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with a low around 73. Sunday: Sunny, with a

high near 98.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History On June 24

1922: The American Professional Football Association is renamed the National Football League.

1972: President Franklin Pierce signs the Gadsden Purchase, buying 29,670 square-miles (76,800 square km) from Mexico for \$10 million (now southern Arizona and New Mexico).

Daily Quotes "War is God's way of teach-

ing Americans geography.' - Ambrose Bierce

"A champion is someone who gets up when he can't." — Jack Dempsey "Television is an isolating experience, sadly enough.

I'm sorry to say it. But as good as it ever gets, it's still isolating. You sit in your home and visit with no one." — Peter Weller

"I always work from an outline, so I know all the of the broad events and some of the finer details before I begin writing the book."

— Mercedes Lackey

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The U.S. Department of Education releases proposed changes to Title IX regulations

Special to the Herald

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Education issued a list of proposed changes to Title IX, a civil rights law impacting gender equality in education nationwide. The text of the press release follows:

"Today (Thursday), in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX the landmark civil rights law that has opened doors for generations of women and girls - the U.S. Department of Education released for public comment proposed changes to the regulations that help elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities implement this vital legislation. The proposed amendments will restore crucial protections for students who are victims of sexual harassment, assault, and sex-based discrimination - a critical safety net for survivors that was

weakened under previous regulations. The proposed regulations will advance educational equity and opportunity for women and girls across the country to ensure that every student in America, from kindergarten through a doctorate degree, can achieve her dreams.

"'Over the last 50 years, Title IX has paved the way for millions of girls and women to access equal opportunity in our nation's schools and has been instrumental in combating sexual assault and sexual violence in educational settings,' said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. 'As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this landmark law, our proposed changes will allow us to continue that progress and ensure all our nation's students - no matter where they live, who they are, or whom they love - can learn, grow, and thrive in school. We welcome public comment on these critical regulations so we can further the Biden-Harris Administration's mission of creating educational environments free from sex discrimination and sexual violence.'

"The proposed regulations will advance Title IX's goal of ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination, sex-based harassment, or sexual violence in education. As the Supreme Court wrote in Bostock v. Clayton County, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020), it is 'impossible to discriminate against a person' on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity without 'discriminating against that individual based on sex.' The regulations will require that all students receive appropriate supports in accessing all aspects of education. They will strengthen protections for LGBTQI+ students who face discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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VA to host job fair Saturday munity members in general

Special to the Herald

The West Texas VA Health System Care will host a job fair this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Spring hospital, 300 Veterans Boulevard.

According to a press release issued by

the VA, numerous positions are available in Big Spring, Abilene, Odessa and San Angelo. The release specifies that both veterans and comare invited to attend the fair. The press re-



Masks are required for the event, and can be made available, the release adds.

qualified.

For more information about the event, contact William Hatton at 432-263-7361 ext.

CISD to discuss personnel issues at special meeting Monday By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

Coahoma ISD trustees will consider resignations and new employment contracts when they meet Monday. The meeting will be at 8 a.m. in the CISD Administration Office, 606 N. Main St. in Coahoma.

Following the roll call, establishment of quorum and call to order, trustees will hear a report from Superintendent Brad Cox regarding a Tax Ratification Election (TRE).

The trustees will next meet in executive session to discuss personnel matters. Any vote arising from the closed session will be conducted when the trustees return to open session.

Following the closed session, the school board will consider approval of personnel resignations, after which they will consider offering new employment contracts as recommended by staff for the 2022-23 school year.

TxDPS increasing drunk driving vigilance this weekend through July 10 bilization (IDM) - Specif- DPS offer

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be increasing the number of Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Troopers on the road from Thursday, June 24th, through Sunday, July 10th, as part of the Intoxicated Driving Mo-



ic Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). DPS Troopers will be on the roads looking for drivers who are speeding, driving while intoxicated or not wearing their seat belts. The goal of the IDM STEP program is to reduce the number of DWI-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

DPS offers the following safety tips for people driving during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday:

Don't drink and drive. Make alternate plans if you're consuming alcohol.

Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, TxDOT vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped on the side of the road.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle it's the law.

BSAA hosting workshop Saturday

Special to the Herald

skshop this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Howard County Library. As of this writing, there were six spaces left in the workshop. According to Henry, the class will "explore unconventional

Local artist Beth Henry will be leading a summer wor-

tools in mixed media art." "We will work with Tyvek, Red Rosin Paper, stencils from

household items, and more mark-making goodies," Henry

said. "Create ephemera with uses limited only to the imagination. Ready to think outside the craft store and find art supplies in the unusual?" The techniques covered in the workshop will be applicable

to all skill levels. Cost for the class is \$25, and all supplies will be furnished.

The class is limited to 15 people total, of which six spots remain. Contact Henry at busybeingfabulous@mail.com or Michelle Worthan at mrs.worthan1111@gmail.com for informa-

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BIG SPRING HERALD Friday, June 24, 2022

Jimmie Earl Condron Jimmie Earl Condron, 89, died June 14, 2022, at

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. He was born Nov. 24, 1932, at the family farm

near Avalon, Mo., to Ralph Kirby and Ruby Leona (Perry) Condron. He was a member of Oakland Christian Church

of Hale, Mo., and graduate of Avalon High School.

He joined the Air Force in the early 1950s; and,

Obituaries

while in the service, he married Cora Mae Watson on June 20, 1952. To this union, a daughter, Marcella Louisa Condron, was born. Jimmie and Cora later divorced. After returning home he worked for many years at Midland Brick and Tile Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., and later in some of the oil fields of Texas, then

many years at Walmart at Big Spring, retiring from there when he was in his eighties. Jimmie is survived by his daughter, Marcela Yeats and husband, Richard, of Borrego Springs, Calif.; sister, Patricia Pfaffly and husband, Jerry, of Amarillo; and sister-in-law, Audrey Condron of

He was preceded in death by his sister, Reva Condron; and brothers, Ralph, Perry, Walter, Johnnie (Jimmie's twin) and Jerry Condron.

nephews.

Dawn, Mo. Also, several nieces, nephews, great-

nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and

A celebration of Jimmie's life will be held at a later date in Missouri.

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.
- The 53rd Annual Highland South Fourth of July Parade will be at 10 a.m. July 4. The parade will begin at the intersection of Highland and Goliad streets and proceed eastward on Highland. For more information contact Amanda Parker at 806-773-1936 or René Beall at 432-517-2041.
- Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. 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 updates will be posted. 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. The last dance for the summer will be this Friday June 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.

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Sheriff

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 97 inmates at the time of this report

• SHAWN CARR II, 41, was arrested by DPS on

a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear, driving while intoxicated. • TERENCE QUINTEN CROSS JR, 23, was ar-

rested by BSPD on a charge of burglary habitation intend other felony.

• JAMIE CRUZ, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a

 ANGELA DIANE DIGBY, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.

 RICARDO REYES GARCIA, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family/household member, injury child/elderly/disable w/intent MICHAEL PAUL GARZA, 40, was arrested by

BSPD on a charge of speeding – 10% or more above posted speed limit.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2300 block Grace. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block E I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block Harding. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 100 block Terry Dr. Fire was contained.

Support Groups

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

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 open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

World's biggest bacterium found in Caribbean mangrove swamp

By CHRISTINA LARSON

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have discovered the world's largest bacterium in a Caribbean mangrove swamp.

Most bacteria are microscopic, but this one is so big it can be seen with the naked eye.

The thin white filament, approximately the size of a human eyelash, is "by far the largest bacterium known to date," said Jean-Marie Volland, a marine biologist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and co-author of a paper announcing the discovery Thursday in the journal Science.

Olivier Gros, a co-author and biologist at the University of the French West Indies and Guiana, found the first example of this bacterium — named Thiomargarita magnifica, or "magnificent sulfur pearl" — clinging to sunken mangrove leaves in the archipelago of Guadeloupe in 2009, but he didn't immediately know it was a bacterium because of its surprisingly large size. These bacteria, on average, reach a length of a third of an inch (0.9 centimeters). Only later genetic analysis revealed the organism to be a single bacterial cell.

"It's an amazing discovery," said Petra Levin, a microbiologist at Washington University in St Louis, who was not involved in the study. "It opens up the question of how many of these giant bacteria are out there — and reminds us we should never, ever underestimate bacteria.'

Gros also found the bacterium attached to oyster shells, rocks and glass bottles in the swamp.

Scientists have not yet been able to grow it in lab culture, but the researchers' say the cell has a structure that's unusual for bacteria. One key difference: It has a large central compartment, or vacuole, that allows some cell functions to happen in that controlled environment "The acquisition of this large central vacuole definitely helps a cell to bypass physical limitations ... on how big a cell can be," said Manuel Campos, a biologist at the French National Center for Scientific Research, who was not involved in the study.

Co-author Volland hypothesized the bacterium's large size may be an adaptation to help it avoid being eaten by smaller organisms.



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TITLE IX

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And they will require that school procedures for complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other sex-based harassment, are fair to all involved. The proposed regulations also reaffirm the Department's core commitment to fundamental fairness for all parties, respect for freedom of speech and academic freedom, respect for complainants' autonomy, and clear legal obligations that enable robust enforcement of Title IX. "The proposed regulations would:

- Clearly protect students and employees from all forms of sex discrimination.
- Provide full protection from sex-based harassment
- Protect the right of parents and guardians to support their elementary and secondary school children.
- Require schools to take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in their education programs or activities – and to prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.
- Protect students and employees who are pregnant or have pregnancy-related conditions.
- Require schools to respond promptly to all complaints of sex discrimination with a fair and reliable process that includes trained, unbiased decisionmakers to evaluate the evidence.
- Require schools to provide supportive measures

- to students and employees affected by conduct that may constitute sex discrimination, including students who have brought complaints or been accused of sex-based harassment.
- Protect LGBTQI+ students from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.
- Clarify and confirm protection from retaliation for students, employees, and others who exercise their Title IX rights.
 Improve the adaptability of the regulations'
- grievance procedure requirements so that all recipients can implement Title IX's promise of non-discrimination fully and fairly in their educational environments.
- Ensure that schools share their nondiscrimination policies with all students, employees, and other participants in their education programs or activities.

The Department will engage in a separate rule-making to address Title IX's application to athletics.

"The Department's comprehensive review of its Title IX regulations began in March 2021, as directed by Executive Order 14021 – Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free From Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. The Department has sought public input throughout that process. Over the last year, the Department has heard from a wide variety of stakeholders, including students, parents, and educators in elementary, secondary, and

postsecondary schools, state government representatives, advocates, lawyers, researchers, and other stakeholders through the Title IX nationwide virtual public hearing in June 2021 convened by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and in numerous listening sessions and meetings. This input, together with careful review of federal case law and OCR's enforcement work under Title IX, highlighted the need to revise the current regulations to protect more fully against sex discrimination in all education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

"'The proposed regulations reflect the Department's commitment to give full effect to Title IX, ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination in education, and that school procedures for addressing complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other forms of sexbased harassment, are clear, effective, and fair to all involved,' said Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

"The Department's proposed Title IX regulations will be open for public comment for 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register."

The press release went on to say that additional information on the proposed rule, including a summary with background information and a fact sheet, is available at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9nprm-factsheet.pdf.

The unofficial version of the proposed rule is available at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9nprm.pdf.

Take Note

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.

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha

tance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month,

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to

display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the impor-

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 Wednes-

day in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Run-

nels Street. No charge for the lectures.

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;

- 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

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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 Cac tus 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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Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl, Vicar Roever or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or email us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and we are having class each Sunday morning. Our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. You can catch us on Facebook Live on our Facebook page. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Please come and join us.

The readings for this Sunday are 1 Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1,13-25, and Luke 9: 51-62.

The psalm is Psalm 16.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday Evening Study is continuing. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our bible study begins at 6. Please come and join us.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

College Baptist Church

Come see what God is doing on SONday at the corner of 11th and Birdwell Lane. Join us as we study about Jesus and His plan for the family at College Baptist Church.

Times on the Sign:

- Sunday morning
- -9:15 a.m. for Bible Study for all ages. -Worship time is at 10:45 a.m. -Girl's Missions meet on Sunday at
- -Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m.

 Wednesday with our praying Youth groups starts with a Family -Fellowship meal between 6:30 and

-Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at

-Children meet for King's Kids and

Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services.

Come join in the fun as we celebrate during this season, serving our Lord. Services for June 19, 2022, is a great time for families to gather and celebrate our God together. Our services are in the building, livestreaming, and on our Facebook page as well. Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and find out about our great love for the youth of our community, as they are gearing up for church camp. It's going to be a fun time of Bible study, recreation, and fellowship among God's people. We definitely enjoy the worship

time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word. Come and study with us as we celebrate our God knowing He really cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Focus on growth in Jesus as we continue in Summer, 2022, as our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming SOON! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

First Church of the Nazarene

When we are deeply rooted in the Spirit of God we will live fruit-full lives. If we stay in step with the Spirit the things of God will grow in our midst. One evidence in Scripture of God's presence is a growing sense of joy. However, we live in a world full of joy suckers. You know, those people who it seems their entire purpose in life is to suck the joy right out of ours. As we face challenges and struggles in life, I'm convinced the enemy wants to steal our joy because the "joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Where to do we go to restore and renew our joy? Join us this Sunday as we discover how to cultivate the fruit of joy in our lives. Unity Night of Worship

You won't want to miss this com-

munity night of worship and prayer

at Spring Creek Fellowship on Friday, June 24 @ 6 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Back to School Drive

We are partnering with Tate's Place for a community-wide back to school event that will take place on August 7. They have asked our church to collect haircare and toiletry products that can be handed out to families on that day. You can drop those items off in the foyer or at the church office. **Freedom Celebration**

Come celebrate our freedom with the NazFamily! Everyone is invited to gather at Howard and Sally Callender's property on Saturday, July 2. You are welcome to come out that afternoon. There will be fishing, swimming, horseback riding, and, of course, fireworks. Fun for the whole family! Feel free to bring a side or dessert to share. If you need direction or more information, contact the church office at church@nazfamily.org Hope to see you there!

WOW

Our District Women of Worth conference will be on July 28 - 30 in Wichita Falls. You can go to this site to find out more information and register today: https://www.westexnaz.org/ women-of-worth-conference

First Presbyterian Church

Worship services June 26 will begin at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary at 8th and Runnels. Organist/Music Director Gabe Martinez will be leading music this week. Reverend Allen Cross will be preaching a sermon entitled: Refuge Scripture readings for this Sunday are: Psalm 16; 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Galatians 5:13-25.

Sunday School is on summer break until Labor Day; however, Take Ten fellowship will continue in our parlor at 10:20 on Sunday mornings.

Two Wednesday events are on summer hiatus. The Women's Bible Study and the Greatest Places video series will resume August 3. The video series that will begin then will be about the history of the American West.

Members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of the spiritual resources available on our website and Facebook page. They include a six day each week prayer podcast, a weekly scripture reading and commentary, a weekly video devotional, and a video release of each Sunday's sermon. All these tools and resources prepare us for the coming Sunday worship.

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The following weekly events are open to the community:

Wednesday

The Women's Bible Study meets at 10 a.m. – on hiatus until August 3.

The World Heritage Sites Lectures meets at noon - on hiatus until Au-

The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m.

Thursday

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m.

All our worship services can be heard live on KBST 1490 AM and 95.7 FM at 11:00 a.m. as usual or seen recorded online at www.fpcbigspring. com by selecting the SERMONS tab and the correct date.

Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook. Although the physical address of First Presbyterian Church is 701 Runnels, the mailing address is P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vatican releases pope's Canada itinerary in sign trip is on

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — The Vatican on Thursday released the itinerary for Pope Francis' July 24-30 visit to Canada, providing a sign he intends to go ahead with the trip despite knee problems that forced him to cancel a six-day visit to Africa also planned for next month.

Francis is due to visit Canada to apologize to Indigenous peoples for abuses they suffered at Catholic-run residential schools.

The itinerary includes several encounters with Indigenous groups, as well as a visit to Maskwacis, home to the former Ermineskin Residential School, one of the largest residential school sites in Canada. Alberta, where Francis lands first, is home to the largest number of former residential schools in Canada.

Francis will also have a private meeting with survivors of the schools in remote Iqualuit, where he is due to visit for a few hours on his way back to Rome on July 29. Francis, 85, has been using a wheelchair for over

The publication of the itinerary was delayed for

a month because of strained ligaments in his right

knee that have made standing and walking diffi-

nearly two weeks, leading to speculation Francis might be forced to cancel traveling to Canada as he did his before a planned July 2-7 pilgrimage to

And the itinerary doesn't mean the trip is 100% confirmed, since there is now precedent for the Vatican pulling the plug after one was released.

The Vatican published the itinerary for Francis' planned trip to Congo and South Sudan on May 28. It announced on June 10 that the pope's visit would have to be rescheduled for an undetermined later date because of doctors' concerns the trip might jeopardize the therapy he is undergoing.

The Vatican has released no details about the type of therapy he is receiving beyond knee injections. The Canada itinerary is light for a typical papal trip, for the most part featuring only one major event each morning and one each afternoon to allow for maximum rest time. Francis met with Indigenous groups earlier this

year and offered a historic apology for the abuses they endured. More than 150,000 native children in Canada were

forced to attend state-funded Christian schools from the 19th century until the 1970s in an effort to isolate them from their homes and culture. The aim was to Christianize and assimilate them into mainstream society, which previous Canadian

governments considered superior.

The Canadian government has admitted that physical and sexual abuse was rampant at the schools, and that students were beaten for speaking their native languages. Indigenous leaders say the legacy of abuse and family separation as a root cause of the epidemic rates of alcohol and drug addiction on Canadian reservations.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission called for a papal apology to be delivered on Canadian soil. Francis said at the time of his Vatican meetings that he hoped to make the apology in person this summer. "We know that the Holy Father was deeply moved

by his encounter with Indigenous Peoples in Rome earlier this year, and that he hopes to build on the important dialogue that took place," the coordinator of the Canada visit, Archbishop Richard Smith, said in a statement.

The president of the Canadian Catholic bishops' conference, Bishop Raymond Poisson, thanked organizers and offered prayers for the pope.

"We pray for the health of Pope Francis and also that his pastoral visit to Canada will bring reconciliation and hope to all those who will accompany our shepherd on this historic journey," Poisson said in a statement.

Pope orders online release of WWII-era Pius XII Jewish files By NICOLE WINFIELD deportation, to obtain liberation from ple the Vatican was most concerned traces of their loved ones from any

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis has

ordered the online publication of 170 volumes of its Jewish files from the recently opened Pope Pius XII archives, the Vatican announced Thursday, amid renewed debate about the legacy of its World War II-era pope. The documentation contains 2,700

files of requests for Vatican help from Jewish groups and families, many of them baptized Catholics, so not actually practicing Jews anymore. The files were held in the Secretariat of State's archives and contain requests for papal intervention to avoid Nazi

concentration camps or help finding family members. The online publication of the files comes amid debate about Pius' legacy

following the 2020 opening to scholars of his archives, of which the "Jews" files are but a small part. The Vatican

has long defended Pius against criticism from some Jewish groups that he remained silent in the face of the Holocaust, saying he used quiet diplomacy to save lives. One recent book that cites the newly opened archives, "The Pope at War,"

by Pultizer Prize-winning historian

David Kertzer, suggests that the peo-

about saving were Jews who had converted to Catholicism, the offspring of Catholic-Jewish mixed marriages or otherwise related to Catholics. Kerzer asserts that Pius was loath

to intervene on behalf of Jews, or make public denunciations of Nazi

atrocities against them, to avoid antagonizing Adolf Hitler or Italy's Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini. The Vatican's foreign minister Paul Gallagher said it was hoped that the digital release of the "Jews" files would help scholars with research,

had requested Vatican help, to "find

part of the world." In an article for Vatican newspa-

per L'Osservatore Romano, Gallagher said the files contained requests for help without much info on outcomes. "Each of these requests constituted

a case which, once processed, was destined for storage in a documentary series entitled 'Jews," he wrote.

"The requests would arrive at the Secretariat of State, where diplomatic channels would try to provide all the help possible, taking into account the complexity of the political situabut also descendants of those who tion in the global context," Gallagher wrote.

Reflections

A Place to Turn in Time of Need

Like many Americans I have long been fascinated with Abraham Lincoln. He stands out among



all the men who have occupied the White House for his genius, his eloquence, his honesty, strength of character, and his determination to hold the nation together in its most perilous time. Books about Lincoln often occupy an entire section at the library.

Recently I stumbled across a volume I had overlooked, Behind the Scenes, or Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House by Elizabeth Keckley. Written in 1868, the book contains the memoirs of the woman who served as Mary Todd

Lincoln's personal seamstress. She personally designed, sewed and fitted the many dresses Mary required as First Lady and became Mrs. Lincoln's closest friend and confidant. Elizabeth was born a slave, but at age 30, having become an accomplished seamstress, was able to purchase her freedom. She relocated to Washington, D.C. When the Lincolns arrived, she went to work for Mrs. Lincoln. Her memoirs offer a unique glimpse into unguarded moments in the Lincoln home. I was especially struck by this candid description of Lincoln during one of the low moments of the War.

"One day he came into the room where I was fitting a dress on Mrs. Lincoln. His step was slow and heavy, and his face sad. Like a tired child he threw himself upon a sofa, and shaded his eyes with his hands. He was a complete picture of dejection. ... He reached forth one of his long arms, and took a small Bible from a stand near the head of the sofa, opened the pages of the holy book, and soon was absorbed in reading them. A quarter of an hour passed, and on glancing at the sofa the face of the President seemed more cheerful. The dejected look was gone, and the countenance was lighted up with new resolution and hope. The change was so marked that I could not but wonder at it. ... He read with Christian eagerness, and the courage and hope that he derived from the inspired pages made him a new man. ... What a sublime picture was this! A ruler of a mighty nation going to the pages of the Bible with simple Christian earnestness for

comfort and courage, and finding both in the darkest hours of a nation's calamity."

It is well known that President Lincoln never joined a church. But it is abundantly clear from what he said and what he wrote that he was a man of deep faith. This surprisingly candid witness from Mary Lincoln's seamstress is revealing. In the privacy of his home we find this remarkable insight into the faith that sustained him.

The opening lines of Proverbs capture the essence of the Bible's impact: "To know wisdom and instruction. To perceive the words of understanding. To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgement and equity. To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion,' (Proverbs 1:1-4). If we would find our way forward as individuals, families and as a nation, we can turn to that source to which Lincoln turned.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email William.tinsley@sbcglobal.net.

How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?

Momma would sometimes get exasperated with her children as I was



Dr. Lillian

That would be enough to exasperate any mother. But her patience with each child seemed inexhaustible. She loved her family beyond the trouble and heartache they caused her from time to time. I really don't know

BOHANNAN how she did it except by the grace of the Lord she served. I remember at one point in her

dealings with my father that she did give up. I was nineteen at the time, and this was what she related to me: "I had prayed for your dad's salvation for as long as we were friends, courting, and up to this last Saturday.' She went on to relate things I remember growing up about daddy's lost condition. Every time he would go to church, at the invitation he would walk out the back door.

Mother explained she kept having a recurring dream about dad going forward to receive Christ as his Saviour. Two women who prayed about it all the time, were so excited in her dream that crying with joy, they ran to the front and hugged Daddy, welcoming him to the family of God. Finally Mom's patience ran out.

Daddy was a railroader, and as Mom crossed the tracks going home on this Saturday, she told God, "I am so tired of praying for that man. I give up. I'm not praying for him any more. You do what You have to do, Father, because I'm done. As I cross these tracks, I leave my husband on this side, and You take it from here."

She crossed the tracks and felt the burden of my daddy lift from her heart. The next day he went to church. Mom thought, "It's just going to happen again. He will walk out the back door when the invitation is

Little did she know the power of her God. Daddy listened intently to the sermon. He got up at the invitation and instead of walking out the back door, he almost ran to the front. He told the preacher he was ready to surrender to Jesus, and prayed the prayer of salvation. One of the ladies was at church that

day, and ran down to the front crying for joy and hugged my dad. That afternoon he called me, as I was at college. He told me he received Christ that morning.

Later Momma told me he wanted to go to Reno. The other lady in Momma's dream was in the hospital there. They took off for Reno, and when they went into the hospital room, they didn't even have to say a thing. The other lady with tears of joy streaming down her face, reached up and hugged my dad welcoming him to the Family of God.

Mother never had that dream again. But how many times do we have to pray? How many times do we have to tell God about our burden? How many times before He answers?

Well, His answer is found in His Word. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people. He hears me when I call upon His Holy Name. The prayers of faithful children, and righteous in the Lord, will receive answers from our God. He is the God who hears. Sometimes it's not Him, but the problem is we won't let go and let Him answer as He sees fit. That's what He is waiting for. Let go and let God do what only God can

Something to Think About. "Let everything that has breath



praise the Lord! Hallelujah!" Psalm 150:6 NIV

The Psalms call us to connect with our created purpose through a life of worship. Genuine worship is simply giving ourselves – our voice, our time, our energy, our resources, our talent, our ambitions, our emotions, our life, our all – as an offering to God. Authentic worship is one of the ways we get rooted in the Spirit. go deeper in the life-giving presence wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike

of God, and grow in the image of Christ. When we engage in genuine worship we are inevitably

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around lifeand place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." ~ Romans 12:1-2 The Message

This is the essence of worship – giving our everyday life to God as an offering. Through genuine worship we are shaped and formed to reflect the image of God; to express the character of Christ. Whatever is going on in our world today, we can choose to praise His Name and offer our lives as a living sacrifice! That's how we align our hearts and minds with Him. Get ready - God is on the move!

Safety Is Of The Lord



Том SLOAN

pared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD." Proverbs Jesus calls us to be

"The horse is pre-

wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I am not promoting recklessness, nor the sale of all our earthly possessions to give to Jesus. What I am promoting is a little more risk for God than what we are accustomed to. Yes, we prepare (believe on Jesus) knowing that safety is of the Lord. This safety should impel us to push the envelope a bit further. It should cause us to reflect on the fact that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Acts 15:26 says that Barnabas and Paul hazarded their lives for the name of Jesus, but they did not lose their lives. Theirs was a smart risk because they did so in the name of Jesus Christ. And it just so happened that Jesus promised to be with them every day unto the end of the world. Life without risk is not life, but mere existence.

What would you do if there were no consequences for your sin? Would you sin more? Would you serve God less, or trust Him more? What if Christ has completely delivered us from the wrath of God? Would you forget God or embrace Him more? Would you have more or less faith? These questions put everything in perspective, placing the whole of the Christian life in a different light. These questions separate truth from fiction in our lives. To know God and His righteousness apart from the Law is to know His Son (Jesus) because He is the end of the Law for righteousness to all who believe. Talk about risky! This would be insanity were it not for the fact that Christ has delivered us from the curse of the Law. True righteousness is only found in Jesus Christ, without the Law. But this requires risk (faith) on our part. It may even require that we hazard our lives for Christ. However, there is a righteousness which is hidden from all who live by the Law and that righteousness is Jesus Christ Himself.

So, what would you do if all restraints were removed by God Himself, and your sin produced no consequences?

To God Be the Glory By JOELLE LUDINGTON

After reading this particular scripture, Ephesians 3:30 (King James Version):

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, I had a need in my life, and was in a lot of pain.

God led me to this scripture as a promise.

As I kept repeating it, my faith got stronger and stronger. But before that I walked around my living room confessing healing and deliverance I could barely walk. But this scripture every

time I repeated it I would pray and ask God for cerfrom the pain.

Today was wonderful.

when you release your faith. We have faith, we just need to release it through prayer and His word.

that works in us. To Him be glory in the

tain needs, family, and it Alive in Christ went on finally got relief Lutheran Church - LCMS thrating & sharing God's Love & grace in our lives! We invite you to join our Just something about Worship Service this Sunday! Or us join virtually at **AliveinChrist Facebook Page** According to the power Sunday **Bible Study:** Supper: 5:30pm Bible Study: 6:30pm Worship: 10:30am churches by Christ Jesus 2805 Lynn Dr. • (432) 264-7818 to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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Hawks get new baseball coach

Special to the Herald



Jake Carlson

Howard College has named Jake Carlson as the new head coach for the Hawk's baseball program. Carlson is replacing previous head coach Jack Giese and will start his official duties immediately.

Carlson was previously on staff with the Hawks from 2012-2015 as an assistant coach under Britt Smith. He now returns to the Hawks from the University of Louisiana Monroe where he has served as an assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator since 2018.

"We are excited to have Coach Carlson back in our program," said Dr. Amy Burchett, Executive Vice President. "His experience on the field and in the recruiting world, as well as his character and leadership, will be a tremendous asset for the Hawks."

Carlson has accumulated over 19 years of coaching experience including time at the University of Texas in San Antonio, Texas A&M University,

Blinn College, Odessa College, Coffeyville

Community College, and Nicholls State University.

"I am so excited to be returning to Howard College and taking over the Hawk baseball program," said Carlson. "I have a high level of respect for the history and tradition of the program and am looking forward to putting my stamp on things and having a winning program."

Throughout his coaching stints within the junior college realms, Carlson has coached 60 players who went on to play at the NCAA Division 1 level, has had 6 All-Americans, and has had over 40 players that have been selected in the MLB draft.

After playing baseball and earning his bachelor's degree at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA, Carlson went straight into coaching and hasn't looked back.

As an outfielder himself, Carlson has worked with teams as a hitting and

outfield coach, recruiting coordinator, base running coach and most recently

worked as the infield coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Additionally, Carlson was able to gain valuable experience while at Texas A&M University being a part of the SEC Tournament Championship, two regional championships, two super regional appearances and a trip to the col-

lege world series while serving as the volunteer assistant coach.

Jake, along with his wife Jessica and their 3-year-old daughter Callie Rene Carlson, will quickly be relocating to the Howard County area. "We have fond memories of our time in Howard County and look forward to coming back and making our new home here," said Carlson.

For more information about Howard College and Hawk Athletics visithow-ardcollege.edu or hchawk.com. Sports Information contact: Cindy Smith at csmith@howardcollege.edu or 432-517-0073 / 432-264-5034.

Sooners off to College World Series finals after beating A&M

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Oklahoma's baseball players came to the College World Series calling themselves "a bunch of Davids," a nod to their embrace of the underdog identity they adopted after an underwhelming start to the season.

It was one David — David Sandlin — who got most of the credit Wednesday for taking down Texas A&M, the last of the national seeds in the NCAA Tournament.

Sandlin held the Aggies to one run and struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings, Jimmy Crooks' three-run homer in the first held up and Oklahoma advanced to the CWS finals with a 5-1 victory.

Trying to complete a softball-baseball title sweep, the Sooners (45-22) have won three straight games at Charles Schwab Field by no fewer than four runs and will play for their first national championship since 1994.

Oklahoma's opponent in the best-of-three finals starting Saturday will be either Arkansas or Mississippi. Arkansas beat Ole Miss 3-2 on Wednesday night to force another game Thursday.

As Sooners fans chanted "O-U! O-U!" closer Trevin Michael struck out Brett Minnich to end the game against the Aggies. The celebration was sub-

"I think those kids are focused," coach Skip Johnson said. "I don't know if it's dog-piling or what-

ever it is... It's kind of weird sometimes. I don't tell them not to dog-pile, I can tell you that."

Texas A&M (44-20) finished 2-2 in the CWS under first-year coach Jim Schlossnagle after going 29-27, winning only nine Southeastern Conference games and not even qualifying for the league tournament in 2021.

The Sooners didn't look like an NCAA Tournament team after losing two of their first three Big 12 series and starting 18-12. They've won 27 of 37, including 12 of 14 since the end of the regular season.

Sandlin, in his first season with the Sooners after transferring from a junior college, had pitched one-third of an inning of relief in the Sooners' 13-8 win over the Aggies on Friday. He was tagged for four runs.

The purpose of that appearance was to prepare

Sandlin for the heightened atmosphere. It turned out to be a good plan. Sandlin said he had tried too hard in his brief appearance and took a different approach Wednesday.

"I just trusted my preparation," he said. "I feel

like today was more muscle memory than anything else. Just going out there and he just executing, don't think about things too much." Sandlin (9-4), who allowed five hits and walked

one in his 100-pitch outing, effectively worked the outside half of the plate with a sharp slider and elevated football

vated tastball. He struck out the first three batters he faced, five of the first eight and 10 of the first 20. He encountered trouble in the fourth inning when the first two batters reached base. He then fanned Troy Claunch, Brett Minnich and Jordan Thompson on

"He is just able to mix all of his pitches," Claunch said. "He was able to get ahead early with fastballs, and then next time around was able to mix and kind of threw whatever he wanted whenever he wanted."

Texas A&M starter Ryan Prager (1-4) allowed four runs, three earned, in 2 1/3 innings. Jacob Palisch went the rest of the way, gave up three hits and a run and struck out eight.

The Aggies beat Texas and Notre Dame to reach the bracket final. But they couldn't score against Sandlin until Dylan Rock homered to left center leading off the sixth.

Sandlin then retired the last six batters he faced and turned the game over to closer Trevin Michael to start the eighth.

The Sooners led 3-0 in the first on Crooks' fourth of the NCAA Tournament, and ninth of the season, and added single runs in the third and fifth. OU has not trailed in its CWS games.

"They've proven over the last six, seven days they're the best team in our bracket — at least playing the best baseball," Schlossnagle said. "Very, very consistent starting pitching, defense, timely hits.

Rangers beat Phillies for 9th time in row with 4-2 victory

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — While the Texas Rangers struck out 14 times overall, they made Zack Wheeler throw a lot of pitches, took advantage of an error and beat the Philadelphia Phillies again.

Brad Miller hit a two-run single against his former team, with two outs after an error in the second, and Kole Calhoun also drove in two runs as the Rangers won 4-2 for their ninth win in a row over the Phillies since 2014.

"I was just proud of our offense today, making Wheeler throw a ton of pitches, working a lot of counts," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "Obviously he punched out a lot of guys and we struck out 14 times. But at the same time, we actually had really quality at-bats to get those runs." Wheeler (6-4) lost for the first time in his last 10 starts, since losing his first three starts this season after finishing second in the NL Cy Young Award voting last year. The right-hander struck out eight, but walked three and gave up four runs (two earned) on seven hits on 99 pitches over 4 1/3 innings.

Jon Gray (3-3), the opening day starter for Texas, has won consecutive starts for the first time this season. The right-hander struck out six and walked one while allowing two runs and four hits over 5 2/3 innings.

Joe Barlow, the third Texas reliever, worked the ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances.

The Rangers led 2-0 on Miller's single that came a few batters after a fielding error by first baseman Rhys Hoskins, and before Wheeler recorded his fifth strikeout already to get out of that inning. Josh Smith raced home from first base for the second

run on a ball that was grounded not hard into the outfield.

"I almost checked up a little bit," said Smith, who then saw third base coach Tony Beasley waving him home.

Miller had only one hit in his previous 17 at-bats before then. The designated hitter played part of 2019 in Philadelphia, and all of last season there before signing a two-year deal with Texas.

While that play fired up Woodward, a former third base coach, Phillies interim manager Rob Thomson said Smith likely would have been held at third base had center fielder Odubel Herrera fielded the ball instead of letting right fielder Nick Castellanos do so with his momentum going away from the infield.

"I talked to Odubel about it," Thomson said.

Kyle Schwarber extended his career-best on-base streak to 26 games

for the Phillies with a two-run homer that tied the game at 2 in the third. But Texas went ahead to stay in the bottom of that inning after Corey Seager had a leadoff double and scored on

Calhoun's one-out single.

That inning could have been even bigger for the Rangers, who left the bases loaded after Wheeler went to full counts on three consecutive batters. The first batter to a full count was Jonah Heim, who walked on a checked swing on a play when it appeared Calhoun had been thrown out trying to steal second base. Instead of that potential inning-ending double play, Wheeler had to throw 20 more pitches to get out of the inning

"I think that's what it was," Wheeler said when asked if he felt Heim offered at strike three. "I've just got to go on after that, and just cut down the inning quicker. ... My command was off, just felt a little off in general."

Lightning 3-peat in trouble after Game 4 loss to Colorado

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By MARK DIDTLER
Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper took one question during his postgame media session. Without getting into specifics about whether Colorado had too many men on the ice, he suggested the Avalanche's overtime goal shouldn't have counted.

"This one is going to sting much more than others," Cooper said Wednesday night after a 3-2 loss in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final. "It's hard for me. It's going to be hard for me to speak. I'm going to have to speak. I'll speak with you tomorrow. You're going to see what I mean when you see the winning goal. And my heart breaks for the players because we probably still should be playing. I'll be available tomorrow.

ing. I'll be available tomorrow.

"And just watch this team, what they've gone through and the battling that's gone on. And we're all in this together. Players, coaches, refs, everybody. I've been part of some heartbreaking losses and defeats to the teams that took us

out and been with a group that just fights, fights and fights, and they fought their way to a third Stanley Cup final in a row."

Kadri's goal at 12:02 of overtime counted and the Avalanche took a 3-1 series lead, putting the Lightning's three-peat bid is in deep trouble.

The NHL released a statement saying the penalty is a judgement call that can be made by the on-ice officials. Each of the four officials said they did not see a too many men on the ice situation on the winning play. The call is not subject to video review.

Tampa Bay is trying to become the first team since the New York Islanders won four championships in a row from 1980-83 to lift the Cup three straight seasons. Teams down 3-1 in the final have rebounded to win it all just once in 36 tries.

Tampa Bay had its franchise playoff-record eight-games winning streak at home end. The Lightning outscored opponents 33-13 over those eight wins. Game 5 is Friday night at Colorado.

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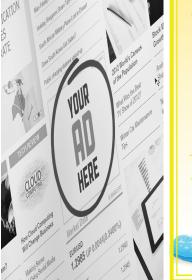
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By Steve Becker

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You are South, diamonds are trump, and East leads the jack of hearts. How would you score four of the last five tricks in this position?

Answer to No. 1: Ruff the heart jack with the four and overruff it with dummy's five. Then trump a club with the six and lead the four of spades.

West's remaining three cards are the J-10-8 of trump. If he ruffs with the eight, you overruff with the nine. If he ruffs with the ten, you discard dummy's last club and

again have West over a barrel Either way, your mission is accomplished.

2. You are South, declarer a Seven Spades, and have no losers in hearts, diamonds or clubs. You only problem is that you have the K-J-9-8-6-5 of trump facing dum my's A-10-7. When you lead the five of trump to the ace, West produces the deuce and East the three When you next lead dummy's ten East produces the four. Do you play the king or finesse?

Answer to No.2: In the absence of any clues indicating otherwise, you should play the king. With the opponents holding Q-x-x-x in the suit, East will be dealt x-x in 20.33 deals out of 100 and Q-x-x in 18.63 deals out of 100.

The proper percentage play therefore, is to go up with the king because it is slightly more likely to be the winning play. This is simply another way of expressing the off quoted adage "eight ever, nine never."

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However, as noted above, the the oretical advantage of playing to drop the queen rather than finesse is only very slight. Any clue that might indicate that West is somewhat more likely to have been deal a singleton than a doubleton should induce you to finesse rather than play for the queen to fall.



Today in History

June 23, Nasser elected Egypt's president

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2022. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 23, 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first Black candidate to have his name placed in nomination for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

On this date:

In 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office, which opened the following year.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a roundthe-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin (ah-LEK'say koh-SEE'-gihn) opened a three-day summit at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." (On the same day, Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1994, the movie "Forrest Gump," starring Tom Hanks as a simple yet kindhearted soul and his serendipitous brushes with greatness, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1995, Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine to halt the crippling rampage of polio, died in La Jolla (HOY'-ah), California, at age 80.

In 2016, Britain voted to leave the European Union after a bitterly divisive referendum campaign, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron, who had led the campaign to keep

Britain in the EU.

In 2020, the Louisville police department fired an officer involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor more than three months earlier, saying Brett Hankison had shown "extreme indifference to the value of human life" when he fired ten rounds into Taylor's apartment. (A second officer was also fired; Hankison was found not guilty on charges that he endangered neighbors.)

ately sought to ease tensions following an incident in which Syria shot down a Turkish reconnaissance plane, saying the plane had entered its airspace. Ashton Eaton broke the world record in the decathlon, finishing with 9,039 points at the U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene, Oregon. (Eaton later surpassed his own record with 9,045 points at the 2015 Beijing world championships.)

Ten years ago: Syria

and Turkey desper-

Five years ago: President Donald Trump signed a bill making it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire employees, part of a push to overhaul an agency struggling to serve millions of military vets. California Gov. Jerry Brown blocked parole for Charles Manson follower and convicted killer Bruce Davis.

One year ago: A 49-year-old Indiana grandmother became the first person to be sentenced in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S.

Capitol; Anna Morgan

Lloyd was sentenced to probation and community service and had to pay \$500 in restitution after pleading guilty to a single misdemeanor charge. A member of the Oath Keepers extremist group, Graydon Young, pleaded guilty in a conspiracy case stemming from the Jan. 6 attack, and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. After 13 years of near silence in the conservatorship that controlled her life and money, pop star Britney Spears told a judge in Los Angeles that the conservatorship controlled by her made her feel demoral ized and enslaved, and that it should come to an end. (The judge would agree to that request in November

Today's Birthdays:

2021.)

Singer Diana Trask is 82. Actor Ted Shackelford is 76. Actor Bryan Brown is 75. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 74. Actor Jim Metzler is 71. "American Idol" exjudge Randy Jackson is 66. Actor Frances McDormand is 65. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 60. Writer-director Joss Whedon is 58. R&B singer Chico DeBarge is 52. Actor Selma Blair is 50. Actor Joel Edgerton is 48. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 47. Actor Emmanuelle Vaugier is 46. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 45. Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson is 43. Actor Melissa Rauch is 42. Rock singer Duffy is 38. Country singer Katie Armiger is 31.

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Horoscopes By Holiday

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022

Summer's First Wave

These early days of the solar shift into the first water sign of the zodiac will find an emotional equilibrium. Just as water naturally stabilizes in stillness, all will calmly settle into one body. Then a lunar alignment with Uranus is like a pebble drop, the perfectly symmetrical ripples soothing in their perfect expan-

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cynicism isn't insightful or helpful or any more honest than uplifting commentary. You'll contribute in a more attractive mode of communication: the supportive language of optimism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The apathetic may harbor no ill will. It's more likely that they just don't see what's at stake. Change will happen when people understand things differently. You'll trust by educating without pushing an agenda.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so multifaceted that someone who only knows you in one context hardly knows you at all. Furthermore, you'd like to keep your mystery intact and will be skeptical of those who want to learn more. Let them earn the right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Would you rather feel that everything is certain

and nothing changes, or that nothing is certain and everything changes? The day's delight hinges on a balance of expected and unexpected events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're old enough to take advantage of privileges that were out of reach when you were younger, and you can afford them now too. The best part is how you appreciate your position. Gratitude attracts good fortune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Looking back, you now realize how many of your concerns back then were needless. It's safe to enjoy yourself now too. Trust future-you to handle the future and let presentyou handle only this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success will be simple when you recognize what is and is not under your control then apply yourself only to the first group of circumstances. There is always more than enough to do in that category.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Caring isn't always a gentle tone. Sometimes caring shows up strong or impulsive, assertive or challenging. Relationships that are real, honest and in-the-moment are made up on the spot. They may not fit the mold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When love troubles you, turn to friends, and when friends are the problem, turn to love. Knowing who you are and what you want makes it easier for others to figure

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The fun is at your house because people feel they can be themselves there. Your warmth and acceptance make it so! If you want them to leave, you'll have to tell them; none will get the

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll quietly suss out potential connections. You can tell who is going to be high-maintenance or tricky because early interactions reveal much. Many difficult people are worth the trouble.

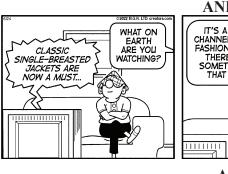
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Small acts of domesticity or self-care may not appear to be as significant to your well-being as big grand gestures, yet there's practical magic in simple things that will contribute enormously to happiness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). You're humble and open to learning but you also sense when you must act in bold confidence. You won't be ready but say ves to the juicy opportunity anyway. Colleagues, friends and mentors help you squeeze the sweet potential from this scene and the new skills you add to your arsenal will apply later elsewhere. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 13, 3, 33 and 17.

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ONE BIG HAPPY



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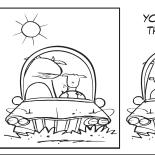


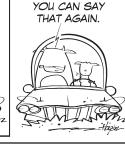


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Newsday Crossword

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- worship
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 - **35** Skyy rival
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 - 39 Nation on the Arabian Sea
 - 40 Boardroom VIP

- Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
 - **41** Bone in a bird's wing
 - **42** Fresh start for a film series
 - 43 Knee MRI target
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 - brand **50** Exuberant
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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

> CROSSWORD **Today's Answers**

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Today's Answers

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Uvalde school police chief on leave after mass shooting

<u>By JAKE BLEIBER</u>

DALLAS (AP) — The Uvalde school district's police chief was put on leave Wednesday following allegations that he erred in his response to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School that left 19 students and two teachers

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Hal Harrell said that he put schools police Chief Pete Arredondo on administrative leave because the facts of what happened remain unclear. In a statement, Harrell did not address Arredondo's actions as on-site commander during the attack but said he didn't know when details of federal, state and local investigations into the law enforcement response to the slayings would be revealed.

"From the beginning of this horrible event, I shared that the district would wait until the investigation was complete before making personnel decisions," Harrell said. "Because of the lack of clarity that remains and the unknown timing of when I will receive the results of the investigations, I have made the decision to place Chief Arredondo on administrative leave effective on this A spokesperson for the Uvalde school district, Anne Marie Espinoza, de-

clined to say whether Arredondo would continue to be paid while on leave. Another officer will assume the embattled chief's duties, Harrell said.

Col. Steven McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told a state Senate hearing on Tuesday that Arredondo made "terrible decisions" as the massacre unfolded on May 24 , and that the police response was an "ab-Three minutes after 18-year-old Salvador Ramos entered the school, suffi-

cient armed law enforcement were on scene to stop the gunman, McCraw testified. Yet police officers armed with rifles waited in a school hallway for more than an hour while the gunman carried out the massacre. The classroom door could not be locked from the inside, but there is no indication officers tried to open the door while the gunman was inside, McCraw said.

McCraw has said parents begged police outside the school to move in and students inside the classroom repeatedly pleaded with 911 operators for help while more than a dozen officers waited in a hallway. Officers from other agencies urged Arredondo to let them move in because children were in danger.

"The only thing stopping a hallway of dedicated officers from entering Room 111 and 112 was the on-scene commander who decided to place the lives of officers before the lives of children," McCraw said.

Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin pushed back on McCraw's testimony casting blame on Arredondo, saying the Department of Public Safety has repeatedly put out false information about the shooting and glossed over the role of its own officers.

McLaughlin called Tuesday's Senate hearing a "clown show" and said he heard nothing from McCraw about state troopers' involvement, even though McLaughlin said their number in the school hallway at points during the slaughter surpassed that of any other law enforcement agency.

Delays in the police response as the shooting was happening has become the focus of ongoing investigations and public outcry. Law enforcement has at times offered confusing and sometimes contradictory details and timelines that have drawn anger and frustration. The Uvalde City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously against giving Ar-

public meetings. Relatives of the shooting victims had pleaded with city leaders to instead fire him. "Please, please, we're begging you, get this man out of our lives," said Ber-

redondo — who is a council member — a leave of absence from appearing at

linda Arreola, the grandmother of Amerie Jo Garza, a 10-year-old who was fatally shot in the attack. Sen. Paul Bettencourt told the state Senate hearing that Arredondo should

have stepped down straight away. "This man should have removed himself from the job immediately because, just looking at his response, he was incapable of it," Bettencourt said.

Arredondo and his lawyer have declined repeated requests for comment from The Associated Press and did not immediately respond to an inquiry Wednesday about his leave.

Arredondo has tried to defend his actions, telling the Texas Tribune that he didn't consider himself the commander in charge of operations and that he assumed someone else had taken control of the law enforcement response. He said he didn't have his police and campus radios but that he used his cellphone to call for tactical gear, a sniper and the classroom keys.

It's still not clear why it took so long for police to enter the classroom, how they communicated with each other during the attack, and what their body

Officials have declined to release more details, citing the investigation.

Arredondo, 50, grew up in Uvalde and spent much of his nearly 30-year career in law enforcement in the city. He took the head police job at the school district in 2020 and was sworn in as a member of the City Council in a closeddoor ceremony May 31.

Border Patrol paroles migrants to avoid massive overcrowding

<u>By ELLIOT SPAGAT</u>

Associated Press Writer

EAGLE PASS, Texas (AP) — The warehouse on a busy but unremarkable strip of auto repair shops and convenience stores draws little attention from

Inside, hundreds of migrants are eating, charging phones and using temporary bathrooms and showers. Within a few hours, a security guard escorts them to a gravel lot out front, where commercial buses take them from the remote Texas town of Eagle Pass to the San Antonio International Air-

The Border Patrol releases up to 1,000 migrants daily at Mission: Border Hope. The nonprofit group outgrew a church and moved to the warehouse in April amid the Biden administration's rapidly expanding practice of releasing migrants on parole, particularly those who are not subject to a pandemic rule that prevents migrants from seeking

The Border Patrol paroled more than 207,000 migrants who crossed from Mexico from August through May, including 51,132 in May, a 28% increase from April, according to court records. In the previous seven months, it paroled only 11 mi-

Parole shields migrants from deportation for a set period of time but provides little else. By law, the Homeland Security Department may parole migrants into the United States "only on a caseby-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit." Parolees can apply for asylum within a year.

The Border Patrol turned to parole because it lacks holding space, according to court filings. It is a low-key but far-reaching change from President Joe Biden's first months in office and from his immediate predecessors, Donald Trump and Barack Obama. When agents couldn't process migrants quickly enough for court appearances last year, thousands languished in custody under a bridge in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. In 2019, cells were so packed that some migrants resorted to standing on

Migrants released at the warehouse are told to report to immigration authorities in two months at their final destination in the U.S. A handheld device tracks their movements.

"The treatment (by U.S. authorities) was good in comparison with other countries," said Anthony Montilla, 27, of Venezuela. "They didn't treat us like were thieves." He arrived with his family after a journey that

included walking through Panama's notorious

Darien Gap, where bandits raped young girls in front of their parents and dead bodies lay on the jungle floor. After Border Patrol released the family on two months' parole, they headed to a friend's home in Washington, D.C. Jose Castillo, 43, arrived from Nicaragua with his wife and 14-year-old son, after overcoming fears of

drowning in the Rio Grande. They were headed to Miami to live with a cousin. They say opposition to Nicaragua's government made them targets for The day Castillo spent in Border Patrol custody

was "easy," he said, but he would advise others against the trip due to dangers of going hungry or being kidnapped in Mexico. Mission: Border Hope, which is backed by the United Methodist Church, operates in an area that

now rivals Rio Grande Valley as the busiest corridor for illegal crossings. Its services are modest compared to groups in other border cities that provide shelter and transportation to an airport. It began in 2000 by serving 25 to 50 migrants a

week at a previous location, said Valeria Wheeler, the executive director, who oversees operations with assembly-line efficiency.

On the busiest days, volunteers can't keep pace as they register migrants, buy bus tickets and handle other logistics, Wheeler said. A typical day is 500 migrants but arrivals sometimes reach 1,000.

Boxes of spaghetti sauce, chicken soup and pork and beans are stacked near a makeshift kitchen. Migrants wait in clusters of metal benches and plastic chairs. A voice on a loudspeaker gives instructions to people dropped off in Border Patrol buses and announces when airport-bound commercial buses arrive for ticketed passengers. The facility encourages migrants to leave quickly

to make room for others, but about one in 10 end up sleeping on the concrete floor because they have nowhere to go.

"We are not set up to be a shelter," Wheeler, a former paralegal, said as she walked the windowless building, often interrupted by migrants with questions.

Paroled migrants say they were not screened for asylum or even asked why they came to the U.S. They receive a stapled packet with a blue stamp that says when parole expires.

That contrasts with many others who are expelled without a chance to seek asylum under Title 42 authority, which denies migrants a shot at asylum on grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19. A federal judge recently ordered it remain in effect over the administration's objections.

Title 42 has been applied unevenly, largely affecting migrants from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador because Mexico has agreed to take them back.

The head of the Border Patrol's parent agency says migrants picked for parole have their criminal histories checked and generally arrive in families with an address where they will stay in the U.S.

"We're trying to be smart about it, recognizing that there are people that have been carefully vetted but are at much lower risk and would make sense to handle differently from others," Chris Magnus, commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, said in an interview.

Critics say parole encourages more migrants to come and the administration is defying the legal requirement that it be granted on a "case-by-case basis." But Magnus said it is "far more efficient" and about as effective as releasing them after Border Patrol agents prepare notices to appear in immigration court. That time-consuming exercise now falls to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers when migrants report to them at their final

The Border Patrol still processes about 25,000 migrants a month for immigration court, which agents say can take more than an hour each. Parole, by comparison, is processed in minutes.

On one recent day, a Honduran woman who was about eight months' pregnant was released with a notice to appear in immigration court in Cleveland, where she planned to live with an uncle. Wheeler said doesn't know why some migrants are processed for immigration court and others are paroled — and her organization doesn't ask.

"Our purpose is to provide safety," she said.

Delta wins right to stay at Dallas airport after lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Delta Air Lines will be able to continue operating flights at Dallas Love Field for another six years, under a settlement approved by the city council.

The agreement, which passed without debate this week, appears to end a long court fight over gates at the cityowned airport near downtown Dallas that is dominated by Southwest Air-Delta has shared one of the airport's

20 gates with Southwest since 2014, and currently uses it for up to five daily flights between Dallas and Atlanta. Southwest, which subleased the gate from United Airlines, has tried to

remove rival Delta for several years. Southwest controls 17 other gates. Airlines have fought over Love Field because it is more convenient

for many travelers than DFW Air-

port, 16 miles away, and because a law passed by Congress in 2006 capped Love Field at 20 gates. Dallas officials commissioned a

study that suggested expanding Love Field, KXAS-TV in Dallas reported. People in nearby residential neighborhoods are objecting to expansion, which was presented to a city council committee earlier this week.

The lawsuit settlement approved by the council Wednesday will let Delta use one of two gates controlled by Alaska Airlines and pay Alaska \$200,000 a year through September 2028, an idea proposed by the city, according to The Dallas Morning News. Alaska obtained the gates when it bought Virgin America in 2016, but

currently uses them for only two flights a day.

The settlement would resolve a

effect, city officials threw up their hands and asked a federal court to

lawsuit that the city filed in 2015. In sort out an impasse that involved two federal agencies and six airlines.

