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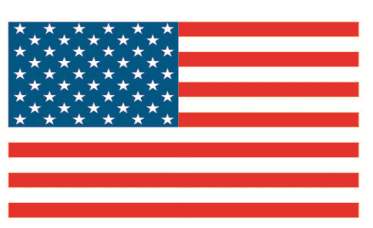
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Weather



Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 99. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 75.
Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History On June 8

1892: James Madison introduces 12 proposed amendments to the Constitution. 10 are adopted and become the Bill of Rights. The two not adopted addressed distribution of Representatives and Congressional pay.
1949: George Orwell's *1984* is published.
1968: James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, is arrested at London's Heathrow Airport.

Daily Quotes

"You write to become immortal, or because the piano happens to be open, or you've looked into a pair of beautiful eyes."
 — **Robert Schumann**
 "Less is only more when more is no good."
 — **Frank Lloyd Wright**
 "Life goes by fast. Enjoy it. Calm down. It's all funny. Next. Everyone gets so upset about the wrong things."
 — **Joan Rivers**
 "There was a time when people felt the internet was another world, but now people realize it's a tool that we use in this world."
 — **Tim Berners-Lee**

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Roof projects on BSISD board agenda Thursday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

At its meeting Thursday evening, The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will consider roof repairs at several district locations, including Big Spring High School.

The board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the High School Board Room, 707 E. 11th Place.

According to the meeting's agenda, the board will consider approval of an agreement with Roofs Inc. of Lubbock for roofing repairs at Big Spring High School. The board will also consider approval of an agreement with Alto Vista Roofing Inc. for roofing repairs and replacements "...at various district facilities..."

Following consideration of approval of the contracts, the board will consider approval of a budget amendment and

"...expenditure over \$150,000..." for the roofing projects.

Following the meeting's prayer and pledges of allegiance, members of the public will have the opportunity to address the board on items of concern.

Next, the board will hold a workshop on the district's budget for 2022-23.

The meeting's Consent Agenda indicates the board will consider approval of minutes from its May 12 regular meeting and May 17 special meeting; as well as of financial reports.

The items regarding the roofing projects appear next on the agenda during the Action Items section of the meeting.

Following ap-

proval of funding for the roof project, the trustees will consider approval of another expenditure over \$150,000 for its planned door repair and replacement project.

Personnel issues, including employment, resignations, reassignment, duties, performance problems and evaluations, make up the next item on the

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Friend of All

Nebraska family donates bench to Howard County 4-H in memory of Hayley Chapman

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

"In Loving Memory of Hayley Chapman, 1984-2022. Wife of Josh - Mother of Cooper, Whitley, Sawyer - Friend of All."

Those words adorn a metal bench donated to Howard County 4-H and placed in the lobby of the G.H. Broughton Agriculture building Tuesday afternoon.

Chapman lost her life in a traffic accident April 10 in Andrews County. The bench was crafted by the Stuhr family of Clatonia, Neb.

"This is my husband's idea. See **MEMORIAL**, Page 3



HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Above left, the Stuhr family of Nebraska crafted this bench in memory of Big Spring friend Hayley Chapman, who was killed in a traffic accident April 10. Above, Chapman's children (l-r) Cooper, 13, Sawyer, 5, and Whitley, 7, tried out the bench after it was presented to Howard County 4-H Tuesday.

TxDOT: 1 in 3 Texas vehicle deaths due to speed

Special to the Herald

Last year the number of people killed in vehicle crashes in Texas reached a level not seen since 1981, and 34% of those deaths involved speed. In 2021, speed was the main reason we saw 163,756 traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 6,493 serious injuries and 1,532 fatalities. That's why TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign is urgently reminding motorists to slow down and drive a safe speed.

"Speed is the number one factor in roadway crashes in our state, causing 1 out of every 3 traffic deaths," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "When you speed, you increase the risk of death and serious injury in a collision. By observing the speed limit and driving to specific weather and road conditions, Texans can make our roads safer for everyone."

To reinforce that driving too fast can be dangerous and expensive, TxDOT is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the Lone Star State as they step up their efforts to enforce speed limits during Operation Slowdown June 7-21. In addition to writing citations, law enforcement vehicles will spend extra time driving on roads reminding motorists what a safe speed looks like.

Driving a safe speed often means more than following the posted speed limit. TxDOT has these safety tips for motorists:

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Highway Patrol locates truck involved in fatal wreck



Courtesy photo

The Texas Highway Patrol had requested the public's help in identifying a vehicle that was involved in a fatal hit-and-run wreck with this motorcycle on Monday at about 12:45 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, however, the Highway Patrol issued an update reporting the truck has been located and the owner is under investigation. The crash occurred on State Highway 176 about eight miles west of Tarzan in Martin County. The 2009 yellow Honda motorcycle was struck from the rear by the 18-wheeler. If you have information about this crash contact the DPS at 432-498-2131, or Crime Stoppers at 432-333-TIPS

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Obituaries

Roy Merrida Koonce

The measure of a man can be given in multiple ways:

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Roy has been blessed in all four areas.

Apostle Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21

Roy was born in Lenorah Texas June 5, 1938, to Reva Estella Standefer and Merrida Likey Koonce.

Roy, at 83 years old, passed away at home on June 2, 2022, surrounded by family and loved ones.

When Roy was nine years old, the family bought Dr. Vance's Place in Stanton, Texas, better known as the hospital in Stanton. They lived in the hospital home until building his childhood home, located on Hwy 137 in Stanton.

He graduated in 1956 from Stanton High School, and then went to work for Continental Emsco Oil Company. At age 18, he saved his money and bought his first car. Shortly after, Roy then traveled to Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, where he played football and was known as "Tex" to all his fellow teammates and was voted Little All American.

During his time at Graceland College, he met the love of his life, Jean Wheeler, from Independence, Missouri. After receiving their degrees, Roy and Jean were married on June 27, 1959. After leaving Graceland College with his wife Jean, he attended Sul Ross University as a football player and coach for a short time, then returned home to farm with his father.

After his father passed, Roy farmed the family's land with his sons. In 1997, he began a successful trucking business along with his farming. Due to health problems, Roy retired from trucking and farming in 2005, and spent his retired days with his three children, 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He loved them all. He would always say, "They are so sweet no matter what, they needed candy and ice cream all the time."

He is survived by his wife, Jean Koonce of 63 years; three children, daughter, Rena Harris and spouse, Clay Harris, son, Randall "Randy" Koonce and spouse, Carolyn Koonce, and son, Daniel "Danny" Koonce and spouse, Julie Koonce; 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and brother, Gearl Koonce and spouse, Betty Sue Koonce, of Sun City, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Merrida Koonce; mother, Reva Koonce; brother, Earl Koonce, and brother, Thadd Koonce.

The family will receive guests from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2022, at First United Methodist Church in Stanton, with interment following at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the CCU Nurses and Doctors at Midland Memorial Hospital as well as Lanae, Tiffany, and Nichole with Angels Care Hospice in Midland, Texas, for helping take care of Roy and making his last days peaceful with loved ones and family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Hattie Jane Roberts



Hattie Jane Roberts, 87, died Thursday, June 2, 2022, in Big Spring.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

Hattie was born on June 29, 1934, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Virginia and Douglas Snead. She moved to Coahoma in 1967, and returned back in Coahoma in 1971. She married Norman Roberts on November 17, 1956, in Lea County N.M., and was a member of First United Methodist in Coahoma.

Hattie worked for Coahoma I.S.D for 27 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a devoted sports fan, especially for the Coahoma Bulldogs.

Hattie is survived by her husband, Norman Roberts, long time coach at Coahoma; daughter, Sheri Whitten (Danny Dishman); son, Gary Roberts (Kim); daughter-in-law, Shanna Roberts; grandchildren, Stephen, Lance, Kali, and Corey; great-grandchildren, Tres, Justin, Payton, Andrew, Laney, Lane, Hayden, Boone, Huxton, and Teryn Jo; and great-great-grandchildren, Judge and McKinsley.

In addition to her parents, Hattie was preceded in death by her son, Terry Roberts.

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

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Support Groups

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 stories, 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.

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

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.

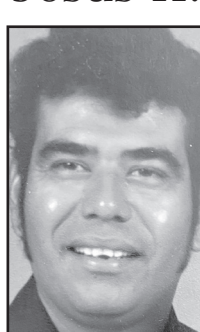
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more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

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

Jesus H. Maholly Sr.



Jesus H. Maholly Sr., 74, died Saturday June 4, 2022.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Jesus was born on Sept. 9, 1947, in Louisiana to Trinidad and Frank Maholly. He spent most of his life in Lamesa and farmed in the Lamesa area.

Survivors include one daughter, Deloras Shubert (Charles) of Midland; one son, Jesse Maholly (Maricella) of Andrews; one brother, Joe Maholly (Deanna) of Ackerly; one sister, Janie Martin of Big Spring; and six grandchildren, Anthony Maholly, Nicholas Maholly, Avery Maholly, Ayden Maholly, Will Caudle Jr., and Shea Shubert; and many great-grandchildren.

Jesus was preceded in death by his parents, Trinidad and Frank Maholly; three sisters: Raefella Maholly, Lupe Maholly, and Lola Maholly; one brother, Frank Maholly Jr; and 1 grandson, Kody Lee Turner.

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

Take Note

- The Coahoma Freedom Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. A celebration in the park will follow the parade.

Participants in the parade should begin lining up at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Stadium Parking Lot. Prizes for the most patriotic parade entries are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place.

At the park celebration, there will be hamburger meals including chips, cookie and a drink, on sale, with proceeds benefiting the Coahoma Lions Club. Activities will include a basketball free throw contest, a bouncy house and water slide.

Caps will be available at Coahoma City Hall. For more information contact Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

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agenda.

Superintendent Jay McWilliams will next present his regular report, including employments, resigna-

tions, and retirements; the Summer Leadership Institute for board members; and district updates, prior to the meeting's adjournment.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

TXDOT

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- Match your speed to road conditions if there's bad weather or you're driving through a work zone.
- Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy.
- Watch for signs alerting you of reduced speed limits ahead.

This month Texas drivers can expect to see the campaign's speed messages on TV, radio, billboards, gas pumps, and social media. Community events featuring an interactive exhibit of safety quizzes and video displays will be held at Buc-ee's locations along major travel corridors. TxDOT's HERO trucks that

MEMORIAL

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November. They bought my older horse from me."

Chapman, along with her husband, Josh, ran 5C Livestock Company out of Elbow. The bench is adorned with cutout images of a goat, a sheep, a cow and a horse, as well as a cross representing her faith in God.

"Hayley loved showing and she loved horses," said Pam Corbett, Chapman's mother. "And she

loved helping anybody who needed help. And she was a huge supporter of 4-H. She just wanted 4-H to grow and get bigger and she wanted to let the kids compete.

"We had several hands in it," Chapman said of the creation of the bench. "It took us a couple of weeks."

"I think this is awesome," Corbett said. "This is just what she would have wanted. This is right up her alley."

The bench is located in front of the reception desk in the lobby of the Broughton Building.

assist motorists in need and clear minor crashes on state highways will also be enlisted to prompt speeding drivers to slow down.

The "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

Take Note (cont.)

• The Borden County All-School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, in Gail, Texas. All former students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend. No fee is charged for attending and visiting.

A meal will be served at the Event Center but pre-paid reservations are required. Deadline to order a meal is May 25. An adult meal ticket is \$18 and \$10 for children 8 years and older. Contact Lisa Dennis Mahler at bordenexes@gmail.com for additional information and a reservation form.

• 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>.

• Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, every month on the third Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.

• 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 Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in 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.

• 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.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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 or 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.

• 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.

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Eric Sherod Franks, 47, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Coahoma Bulldogs well represented on All-District 5-3A honors

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldog baseball team capped off an exceptional season by earning three superlative spots and landing 12 players overall on the 2022 All-District 5-3A list.

Ky Kemper was named Co-Offensive MVP. Ryan Shifflett was named Newcomer of the Year, and Billy Bailey was selected as the Pitcher of the Year.

Making the first team were Nick Gonzales, 1st base; Kobe Cervantes, 3rd base; Brysen Kerby and Joe Mashburn, outfield; Bryan Martinez, designated hitter, and BJ Starr, utility.

Selected to the second team were Chris Thurman,

2nd base; Theron Ott, designated hitter; and Bryce Davis, utility.

The Bulldogs brought home their first golden glove since 2010 when they defeated Brady in the 2022 District 5 & 6 3A championship. Overall, Coahoma finished second in league play and ended the 2022 season with a 13-10 record.

The 2022 Bulldogs were coached by Chris Arista and his assistants Joseph Morelion and Robert Sanchez.

**2022 All-District 5-3A
Baseball Team
(Coahoma only)**

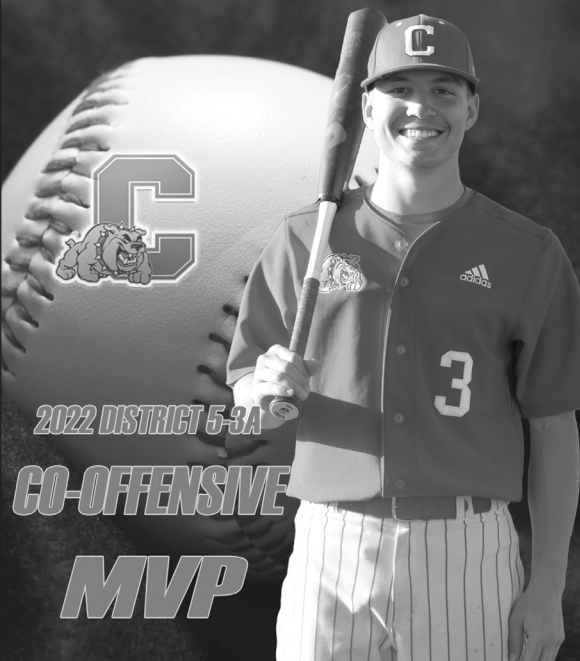
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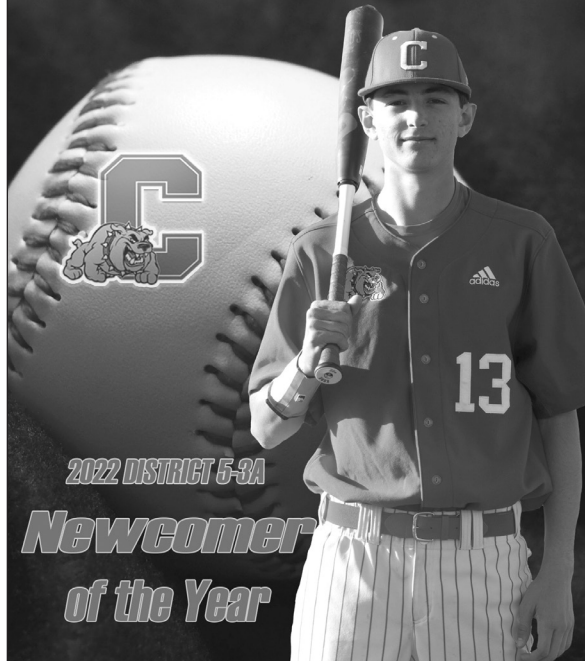
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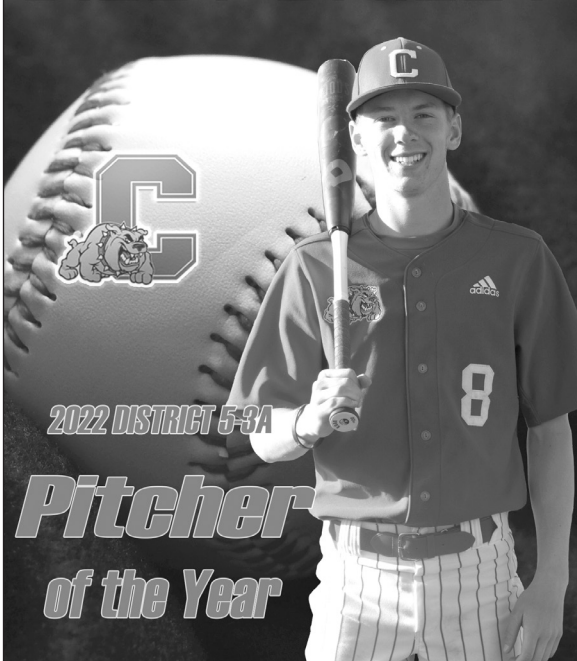
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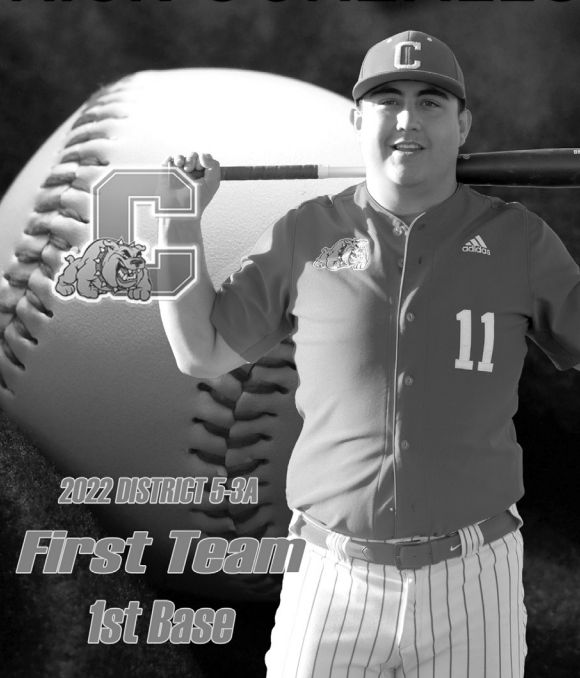
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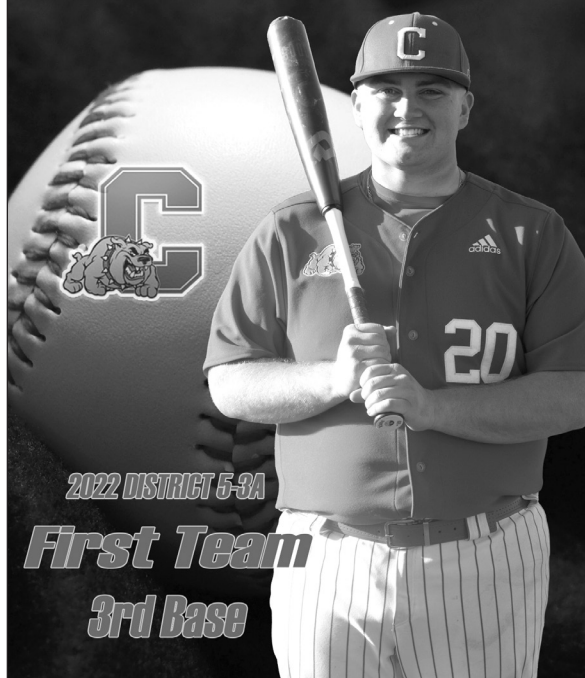
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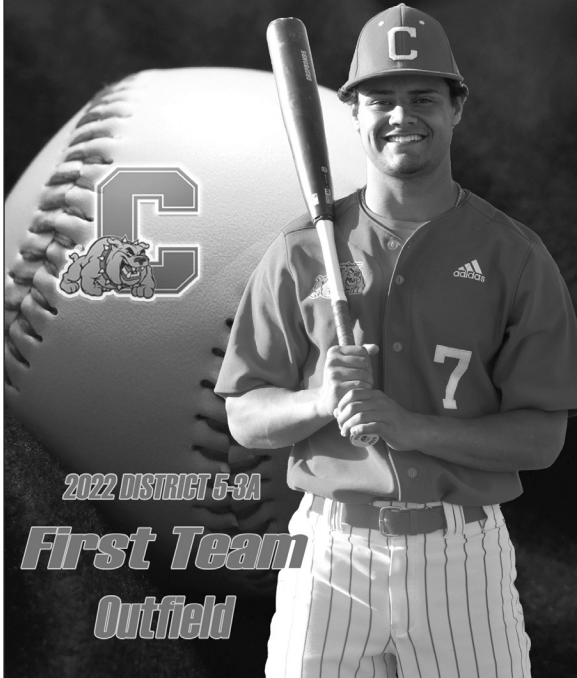
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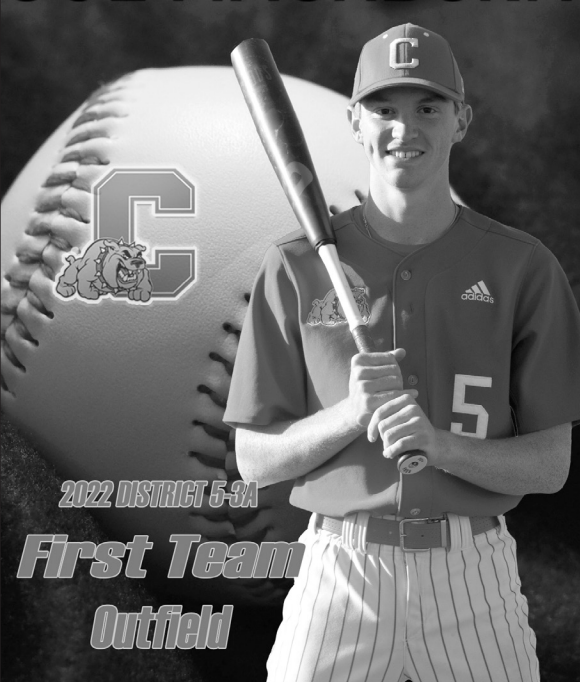
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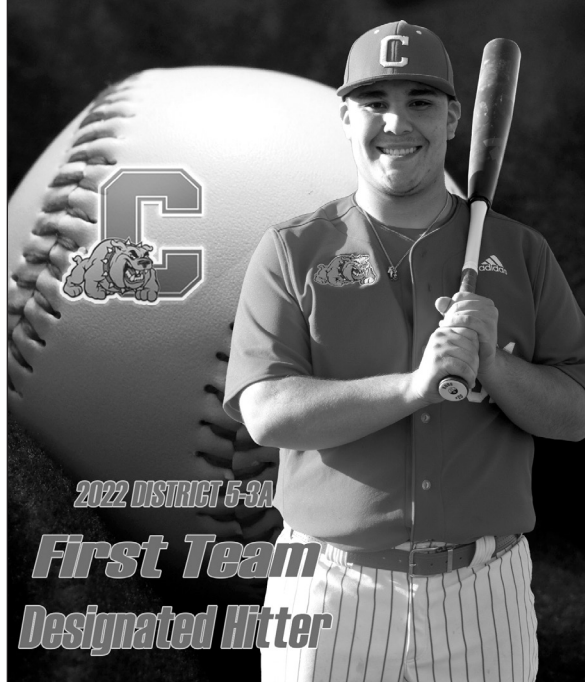
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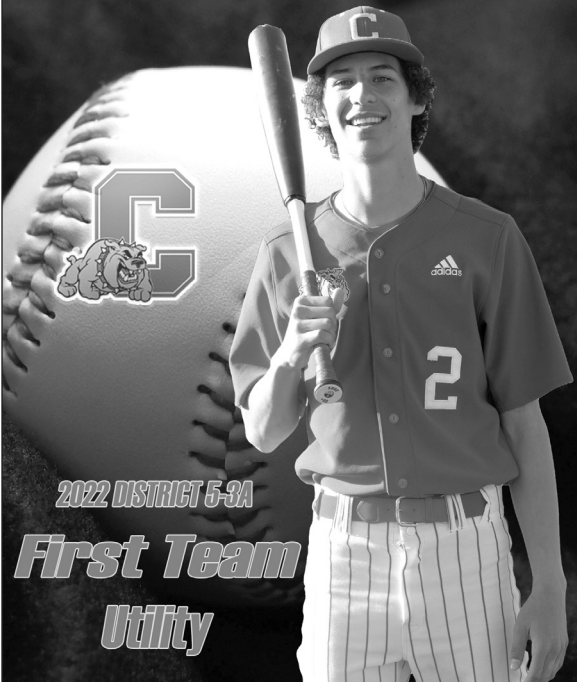
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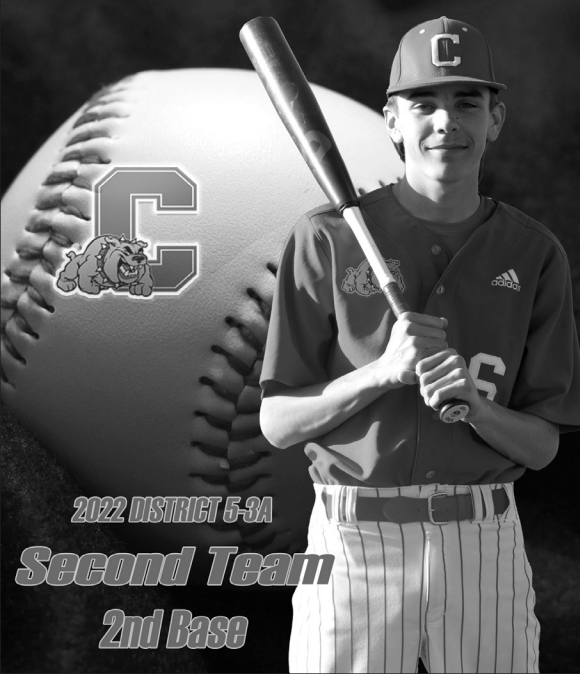
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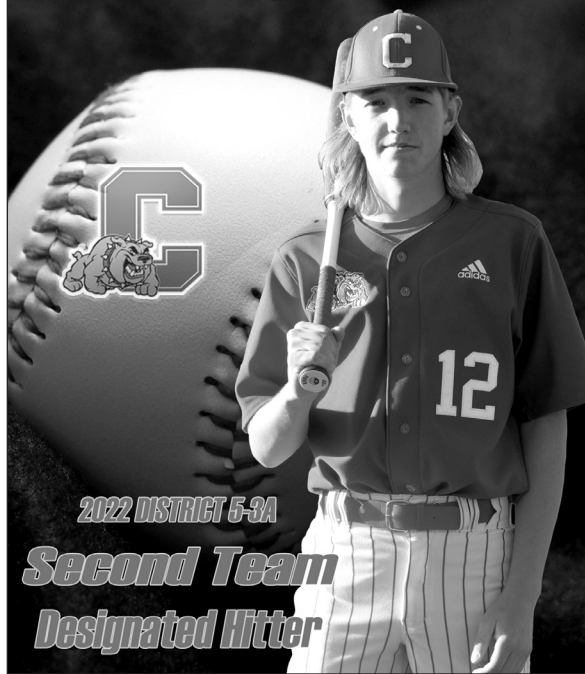
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Carr adds stars to Big Spring rodeo

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING, Texas – Dane Driver and the rest of the volunteers who organize the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo are doing everything they can to draw more and more people to the annual event.

It all started with building a fan base, and it's culminating in the addition of more contestants to compete, starting with this year's event, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16-Saturday, June 18, at the Rodeo Bowl.

For the folks in this west Texas community of 28,000 people, it comes down to seeing some intense competition, and a big part of that equation comes from the outstanding livestock and production from Dallas-based Pete Carr Pro Rodeo.

"The luxury of having Pete as our stock contractor is the kind of bucking stock we get here is the kind the cowboys want to ride," said Driver, a long-time member of the volunteer committee. "It's not like he's got just one or two winners in his trailer; he brings a lot of good bucking horses and bulls to our rodeo."

Carr is one of the premier livestock producers in ProRodeo, having been nominated for Stock Contractor of the Years 12 straight times. His herd features not only world champion bucking horses, but it's also full of proven winners in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

The Big Spring committee has upped the ante by increasing its local money

into the purse by nearly three times what it was a year ago. That, combined with what the Carr firm brings to the table, pays off during rodeo week.

"We were Pete's first rodeo when he got his card years ago," Driver said. "With him comes professionalism and quality stock. The caliber of his personnel – whether it's John Gwatney as the chute boss or the timers or secretary or pickup men or even the guys in the back – it's all top notch.

"If you want your rodeo to be run and be a spectator event, it's got to flow like a well-oiled machine, and that doesn't happen by itself. That happens because of everybody that Pete brings with him to produce our rodeo."

Production is vital in rodeo these days. Everything comes across flawlessly, despite rodeo being an animal-driven event. That's because of the Carr crew members that understand the need to put on a great show. Rodeo is more than a competition; each performance is also a family-friendly evening of entertainment.

"There are production challenges here in Big Spring, but they handle it all well," Driver said. "It's got to run just as smoothly behind the scenes as it does in the arena for a two-hour show to come across like we plan for."

"When you've got someone like Pete and the people on his crew, you've got partners in overcoming whatever obstacles you face."

It's something the people of Big Spring have come to expect in their rodeo.

Big Spring increases local money

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING, Texas – Officials with the local rodeo didn't want to just dip their toes into making a big move for the annual event.

They wanted to make a splash for all to remember. They're doing that by nearly tripling the local money for this year's Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, set for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16-Saturday, June 18, at the Rodeo Bowl.

"We've got an excited, progressive board, and they came in with ideas," said Dane Driver, a long-time member of the volunteer committee that organizes the event. "We've worked really hard to grow this rodeo for the spectators, and I've been pushing for years not to forget the cowboys."

"The board came to me and asked what they can do for the cowboys as well as the fans, and I told them that money is what talks. We talked about stair-stepping the increase a little bit, but the board was brave enough to step out there and do it."

It's already made a difference in the number of

entries. More cowboys and cowgirls have put their names in the hat to compete at this year's event.

"This is going to turn Big Spring into a whole different caliber of rodeo, especially at the time of year that we have our rodeo," Driver said.

Yes, it is. A year ago, the committee's portion of the purse was \$16,000. This year's "added money" – which will be mixed with the contestants' entry fees to make up the total payout – is \$45,000. That included making it the same purse in heading and heeling as it is in tie-down roping and bull riding, which hadn't been the case in years past.

"We didn't have a team roping last year because we didn't have enough entries," he said. "We've got a lot more teams this year. I think this will have to be a commitment. It's a growing process, and it takes time to make sure the contestants know about it. We have a great rodeo that pays good this year."

"I think we'll have growth in 2023, just because it takes a little bit of time to get the word out. I think our says something for the community. Not only will this be good for the community and the specta-

tors, but the increase in contestants is more tanks of fuel bought here, more diners in our restaurants. It's good for our community overall."

The committee is also making another change in bringing in Anthony Lucia of Weatherford, Texas, as the new voice of the rodeo. He will be joined by rodeo clown and entertainer John Harrison.

"I expect they'll work great together," Driver said. "John's energy is always there, whether he's in the arena or not. He'll do well with our crowd."

Fans will also see something else that's different inside the arena.

"Our bowl is 80-some years old," he said. "For the first time in my recollection, we have a totally new timed-event end of our arena. We reworked the bucking chutes in 2018, and we have made the upgrade on our timed-event end this year. I hope the spectators enjoy it, but hopefully it's another big thing that will attract more cowboys to our rodeo."

That is a common theme amongst the local officials for 2022, and it's already paying off.

Texas rallies past Oklahoma State, advances to WCWS finals

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gritty, unseeded Texas fought off elimination twice in one day to earn a shot at a national championship.

Courtney Day hit a three-run homer for the second straight game — this one sparking a rally from a five-run deficit — and Texas stunned No. 7 seed Oklahoma State 6-5 on Monday night to advance to the Women's College World Series finals.

Texas needed to win two games in the double-elimination format to move forward, while Oklahoma State only needed one victory. The Longhorns (47-20-1) blanked the Cowgirls 5-0 in the first game of Monday night's doubleheader, then won the nightcap for their sixth win in an elimination

game this NCAA postseason.

"It's crazy," said Texas pitcher Estelle Czech, who threw a four-hitter in the first game. "It's mind-boggling, and I wouldn't want to go through it with anyone else. Our pitching staff is stacked. Our hitting is stacked. Defense is stacked. We're so hyped. No one thought that we would be here, but we proved everyone wrong, and we're going to play very hard."

Texas will play its biggest rival — No. 1 seed and defending national champion Oklahoma — in a best-of-three championship series starting Wednesday. In this version of the Red River Rivalry, Oklahoma will seek its sixth national title while Texas tries for its first.

In the second game, Hailey Dolcini (24-11) worked five strong innings in relief for the Longhorns, allowing

one hit — a two-run homer by Karli Petty that put Oklahoma State ahead 5-0 in the third.

"Being down 5-0, it's tough," Texas coach Mike White said. "You start thinking about the end of the season and what you're going to say and what you're going to do. Then you hang in there, and you keep the spirits of the team up and see how they respond."

It appeared the Cowgirls would roll from there, but Texas seized momentum instead. After an infield single and a one-out walk in the fourth, Day hit a drive that glanced off the top of the fence and over to get the Longhorns to 5-3.

"I mean, that ball got out there really quick, so I just reacted," Oklahoma State left fielder Chelsea Alexander said. "I don't think I had my glove quite high enough. Just kind of

tipped the ball at the top of my glove and just didn't make the catch."

Oklahoma State gave away the lead in the fifth with two defensive miscues on one play.

With two runners on, Bella Dalton singled and Petty bobbled the ball in right field, allowing Jordyn Whitaker to score from second. First baseman Hayley Busby cut off the throw but threw wildly to second, and the ball rolled all the way to the outfield wall as Mia Scott scored the tying run and Dalton came in behind her to make it 6-5.

"We can look back at that one play because it had so much implication, but it didn't cost us the game," Oklahoma State coach Kenny Gajewski said. "We just didn't score enough runs, and we just weren't clean enough all the way around."

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on May 13, 2022, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2021, adjusted for known and measurable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$251 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 4.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$5,560 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the March 31, 2022 interim update rate at 2021 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2022 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition approved in Docket No. 52898 and further adjusted to include the effects of the 2021 ERCOT 4CP load approved in Docket No. 52989. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a June 17, 2022 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 53601, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136, toll free at (800) 735-2989 or 711. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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Today's Highlight in History:

On June 8, 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party's convention in Baltimore.

On this date:

In A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

In 1867, modern American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

In 1953, the U.S.

Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve Blacks. Eight tornadoes struck Michigan's Lower Peninsula, killing 126 people.

In 1966, a merger was announced between the National and American Football Leagues, to take effect in 1970.

In 1967, during the six-day Middle East war, 34 American servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nevada, ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2. Mickey Mantle received a liver transplant at a Dallas hospital; however, the baseball great died two months later.

In 2008, the average price of regular gas crept up to \$4 a gallon.

In 2009, North Korea's highest court sentenced American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee to 12 years' hard labor for trespassing and "hostile acts." (The women were pardoned in early August 2009 after a trip to Pyongyang by former President Bill Clinton.)

In 2015, siding with the White House in a foreign-policy power struggle with Congress, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that Americans born in the disputed city of Jerusalem could not list Israel as their birthplace on passports.

In 2020, thousands of mourners gathered at a church in Houston for a service for George Floyd, as his death during an arrest in Minneapolis continued to stoke protests in America and beyond over racial injustice.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama declared "the private sector is doing fine," prompting Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney to ask, "Is he really that out of touch?" (Obama quickly clarified his remarks, saying it was "absolutely clear that the economy is not doing fine.") In Cairo, Egypt, a mob of hundreds of men assaulted women holding a march demanding an end to sexual harassment.

Five years ago: Former FBI Director James Comey, testifying before Congress, asserted that President Donald Trump fired him to interfere with his investigation of Russia's ties to the Trump campaign. British Prime Minister Theresa May's strategy of calling an early election backfired as her Conservatives lost their majority in Parliament. Actor Glenne Headly died in Santa Monica, California, at age 62.

One year ago: A bipartisan Senate report on the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol found a broad intelligence breakdown across multiple agencies, along with widespread law enforcement and military failures; there were clear warnings and tips that right-wing extremist groups and other supporters of former President Donald Trump were planning to "storm the Capitol" with weapons and possibly infiltrate the tunnel system underneath it, but that intelligence never made it to top leaders. Ratko Mladic (RAHT'-koh MLAH'-dich), the military chief known as the "Butcher of Bosnia" for orchestrating genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in the Balkan nation's 1992-95 war, lost his final legal battle when U.N. judges affirmed his life sentence.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Millicent Martin is 88. Actor James Darren is 86. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 82. Singer

Chuck Negron is 80. Musician Boz Scaggs is 78. Author Sara Paretsky is 75. Actor Sonia Braga is 72. Actor Kathy Baker is 72. Rock singer Bonnie Tyler is 71. Actor Griffin Dunne is 67. "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams is 65. Actor-director Keenen Ivory Wayans is 64. Singer Mick Hucknall (Simply Red) is 62. Musician Nick Rhodes (Duran Duran) is 60. R&B singer Doris Pearson (Five Star) is 56. Actor Julianna Margulies is 55. Actor Dan Futterman is 55. Actor David Sutcliffe is 53. Actor Kent Faulcon is 52. R&B singer Nicci Gilbert is 52. Actor Kelli Williams is 52. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is 52. Actor Mark Feuerstein is 51. Contemporary Christian musician Mike Scheuchzer (MercyMe) is 47. Actor Eion Bailey is 46. Former tennis player Lindsay Davenport is 46. Rapper Ye (YAY) (formerly Kanye (KAHN'-yay) West) is 45. TV personality-actress Maria Menounos is 44. Country singer-songwriter Sturgill Simpson is 44. Blues-rock musician Derek Trucks (The Derek Trucks Band) is 43. Rock singer Alex Band (The Calling) is 41. Folk-bluegrass singer-musician Sara Watkins (Nickel Creek, I'm With Her) is 41. Former tennis player Kim Clijsters is 39. Actor Torrey DeVitto is 38. Tennis player Jelena Ostapenko is 25. U.S. Olympic track gold medalist Athing Mu (uh-THING moh) is 20.



By Steve Becker

Solution to a problem

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 9 8 5 ♡ A 7 4 ♦ Q J 9 8 ♣ K 2

WEST

♠ K 4 2 ♡ 10 6 3 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A 9 6 5

EAST

♠ 7 6 ♡ J 8 ♦ A 7 5 2 ♣ J 8 7 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 10 3 ♡ K Q 9 5 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ Q 10

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♡ Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — ten of diamonds. You can't see declarer's cards when you're a defender, but it is often possible to visualize them almost as if they were faceup on the table. The relevant inferences may be drawn from either the bidding or the play, but usually it is necessary to examine both of these areas.

Consider this case where East had to make a crucial decision at trick one. West led the ten of diamonds, on which declarer played dummy's jack, and East had to decide

whether the diamond lead was a singleton or a doubleton.

If East decides that the ten is a singleton, he should take the jack with the ace and return a diamond for West to ruff. If East had done this in the actual deal, South would have made the contract easily, losing only a spade, a diamond and a club.

But East donned his thinking cap and decided that the lead was almost surely a doubleton. Accordingly, he signaled with the seven of diamonds instead of taking the ace. When West later gained the lead with the king of trump, he returned a diamond to East's ace and ruffed the diamond return to put the contract down one.

East knew from the bidding that declarer had four spades and four hearts. (North's two-club bid was a Stayman, asking South to bid a four-card major suit if he had one, and South had bid both.) It followed that South could not have four diamonds, since that would mean he had opened one notrump with a singleton club.

West's lead therefore had to be a doubleton, and the best chance of stopping the contract was to proceed on the assumption that West could gain the lead before all the trumps were drawn and could then secure his diamond ruff.

Tomorrow: Picture bidding.

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Jupiter Relationship Test

Surely, most relationships come with their deal breakers, caveats and conditions, and yet there are some relationships that seem beyond rules. Do you believe in unconditional love? And which relationships does such a model extend to? The moon in Libra dares to oppose the mighty Jupiter this evening, testing interpersonal limits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's much that concerns you that you can do nothing about, and spending your energy there is, of course, a waste. As you focus on the things you have the ability to change, more will fall into the category.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Since having too much to do makes it hard to do any of it exceptionally well, you'll take a step back to survey the scene objectively and figure out what to cut. You won't miss it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a gift for seeing what's possible. Don't get too carried away, though. Potential is something to nurture and believe in but not something to bank on or date.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the role for a reason. If you feel like an imposter, that's actually a sign that you belong there. It's the people who are overly sure of themselves who make big mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll give your admiration

without elevating anyone on a pedestal. It's much easier to work and play when everyone is on the ground together -- equal but different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been lost and found, sick and well, winning and losing, but you always find your way back home. Sometimes you take a different route, but the way you journey is always the same: one step at a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A congruent domestic life allows you to do good work in the professional sector, and when things are going well at work, home life is better. Life rings out with the harmony of these sectors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give a project over to the group, you're not sure what will happen with it, and that's part of the excitement. You work alone for predictable results. You work with others to achieve exponential results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're sensitive to people's emotional states, though you don't take them on as your own. Your empathy engenders trust. Because people feel safe around you, you'll know an honest version of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be impressed by how others remember details from your shared history. As for your own stories of the past, you may reconsider certain aspects as you discover something in the re-telling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because you can fit yourself into a situation doesn't mean you belong there. Consider how you really feel around certain people. The best fits feel like hope, curiosity and excitement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You express yourself so eloquently that people will want you to represent them. Lucky moves: put a word in for a friend, make a pitch, tell a story, give a toast or have a heart-to-heart talk.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). Not only are you excellent at what you do but your beguiling description of it will have people feeling brilliant about choosing you. Popularity soars; money follows the trend. Other highlights: a call from the long lost, a cross-cultural excursion that starts a new hobby and a transformation bringing about a harmonious era in the family. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 33, 28 and 15.

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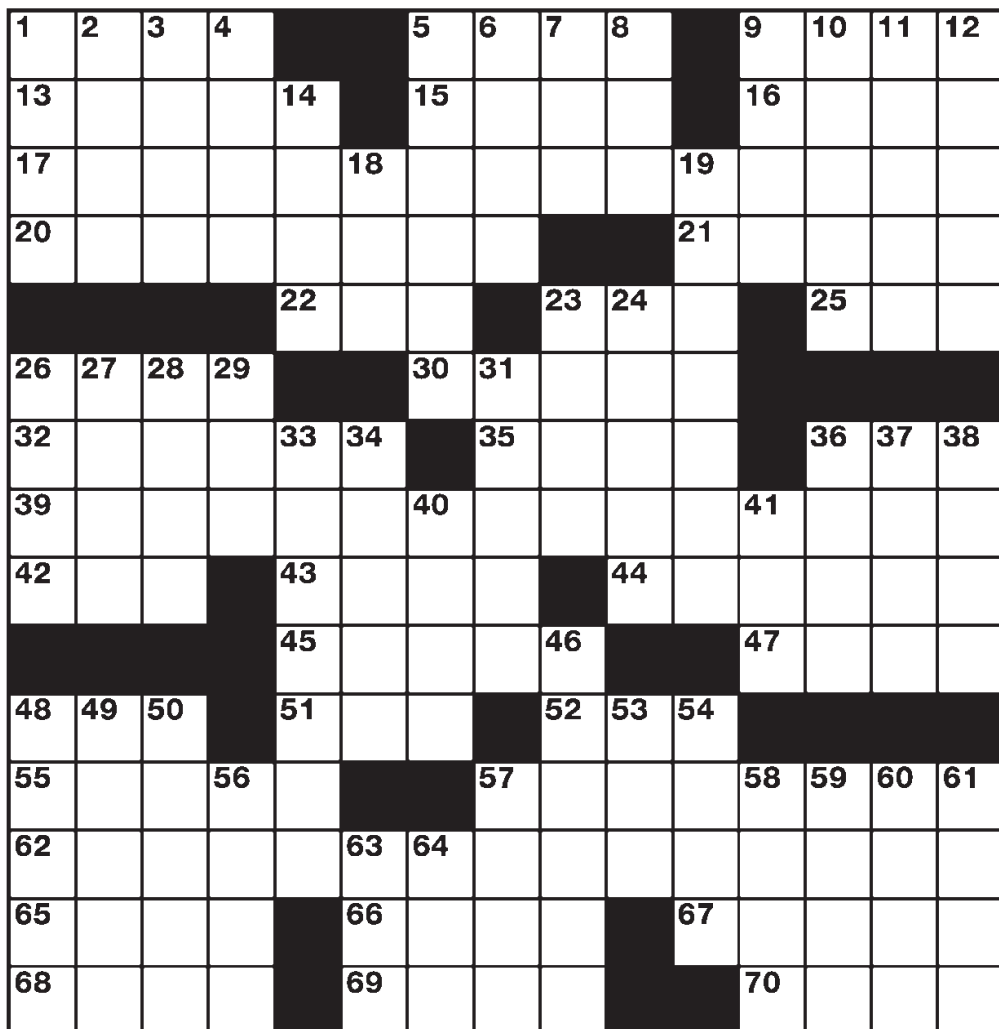


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 - 9 Gin flavoring
 - 13 Posture problem
 - 15 Eat like a bird
 - 16 Furnace output
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 - 20 "In my opinion . . ."
 - 21 Wall of sandbags, maybe
 - 22 Heavy weight
 - 23 Letter after epsilon
 - 25 Mess up
 - 26 Italian auto
 - 30 Response to a bad pun
 - 32 Fancy ties
 - 35 Give off
 - 36 Séance sound
 - 39 Word of some candidates
 - 42 Watch closely
 - 43 Alum
 - 44 Become suddenly aware
 - 45 Feel the presence of
 - 47 Curb, with "in"
 - 48 Links tour org.
 - 51 "Hulk" director Lee
 - 52 Cancels, with "out"
 - 55 Befitting a monarch
 - 57 Like some grins
 - 62 Appliance purchase incentive
 - 65 Zilch
 - 66 Be hopping mad
 - 67 Across-the-board

- 68 Erodes
 - 69 Upper hand
 - 70 First chip thrown in
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 - 19 Obama cabinet member
 - 23 Splendor
 - 24 What nitpickers split
 - 26 Look directly at
 - 27 Exeter exclamation
 - 28 High point
 - 29 High point
 - 31 Tears to shreds
 - 33 Weekend classified listing
 - 34 Ambulance sound
 - 36 Ready to pluck
 - 37 Italian wine region
 - 38 Lowly worker
 - 40 Group of buddies
 - 41 Scratch up
 - 46 Sigh, for example
 - 48 Likely (to)
 - 49 Italian city known for salami
 - 50 Insurance seller
 - 53 Always, in verse
 - 54 Balkan native
 - 56 Roll-call votes
 - 57 Drink from a flask
 - 58 Prefix for legal
 - 59 A party to
 - 60 Doctor's "Now!"
 - 61 Literary alter ego
 - 63 Grandpa Simpson
 - 64 Curtain support



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	1							
7				3	5	6		
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers

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C	A	M	P	A	I	G	N	P
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H	I	P	O	C	R	A	T	
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S	L	O	E	S	P	A	S	

Today's Answers

3	8	6	5	7	4	9	2
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6	3	2	7	1	8	6	5
8	7	4	3	6	9	9	1
9	5	1	6	4	2	7	8

Treasury Secretary Yellen expects inflation to 'remain high'

By FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen acknowledged Tuesday that she and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell “could have used a better word” than “transitory” when describing the expected run of inflation in the U.S. economy. She added that she was hopeful it would soon be on the decline.

“I do expect inflation to remain high although I very much hope that it will be coming down now,” Yellen told the Senate Finance Committee during a hearing on the agency’s latest budget request. “I think that bringing inflation down should be our number one priority.”

The Federal Reserve and Treasury Department have been increasingly blamed by legislators and the public for allowing inflation to reach record highs — notably an 8.3% leap in consumer prices over the past year.

She told CNN last week that she did not fully understand the impact that unanticipated large shocks and supply bottlenecks would have on the economy.

“Look, I think I was wrong then about the path that inflation would take,” she said.

The hearing was an opportunity for lawmakers to press Yellen on the causes for inflation, when it may decline and the administration’s plans to reduce the pain on Americans.

“We now are entering a period of transition from one of historic recovery to one that can be marked by stable and steady growth,” she said. “Making

this shift is a central piece of the president’s plan to get inflation under control without sacrificing the economic gains we’ve made.”

As for earlier pronouncements by Yellen and Powell that the U.S. inflation problem was transitory, Yellen allowed, “Both of us could have used a better word than transitory. There’s no question that we have huge inflation pressures. Inflation is really our top economic problem at this point.”

Inflation has shown signs of moderating but is likely to remain far above the Fed’s 2% target through the end of this year.

The Congressional Budget Office released an economic outlook this month saying high inflation will persist into next year, likely causing the federal government to pay higher interest rates on its debt.

The nonpartisan agency expects the consumer price index to rise 6.1% this year and 3.1% in 2023. This forecast suggests that inflation will slow from current annual levels of 8.3%, yet it would still be dramatically above a long-term baseline of 2.3%.

Yellen was asked about her support of last year’s American Rescue Plan relief package, also known as ARP, which has come under fire by some economists who claim the \$1.9 trillion program has worsened price spikes.

Because inflation is high globally, Yellen said, it “can’t be the case” that ARP is largely to blame for the bulk of U.S. inflation.

Over the weekend, Yellen was forced to defend her support of ARP after Bloomberg wrote about an excerpt from an upcoming biography on the

secretary that said she privately agreed with former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers “that too much government money was flowing into the economy too quickly which is why she had sought without success to scale back the \$1.9 trillion relief plan by a third early in 2021 before Congress passed the enormous program.”

Yellen said in a statement on Saturday that “I never urged adoption of a smaller American Rescue Plan package, and I believe that ARP played a central role in driving strong growth throughout 2021 and afterwards, with the United States real GDP growth outpacing other advanced economies and our labor market recovering faster relative to historical experience.”

Yellen said during the hearing that Congress also should have a role in bringing down prices through enacting legislation that increases taxes on high-wealth individuals — and by passing language for a global tax deal that has stalled in Congress, previously included in the now-dead Build Back Better plan.

The global tax deal is designed to subject large multinational firms to a 15% tax rate wherever they operate. It also would provide for taxing part of the profits of the largest global companies in countries where they do business online but may have no physical presence.

“As prospects of recession and stagflation rise, this is no time to consider raising taxes or resurrecting reckless spending from the House-passed Build Back Better plan,” Republican Sen. Mike Crapo said.

Texas AG strides into Twitter takeover drama to bolster Musk

By MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — State officials across the nation have taken on Big Tech companies in the courts and state legislatures, and federal regulators have nipped at Twitter over alleged violations of users’ data privacy.

Now, one state attorney general with an outsize personality and edge-skating stance nearly in the league of Elon Musk is striding into the maelstrom of Musk’s \$44 billion now-tenuous bid for Twitter. He is launching an investigation of Twitter for “potential false reporting” of bots on its platform to bolster complaints Musk himself made this week in threatening to walk away from the deal.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced his investigation of Twitter on Monday just hours after Musk, the billionaire Tesla and SpaceX CEO, accused Twitter of refusing to disclose the extent of its spam bot and fake accounts.

The unexpected turn in the months-long drama of Musk and Twitter sent that company’s shares down 1.5%, likely angering shareholders who had filed suit against Musk last month, accusing him of deflating the stock price. Twitter’s shares have tumbled more than 20% in the last month.

Paxton’s unusual move struck observers as singular and possibly inappropriate, though he likely has the legal authority to pursue it. In launching his investigation, Paxton suggested that Twitter might have violated Texas’ Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The state attorney general’s move against Twitter is far different from the growing legal actions taken by groups of states that have joined to target alleged anticompetitive practices by Google and Meta, for example, or to investigate TikTok and its possible harmful effects on young users’ mental health.

Individual state attorneys general don’t normally investigate a major publicly traded company over its regulatory filings. In Twitter’s case, the data it submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission involve complex federal law.

“The SEC has the resources and the expertise and the legal remedies for this, and I doubt that Texas has any of these,” Marc Fagel, a securities law expert who was the regional director of the SEC’s San Francisco office, said in an interview. “It’s a headline-based investigation as far as I can tell.”

Johnny Koremenos, a spokesman for the Republican Attorneys General Association, told The Associated Press that he’s unaware of any other state attorney general who might be planning to launch a similar investigation into Twitter.

James Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who teaches at Harvard, was critical of Paxton’s probe, which he sees as aiding Musk, whose electric car maker Tesla recently opened a plant in Texas’ capital of Austin.

“Consumer laws exist to protect consumers from real harm,” Tierney said. “They do not exist to allow a government official to meddle in ongoing corporate transactions on behalf of a constituent.”

Paxton notes that Twitter had said in its filings with the SEC that fewer than 5% of all users are bots, when, Paxton asserts, “they may in fact comprise as much as 20% or more.” The state attorney general demanded that Twitter turn over documents by June 27 to show how it calculates and manages its user data.

“The difference could dramatically affect the cost to Texas consumers and businesses who transact with Twitter,” such as advertisers, Paxton contended in his announcement. He asserted that the disparity may inflate the value of Twitter, now estimated at \$30.5 billion, and raise the costs of doing business with it.

The Texas attorney general, who has long carved out a distinctive public persona, isn’t likely to mind any criticism.

Paxton has yet to have his day in court after being indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015, and his career has upended what it means to be a compromised officeholder in Texas.

His critics say Paxton has become an example of how powerful public figures can drag out even normally career-threatening criminal charges and defy predictions of their political demise.



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