunday fishing report every week. At times, it was anticipated more than the local football scores. KBST Radio carried a fishing report direct from Lake J.B. Thomas, every day 12:20 p.m. Fishing had become a big business in West Texas.

Lem Gresham's Bait Shop was on the north side of the lake and Claude Hodnett opened the Sportsman's Paradise on the southwest side of the lake by the dam. As the dam area became crowded, business entrepreneurs stretched out to the lake's west peninsula. Boyd's Lodge was built on the north side of the peninsula at the Bull Creek channel by brothers Ottus and R.T. Boyd. The lodge was a 10-unit motel with air conditioning and bathroom and trailer houses were available for the larger crowd. Boyd's restaurant had a seating capacity of 48 customers. They advertised their specialty was large juicy steaks and golden-brown catfish. The Lodge offered an automatic boat launch for loading and unloading boats, boat storage, a floating fishing pier with all-weather fishing including "theater cushion seats." On October 1, 1964, Boyd's Lodge was named the rural postal service for the Vincent area after the Browne's store was destroyed by fire.

The Lakeview Café was built on the south side of the peninsula and constructed of cinderblock. A quite simple building that would serve its purpose. This peninsula was known as the Murphy's Peninsula or Sour Dough Area. The Lakeview store sold fishing bait, ice, sodas, candy, gasoline, and a few other staples needed to survive a weekend on the lake. Later, a counter, grill and sink were added to constitute a cooking area. Shortly after opening for business, it was necessary to add onto the front portion of the little store. A dining area was added, and Lakeview Grocery was renamed Lakeview Café. This is the place where everyone gathered for the best hamburgers around! Hamburger patties made with fresh ground beef and the size of a dinner plate. It was on a greased bun along with all the standard veggies and condiments. The hamburger was simply served, wrapped in a paper wrapper, and placed in a plastic cutout basket with some potato chips. 1960 price of that hamburger was 25 cents and another dime would get you a cold coke from the machine that you had to work the bottle through a maze. Candy bars were a dime also, but those dimes were harder to come by in 1960 when the minimum wage was set at \$1.00.

My grandparents Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Montgomery

along with his son Clyde and wife Labeth Montgomery, ran the operations from 1959 until the lake went dry in early 1968. The local teens would pack into the dining area, play the jukebox, and dance the twist, mash potato or the monkey. You could hear, Little Red Riding Hood, Wooley Bulley or maybe a Beatles or Elvis tune coming from the jukebox. The Pinball machine was always in use while laughter and cigarette smoke filled the air. During the weekdays, most of the boaters and campers went home as the fishermen returned to their favorite fishing hole. Early morning breakfast and coffee were served at 6:00 am. The regular coffee drinkers purchased their ten-cent coffee and sat around for hours getting free refills as they discussed the fishing conditions and level of the lake. Brett Lansford, Blackie Tindol, Eddie Simer, the Pointers, and Hub Drake. There was no shortage of visitors because they all lived on the Peninsula side of the lake full time and most were retired.

As a child, I remember playing on the barstools and twirling round and round until I became sick. It was fairly easy to grab some penny candy and make a run out the back door. If you got a candy bar, it was more noticeable and was too risky! There was a phone booth on the east side of the building, and it was used for a lot of teenage pranks however, my younger cousin could be found in there taking a nap occasionally. Two restrooms were located on the exterior of that same side. I think there was a toilet and small sink. The wooden door had a few peep holes in it, if you were curious or brave enough to look. Although there was plenty of water in the lake, there was no water at the café or house. No one ever crossed under the paved road with a pipeline that reached to the lake. It may have not been feasible. That lake water was usually red and it would not have been safely purified so all water had to be hauled in using a trailer with a water tank attached to it or water truck. From 1954 to 1964, Lake J.B. Thomas was a paradise. A place to get away from your job and problems and enjoy this new water feature. Everyone thought once the lake was filled that it would never go dry or especially remain dry for years to come.

SPECIAL

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for the State Convention - which took place this past weekend - spoke during the public comment section of the Special Meeting, expressing their gratitude for the hospitality that was shown by the City of Big Spring, as the meeting had to be planned in just a few short days.

As the Council moved on to the Emergency Reading of an Ordinance calling for a special election to be held on Nov. 3, for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of Councilmember Jim DePauw, representing District 6; designating a polling place; authorizing the Mayor to execute notice and have the notice posted for the purpose of notifying the public of said election; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.

"This is an administrative duty of the council and a motion or a second is not needed. It is clear cut in the charter," Mayor Shannon

Thomason said.

Once the required number of signatures were obtained - 100 signatures - the signatures were certified by City Secretary at the last Council meeting. From the time the signatures were certified, DePauw had five days to resign from his position. A resignation was not submitted by Councilman Jim DePauw according to City Secretary Moore.

Resident Scott Emerson spoke before Council took to a vote on the Emergency Reading of the ordinance. Emerson suggested that a standing committee be put together to look at the City Charter and provide recommended updates. According to Emerson, the Charter has not been updated since the 70s.

The Council took to a vote - without a motion or a second, which was not needed - and was passed with a 4-0 vote.

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MEETING

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begin with discussion surrounding possible approval of interlocal operation of connectivity acquisition agreement.

The proposed tax rate will also be considered and given possible approval by the Board of Trustees, at this evening's meeting. Discussion will take place surround the Covid-19 Plan revision, as the district prepares to welcome students back to the school and through distance learning.

Consideration and possible approval will also take place surrounding Texas Home Learning 3.0 in order to get the school year kicked off smoothly.

Before heading into an Executive Session, where the Board of Trustees, will discuss personnel, there will be consideration and possible approval for employment contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

After the Executive Session has concluded, the meeting will adjourn.

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Take Note cont.

• 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.

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Glen Allen Daniels, 61, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Theresa Dennis, 76, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 11:00 AM, Monday August 3, 2020 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Tony Jetton, 44, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at the Coahoma Cemetery.

Guadalupe "Lupe" Castillo, 78, died Saturday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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3 charged in massive Twitter hack, Bitcoin scam

MIAMI (AP) — A British man, a Florida man and a Florida teen were identified by authorities Friday as the hackers who earlier this month took over Twitter accounts of prominent politicians, celebrities and technology moguls to scam people around globe out of more than \$100,000 in Bitcoin.

Graham Ivan Clark, 17, was arrested Friday in Tampa, where the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office will prosecute him as adult. He faces 30 felony charges, according to a news release. Mason Sheppard, 19, of Bognor Regis, U.K., and Nima Fazeli, 22, of Orlando, were charged in California federal court.

In one of the most high-profile security breaches in recent years, hackers sent out bogus tweets on July 15 from the accounts of Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Mike Bloomberg and a number of tech billionaires including Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and Tesla CEO Elon Musk. Celebrities Kanye West and his wife, Kim Kardashian West, were also hacked.

The tweets offered to send \$2,000 for every \$1,000 sent to an anonymous Bitcoin address.

"There is a false belief within the criminal hacker community that attacks like the Twitter hack can be perpetrated anonymously and without consequence," U.S. Attorney David L. Anderson for the Northern District of California said in a news release. "Today's charging announcement demonstrates that the elation of nefarious hacking into a secure environment for fun or profit will be short-lived."

Although the case against the teen was also investigated by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice, Hillsborough State Attorney Andrew Warren explained that his office is prosecuting Clark in Florida state court because Florida law allows minors to be charged as adults in financial fraud cases such as this when appropriate. He added that Clark was the leader of the hacking scam.

"This defendant lives here in Tampa, he committed the crime here, and he'll be prosecuted here," Warren said.

Security experts were not surprised that the alleged mastermind of the hack is a 17-year-old, given the relative amateur nature both of the operation and the hackers' willingness afterward to discuss the hack with reporters online.

"I think this is a great case study showing how technology democratizes the ability to commit serious criminal acts," said Jake Williams, founder of the cybersecurity firm Rendition Infosec. "I'm not terribly surprised that at least one of the suspects is a minor. There wasn't a ton of development that went into this attack."

Williams said the hackers were "extremely sloppy" in how they moved the Bitcoin around.

He also said he was conflicted about whether Clark should be charged as an adult.

"He definitely deserves to pay (for jumping on the opportunity) but potentially serving decades in prison doesn't seem like justice in this case," Williams said.

Twitter previously said hackers used the phone to fool the social media company's employees into giving them access. It said hackers targeted "a small number of employees through a phone spear-phishing attack."

"This attack relied on a significant and concerted attempt to mislead certain employees and exploit human vulnerabilities to gain access to our internal systems," the company tweeted.

After stealing employee credentials and getting into Twitter's systems, the hackers were able to target other employees who had access to account support tools, the company said.

The hackers targeted 130 accounts. They managed to tweet from 45 accounts, access the direct message inboxes of 36, and download the Twitter data from seven. Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders has said his inbox was among those accessed.

Internal Revenue Service investigators in Washington, D.C., were able to identify two of the hackers by analyzing Bitcoin transactions on the blockchain — the ledger where transactions are re-

corded — including ones the hackers attempted to keep anonymous, federal prosecutors said.

Spear-phishing is a more targeted version of phishing, an impersonation scam that uses email or other electronic communications to deceive recipients into handing over sensitive information.

Twitter said it would provide a more detailed report later "given the ongoing law enforcement investigation."

The company has previously said the incident was a "coordinated social engineering attack" that targeted some of its employees with access to internal systems and tools. It didn't provide any more information about how the attack was carried out, but the details released so far suggest the hackers started by using the old-fashioned method of talking their way past security.

British cybersecurity analyst Graham Cluley said his guess was that a targeted Twitter employee or contractor received a message by phone asking them to call a number.

"When the worker called the number they might have been taken to a convincing (but fake) helpdesk operator, who was then able to use social engineering techniques to trick the intended victim into handing over their credentials," Cluley wrote Friday on his blog.

It's also possible the hackers pretended to call from the company's legitimate help line by spoofing the number, he said.

Fazeli's father said Friday he hasn't been able to talk to his son since Thursday.

"I'm 100% sure my son is innocent," Mohamad Fazeli said. "He's a very good person, very honest, very smart and loyal."

"We are as shocked as everybody else," he said by phone. "I'm sure this is a mix up."

Attempts to reach relatives of the other two weren't immediately successful. Hillsborough County court records didn't list an attorney for Clark, and federal court records didn't list attorneys for Sheppard or Fazeli.

Court overturns Boston Marathon bomber's death sentence

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER

Associated Press

A federal appeals court Friday threw out Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's death sentence in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, saying the judge who oversaw the case did not adequately screen jurors for potential biases.

A three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a new penalty-phase trial on whether the 27-year-old Tsarnaev should be executed for the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260 others.

"But make no mistake: Dzhokhar will spend his remaining days locked up in prison, with the only matter remaining being whether he will die by execution," the judges said, more than six months after arguments were heard in the case.

An email seeking comment was sent to an attorney for Tsarnaev. A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston said they were reviewing the opinion and had no immediate comment.

The mother of Krystle Campbell, the 29-year-old killed in the attack, expressed outrage at the court's decision.

"I just don't understand it," Patricia Campbell told The Boston Globe. "It's just terrible that he's allowed to live his life. It's unfair. He didn't wake up one morning and decide to do what he did. He planned it out. He did a vicious, ugly thing."

Former Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority officer Dic Donohue, who was severely injured in a gunfight with the brothers, said the ruling was not surprising to him.

"And in any case, he won't be getting out and hasn't been able to harm anyone since he was captured," he tweeted.

Tsarnaev's lawyers acknowledged at the beginning of his trial that he and his older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, set off the two bombs at the marathon finish line. But they argued that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is less culpable than his brother, who they said was the mastermind behind the attack.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a gunbattle with police a few days after the April 15, 2013, bombing. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is now behind bars at a high-security supermax prison in Florence, Colorado.

Tsarnaev was convicted on 30 charges, including conspiracy and use of a weapon of mass destruction.

Prosecutors told jurors that the men carried out the attack to punish the United States for its wars in Muslim countries. In the boat where Tsarnaev

was found hiding, he had scrawled a confession that referred to the wars and wrote, among other things, "Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop."

Tsarnaev's attorneys identified a slew of issues with his trial, but said in a brief filed with the court that the "first fundamental error" was the judge's refusal to move the case out of Boston. They also pointed to social media posts from two jurors suggesting they harbored strong opinions even before the 2015 trial started.

One juror had said in Twitter posts that that she was "locked down" with her family during the manhunt and retweeted another post calling Tsarnaev a "piece of garbage," but later told the court she had not commented on the case or been asked to shelter in place, the defense said. On the day of Tsarnaev's sentencing, the juror changed her Facebook profile picture to an image that said "BOSTON STRONG," a rallying cry used in the wake of the bombing, the attorneys said.

Tsarnaev's lawyers pushed several times to move the trial from Boston, arguing the intense media scrutiny and number of people touched by the bombings in the city would taint the jury pool. But U.S. District Judge George O'Toole refused, saying he believed a fair and impartial jury could be found in the city.

The 1st Circuit said the "pervasive" media coverage featuring "bone-chilling still shots and videos" of the bombing and dayslong manhunt required the judge to run a jury selection process "sufficient to identify prejudice."

But O'Toole fell short, the judges said.

They said O'Toole deemed jurors who had already formed the opinion that Tsarnaev was guilty qualified "because they answered 'yes' to the question whether they could decide this high-profile case based on the evidence." Yet he didn't sufficiently dig into what jurors had read or heard about the case, the judges said.

"By not having the jurors identify what it was they already thought they knew about the case, the judge made it too difficult for himself and the parties to determine both the nature of any taint (e.g., whether the juror knew something prejudicial not to be conceded at trial) and the possible remedies for the taint," the judges wrote.

President Donald Trump weighed in on the ruling during an address to supporters on the tarmac of Tampa International Airport.

"I see in Boston, where you have the animal that killed so many people during the Boston Marathon," Trump said. "They just sent this conviction for the death penalty back to the lower courts so they'll argue about that for a long time. It's ridiculous."

Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been discharged from a hospital in New York City and has returned home, the Supreme Court said Friday.

The court said Ginsburg, 87, is doing well, two days after undergoing a minimally invasive procedure on Wednesday to "revise a bile duct stent" at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The

stent had originally been placed last August, when Ginsburg was treated for a cancerous tumor on her pancreas.

The procedure is common and was done to minimize the risk of future infection, according to her doctors, the court said in a statement.

The procedure follows another one earlier this month at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.



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Coahoma starts 2020 football season with Midnight Madness practice



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Above left: The team takes the field for opening stretches during Monday morning's Midnight Madness practice. Above right: Chris Joslin coaches his offensive skill players up on offensive formations during practice.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogs' 2020 football season was kicked off early Monday morning with their Midnight Madness practice at Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium.

"It's exciting because now we have direction, and we are getting sports back," Coahoma ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Chris Joslin said. "It's been a little stressful because we've been sitting here making plan after plan and not really knowing what the future holds. Now it's time to get going and that's good. We are all excited to get back to it."

Last month, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) ruled that high school's around the state that are in Conference's 1A-4A could begin holding practice as early as August 3. Coahoma took that ruling as literal as possible for the second straight year and took the field just after midnight. Players were in helmets, cleats, and their Coahoma-branded workout shirts and shorts for the first practice of the new season.

Practice was cut short after about an hour because of close lightning on the horizon, but the Bulldogs were still able to get in some valuable practice time going over fundamentals before Joslin took everyone off the field.

The Midnight Madness practice is a creative and exciting way to open up the year on the gridiron. After a summer filled with uncertainty surrounding the start of fall sports in Texas, everyone was excited to be back on the field with a season to look forward to.

There were around 50 or so fans who lined the stadium bleachers and even more that observed the practice from their vehicles. For many, the chance to see those red helmets fly around the field for the first time in almost nine months was too good of an opportunity to pass up.

Coahoma's coaching staff was looking forward to last night more than anyone else after a summer of hard work filled with virtual meetings, on-and-off

workouts, and hectic scheduling to continuously follow the UIL and state's guidelines concerning the coronavirus.

"We couldn't wait to get out here and the kids have been ready to do this since March," Joslin said. "We had a lot of the summer in the summer and so now that they finally see a silver lining at the end of the tunnel, it's been exciting for them. That's what we're all out here for is these kids"

Fans showed up early and were scattered throughout the stadium to watch their Bulldogs take the field. While there may not have been any big plays to cheer for yet, they were still there to support their team following months of athletic inactivity.

Following a stretching and warm-up period, the Bulldogs broke off into different position groups and began to run through drills. The offense was on one side of the field with Joslin while the defense was on the other side of the 50-yard line with members of the defense.

Joslin could be seen working a lot with the quarterbacks and will continue to do so in a year where they are transitioning at the position. Another group was the wide receivers, who were running route trees and working on their footwork while catching passes thrown by some assistant coaches.

On the other side of the field, Terrell was working with the offensive backs on coverage and interception drills with the main emphasis being on the fundamentals throughout the first practice of the year.

"We're just all getting re-acclimated to all being around each other," Joslin said. "It's been a while. Even with the big numbers, there's some kids that were not here since March. We've got some holes to fill and that's what we're going to start tonight."

Coahoma's 2020 football season is now underway and the mission has just begun.

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Eli Cranor's weekly Athletic Support: "Left behind"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: Sports used to be a HUGE part of my life. I watched sporting events almost every night. I was actually watching an NBA game when they interviewed Mark Cuban and he said he was canceling the rest of the Dallas Mavericks' season. All sports were gone shortly after that, and surprisingly, I didn't miss them that much. I went all summer without baseball, and now it's back, but wow — it's different. They have cardboard cutouts in the stands. There's crowd noise pumped in like it's all a game show. Obviously, this isn't my daddy's baseball, but I fear sports will be forever changed after all this mess is done. Maybe this is a good thing? Have you heard other readers expressing the same sentiment? — Sport(less)

Dear Sport(less): I heard somebody say once that sports were the true religion of America. A thousand years from now, Fenway Park, Lambeau Field, and "Jerry's World" (AT&T Stadium) will be



ELI CRANOR

our longstanding monuments. Our distant descendants will look upon these relics with awe, imaging a time and place where that many people could be together at one time, cheering on the home team.

I don't know if things will ever go back to "normal." Anyone who studies history will tell you the only constant is change. If this really is the end of an era, my greatest fear isn't so much about what lies ahead of us, but instead, what we've left behind.

Dear Athletic Support: I'm different from most of the other people who write into your column. I'm seventeen! I know you usually answer questions from parents, but I'm hoping you'll hear me out. My question is simple: Why don't my parents come to my baseball games anymore? Before COVID hit, they were always in the bleachers. But all summer long, they've been avoiding the baseball diamond like the plague. It just doesn't make sense. Why would they let me play but not come to my games? — Writing In Secret

Dear Secret: You're the first teenager to write in to "Athletic Support," and for that, I thank you! In regard to your question, I honestly have no idea why your parents would let you play in a baseball league all summer long but refuse to come to your games. From a medical standpoint, it doesn't make much sense. Any exposure you're getting in the dugout is likely transmitted to them when you

come home.

It was a big — and brave — first step to reach out to me, but you need to talk to your parents about this.

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter started playing volleyball in fifth grade. There's no telling how many hours she's spent practicing with the school, not to mention her private coaches. And now, after all that, she wants to quit. She says it's because her friends are saying there won't even be a season this year due to COVID. But I still don't think that's a reason enough to quit. What do you think? — Sad To See Her Go

Dear Sad: If I had to guess, I'd say your daughter doesn't really want to quit volleyball. She's probably just scared and confused, like so many of us right now. If she quits, it's simple — there's no more volleyball. In her mind this might be easier than playing the back-and-forth game that's sure to come this fall.

There's no right answer here. There's only hope. If your daughter loves volleyball, the only way she's going to get to play is by sticking it out.

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Palaniuk Comes From Behind To Win Bassmaster Elite Event At Lake Champlain over the weekend

Special to the Herald

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — Turning in his best performance of the week, Brandon Palaniuk leveraged a blistering afternoon bite to sack up 21 pounds, 6 ounces and win the Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain with a four-day total of 80-1.

This is the fourth B.A.S.S. win for the 2017 Angler of the Year from Rathdrum, Idaho. He earned a first-place prize of \$100,000.

After a strong start yielded a pair of 4-pound-class fish by 8:30 a.m., Palaniuk continued catching quality smallmouth throughout the day. A key move and a heads-up response led him to the gold mine that produced a 4-4, a 4-6 and a 4-8 between 12:10 and 1:56 p.m.

"I had one boulder and I shut down before I got to it and as I came off pad, I see a dot on my (Humminbird) Down Imaging and I'm like, 'Holy cow, that looks like a giant smallmouth,'" Palaniuk said. "I grabbed my rod, threw my bait back before I even dropped my trolling motor."

"The boat's drifting away, I drop my trolling motor, I pick up and my line's swimming off. I set the hook and a 4 1/2-pounder goes airborne — way back there. After I caught that fish, I rolled up to the boulder and they were stacked on top of it. Then, every single boulder on that flat in 28 to 32 feet of water had a 4-plus-pounder on it."

Sticking with what produced the majority of his bites this week, Palaniuk caught his final-round fish on a drop shot with a green pumpkin/blue fleck X Zone Finesse Slammer. He used a No. 2 drop-shot hook and a 3/8-ounce VMC tungsten teardrop weight.

After three days of mostly calm conditions, Championship Sunday brought strong winds, clouds and occasional showers. Noting that the wind likely moved schools of baitfish into the areas he fished, Palaniuk said his game plan came together as well as he'd hoped.

Keeping himself within striking distance all week, Palaniuk placed eighth on Day 1 with 19-12, slipped to 11th on Day 2 with a limit of 18-10 and made the final Top 10 cut on Day 3 by rising to fifth with 20-5.

"It was just one of those days where everything worked out," he said. "All week long, I said, 'Just give me a shot,' because I looked at the weather and I knew we were going to get that windy weather we got in practice."

"I had a really good practice and I felt like I could literally drive around, look at my (Humminbird) LakeMaster charts, pull up on a spot and catch big ones. I think the wind this morning helped push those baitfish up and it moved a lot of those fish up. Those fish aren't resident fish; they chase schools of bait."

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Opening lead — seven of spades.
This deal occurred in the 1984 World Team Olympiad in a match between Belgium and the United States. Because of the freakish nature of the South hand — a 7-6-0-0 distribution occurs only once in 18,000 deals — it was likely there would be all sorts of fireworks, and that is exactly what happened.
At the first table, where an American pair held the North-South cards, the final contract was five hearts

doubled, played by South. Declarer made six after an opening club lead for a score of 750 points.
At the second table, with a Belgian pair now North-South, the bidding went as shown. Philippe Coenraets, in the South position, chose a leisurely approach with his unusual distribution, bidding first one suit and then the other on an unhurried route to six hearts. After East doubled, Paul Soloway, West for the U.S., led a spade, and Coenraets ruffed.
At trick two, declarer played a diamond to dummy's king and returned the ten, ruffed by East, Bobby Goldman. Goldman then shifted to a trump, but declarer was now in full control. He won the heart return in dummy, ruffed a spade and ruffed a low diamond with dummy's last trump. A club was then ruffed, East's last trump was drawn, and South claimed the rest for a score of 1,210 points and a net gain of 460 points for Belgium.
When the play at the second table was over, both defenders were left to contemplate what would have happened had they each chosen a different course of action. For Soloway, the bitter pill to swallow was that if he had led a trump initially, the slam would have gone down one.
For Goldman, it was the realization that he could have let the opponents play the hand in one heart!

Tomorrow: Author anonymous.
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cosmic Square Emphasizes Survival of the Fittest

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



can trust instinct and intuition better than any other influence around right now. You are like a blessed baby who doesn't have to know where it's going or what it's doing to be blissfully protected. A risk taken in September brings abundantly more opportunity. Health and love improvements happen in November. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 45, 2, 28 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being stuck is a thing that happens when you're afraid of loss. Once you're willing to lose a thing, you can drop it. There's suddenly some wiggle room, if not an entire swath of space you can simply walk on out of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can't quite put words to this thing you're doing, don't let that bother you. As suggested by the ancient philosopher Laotzu, "The way is ever nameless."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is no need to reach or struggle for your contentment; you only need to claim it if you want it. If you don't, that is fine, too. It will be waiting for you either way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you can't lessen the measurable impact of a thing, you can still alter the immeasurable elements. Only you can determine how much it means to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can love a plant all you want, but it will grow according to the sunlight and soil, not according to your love. To position and provide what's required for thriving -- this is how to effectively love a plant or anything else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you experience it at home, and then, when you try to get away from it it's still there but no matter where you go, that means that you're it. This is about the best news you could get; that the thing is well within your locus of control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The river never stops. It is moved by water falling from the sky to the mountaintop, where water rushes down to the deepest part of the ocean. You, feeling stuck, are, in fact, in motion. Your

connection to others makes it so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though you receive praise for being versatile and adept at many endeavors, you'd feel like you're somewhere instead of everywhere. Today, you long for and will achieve, focus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you ask a person to give you something, you might want to check to make sure that it is within their ability to do so. This one assurance will steer interactions in a productive direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is a point in which the most productive thing you can do is nothing at all. Think of a screw. If you tighten it past a certain point, it becomes stripped and no longer can perform its purpose. Know when to stop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mindset around money and what it's for is changing. Try this on: You have enough and therefore you are rich. Could this statement be true? How does it make you feel?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The infinite is formless, which is why we need frames made out of our judgments and rules, our boundaries and negations. It's a day to use and celebrate the word "no," as it creates the frame around all your yesses.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 3). You

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "How important is it that my Cancer girlfriend make the apartment look the way she wants it to look? I am paying for this, by the way. She wants to spend about \$3,000 on upgrades, all of which seem unnecessary to me. I'm a Capricorn man who is having trouble justifying an investment in designer pillows or matching linens. She seems to be willing to fight for these things, which is alarming to me."

Your Cancer girlfriend wants the following things from you:

- Validation of her taste.
- Acceptance of her need to live in an environment that makes her comfortable and reflects her aesthetic.
- The secure feeling of knowing that you will put yourself out (you worked to earn this money and are willing to hand it over to her) to make her happy.

This is what you are investing in when you plunk down money for designer pillows. Born under the sign of domesticity and home, your Cancer girlfriend identifies strongly with everything within the walls of her domain. These matters have more to do with power and love than they do with money. When you think of the matter in those terms, what are you willing to do?

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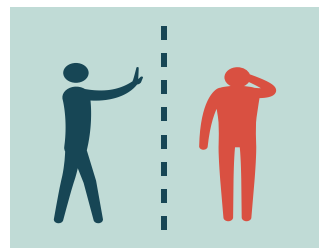
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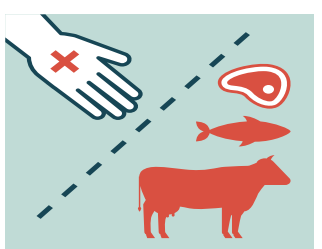
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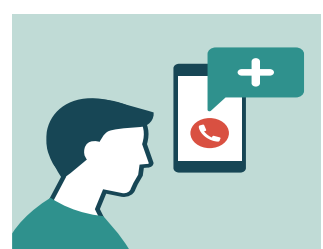
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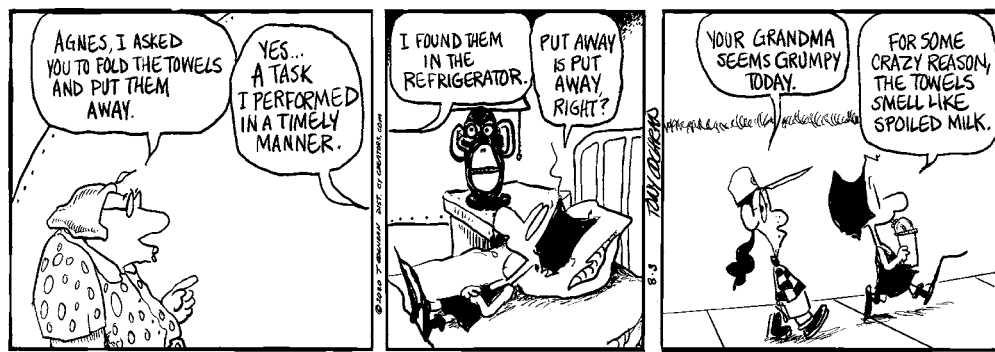
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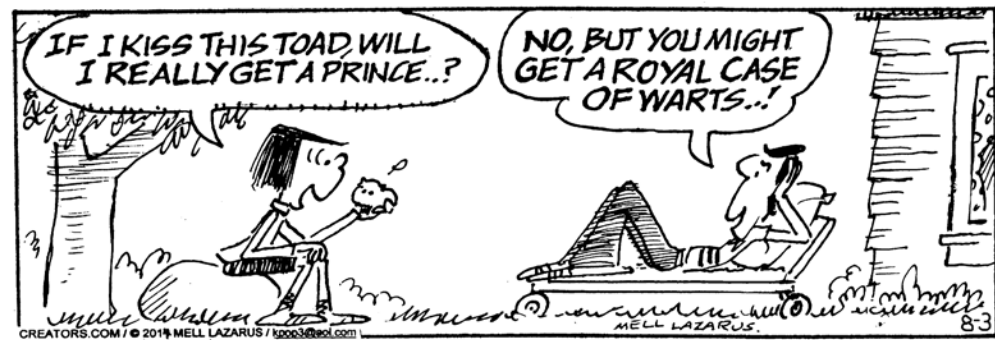
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2020. There are 150 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On August 3, 1993, the Senate voted 96-to-three to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg. On this date: In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Virginia, charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.) In 1811, Elisha Otis, founder of the elevator company that still bears his name, was born in Halifax, Vt. In 1863, the first thoroughbred horse races took place at the Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York. In 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis refused to reinstate the former Chicago White Sox players implicated in the "Black Sox" scandal, despite their acquittals in a jury trial. In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint. In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League. In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater. In 1972, the U.S. Senate ratified the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union. (The U.S. unilaterally withdrew from the treaty in 2002.) In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were. In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years. Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home. In 2014, Israel withdrew

most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip in an apparent winding down of a nearly monthlong operation against Hamas that had left more than 1,800 Palestinians and more than 60 Israelis dead. In 2018, Las Vegas police said they were closing their investigation into the Oct. 1 shooting that left 58 people dead at a country music festival without a definitive answer for why Stephen Paddock unleashed gunfire from a hotel suite onto the concert crowd. Ten years ago: Engineers began pumping heavy drilling mud into the blown-out Gulf of Mexico oil well in an attempt to permanently plug the leak. A warehouse driver killed eight co-workers and himself in a shooting rampage at a Manchester, Connecticut, beer distributorship. Five years ago: Seeking to clamp down on power plant emissions, President Barack Obama unveiled a federal plan that would attempt to slow global warming by dramatically shifting the way Americans get and use electricity; opponents denounced the proposal as an egregious federal overreach that would send power prices surging, and vowed lawsuits and legislation to try to stop it. One year ago: A gunman opened fire at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, leaving 22 people dead; prosecutors said Patrick Crusius targeted Mexicans in hopes of scaring Latinos into leaving the U.S., and that he had outlined the plot in a screed published online shortly before the attack. (Crusius has pleaded not guilty to state murder charges; he also faces federal hate crime and gun charges.) Today's Birthdays: Football Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy is 95. Singer Tony Bennett is 94. Actor Mar-

tin Sheen is 80. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth is 80. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 79. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 79. Rock musician B.B. Dickerson is 71. Movie director John Landis is 70. Actor JoMarie Payton is 70. Actor Jay North (TV: "Dennis the Menace") is 69. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mar-

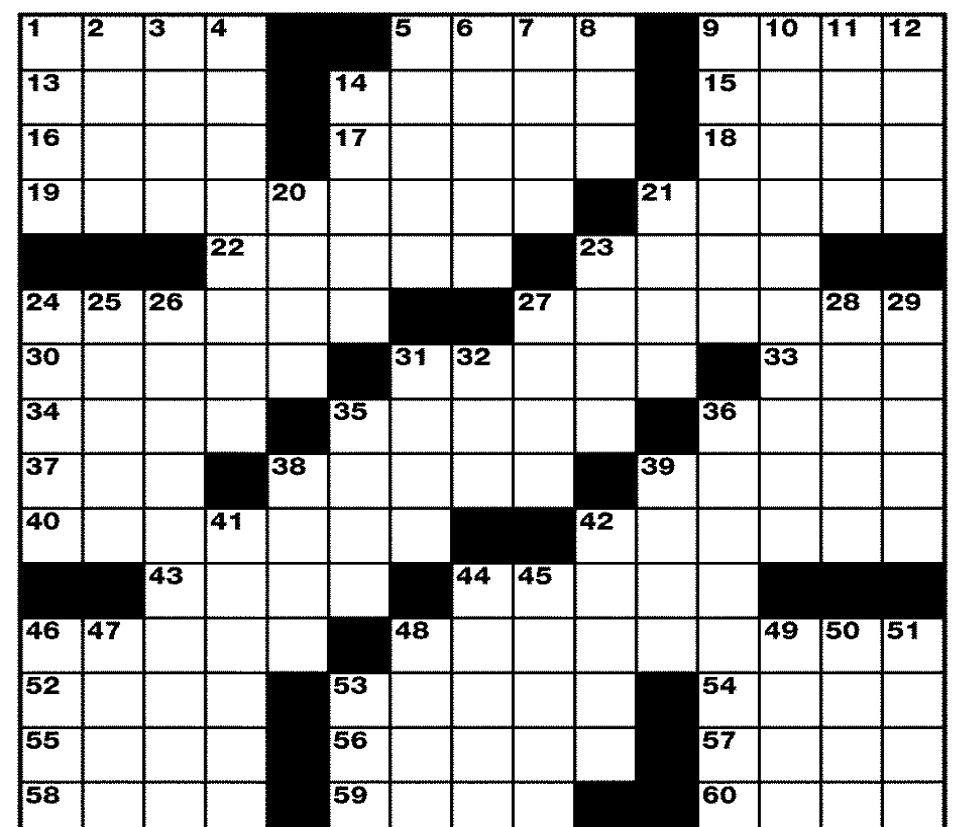
cel Dionne is 69. Actor Philip Casnoff is 66. Actor John C. McGinley is 61. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 59. Actor Lisa Ann Walter is 59. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 57. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 57. Actor Isaiah Washington is 57. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is

54. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 50. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 49. Actor Brigid Brannagh is 48. Actor Michael Ealy is 47. Country musician Jimmy De Martini (Zac Brown Band) is 44. NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 43. Actor Evangeline (ee-VAN'-gel-eeen) Lilly is 41. Actor Mammie Gummer is 37. Olympic

gold medal swimmer Ryan Lochte is 36. Country singer Whitney Duncan is 36. Actor Jon Foster is 36. Actor Georgina Haig is 35. Singer Holly Arnshein (Dream) is 35. Actor Tanya Fischer is 35. Pop-rock musician Brent Kutzler (OneRepublic) is 35. Rapper D.R.A.M. is 32.

Newsday Crossword BEGINNING OF AUGUST by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Exerciser's excess weight; 5 Waist strap; 9 Wine barrel; 13 Money in Milan; 14 Four-team tourney matches, for short; 15 Totally mess up; 16 Second largest of the Three Bears; 17 Camel's South American cousin; 18 Outer boundary; 19 Land of koalas and kangaroos; 21 Northernmost New England state; 22 Defy authority; 23 Light fog; 24 Pigtailed; 27 Sales slip from a store; 30 Praises highly; 31 Get a smile out of; 33 Exclamation like "Aha!"; 34 "___ upon a time..."; 35 Squashed-circle shapes; 36 Small pesky fly; 37 However; 38 Museum tour leader; 39 Birds that honk; 40 Water faucets; 42 Passed (out), as free samples; 43 Rocks from a mine; 44 Two hearts that beat ___; 46 Sharpens, as a razor; 48 Celebrity's hand-written name for a fan; 52 Region; 53 ___ one's time (waited); 54 India's continent; 55 Letters symbolizing sleep; 56 Makes an attempt; 57 Be durable; 58 Days of ___ (long ago); 59 Former abbr. for Russia; 60 Resorts offering massages; 9 Pleat on a pair of pants; 10 Tried out for a film role; 11 STOP or ONE WAY; 12 Leg joint above the shin; 14 Thick slices; 20 Crimson and scarlet; 21 Rodents that squeak; 23 Pile that needs straightening up; 24 Small drops, as of paint; 25 Accumulated, as a bar bill; 26 Person selling to the highest bidder; 27 Regulation; 28 Stage of development; 29 Lugged around; 31 Hertz's car rental competitor; 32 Angry; 35 Ins and ___ (important details); 36 High-ranking army officers; 38 Departs; 39 Band of criminals; 41 Auto mechanic's lubricant; 42 Head coverings on sweatshirts; 44 German autos; 45 Do the driving; 46 Hard to see; 47 Triple-decker cookie; 48 Ventilates; 49 Right away, in meiosis; 50 Leaning Tower city; 51 Berets and bonnets; 53 Air conditioner measure: Abbr.



Answer to previous puzzle: CLAMP, ALPHADOG, COOLER, UARIZONA, AICCTNO, THEMUSES, TAKEUP, ORY, RIDS, SCAR, EGG, LEDGE, COW, PRORATE, OER, ALA, UNTAPED, NAY, TAMPING, BOP, ACT, FEDER, FLET, AIEZ, FEDS, FLINE, BAEZ, ABC, SOLENE, EDIARIO, INABIT, SKINDEEP, NYMETS, TYNEDALY, EXERT

Astros outlast Angels 6-5 in 11; Ohtani has arm discomfort

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

— The Houston Astros didn't even need to lift their bats from their shoulders to chase Shohei Ohtani from another wild performance in the second inning.

Almost four hours later, Ohtani provided another worry for Angels fans when the two-way star said he felt discomfort in his pitching arm after his first home mound start since returning from Tommy John surgery.

Alex Bregman hit an RBI single in the 11th inning, Blake Taylor escaped two bases-loaded jams to earn his first major league victory in his hometown stadium, and the Astros rallied for a 6-5 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday.

Before those two dramatic extra innings, Ohtani started the day by issuing five walks and getting only five outs before getting pulled from his second rough start of the season. Afterward, the Angels sent Ohtani to get an MRI on his pitching arm, raising concern for a player who has worked his way back diligently from elbow ligament replacement surgery in late 2018.

"That first inning was outstanding," said Angels manager Joe Maddon, who apparently wasn't aware Ohtani was headed for an MRI during his postgame interview. "Velocity was

up. He looked very comfortable. I saw some positive signs with him."

Those positive signs won't mean much if Ohtani has another injury setback. Any sustained absence would be a double blow to the struggling Angels, who use Ohtani as their designated hitter on most days between his pitching starts.

After a strong eight-pitch first inning, Ohtani walked his first three batters of the second. He struck out Houston's next two hitters, but walked Dustin Garneau and George Springer to force in runs.

Maddon pulled Ohtani after he had thrown 42 pitches in the second and his velocity flagged. Before the injury news, it looked like mild progress: Ohtani failed to get an out last weekend in Oakland while facing six batters in his first start since 2018.

Bregman also homered for the Astros, and Josh Reddick delivered the tying RBI single in the ninth as Houston took two of three at Angel Stadium.

Taylor (1-0), an Orange County native, retired Brian Goodwin on a soft fly to center with the bases loaded to end his first major league victory.

"It's a funny thing to go out to an old place I used to watch games and get a win for the other team," said Taylor, a Dana Hills High School product. "Angel Stadium will have a special place in my heart. So many childhood

memories, but now (one) from my adult life. Hopefully I have a long career and play many teams here."

Albert Pujols hit a grand slam for the Angels in the third inning. The shot off Josh James was his 658th career homer, pulling him within two of Willie Mays for fifth place in baseball history.

But the Astros' injury-plagued pitching staff came up big for the rest of the day.

"We got some great work from our bullpen," Houston manager Dusty Baker said. "We needed this game badly. We certainly didn't want to go below .500. We're all tired. We need a day off tomorrow."

Framber Valdez relieved James in the fourth and tossed six scoreless innings for the Astros before the Angels scored with their automatic runner in the 10th. Valdez's 6 1/3 innings was the longest relief outing by an Astros pitcher since 1994.

Both teams scored in the 10th, with Kyle Tucker advancing on two fly balls in the Astros' hitless half. Michael Heremosillo drove in Anthony Rendon with a leadoff single for the Angels, but Matt Thaiss took a called third strike from Taylor with two outs and the bases loaded.

Bregman drove in automatic runner George Springer in the 11th with Houston's only extra-inning hit. The

Angels loaded the bases in the bottom half with two walks, but Taylor finished strong.

Jacob Barnes (0-2) pitched two innings of one-hit relief for the Angels.

ANOTHER CLUNKER

Ty Buttrey had the most disappointing performance out of the Angels' struggling bullpen, which has blown five saves in 10 games. Michael Brantley led off the ninth with a double, and pinch-runner Myles Straw scored on Reddick's single.

BIG FLY

The grand slam was the 15th of Pujols' career and his first since June 2017. He has hit 60 homers against the Astros, the most by any opponent.

HEADS UP

The Astros got help in the 10th when Taylor Ward made a tough catch on Carlos Correa's leadoff drive to right, but then apparently forgot about the automatic runner on second and took his time returning the ball to the infield, allowing Tucker to tag up.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Closer Roberto Osuna went on the injured list with right elbow soreness and flew back to Houston for an MRI exam. He abruptly left Houston's loss Saturday in the ninth inning.

Angels: 2B Tommy La Stella sat for the second straight day with a stiff neck.

Suns make it 2 straight in restart by topping Mavs 117-115

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Devin Booker scored 30 points and the Phoenix Suns erased a double-digit deficit while their All-Star guard was on the bench with foul trouble, rallying for a 117-115 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday night.

The Suns have won both games in the restart after coming in with the worst record among Western Conference teams in the bubble. They're still long shots for the playoffs, while the Mavericks clinched their first postseason berth since 2016 by virtue of Memphis' loss to San Antonio earlier in the day.

"This kind of game is going to help us grow, especially a young team like we are," said Phoenix guard Ricky Rubio, who had 20 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. "You can't practice that. Coming here will help it. Now that we're here, chances are super low. But we have a chance. That's why we're here."

Luka Doncic had 40 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, whose hopes of moving up from the seventh seed are fading with an 0-2 start in the eight-game seeding round.

Booked fouled out with 1:26 remaining, and the Mavericks pulled within two on a layup from Doncic. The Phoenix lead was still two in the final seconds when Kristaps Porzingis, who scored 30, barely grazed the front of the rim on a 3.

Dallas got another chance when a possession call was overturned on review with 3.3 seconds to go, but Tim Hardaway Jr.'s 3 was off the mark, leaving the Mavericks 1 of 18 from long range in the second half.

"Like I just told them, this is what I wanted to experience in this bubble was something like this where we just had our backs against the wall and across the board we got efforts from everybody," Phoenix coach Monty Williams said. "I was just wanting them to experience something like that so we can grow as a team."

Booker had just committed his fifth foul moments after Deandre Ayton did the same earlier in the third quarter when Seth Curry's layup put Dallas ahead

81-70. But Jevon Carter and Cameron Johnson, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, hit consecutive 3-pointers to spark the comeback by Phoenix, which outscored Dallas 36-19 in the third.

"Our problems in the third quarter started at the beginning," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We had three or four very bad possessions to start, and they were uncharacteristically poor when you compare them to how we were playing in the first half. That got things going the wrong way."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Curry, who scored 16 points, set a career record for 3-pointers in a season. He went 3 of 6 from long range and has 139 3s this season. His previous high was 137 in his other season with Dallas, 2016-17. ... Dallas missed its first 14 tries from 3 in the second half, finishing 6 of 31 for the game.

Suns: Frank Kaminsky scored six of his eight points during a 14-1 run that started not long after the fifth fouls for Booker and Ayton. Phoenix turned an 81-70 deficit into an 84-82 lead with the spurt. ... Dario Saric helped Phoenix stay in front after the rally, scoring seven of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

LOSE, BUT YOU'RE STILL IN

The Mavericks were all but in the playoffs before the seeding games started. Now they're in thanks to current No. 8 seed Memphis' matching 0-2 record in the bubble. Barring a strong six-game finish and struggles for any of four teams ahead of them, the Mavericks are all but locked in to the seventh seed.

"These kind of games, we have to use them as fuel for us to just keep working and keep getting better," Porzingis said. "Another tough loss for us, but this is part of the process and we're going to get through this and get better and we won't let these things happen again."

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Play Sacramento on Tuesday.

Suns: Play LA Clippers on Tuesday.

BASS

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Spending his day targeting flats with scattered rock and boulders within the Inland Sea (Champlain's northeast section), Palaniuk said his pattern was so reliable he actually moved with the bait schools. He started on a likely spot and drifted with the wind until he no longer spotted fish on his Humminbird 360.

"When I started not seeing them, I'd jump to the next place and catch another big one," Palaniuk said. "I hit one magical school this afternoon and every single boulder I could see on with Mega 360 (Imaging) had a big one on it.

"I literally started laughing while I was fighting them, because it was that good."

Seth Feider of New Market, Minn., finished second with 78-14. After mixing it up with largemouth and smallmouth for three days, he focused on the latter Sunday and caught a limit of 19-14 to go with his previous bags that went 20-1, 21-7 and 17-8.

Feider caught his bass on a flat with a grassline point in 12 feet. He used a medium-diving crank-bait and a Carolina-rigged Zoom Speed Craw.

"It's where I'd been starting every day and then leaving and going largemouth fishing (around marina docks)," Feider said. "I knew with the cloudy skies my largemouth bite was out today, so I leaned on it as hard as I could.

"I got really lucky and caught two great big ones that gave me a chance. It just wasn't enough."

Jamie Hartman of Russellville, Ark., finished third with 78-5. Hartman took the lead on Day 1 with 22-1 — the event's biggest bag — and held the top spot for two more days with bags of 20-3 and 17-8. He added 18-9 Sunday.

Focusing on a rocky point with grass, Hartman caught his fish on a Carolina rig with a craw bait and a 3/8-ounce peanut butter and jelly color Riot Baits Lil' Creeper jig with a twin-tail trailer. Today's dim weather seemed to stifle the hot morning bite he had experienced the previous three days.

"The bites were slow; very spaced out — it took me until 11 before I had a decent weight," Hartman said. "The mornings had been slow, but when the sun would come up, it was like a light switch and they started eating good. We didn't get that today."

Feider won the Phoenix Boats Big Bass honors with a 6-6 largemouth he caught on Day 2, earning an additional \$1,000.

Hartman took home \$3,000 for being the highest-placing entrant in the Toyota Bonus Bucks program, and Jason Williamson earned \$2,000 for being the second-highest placing entrant.

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