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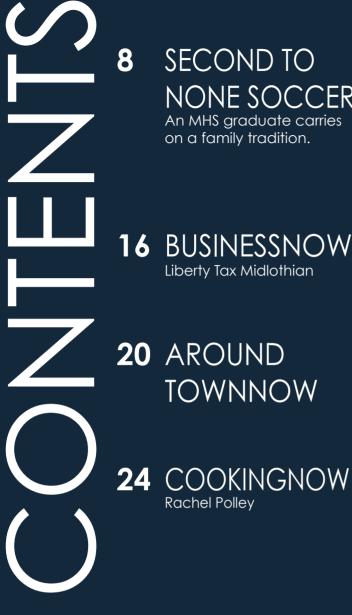
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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

"Danger, Will Robinson!"

I saw a funny message on social media that said, "Life is short. Make sure to spend as much time as possible arguing with strangers on the Internet." I gotta say, it gave me a good chuckle. For one, sarcasm is how I hug. And for two, could its message hit the nail any harder on the head? "I don't think so, Tim."

Yet here we are, spending more time than ever trying to "virtually" change folks' minds. If we post the article perfectly explaining our beliefs, everybody and their dog will come 'round to our way of thinking, right? Or, if we retweet that meme showing how stupid the other side's thoughts are, they'll realize their whole life is a lie and jump squarely onto our bandwagon, yes? "Whatchu talkin' 'bout, Willis?"

While some people are certainly willing to consider ideas opposing their own, too many of us seem to be scrolling with blinders on. And our determination to force our opinion on others has turned many into the worst kind of bully — the one who hides behind a computer or cell phone with little to no consequences for their behavior. Online insensitivity has me choosing to indulge in a different time-killer these days. Lately, I'm choosing nostalgic TV over social media, for drama that may mimic real life but usually works out in the end, and for laughter that doesn't have to be at other's expense. Here's to old-school screen time over modern-day scream time.

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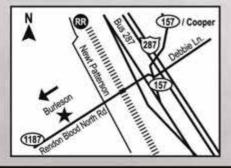
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Being named to the United Soccer Coaches All-America Team is the pinnacle of any young soccer player's accomplishments, with few achieving the goal. Midlothian's Justin Barnett, however, is one of the few. "I was shocked but so excited," 19-year-old Justin said of learning the news.

Currently a freshman at West Texas A&M University, Justin donned his first pair of cleats almost as soon as he could walk. "I was 3 years old when I started playing soccer. We had just moved here from Arlington, and my dad got me started in the sport," Justin recalled.

Through the years, Justin attended J.R. Irvin Elementary, Mt. Peak Elementary, Franke Seale Middle School and Midlothian High School, from which he graduated last year. He was a varsity soccer player all four years at MHS, having played club soccer since

around age 8. His high school performance resulted in the All-America Team recognition. "Just 45 players received All-America recognition, and only 19 of those were boys," Justin's dad, Jeremy, noted.

Before selection for the USC All-America Team, players have to be chosen by their home state's recognized coaching program. States receive a certain number of slots on the All-America Team depending on how many high school coaches are USC members.

Justin exceeded USC requirements, having been named to the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-State Team and having been invited to the TASCO senior showcase game (although it was canceled due to COVID-19). "I was also our District MVP in high school and a two-time state champ in club soccer," Justin shared, not to mention being a National League group winner and United States Youth Soccer National runner-up player.

USC is dubbed "the recognized leader in naming All-Region and All-America soccer players." Its website notes that United Soccer Coaches members "have the opportunity to nominate their players to receive richly deserved recognition while helping promote the growth of the sport."







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When Justin learned he was named to the USC All-Region, then All-State teams, he knew All-America was an option but did not get his hopes up. "Through the years, I've had multiple injuries, and there were times I didn't get many minutes of play, but I just focused on working hard with my coaches and teammates," he recalled. "My goal really was just to be the best player I could possibly be, so the All-America award was a huge honor, and I am hoping to live up to it!"

Justin did not let down MHS' head soccer coach, Austin Guest, playing midfield for the Panthers and totaling 48 goals, plus 32 assists. His junior year, Justin was First-Team All-District, and during his senior year, he earned Ellis County Offensive Player of the Year.

"Justin shows an extraordinary combination of pace and technical ability. Those tools, coupled with his psychological strength and determination, not only fueled countless Panther Soccer wins, they served as a massive inspiration to all of his teammates — an impact that continues to be felt by our current players who





were lucky enough to train and play with him before he graduated from MHS," Coach Guest explained.

Justin, himself, was inspired to follow in the footsteps of his athletic father. Dad, Jeremy, played soccer at Midwestern University, which is a rival school to Justin's West Texas college. "I'm his father, so of course I'm his biggest fan. We have had some really good soccer teams come out of MHS and Heritage High School, so Justin's being chosen for the All-America Team is all the more impressive. He is the first All-America soccer player from Midlothian ever, and I'm not surprised he is blazing his own path," Jeremy said.

Justin said his dad has always motivated him athletically, and he's also a fan of former NBA basketball player Dirk Nowitzki. "Dirk inspired me as a child. Plus, I love the Dallas Mavericks," Justin said.

Justin also credits his family for their support, including mom, Shannon; sister, Tatum; uncle, Seth Barnett; and all four grandparents. He is enjoying his new coaches and teammates, and anticipates returning to the field once COVID restrictions are lifted.

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In addition to pursuing continued success in soccer, Justin hopes to earn his business degree and eventually work in commercial construction. In his downtime, he enjoys playing NBA 2K with friends, and adding to his collection of bobbleheads. Plus, "I have great jokes, and I know some magic," Justin said describing his lesser-known talents. "Mostly, I just love having fun while competing at the same time."



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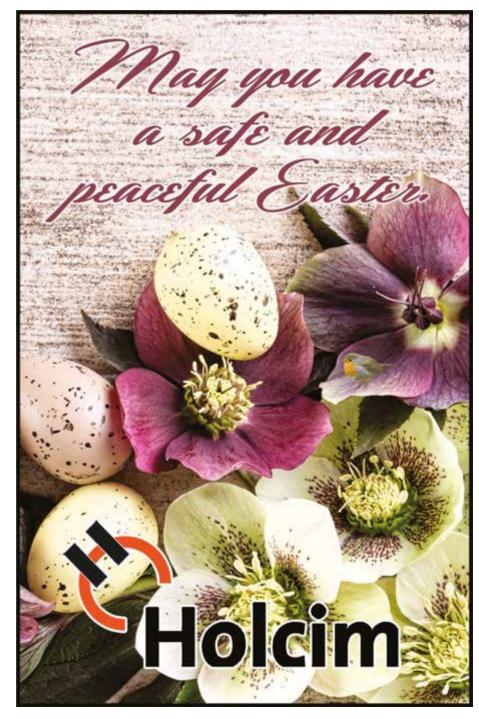


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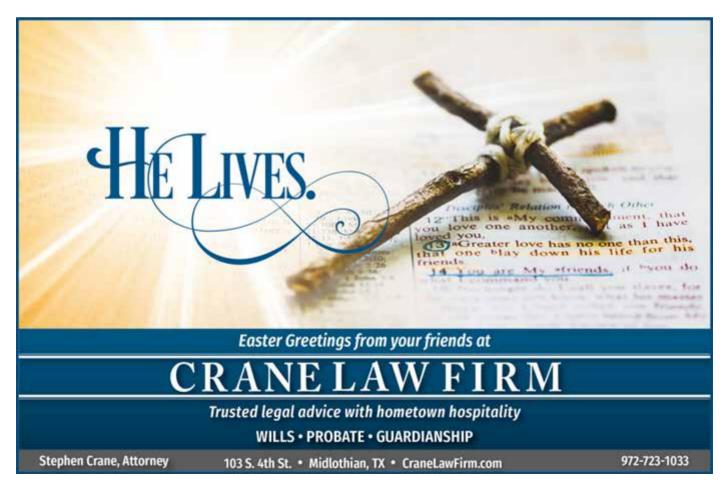
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families' filing statuses and situations have changed in 2020 from what they were in 2019, so it's important to file your return with the IRS sooner rather than later to ensure the IRS has your most current information," Patrick encouraged. "Due to the uncertainty of what our new administration will do — as far as stimulus payments are concerned — it's only sensible to file early to ensure you receive your entitled payment."

Patrick, who opened the local Liberty Tax branch in 2015, knows last year was trying for everyone. He says his services can help people facing COVID-related circumstances with their taxes. "At Liberty, we're committed to exceeding our customers' expectations every day, but the pandemic has made it even more important to walk people through their tax-filing experience," Patrick noted.

"We've also adapted to the pandemic situation by offering drop-off services, virtual services and contact-free tax filing. We even go as far as picking up paperwork from a client's home or business, especially for the concerned individuals or the elderly."

Patrick brings years of experience to his Midlothian branch of

Liberty Tax. As a retired Army veteran, Patrick's business model is based on hard work and integrity. His team of tax preparers is friendly, helpful and aims to get the job done right — the first time.

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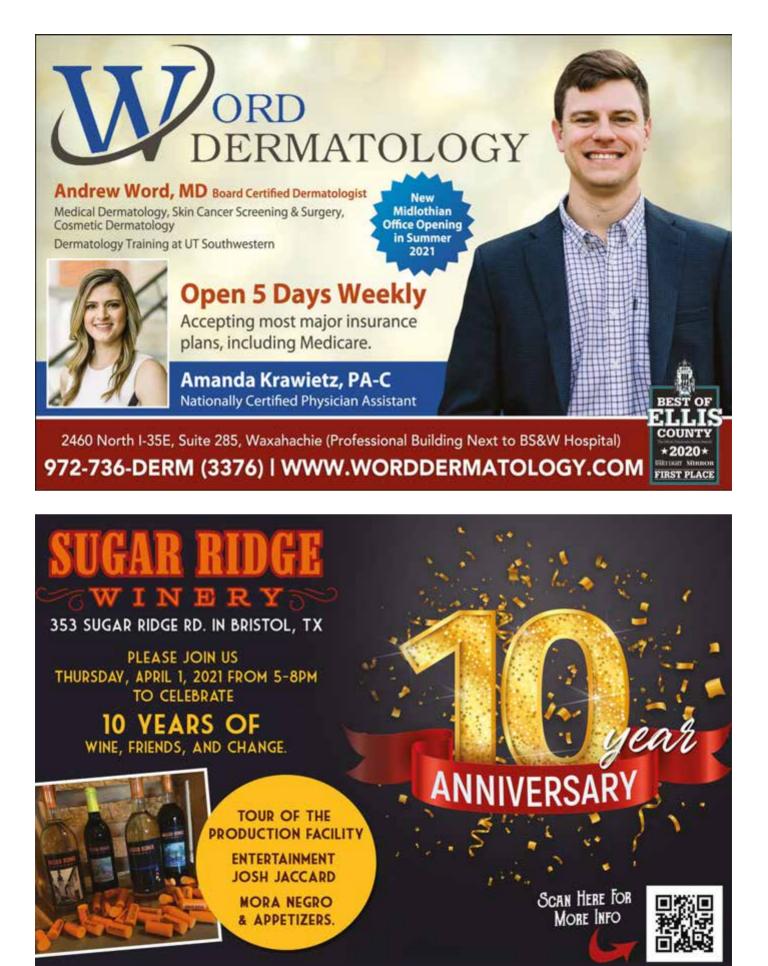
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# **Zoomed In:** Ava Grace Dooley

By Angel Morris

Ava Grace Dooley joined Brownies to be with friends, learn Girl Scouts' values and have fun. "For her first cookie season, she set a goal to sell 305 boxes. She made videos for social media, sent friends emails and called family to give her sales pitch," her mom, Mandy, explained.

While sales ended in March, Ava exceeded her goal early. "She loved table sales. She even had a man who couldn't have sugar buy three boxes just for the girls working the booth!" Mandy noted.

Seven-year-old Ava enjoys soccer and riding her scooter. She also recently participated in a UT Southwestern video helping children understand radiation treatment. Mandy beamed, "She loves any social activity where she can be around others and love on them!"

# Around Town



Georgia Roloff supports Fostering Hope Animal Rescue through a fundraiser at Painting with a Twist.



MHS debate members David Salazar and Jace Martin recently qualified for national competitions in June.



Burger King workers dress in '50s style while practicing safety protocols to serve the community.



Midlothian Heritage Belles celebrate their success at the ADTS competition.



Shannan Teubner (right) provides food to Oncor workers during February power outages with assistance from residents donating to the cause.



Kyle Tucker sings alongside reindeer, Paige Allsup, in the Midlothian High School Theater Arts production of Frozen Ir.



The Fadler family attends the annual Mayor's Winter Walk at Mockingbird Nature Park.





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"Most of my fond memories involve helping my maw-maw in the kitchen and tasting a family dish during holiday celebrations," Rachel Polley said.

Rachel loves cooking for family and, especially, baking for special occasions. "Seeing people light up is so much fun. Anytime someone smiles after tasting something I created I feel fulfilled."

Rachel, who appreciates the artistry as well as the comfort of baking, started Blondie's Bake House. "I love to create masterpieces that fit an event perfectly," she said. "Cakes are typically, if not always, my favorite pieces, and baking is one of the few things that helps clear my head."

#### Tiramisu

- 1 1/4 cups strongly prepared espresso, warm
  1/4 cup dark rum (divided use)
  40-45 ladyfingers
  16 oz. mascarpone, room temperature
  4 large eggs, separated
  1/2 cup granulated sugar (divided use)
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

## Cocoa powder, unsweetened

1/8 tsp. salt

**I.** Whisk espresso and 1/8 cup rum together in a shallow bowl. One at a time, quickly dip each side of the first 20 ladyfingers into the espresso mixture. You don't want to over-saturate the ladyfinger with liquid because they will taste soggy. Just a quick dip on each side.

**2.** Arrange dipped ladyfingers in a 9x13-inch

baking pan (with at least a 12- to 14-cup capacity) to make one solid layer. If needed, cut some ladyfingers to fill in any empty spaces. Reserve remaining espresso mixture and ladyfingers for another layer.
3. With a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle or whisk attachment, beat the mascarpone and remaining rum together on medium speed in a large bowl until smooth. Set aside.

**4.** Prepare a double boiler for the egg yolks. (If you have a double boiler, use it in this step. If you don't, place a heat-proof bowl over a small pot of simmering water over medium-low heat. Don't let the water touch the bottom of the bowl.)

**5.** Using a whisk or eggbeater, whisk egg yolks and 1/4 cup granulated sugar together until light and foamy, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and immediately pour into mascarpone mixture. Beat on medium speed until combined.

**6.** With a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat heavy cream and vanilla extract together on medium-high

speed until medium peaks form (between soft and stiff), about 3-4 minutes. Fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture. **7** With a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a clean whisk attachment, beat egg whites and salt together on medium-high speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Increase to high speed, and slowly pour in the remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Beat until stiff peaks form, about 4-5 minutes. (Do not overbeat, as egg whites will become dry.) Fold into the mascarpone cream.

8. Spread half the mascarpone cream evenly over the bottom layer of ladyfingers. An offset spatula helps spread it neatly.
9. Dip remaining ladyfingers into remaining espresso mixture and arrange one-by-one on top of the mascarpone layer. Gently press each down, so they are nice and compact. Using an offset spatula, spread remaining mascarpone mixture evenly on top. If you're using a large enough pan, it should all fit (but it will definitely tower high). Refrigerate, uncovered, for 2-3 hours.

10. Add cocoa layer, then chill. After a couple hours in the refrigerator, sift a dense layer of cocoa powder all over the top. Wipe the rim of the baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap or aluminum foil, then refrigerate for at least 8-9 more hours and up to a day.
11. Using a sharp knife, slice chilled tiramisu into servings. Wipe knife clean between cuts. A small serving spatula is helpful for removing the slices. Cover leftover tiramisu, and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

#### Loft House Sugar Cookies

l cup butter, softened

I cup heavy cream, room temperature

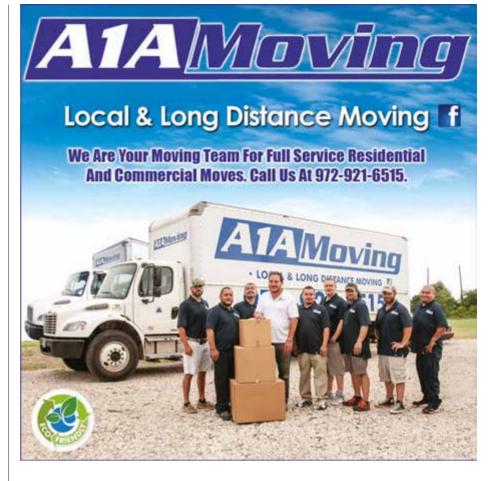
- I cup sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 4 cups flour

**I.** Cream butter until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add heavy cream, sugar, vanilla and eggs. Mix until combined. Add baking powder and flour; mix well.

**2.** Shape dough into a circle/ball and wrap in plastic wrap. Cool in the refrigerator overnight or for several hours. (You can speed this up by putting it in the freezer for about 30 minutes).

**3.** Preheat your oven to 350 F. Roll out the dough on a floured surface about 1/2-inch thick. Use a 3- to 3 1/2-inch circle cookie cutter. Place circles on a parchment-lined cookie sheet. (These cookies spread a little while baking, so they don't do well when cut into other shapes.)

**4.** Bake for 8-10 minutes (depending on the size of your circle) or until bottoms are a very





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Frosts 1 dozen cupcakes, or a 3-layer, 6-inch cake.

I lb. unsalted butter, room temperature 2 tsp. vanilla extract I tsp. salt

## I lb. powdered sugarI Tbsp. heavy whipping cream

**I.** In a stand mixer, mix butter on low speed until smooth in consistency. Add vanilla extract and salt; combine, mixing on high for I minute.

**2.** Turn mixer to low speed and slowly add all powdered sugar.

**3.** Add heavy whipping cream; slowly raise mixer speed to high for at least 3 minutes.

#### Rachel's Favorite Pizza Dough

- 2 1/2 cups warm water1/4 cup sugar3 tsp. instant yeast1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. salt

**I.** In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the water, sugar and yeast. Allow the mixture to sit for a few minutes until frothy. Add in the vegetable oil.

**2.** In a bowl, combine the flour and the salt. Add the flour to the yeast mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, mixing well between additions. Continue adding the flour until the dough can be pulled away from the sides of the bowl with a spatula, but is still quite sticky.

You may need to use a little bit more or less flour, but the key is to remember that the dough will still be sticky, and will stick to your fingers when you try to pull it apart. **3.** Grease a large bowl, then scrape the dough into the bowl. Turn the dough to coat it in the oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a towel; let the dough rise at room temperature until doubled, about 1 hour. **4.** Turn the dough out onto a well-floured work surface. Pull the dough around to the bottom, stretching it to create a smooth ball. Cut the dough into 3 equal portions. Each ball will be approximately 1 pound of dough. 5. Roll out the dough to use in your favorite pizza recipe, or refrigerate until needed. (Use within 24 hours.)

**6.** When ready to bake, preheat a pizza stone in the oven as hot as you can go for at least 30 minutes. (I usually set my oven between 475 F and 500 F) Prepare the pizza with your desired toppings; bake until the crust is golden, about 8-10 minutes.

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From florals to faux eggs, decorating an Easter wreath is a simple way to usher springtime into your home. While tulips and speckled eggs are traditional Easter wreath add-ons, you can count on DIYers to get more creative and craftier. Whether emphasizing the religious significance or using all things bunnythemed, an Easter wreath lets you put your stamp on the holiday, which falls on Sunday, April 4, this year.



If you don't want to invest in a premade wreath but you're a first-time DIYer, starting with a simple grapevine wreath may be for you. These can be pricey at craft stores, but they can often be found for half the price, or cheaper, at yard sales and thrift stores.

Very few supplies are needed to transform a grapevine wreath into a holiday- or season-specific piece of decor. Dollar stores have really upped their floral game, and are a great place to find everything you need to create your springtime door decor.

#### **Supplies:**

 $\cdot$  Grapevine or willow wreath in the size of your choice

• Florist wire (Pipe cleaners or bread ties work, too.)

· Wire cutters

2-3 faux flower stems (Tulips are used here, but any spring flower will do.)
2-3 stems of smaller flowers or greenery (optional)

• Item to cover where stems meet (A wicker butterfly is shown, but you could use a bird's nest, a crafted bunny, a wooden monogram letter, a bow made of ribbon, etc.)

Easy Approach —

**Step 1:** Separate each flower from your flower stem, so that they are individuals.



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Starting at the right (where our image shows a butterfly), space your stems one by one curving around the wreath toward the opposite side.

**Step 2:** Use your floral wire to secure each flower to the point where you want it to sit on the wreath. (Some crafters prefer hot glue to floral wire. It's your choice, but using wire allows you to swap out florals from season to season with the same grapevine wreath as your base!)

**Step 3:** Fill in vacant spots with your second set of stems, using leafy greenery to help hide floral wire.

**Step 4:** Place your focal item (wicker butterfly, bow, monogram letter, etc.) at the point where your floral stems first meet on the right side. Secure it with floral wire or hot glue.

**Step 5:** Wrap a wire or pipe cleaner into a circle atop the back of your



grapevine wreath, twisting the ends together through a good portion of the wreath's stems for security. This is how you will hang your wreath, either to a nail, hook or wreath hanger made for doors.

**Easier Approach** — A twist on this first approach to an Easter wreath is to simply encircle the top of your grapevine wreath with your tulips, leaving no portion of your wreath uncovered. In this case, you follow the same steps, but completely cover the wreath's surface.

While there is no need for a ribbon or decorative item to cover where the floral stems started, anything could still be added directly atop the flowers, if desired. Speckled craft eggs could easily be tucked around this type of wreath, either by gluing them to floral sticks, or gluing them directly to the wreath itself.



**Easiest Approach** — Perhaps the simplest take on a springtime Easter wreath is to take your two stems of flowers, without cutting each flower off, and place them end to end, so that the stems overlap and one set of buds is on the right, the other on the left.

Secure the stems atop one another with one wire, then secure the entire bundle to your grapevine wreath with a second wire. Bend the stems so the flowers are angling around the wreath, and cover the stems with a large bow. You can even just secure a single set of stems to your wreath for the simplest approach of all.

There are, of course, countless options when it comes to ringing in spring with an Easter wreath that depicts your style. Whimsical or modern, religious or secular, have fun creating a minimalist or over-the-top crafty piece that says, "Happy Easter, Happy Spring" to you!

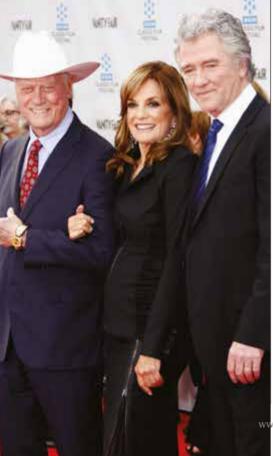




Underneath the familiar 10-gallon hat was a genuine Texan, not just a character from Hollywood groomed for his world-famous role. Larry Hagman was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 21, 1931, and though having spent some of his childhood in California living with his grandmother, he returned to the Lone Star State and graduated from Weatherford High School.

Larry maintained ties with his hometown even after his most well-known character was in syndication. Former Parker County Judge Mark Riley recalled the actor returning to Weatherford in the mid-1980s to speak at a benefit for the local library. "Some years earlier, while I was working for a radio station, I received a large picture of Larry Hagman. I really did not know who sent it or why I kept it for so long, but I knew my mother was a huge fan of Hagman. Mom was in the hospital and could not attend the event, and the word we had from Hagman's advance crew was that he was not going to do interviews nor sign autographs. However, I mentioned having the picture and wanting to get it signed for Mom to one of the organizers of the event. He told me to bring the picture and keep it at my table, and he would see what he could do. To make a long story short, Hagman autographed the picture *To Maurine, Love you, Larry Hagman*. I was able to put the picture in Mom's room, and it was the best medicine she ever had. We don't always see that side of celebrities like Larry Hagman."





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Like most thespians, Larry took many small roles in theater and television before his rise to stardom, but being the son of Mary Martin, aka "Peter Pan," certainly appears to have assisted his career. They acted together during a long run of *South Pacific* in London before he joined the United States Air Force, where much of his activity included producing and directing others in live military productions.

There was even a starring role in the popular soap opera The Edge of Night that Larry commanded for two years, before his widely recognized role as the bumbling astronaut Major Anthony Nelson in I Dream of leannie, where he starred alongside Barbara Eden. The sitcom drew consistently high ratings for five seasons. In the first episode, the marooned astronaut finds Jeannie in a bottle, and though their relationship is one of master and genie, the sexual tension between the two characters was thick, and many agree that the tension was the glue that held the show together. After the characters Nelson and Jeannie married during the fifth season, the tension was lost, and ratings fell to the demise of the program.

We probably never consider Larry as a vocalist, but many of his stage performances were musicals, and he appeared in the TV version of the musical *Applause* with the great Lauren Bacall. That was in 1973, but the role that brought Larry his greatest success and fame was to come along five years later, when the hugely popular primetime drama *Dallas* debuted.

Each episode began with the popular theme song that everyone can hum along with and a view of Dallas as a



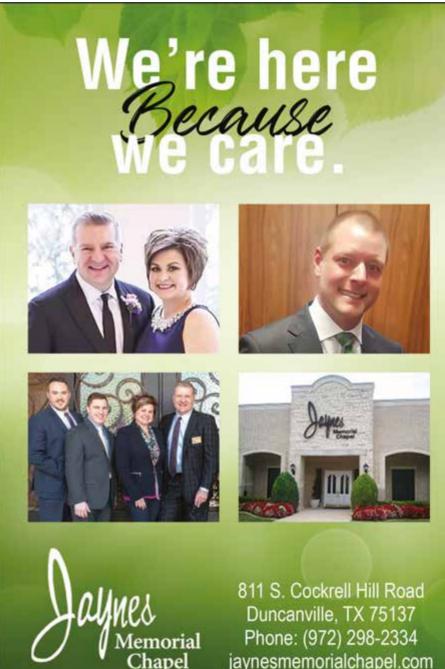
helicopter panned the iconic Reunion Tower and the rest of the Dallas skyline. Perhaps the idea of playing a villain like J.R. Ewing appealed to him because it was contrary to his nature. If the rest of the world did not already believe everyone in Dallas, Texas, wore big hats and western boots, lived on a ranch and owned oil wells, they soon did due to the addiction to the highest-rated television show of the era.

Other television shows drew high ratings by ending a season with a cliffhanger — The Fugitive from the 1960s for instance — but none captured the attention of the world like "Who Shot I.R.?" We were left wondering whether J.R. lived or died, and, of course, wondering who pulled the trigger in the final episode of Season 3. Larry was negotiating his contract with the producers of Dallas, and reportedly consideration was given to using the "shot" as a way of writing him out of the script. Negotiations worked out, and J.R. appeared in the final minutes of the first episode of Season 4, but we did not find out who shot J.R. until the fourth episode of the season.

While the J.R. Ewing character may have been the stereotypical Texan to much of the world, Larry Hagman may have been his alter-ego, based on the charitable nature he exhibited later in his career. There are conflicting accounts about where his ashes were spread after his death and cremation in Dallas in November 2012, but at least some of his fans believe they are all over Southfork Ranch.

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- 16 Zilch
- 17 "The Man --- Would Be King" (Kipling)
- 18 They precede deliveries
- 23 Slender pussycat
- 24 John or Jane could be anyone
- 25 Vision tester
- 31 Largest Flickertail State city
- 32 Thomas Edison, the Wizard of ---Park
- 33 Folk tale
- 34 Dissipate
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- 36 Enterprise's Captain kept one

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- 1 Pickle parlor
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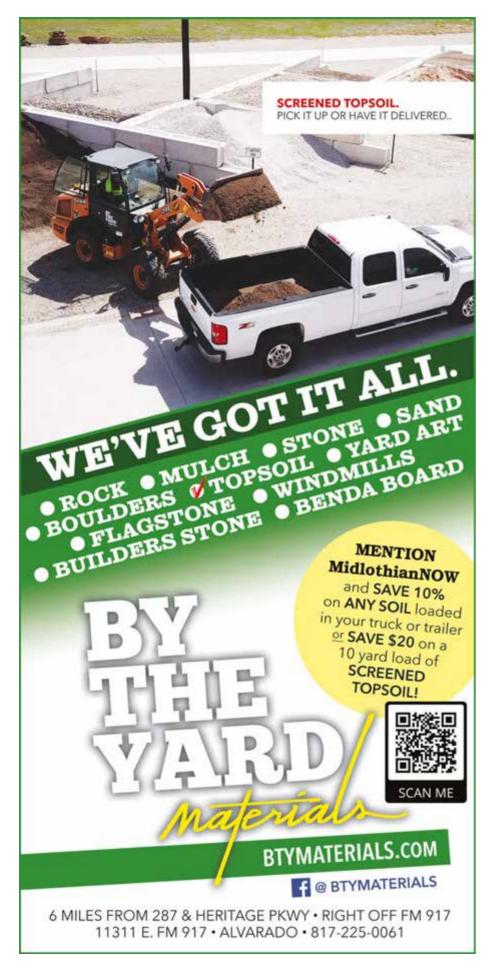
#### 4/16

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