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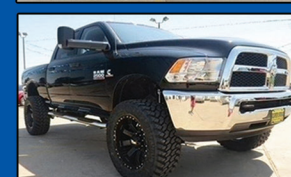
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North Hopkins Varsity Boys beat the Como-Pickton Eagles 56-30. Pictured: Junior Michael Condo.



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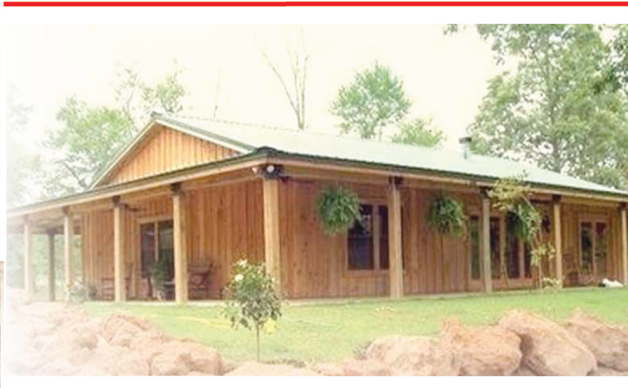
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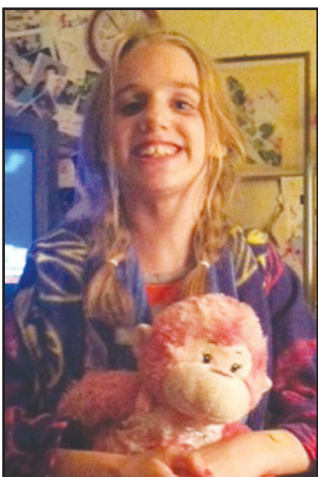
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Famous Texans



Selena Gomez



Selena Marie Gomez (born July 22, 1992) is an American actress and singer. Born and raised in Grand Prairie, Texas, she was first featured on the children's series *Barney & Friends* in the early 2000s. In 2007, Gomez came to prominence after being cast in the Disney Channel television series *Wizards of Waverly Place*. She portrayed the starring character Alex Russo until its conclusion in 2012. She formed her band Selena Gomez & the Scene after signing a recording contract with Hollywood Records in 2008; they released the studio albums *Kiss & Tell* (2009), *A Year Without Rain* (2010), and *When the Sun Goes Down* (2011) before beginning a hiatus in 2012.

Gomez entered the film industry with star billings in feature films including *Ramona and Beezus* (2010), *Monte Carlo* (2011), and *Hotel Transylvania* (2012). She embraced an increasingly mature public image with her star billing in the controversial film *Spring Breakers* (2013) and her debut solo studio album *Stars Dance* (2013). The latter project debuted at number one on the U.S. *Billboard* 200 and spawned the *Billboard* Hot 100 top-ten single "Come & Get It". Gomez was released from her recording contract with Hollywood Records following the completion of her greatest hits album *For You* (2014). She subsequently signed with Interscope Records to continue work on her second studio album.

Beyond entertainment, Gomez has ventured into other endeavors. She has worked with numerous organizations for charitable causes, and has most notably worked with UNICEF for several years. She formed her own production company, July Moon Productions, in 2008. In Fall of 2010, Gomez launched her clothing line "Dream Out Loud" through Kmart; the brand features all material that was made from eco-friendly or recycled material. In 2011, she released a self-titled perfume. Since beginning her music career, Gomez has sold an estimated 2.8 million albums and 18.1 million singles.

Life and career 1992–2005: Selena Marie Gomez was born in Grand Prairie, Texas on July 22, 1992, to Ricardo Joel Gomez and former stage actress Amanda Dawn "Mandy" Cornett. Gomez was named after Tejano singer Selena. Her father is of Mexican descent while her mother, who was adopted, has some Italian ancestry. Regarding her Hispanic heritage, Gomez has stated, "My family does have Quinceañeras, and we go to the communion church. We do everything that's Catholic, but we don't really have anything traditional except, that we go to the park and have barbecues on Sundays after church." Gomez's parents divorced when she was only five, with Gomez staying with her mother. Gomez has two siblings. Her sister, Gracie Elliot Teefey, was born to Amanda and her second husband Brian Teefey on June 12, 2013. Gomez has a second sister, Victoria Gomez, born to Ricardo and his wife Sara on June 25, 2014. She earned a high school diploma through homeschooling in May 2010.

When Gomez was born, her mother was sixteen years old. The family had financial troubles during Gomez's childhood, with her mother struggling to provide for the pair. At one point, Gomez recalled the pair had to search for quarters just to get gas for their car. Her mother later recalled the two would frequently walk to their local dollar store to purchase spaghetti for dinner, though got by. Gomez stated "I was frustrated that my parents weren't together, and never saw the light at the end of the tunnel where my mom was working hard to provide a better life for me. I'm terrified of what I would have become if I'd stayed [in Texas]." She later added "I remember having a lot of macaroni and cheese but my mom never made it seem like it was a big deal. She was really strong around me. Having me at 16 had to have been a big responsibility. My mom gave up everything for me, had three jobs, supported me sacrificed her life for me." Gomez had a close relationship with her grandparents as a child, and appeared in various pageants growing up. Her grandparents often took care of Selena while her parents finished their schooling, and the pair went as far as stating that they "raised her" up until she found success in the entertainment industry.

She first gained an interest in pursuing a career in the entertainment industry watching her mother prepare for stage productions. She began auditioning for various roles, meeting Demi Lovato during an audition for *Barney and Friends*. Both girls were later selected to appear on the series in 2002, with Gomez portraying the character Gianna. The show was her first experience in acting, with Gomez recalling "I was very shy when I was little ... I didn't know what 'camera right' was. I didn't know what blocking was. I learned everything from Barney." Gomez appeared in fourteen episodes of the show throughout 2002 to 2004, though was let go by the show's producers as she was getting "too old" for the series. While working on the series, Gomez had a cameo role in the film *Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over* (2003) and the made-for-television film *Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire* (2005).

With experience now under her belt, Gomez auditioned for roles under the Disney channel company along with Lovato. Gomez made a guest appearance in a 2006 episode of the Disney series *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody*. The following year, Gomez was given a recurring role on the Disney series *Hannah Montana*; she made three appearances on the series spanning two seasons. During this time, Gomez filmed pilot episodes for two potential Disney Channel series; the first, titled *Arwin!*, was a spin-off to the *Suite Life* series, while the second was a spin-off to the series *Lizzie McGuire*. She later auditioned for a role in the Disney series *Wizards of Waverly Place*, ultimately landing the lead role of Alex Russo. Upon receiving the role, Gomez and her mother moved to Hollywood; Lovato and her family also moved with the pair, hoping to achieve similar success to Gomez. *Wizards of Waverly Place* saw Gomez portraying a teenage girl in a family of wizards who own a restaurant in New York. The series quickly became a hit for the network, propelling Gomez to more mainstream success. The series received numerous awards and nominations. Gomez recorded the theme song for the series, titled "Everything is Not What It Seems".

With Gomez achieving mainstream success, the media began to compare her to fellow Disney star Miley Cyrus; both had a hit series on the network. Various bloggers and sites began to depict the two as rivals, with rumors of a feud between the two continuing for multiple years. Despite this, both parties denied that there was any drama between the two. Following Demi Lovato's rise to fame through the Disney channel shortly afterwards, the three became referred to as the "Disney girls" and their careers were frequently compared to one another. *Forbes* magazine later listed Gomez as one of the "Eight Hot Kid Stars to Watch" in 2008. Further attention was drawn to Gomez when it was reported that she was in a relationship with fellow Disney star Nick Jonas. Gomez later appeared in the music video for the song "Burnin' Up" by the Jonas Brothers. This further fueled rumors of a feud between Gomez and Cyrus, as Nick and Cyrus had previously been a couple. She later appeared in an episode of the reality series *Jonas Brothers: Living the Dream*.

While working on the second season of *Wizards of Waverly Place*, Gomez appeared on the Disney channel special *Studio DC: Almost Live* alongside various other Disney stars. She contributed a cover of the song "Cruella de Vil" to the compilation album *DisneyMania 6*, and later recorded the original song "Fly to Your Heart" for the soundtrack of the animated film *Tinker Bell*. She had a leading role in the musical film *Another Cinderella Story* that same year, portraying an aspiring dancer. The film was released to generally positive reviews, and won the 2010 Writers Guild of America Award for Children's script-long form or special. Gomez recorded three songs for the soundtrack, and released the song "Tell Me Something I Don't Know" as a promotional single. Later that year, Gomez had the supporting role of Helga in the animated film *Horton Hears a Who!*. The film was a commercial success, and went on to gross nearly three hundred million dollars worldwide. She was signed a recording contract with Hollywood Records, who had already signed both Cyrus and Lovato.

Gomez launched her own production company, July Moon Productions. She partnered with XYZ Films for the project, giving Gomez the opportunity to option articles, hire writers and create talent packages to shop to studios. Gomez was slated to release two films under the company. The first, known as *What Boys Want*, saw Gomez portray a girl who could hear the thought of men. She later announced the film *Thirteen Reasons Why*, which saw Gomez portray a young girl who commits suicide; ultimately, neither film was released.

Gomez continued to have mainstream success throughout the following year, appearing as Alex Russo in a cross-over episode of the Disney series *The Suite Life on Deck*. She later made a guest appearance on the Disney series *Sonny With a Chance*, starring Lovato. She appeared in a remix of the Forever the Sickest Kids' single "Whoa Oh! (Me vs. Everyone)", released as a single in April of that year. The song peaked at number 78 on the Pop 100 chart in the United States. Gomez, along with Lovato, starred in the Disney Channel film *Princess Protection Program*, which aired in June 2009. The film was a critical success, and had a total of 8.5 million viewers during its premiere. For the film, Gomez and Lovato recorded the song "One and the Same", which was later released as a promotional single. She later provided the voice of Princess Selenia in the animated film *Arthur and the Revenge of Maltazard*. On August 28, 2009, Gomez starred in *Wizards of Waverly Place*.

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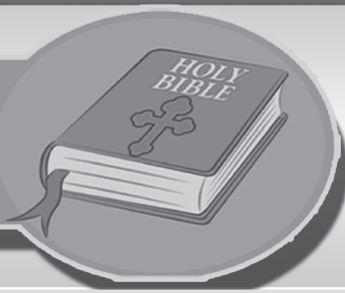
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OBITUARIES



Juanita Parker

Funeral services for Juanita Parker were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Tapp Funeral Home. Interment followed at Conner Cemetery.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service

Kenneth Scott

Funeral arrangements for Kenneth Scott of Federal Way, WA are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Mr. Scott passed away Sunday, February 15, 2015, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

Marsha Yanez

Graveside services for Marsha Yanez of Winnsboro were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Simpsonville Cemetery in Simpsonville, TX with Brad Onley officiating. Bobby Davis, Paxton Weems, Jesse Weems, Dakota Miller, Joe Simmons and Jesse Burns served as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 16, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Mrs. Yanez passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015 at Rock Creek Health & Rehab.

She was born in Waco, TX on August 21, 1949, the daughter of Jesse Ivey, Sr. and Cora Hortense Dodson White. She married Abel Yanez, thirty-six years ago in Hugo, OK. He survives. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Other survivors include: son, Jesse Weems and wife, Jamie of Winnsboro; grandchildren, Jay Miller, Dakota Miller, Paxton Weems, Anna-Claire Weems and Noah Weems; brother, Jesse White, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



Loyd "Red" Chester

Funeral Services for Loyd "Red" Chester, age 89 of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 15, 2015 at Davis St. Baptist Church with Tommy Hall officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery with Rodney Bridgers, Greg Oliver, Bryan Chester, Kris Helms, Taylor Bridgers, Peyton Bridgers, Hunter Helms and Hayden Helms serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Loyd "Red" passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 20, 1925, the son of Loyd Franklin and Bertie Mae (Bassham) Chester in Sulphur Bluff. He served in the Pacific Theatre in World War II as a Navy medic assigned to the Marine Corp. Following his military duty, he worked as a Postal Inspector. He retired from the Postal Service after a thirty year career.

He married Billie Dean McKinnon on December 14, 1946 in Sulphur Springs. She survives.

Other survivors include daughter, Karen Oliver and husband, Robert of Red Oak; son, Kevin Chester and wife, Darla of Waxahachie; grandchildren, Kam Bridgers and husband, Rodney, Greg Oliver, Bryan Chester and Jodi Helms and husband, Kris; great-grandchildren, Taylor Bridgers, Peyton Bridgers, Hunter Helms and Hayden Helms; sister, Sue Wells, sisters-in-law, Ruby McKinnon and Bobbie May.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Dorothy Hennessee and two brothers, William "Bill" Chester and Jay Chester.

Memorials may be made to the Davis St. Baptist Church - Building Fund, 427 Gilmer St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482



Rebecca Ratliff

Funeral services for Rebecca Ratliff, age 87 of Cumby were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with David Burns officiating.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Interment followed at Cumby Cemetery with Josh George, Todd Higginbotham, Eric Higginbotham, Mark McDaniel, Dale Cameron and Douglas Cameron serving as pallbearers.

Ms. Ratliff passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at her residence.

She was born in Hico, TX on October 11, 1927, the daughter of Albert and Martha Creel Anderson. She married Lloyd B. Ratliff on September 6, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Survivors include: daughter, Martha J. Ratliff Gaines and husband, Kenneth of Cumby; grandchildren, Donna George of Brashear, Deborah Cameron of West Tawakoni, Paula Teague of McAlester, OK; great-grandchildren, Josh George, Rebecca McDaniel, Todd Higginbotham, Eric Higginbotham, Crystal Teague, Bradley Teague, Dale Cameron, Douglas Cameron; great-great-grandchildren, Cason George, Bryson Kennedy, Gracie Teague, Charlie Teague, Luke Cameron and Brant Cameron

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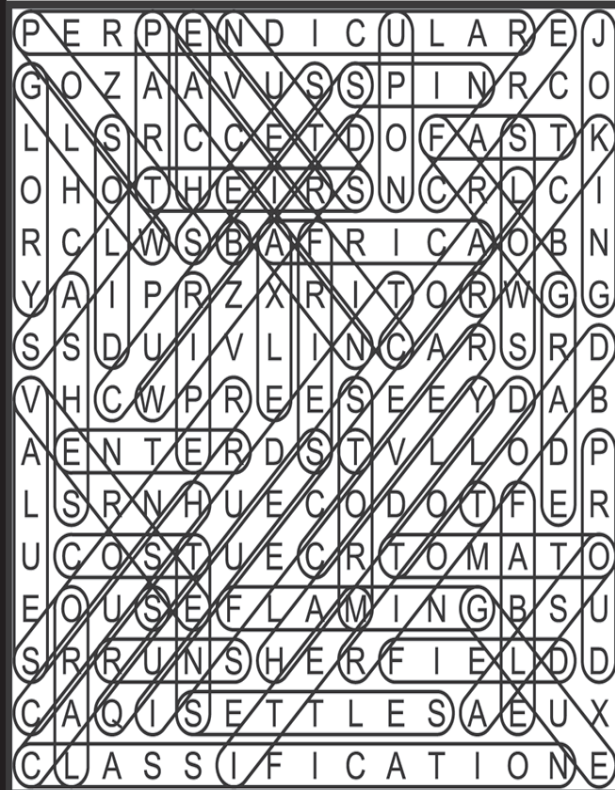
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Answers



THE JOYS OF BANQUETTE SEATING

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

At a restaurant I generally like a booth. It somehow seems more private. My second choice is a table, preferably one with lots of room around it. My least favorite place to sit in a restaurant is a banquette. It's a bench against a wall that has small tables in front of it, designed for two diners. The old fashioned "table for two" doesn't apply here. Banquette seating makes the diner feel exposed, intimidated and sort of trapped.

The first time my wife and I went to New York together we experienced banquette seating. We found an Italian restaurant right around the corner from our hotel and we were hungry. We were seated in a crowded area with people on either side of us. Very close to us. The tables in front of the bench had a space of about eight inches between them, just room enough to squeeze through.

As we looked at the menu, we kept hearing the couple next to us arguing. Their voices became louder and louder. Nobody except us seemed to pay them any attention. We ordered, ate the meal and all the while couldn't help but hear the couple blame each other for this or that. They waved their arms and expressed their feelings with gusto. They argued about the cat, the car, the house, the events of the day and even talked bad about some of their friends and business associates. We got an earful.

I don't even remember what the couple on the other side of us looked like, ate or talked about. But I certainly remember the loud couple sitting so close to us we could practically smell their garlic breath. We have of course had other banquette experiences, but none as fascinating or memorable as that one.

The other day in Dallas we had reservations at a nice restaurant that the internet's OPEN TABLE advertised it had a full, wonderful menu served all day long. We arrived shortly after noon and were seated at a banquette. We looked at the menu and it had only a brunch menu. We asked the waiter for a lunch and dinner menu and he said the restaurant didn't serve the full menu until 5 PM. Don't ever trust the internet for information about a restaurant. Call the place direct. He apologized and immediately called OPEN TABLE and corrected the information. We had been planning this meal for sometime and were disappointed, but decided to just go with the flow. We ordered and enjoyed the meal.

We also enjoyed the banquette. We got acquainted with the couple next to us. When we told the man we were from Big Spring he said his aunt used to have a florist shop there. We knew her. Then the couple one over from them started talking about West Texas. They have kinfolks in Midland and know some of the people we know. Then all of us started talking about football. It was a grand time.

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