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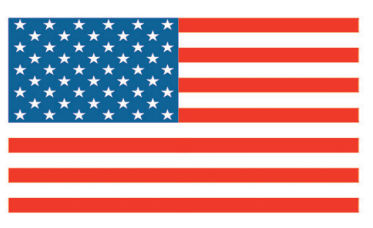
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## Preserving a piece of history; Honoring the last Webb, Base Commander



*HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat*  
 Pictured above left is Colonel Jim Little (right) speaking about Jerry Grimes (left) during the ceremony. Pictured above center is one of Grimes' good friends speaking about memories he held with Grimes. At right is the case in which Grimes' history is contained at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor  
 It is our duty to never let history die. Remembering the legacy that has been left behind by those who chose to serve their country, and preserving a piece of that history, is exactly what Hangar 25 Air Museum did with the unveiling of its newest exhibit. The new case houses memorabilia of the last Webb Air Force Base Commander, Jerry Grimes.  
 "Jerry arrived in Big Spring at Webb to earn his wings, and, in the process,

found a wife," Amber Stokes, Hangar 25 Air Museum Director, said. "Many years later, he returned to serve as the last acting base commander before the base closed in 1977. He dedicated more than 20 years to the United States Air Force in service to his country."  
 Jerry Grimes arrived in Big Spring in 1956 to do pilot training. As did many pilots who conducted their training in Big Spring, Grimes formed a special connection with the community in which he earned his wings. As Stokes mentioned, in addition to earning his wings, Grimes also found his wife.

While at Webb, as a young man, he got put into a T-28 which delivered about 850 horsepower and all the bells and whistles.

While many young servicemen would have been intimidated at the sheer size and force behind the plane, Grimes simply recalled the experience as "a little daunting".

Colonel Jim Little was one of the many to speak during the special ceremony.

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## Big Spring fan distribution started Friday; drive extended to meet the need for more fans

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

While many people rely on their air conditioning units to stay cool throughout the 90 to 110 degree temperatures Howard County typically faces during its summer seasons, some local residents don't possess functioning central air or window units. For them, an electric fan becomes a minimum necessity to keep air flowing during the summer heat.

The city of Big Spring is spearheading an effort to make sure locals that need one have a box fan or a floor stand oscillating fan to beat the heat.

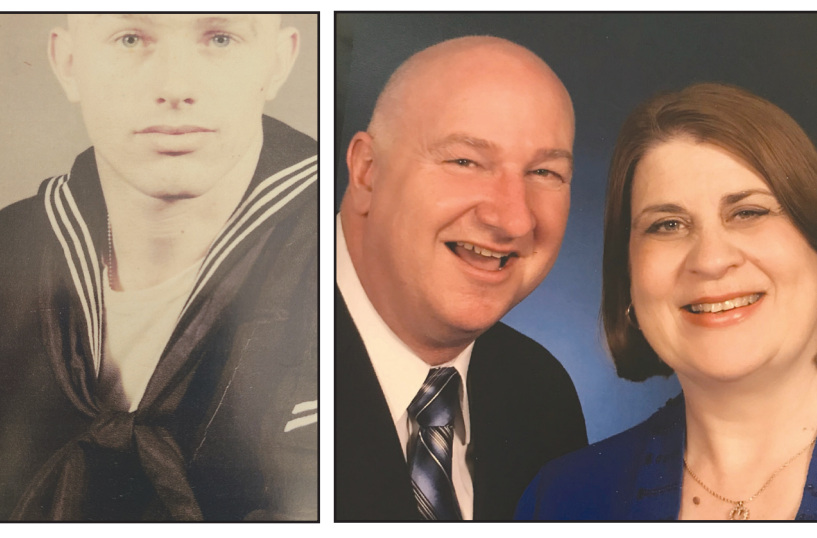
"If they need one, come down here and check with the ladies inside, and they'll get them one," said Fire Chief Craig Ferguson.

Ferguson said the fans are available at Big Spring City Hall, 310 S. Nolan St., during regular business hours. Ferguson asked that people needing fans come to City Hall if at all possible, but realizes that some people in need of the devices may not have a ride to the city government offices.

"We understand that there's people in town who may not be able to make it down here," he said. "There's legitimately

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## Coahoma Freedom Parade announces Grand Marshal, Citizens of the Year for 2021 festivities



**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Coahoma Freedom Parade is gearing up, entries are being accepted and final plans are being made. The Coahoma Freedom Parade will be at 10 a.m. July 3, with line up starting at 9 a.m.

"We will be honoring our veterans this year with the parade's patriotic theme and with the recognitions at the end of the parade," Connie Shaw, Coahoma Lions Club Secretary, said. "We are excited to be able to bring back the celebration in the park following the parade. We weren't able to hold the park activities last year, due to the pandemic, but we were still able to honor veterans for their service."

The parade is open to the entire community. Participants will gather at the Coahoma Football Field. This year's entries will be judged for cash prizes for Most Patriotic. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will travel through downtown Coahoma.

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*Courtesy photo*  
 The Grand Marshal for the Coahoma Freedom Parade is Veteran Richard "Tex" Irvin. The Citizens of the Year are Eddy and Kathy Pitchford.

### Upcoming Events

Toasty Tuesdays meet around town at 6:30 p.m. at Comanche Trail Park

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays

Pops in the Park July 3

Highland Fourth of July Parade July 3 10 a.m. Line up at 9 a.m.

Coahoma Freedom Parade July 3 at 10 a.m.

United Way Kick off and Golf Tournament set for Aug. 28

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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG**, 45, of 1501 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 36, of 1501 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2).
- **GILBERT JIMENEZ JR**, 26, of 605 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.
- **CASEY MORRIS PRICE**, 28, of 906 Brian Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2), fail to report change of address/name, fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- **LISA NICOLE RODRIGUEZ**, 33, of 1317 Mesquite Street, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention previously convicted, resist arrest search or transport, fail to identify fugitive give false information, warrant from other agency, aggravated assault against public servant, aggravated assault against public servant, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information less than five items, evading arrest/detention using vehicle with previous conviction.
- **RIANNON HENSON MELTON**, 37, of 1206 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication, resist arrest search or transport.

- **CRYSTAL JEAN THREATS**, 30, of 2911 Navajo Drive, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x3).
- **ROBERT MATHEW MORAN**, 32, of 600 E. 17<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of unlawful carrying a weapon and driving while intoxicated.
- **ZACHARY RAY RIVERA**, 30, of 606 Baylor Blvd, was arrested on a charge of warrant other agency.
- **KEVIN LEE POWELL**, 26, of 5600 S. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch, criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750, interfere with emergency request for assistance.
- **JOSE LUIS CORTEZ CORTEZ**, 41, of 1750 W. Lambert Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSHUA CROSBY**, 20, of 109 E. 16<sup>th</sup> A, was arrested on a charge of possession of less than or equal to two ounces, unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **NICOLE MARIE LOSOYA**, 42, of 12715 Maplevue St. in California, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Benton Street; 800 block of N. Goliad Street; 1500 block of Sycamore Street; 1000 block of Bluebonnet Avenue.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of

Martin Luther King Blvd.

- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 600 block of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; 3300 block of E. I-20.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the area of Gregg Street bridge.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1900 block of S. Johnson Street; 1600 block of Donley Street.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2800 block of N. Hwy 87 Highway; area of Warehouse Road.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the area of Johnson and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the area of 1/2 mile from Longshore on Wildfire.
- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road.

# Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 105 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JOSE CORTEZ**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTHONY CRAIG CRENSHAW**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol.
- **JOSHUA LEE CROSBY**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession marijuana less than two ounces and unlawful carrying weapon.
- **ARMANDO JOE DELGADO**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LISA NICOLE GOMEZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle/watercraft with previous, fraud use/possession identifying info, aggravated assault against public servant (x2), parole violation, evading arrest detention with previous conviction, resist arrest search or transport, fail to identifying fugitive intent give false information.
- **RIANNON LEE HENSON**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and resist arrest search or transport.
- **GILBERT JIMENEZ JR.**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.
- **ELVIS EUGENE LANG, SR.**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of

- **NICOLE MARIE LOSOYA**, 41, was arrested by HCSO, on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family.
- **EDUARADO ZAVALA MARTINEZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT MATHEW MORAN**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful carrying weapon and driving while intoxicated.
- **KEVIN LEE POWELL**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence, criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750, interfere with emergency request for assistance.
- **CASEY MORRIS PRICE**, 28, was arrested by BSPD, on a charge of fail to maintain financial responsible, violate promise to appear, fail to report

- **ZACHARY RAY RIVERA**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of interfere with emergency request for assistance.
- **DEYANNA LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 19, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **CRYSTAL THREATS**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x3)

# Take Note

- Highland Parade will take place at 10 a.m. July 3. Line up will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Highland and Robb. The parade will go through Highland and conclude at Highland and Goliad. The awards ceremony will be held at the end of the parade. Judging for the mailbox and house decoration will take place Friday, July 2 beginning at 4 p.m.
- Big Spring ISD summer breakfast and lunch service is still ongoing. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad through July 1; Service at Big Spring High School and at Big Spring Junior High School have concluded for the summer.
- 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
- Coahoma Freedom Parade will be Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. The parade line up will be at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Footbal Stadium parking lot. For more information call Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.
- Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin in August 2, 2021 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannan. Please call 432-213-1046. Or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service annual Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference will be in Monahans on July 7. Additional information is available at the Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference facebook page. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the event; contact Floyd at Dena.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8500 block of E. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Swinney. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Dogwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# GRIMES

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The two not only shared time served at Webb Air Force Base, but also a connection from their previous locations - North Carolina.

"How do you just say a few words about Jerry," Colonel Jim Little said. "It's a small world; the fact that I came in here, the Mayor of the town was from North Carolina, Jerry was from North Carolina and I was just coming in from North Carolina. It was like it was bringing us all together for some reason."

The room was filled with family members and friends, some of which traveled several hours, to be in attendance for the momentous occasion. A couple of those special attendees included his long time friend Rob Mitchell and Bobby Waddle.

"We got here at the same time, and lived across the street from each other ... we really lived all over Big Spring. Housing was hard to come by... We built a lot of relationships here," Waddle said. "Big Spring is still a special place in my heart. Those paths you cross in the Air Force will always be there and are

bound to cross somewhere down the line."

As Waddle traveled down memory lane and spoke to the importance of the relationships that were formed during their time at Webb Air Force Base and in the Air Force, he also commended those who have put so much effort into preserving the history that is contained in the remaining portions of Webb Air Force Base.

"This is history and you just don't wipe history out. You have to keep it coming and Jerry is a part of that history," Waddle said. "I am really glad that I could be here today brother; thanks for all you've done, for your service to our country, God bless you."

Long time Board Member of Hangar 25 Gloria McDonald also spoke a few words in recognition of the impact Grimes has had on not only the Hangar, but the community of Big Spring.

"Jerry served well on the Hangar board for many years; it was kind of like when he was base commander," McDonald said. "He made sure everything went right, and I liked that. I like Jerry for doing that, and I think Jerry likes me for doing that. It was an honor to put this case together."

McDonald along with several others have spent many months trying to gather all the pieces of memorabilia to truly reflect Grimes' time in the service and the contributions that he made to the base's history.

In addition to the unveiling of the new case, Grimes was also honored with the addition of his name placed on the T-28 that is housed at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

While the special dedication ceremony was focused on Grimes' time in the Air Force, specifically Webb Air Base, his service did not stop there. After his time wrapped up in the military, he ventured into a life of service for his community.

"After he served his country, he didn't quit. He went on to serve the people of Big Spring," Stokes said. "Just a few short years ago, he was named Man of the Year and that proves once again a life of service... that's just who Jerry Grimes is; he has the heart of a servant."

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Mayor Shannon Thomason and Fire Chief Craig Ferguson stand in front of the fans that were gathered from the recent City of Big Spring fan drive. The fans were distributed at City Hall last Friday. For those still needing a fan, drop by City Hall this summer. The fan drive has also been extended for those wanting to donate a fan.

# FAN

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people who cannot get down here and get one."

Ferguson asks that people who cannot make it to the city office building call City Hall at 264-2347.

"I'll be honest: We don't want to get into the delivery business because ev-

erybody in town would be calling. But we can figure something out," he said.

Speaking Monday afternoon, Big Spring's Benefits Coordinator Stacie King said the city has already given away most of the fans it started with, and was down to six fans from a starting supply of 30.

"We really need more fan donations," she said, adding that new fans or gently used fans will be accepted. Fans suitable for indoor use are needed rather than shop fans.

Donations can be made at City Hall, any fire station, or at the Big Spring Police Department, said Ferguson.

"We really appreciate the community's help, their response," said the Fire Chief. "We want to stress that we've extended it through the end of July, and we will take any and all new or gently used fans that you have at the house."

Mayor Shannon Thomason appealed to the local residents to continue helping with the fan donations.

"One thing we can always count on here in Big Spring is the generosity of the community," he said. "We're constantly pleased and made proud of the community for their generosity."

# PARADE

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Participants are asked to not throw candy from the floats.

The parade will end in the Coahoma Park where there will be hamburger meals available for purchase, as well as live entertainment provided by Tanner and Mae Churchwell. The music will be performed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. In addition there will be water slides, sack races, basketball throw contest and bouncy houses available.

This year the Grand Marshal for the parade will be Veteran Richard "Tex" Irvin.

Irvin joined the United States Navy on Jan. 3, 1963. He attended basic training at Great Lakes. From basic training he was sent to Key West, Fla., to Sonar School.

"After Sonar training I was sent aboard

a destroyer home ported in Mayport, Fla. Two and a half years later I was transferred to an air craft carrier for a year," Irvin said.

Irvin finished out his Navy career at Jacksonville Naval Air Station. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 10, 1967.

The Citizens of the Year for 2021 are Eddy and Kathy Pitchford. The couple met in Dallas and have been married for 42 years. On Sept. 1, the Pitchfords will begin their 16th year in ministry to the Coahoma Church of Christ and the community.

"Our citizens of the year are people who go above and beyond throughout the year to give back to their community," Shaw said. "They are so often helping out others were they see a need and we want to highlight that."

The couple has been involved in ministry in Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. Eddy is a graduate of the Preston Road Church of Christ School of Preaching in Dallas and Oklahoma Christian University with a degree in Bible and Biblical languages. Kathy is a graduate of Harding University with a degree in elementary education. She taught 33 years and retired from Coahoma ISD in 2019.

"Our goal is to celebrate Independence day and have a good time with the families of our community," she said.

For more information or to sign up, contact Connie Shaw at 432-394-4000 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

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Ricky Davis, 69, of died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

David Anthony Martinez, 22, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Madeline Boadle, 92, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Queen Set.....	\$897
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Queen Set.....	\$547

# Hays homers in 5-run 9th to lift Baltimore Orioles over Houston Astros 9-7

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Baltimore Orioles used timely hitting and huge ninth inning to get a win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Austin Hays hit a tiebreaking two-run homer during Baltimore's five-run ninth, helping the Orioles top the Astros 9-7.

"We had a lot of guys on base; we had some big knocks," Hays said. "We just haven't been able to get that big hit when we needed to, and it was nice to put some big swings on balls tonight."

Cedric Mullins opened the ninth with his third single for Baltimore. Hays then connected for his seventh homer, sending a drive to left against Brandon Bielak (2-3). Pedro Severino added a two-run double and scored on Ramon Urias' two-out double.

Houston got three back in the bottom half, scoring on RBI singles for Myles Straw and Robert Garcia before Jose Altuve delivered a sacrifice fly. But Adam Plutko got Michael Brantley to fly out to left, earning his first save.

"Any win right now is big for our team," manager Brandon Hyde said. "But to come out here and put up 15 hits against a really good team is big ... we're very, very happy."

The Orioles rallied for the win on a night when their pitchers struggled with command. They issued 10 walks, including three with the bases loaded.

"That's not the recipe to win against the Houston Astros or any other major league team," Hyde said.

Rookie Ryan Mountcastle homered and drove in three runs for Baltimore. Paul Fry (2-2) surrendered three runs in 1 1/3 innings, but got the win.

The Orioles looked better Monday than they did last week when the Astros outscored them 26-3 in a three-game sweep in Baltimore.

They've had a tough time in Houston in recent years. Monday was only the second time the Orioles had won at Minute Maid Park in 13 games since 2016.

The Astros, who entered the game leading the majors in runs, hits and batting average, struggled to string much together, going 2 for 13 with runners in scoring position.

"One week we're picking all the runners up and this week we're having problems, especially the double plays and strikeouts with runners in scoring position," manager Dusty Baker said.

Houston starter Zack Greinke allowed eight hits and three runs in five innings.

Orioles manager Thomas Eshelman, who allowed six runs in four innings in a loss to Houston last week, permitted five hits and two runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Baltimore grabbed a 3-2 lead on Mountcastle's two-run homer off Greinke in the fifth. It was his 14th of the season.

The Orioles added a run in the seventh when

Hays scored on Ryan McKenna's infield out.

The Astros loaded the bases with one out in the sixth, but Hunter Harvey took over for Cole Sulser and retired Martín Maldonado and Altuve to end the threat.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: SS Carlos Correa left in the ninth after being plunked on the right knee. Baker said he was OK and wanted to stay in but they wanted him to ice his knee immediately. ... 3B Alex Bregman, who has been out since June 18 with a strained left quadriceps, said he's making progress, but that he still doesn't have a timetable for his return. Asked if he'd be back before the All-Star break, he said: "probably not." Bregman said he is running but is not yet abating or swelling. "I just want to feel normal again physically for the first time in two years," he said. "So we're working on a lot of things, not only addressing the quad, but we're working on full lower body, like alignment's, stuff like that."

THEY SAID IT

The 37-year-old Greinke on being hurt by soft debut in recent games: "That's just how it is now-days for me. I just can't will my way into striking guys out."

UP NEXT

Right-hander José Urquidy (6-3, 3.32 ERA) will pitch for the Astros on Tuesday when the series continues. The Orioles have yet to name their starter.

# Texas turn for Gibson from opening flop to AL-best 2.00 ERA

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward loves sharing the story of Kyle Gibson, the veteran right-hander who flopped in his first opening day start.

Gibson was 2-6 last year in his Rangers debut, then this season had a 135.00 ERA after getting only one out in the shortest opening day start in franchise history, and shortest in the majors since 1982. He is now the American League ERA leader at 2.00, and a likely first-time All-Star.

"Everybody asks me about him," Woodward said. "This guy wanted to be better. You know, he's an older guy that maybe could have just fallen into old patterns and said, 'Hey, I'm just going to do what I always do.' But he didn't. He said after last year, he wasn't satisfied, he wasn't happy."

The 33-year-old Gibson (6-0) is pitching with more confidence than he ever has less than three months after failing to get out of the first inning for the only time in his 215 starts over nine big league seasons.

His unbeaten streak of 15 games is the longest to open a season in franchise history; he got no decision in that opener in Kansas City on April 1, when he gave up five runs while facing eight batters (four singles, three walks and a strikeout) after Texas had scored five times in the top of the first. Only one other team has more than two runs against him, and the Royals got none when they faced him again Saturday in Texas.

"Sometimes confidence follows a little bit of success. I try to not let my confidence be rooted in the results," Gibson said. "It's something that I've learned over the years, is you can't let your confidence be shaken by one start or anything like that. A lot of my confidence on the mound comes from my preparation and comes in the work that I do beforehand."

While the slider is still his best pitch, and he relies heavily on a sinker, Gibson added a cutter this season. He was making adjustments to his delivery even between his last starts.

Gibson had a season-high 10 strikeouts, with five in a row early, over seven scoreless innings Saturday. He

retired the first 12 Royals, including a seven-pitch fourth inning against the top of their lineup. The only Kansas City runners on against him were after loading the bases with no outs in the fifth, on two singles and a walk, before a strikeout and an inning-ending double play.

"It was all execution ... he was so good in the bottom of the zone," said Royals manager and former big-league catcher Mike Matheny, who pointed out Gibson's performance to his pitchers as an example of what he has emphasized to some of them.

"He didn't make a lot of mistakes in the middle of the plate, didn't make a lot of mistakes up," he said. "Only tried to elevate a couple times, which we've made such a big deal about it because I've been trying to preach this to a couple of our guys. And to go back and watch this game over is going to be part of the homework assignments for some of our pitchers."

A first-round draft pick by Minnesota, Gibson pitched his first seven big-league seasons there before signing a \$28 million, three-year deal with Texas in free agency. He was 13-7 over 160

innings for the AL Central champion Twins in 2019, even after developing ulcerative colitis after an extended bout with E. coli that he contracted during an annual mission trip before that spring.

There were some UC flare-ups in his debut with the Rangers, when the 5.35 ERA in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season was the second-worst in his career. He had a 6.53 ERA in 10 starts as a rookie in 2013.

"He wanted to figure things out. 'What do I need to do to get better?', those were his words. And in every way, and he's all in," Woodward said. "Now he's given himself the physical and mental arsenal to go out there and do it. And it's fun to watch."

Woodward sees no way that Gibson could be left off the AL All-Star team that will be named July 4.

"Outside of game one, he's been absolutely dominant," the manager said. "Name me however many other pitchers that are going to be on the All-Star team that are better than him. You just can't come up with the names."

# Athletic Support: "Summer School Blues"



**Dear Athletic Support:** My son is in summer school. He's going into his senior football season, and I really hate that he's stuck doing summer school. I hate it because summer school lasts for fifteen days and goes from eight in the morning until

this, I got him back into the regular classes and he was already too far behind to catch up. Now I'm just torn. He's worked most all his life with hopes and dreams of earning a football scholarship, but summer school is keeping him from it. Why couldn't he just re-take this class again in the fall or spring?

-- Summer School Stinks

**Dear Stinks:** I am a former high school football coach, but I'm currently a high school English teacher, and here's something I've observed from the last year of COVID school:

Teachers and administrators are bending over backwards to make sure kids don't fail. We're grading extra-late assignments. We're accepting work by email, paper and pigeon (joke!). We're doing every single thing we can to ensure that our students don't fail.

Despite all that, your son still hasn't been able to pass whatever class he's now taking in summer school. Which could mean he's extremely lazy and made COVID his perpetual excuse to slack off...

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If he asks you why you're doing this? Tell him his senior season is at stake. If he doesn't have the proper grades to be eligible by the fall. He won't play.

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

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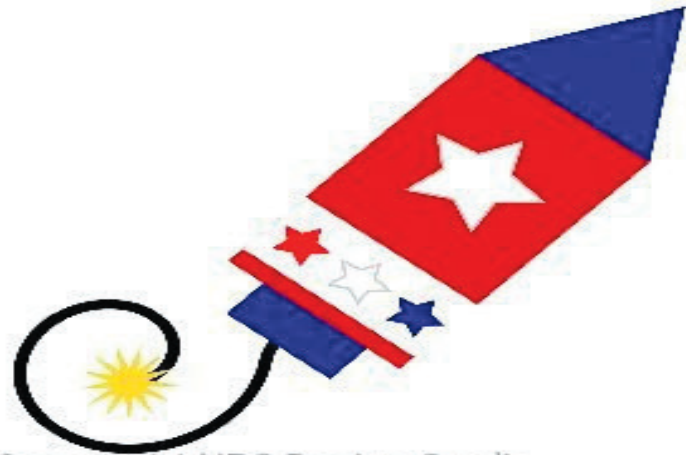
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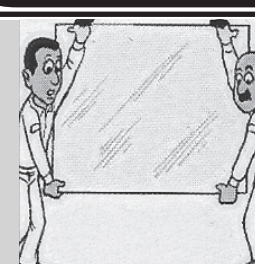
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By Steve Becker  
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♥ K J  
♦ J 10 9 8  
♣ 8 6 5 4 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 9 5  
♥ Q 9 8 2  
♦ Q 6 5  
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The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♦ 2♣ Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
Let's say you're West and lead the king of diamonds against four spades. Partner plays the eight and South the five. This presents you with a tantalizing problem as to what to do next.  
Of course, you can't see the East or South hands as you try to find the proper play at trick two. But after wrestling with the various possibilities for a while, you finally conclude that unless partner has the king of hearts, you can't beat the contract. You therefore shift to a low heart,

hoping that East has the doubleton king.  
Your judgment is thoroughly vindicated when East produces the king, on which South plays the deuce. East then continues with the heart jack, on which South plays the eight. If you get careless at this point and let East's jack hold the trick, all your efforts go right down the drain.  
In the actual deal, East is not able to lead another heart, and declarer later discards his Q-9 of hearts on dummy's clubs to finish with 10 tricks.  
Overtaking the jack with the ace and leading another heart for East to ruff is clearly the right play. You know that South has the queen of hearts because East would have won the first heart lead with the jack had he held the K-Q-J. Also, you know that if South had held the Q-8-2, he would surely have covered the jack with the queen to establish dummy's ten as a trick.  
The only sensible conclusion is that South started with the Q-9-8-2 and that he ducked the jack in the hope that you would also duck. South's clever attempt to lead you astray won't succeed if you stop to give the matter sufficient thought before playing to the third trick.

Tomorrow: Three possibilities.  
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## Control Your Kids at Weddings

Dear Annie: I recently attended a wedding where one woman and her spouse brought their six kids. Additionally, there were countless other children. There was an appetizer table set up while the wedding party had photos taken, and the children acted like they hadn't eaten in weeks. They also ran, played tag and generally acted like it was a game to see who could take the most from the table. They did not get food and then find a seat to settle down and eat. An 86-year-old man, family left before the meal, as he was concerned someone would make him fall!

There was a cash bar there as well. I, too, left early -- and I am the parent of one of the people being married. The children were already running without any parental supervision, and I did not think alcohol in the mix was going to improve the situation.

## Annie's Mailbox

Was I wrong to just ignore the hordes of children running through the dance floor and dashing under tables?

I did not know all the people to ask them to control their children, but I also did not feel it was my place -- Confused Southerner

Dear Confused Southerner: I'm sorry that you had to experience that. I don't think it really matters if it's 1920 or 2020; allowing children at a wedding to take all of the food and run around as if it's recess on a playground is incredibly rude. Their parents should have stopped them and explained that they need to be respectful during a wedding and that it is an honor to be invited.

In hindsight, you should have said something to the parents of the children -- politely and firmly.

Dear Annie: I live in a condo with my husband, and the neighbor

next door keeps coming out of her apartment to investigate who's at our residence, or she comes out when we have company and rudely interrupts our gathering. She always has to know who is there and what we are doing. She purposely eavesdrops on our conversations and has called our landlord. She even called the police, giving false statements that my husband and I were fighting. We have been threatened by the landlord that we have to move out if we don't stop, despite our explaining that there is no fighting.

We don't bother her, and we do not have any other issues with her. We have tried to get along with her and even told her she does not need to come out every time we have company. I have started documenting her actions, and since I get along with all the other neighbors in the building, I am going to get statements from them as well.

She doesn't talk to us, but she continues to

come out to investigate

What is the best advice to get her to stop the unnecessary invasion of privacy? What is my next step? -- Tired of Nosey Neighbor

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## Fantastic facts about fireworks

Cities and towns across the country commemorate special days with various festivities, particularly when warm weather beckons people outdoors. Fireworks long have been a popular way to cap off parades, concerts, sporting events, and national days of celebration. Entire communities come together to watch spectacular

shows in which blazing pops of color light up the night sky.

Smithsonian magazine reports that pyrotechnics displays have been astounding audiences all over the world for centuries. As early as 200 B.C. fireworks were developed in China to first scare off mountain men and later evil spirits. However, soon the Chinese incorporated "fire drug," essentially saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal (a

recipe for gunpowder), into their cultural celebrations. Early Chinese fireworks consisted of the gunpowder mixture stuffed in bamboo tubes.

Fireworks have evolved since then, but by and large they're still comprised of the same main parts: an oxidizer, fuel and chemical mixture to produce desired colors. Fireworks are a wonder to behold when they are part of professional displays, and their history can be interesting as well.

While the Chinese invented fireworks, Italians helped fine-tune them. Italians are credited with designing aerial shells and figuring out that certain metallic powders could

create specific colors.

The largest consistent fireworks show in the United States is the Macy's show in New York on the Hudson River on July 4th. More than three million people view the show, which includes more than 40,000 shells.

The Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the world, according to Business Insider. It also is the second largest purchaser of explosive devices, behind only the U.S. Department of Defense.

High-energy metal compounds like copper chloride emit colors like violet and blue in fireworks. Low-energy compounds like stron-

tium chloride produce orange and red.

The pattern fireworks will produce in the sky is determined by how stars are arranged inside of the shell. Stars are the cubes or spheres that contain the chemicals needed for the firework reaction.

Mental Floss notes that "daytime fireworks" are made up of colored smoke and can be seen during the day.

Individuals who are employed in the manufacture of fireworks must wear cotton clothing, including undergarments, as synthetic clothing can create sparks capable of detonating fireworks, according to Alamo

Fireworks.

Various fireworks shapes have their own names. They may be called willows, palms, crossettes, horsetails, rings, cakes, and more.

New Castle, PA is known as the "Fireworks Capital of America" because Zambelli Fireworks Internationale and Pyrotecnico both got their start there in the mid-nineteenth century.

Scientists are currently working to create more eco-friendly fireworks.

Fireworks will soon be booming in towns and cities all over, and their history is as interesting as their displays are awe-inspiring.

