

BUSINESS



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Better-off consumers can afford to buy bigger packages of goods. Stores such as Dollar Tree sell products in smaller packages at lower prices.

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These bulk items totaled \$31.34 at Costco. To get the same quantities at a poor people's store would cost \$64. Even after the \$60 annual membership fee, Costco and most other groceries would be cheaper.

These high prices generate significant profits. Dollar General Corp. made double the profit of Macy's with less revenue in 2017. Lower standards of living are good for their business.

"The economy is continuing to create more of our core customer," Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO told the Wall Street Journal last year. "We are putting stores today (in areas) that perhaps five years ago were just on the cusp of probably not being our demographic ... and it has now turned to being our demographic."

The result: poor diets, poor health and poor economies mean more poor people.

Our capitalist culture denigrates the poor, and many readers hold the disadvantaged in contempt. If only they worked harder, the argument goes, everyone could be rich.

Poverty, though, is akin to a virus. Without an economic intervention, it can be passed on from generation to generation. And poverty is expensive, making it hard to escape. Poor people spend a

higher percentage of their income on food, housing and transportation. A \$300 grocery bill, \$100 for gasoline and \$500 for rent takes a toll on a \$1,250 a month minimum-wage paycheck. The same grocery and gas bills are a lot easier to take on an \$8,000 monthly salary, even with a \$2,000 mortgage.

My colleague Michael Taylor recently explained how Texas' sales and property taxes also take disproportionately from the poor, while high earners escape a state income tax.

The answer is not necessarily a reallocation of wealth, though, but a more balanced system that emphasizes poverty reduction rather than treating its symptoms.

Intervening to ensure poor people have access to good food, adequate housing, quality health care and a basic education before they deteriorate can pay off.

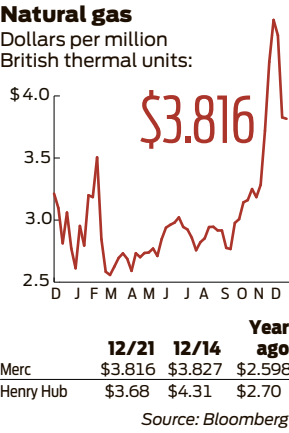
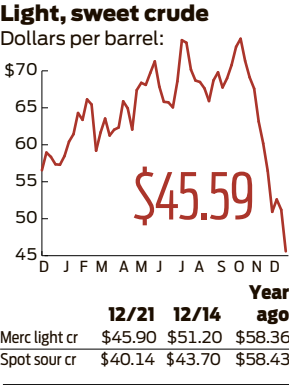
Right now, though, we wait until people are malnourished, homeless, chronically ill and unable to help themselves before we offer aid. How many times do the experts need to tell us that prevention is cheaper than the cure?

Better schools, more fresh food banks, additional social workers and affordable housing are proven to make a difference. If only we could find the generosity of spirit.

Chris Tomlinson writes commentary about

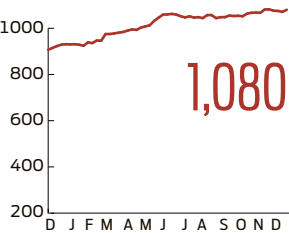
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MARKETPLACE



Rig count

U.S. drilling activity was up 9 rigs at 1,080 rigs. Drilling in Texas was down 1 rig at 531 rigs. The offshore rig marketed utilization rate in the Gulf was 81.4 percent, up from last year's 65.5 percent.



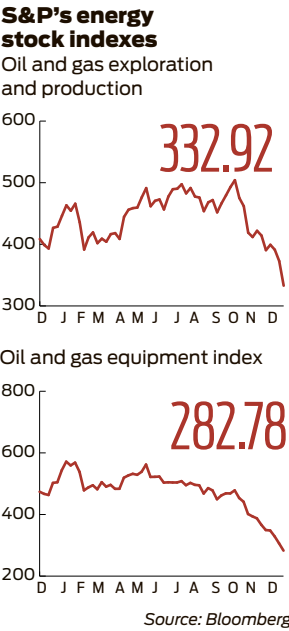
Rigs drilling	12/21	12/14	Year ago
Texas	531	532	455
Colorado	34	33	33
Louisiana	66	64	62
New Mexico	106	105	75
North Dakota	53	50	48
Oklahoma	141	140	120
Pennsylvania	47	46	36
Wyoming	35	35	24
U.S. total	1,080	1,071	931
Canada	131	174	210

Source: Baker Hughes

Marketed rigs under contract	12/21	12/14	Year ago
U.S. Gulf	35	35	36

Source: IHS Markit

*Increase reflects adjustment in IHS' reporting.



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Spring ISD – Dekaney High School 9th Grade Center
Civil Package

Tellepsen Builders, L.P., serving as Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Spring ISD, will receive proposals from qualified subcontractors and vendor trades for the Dekaney High School 9th Grade Center, **Civil Package**. Trades included in this package are earthwork and utilities.

The project is located on the existing campus of Dekaney High School, 22351 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston, Texas 77073. This project consists of the addition of a new 137,000 sf (approximately) 9th Grade Center. The site work includes concrete paving with new storm and utilities. The existing detention pond to be modified and relocated to accommodate the new expansion.

Proposals are due to Tellepsen Builders L.P., by 2:00 PM local time on Thursday January 10, 2019 via email to bidtaker@tellepsen.com, fax to (281-931-4468), or hand/mail delivery to Tellepsen at 777 Benmar Drive, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77060. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**

A Pre-Bid Conference for this package is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM local time, at the existing Dekaney High School located at 22351 Imperial Valley, Houston, Texas 77073. Check-in and sign-in at front desk is required.

Spring ISD (the Owner) reserves the right to waive any informality and/or to reject any or all proposals.

Contact Mercedes Lopez-Berrios at (281-272-4939) or mberrios@tellepsen.com for general information regarding this project.

Project Documents and Specifications are available for Respondents to review for preparation of their proposals at the following locations:

- Tellepsen's Houston Office - 777 Benmar, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77060
- SmartBidNet- By Invitation, contact Mercedes Lopez-Berrios at mberrios@tellepsen.com
- Associated General Contractors, 3825 Dacoma Street, Houston, Texas 77092, (713)-843-3700
- McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, www.construction.com
- Virtual Builders Exchange, 3910 Kirby, # 131, Houston, Texas 77098, (832) 613-0201

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT No. 4
(A political subdivision located within Montgomery County, Texas)
\$4,045,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds Series 2019

East Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 4 will open bids on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Houston time, at the offices of The GMS Group, L.L.C., 5075 Westheimer, Suite 1175, Houston, TX 77056-5606 for the District's \$4,045,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2019. The Board will take action to reject the bids or accept the bid that produces the lowest net effective interest rate for the Bonds at a meeting to be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Houston time, at the District's regular meeting place located at 22846 Highway 242, New Caney, Montgomery County, Texas. The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from The GMS Group, L.L.C., Attention: John Howell, 5075 Westheimer, Suite 1175, Houston, Texas, 77056-5606, (713) 622-7620 Financial Advisor to the District.

Board of Directors
East Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 4

CAUSE NO: 2018-03036
IN THE 164TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Plaintiff: FELIX, AVRYLL
vs.
Defendant: PENALOZA, ELPIDIO

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

To: ELIPIDIO PENALOZA (WHO'S RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to be and appear the 164TH Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 29th day of October, 2018, being the Monday after the expiration date of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then there t appear and file written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed in said Court on the JANUARY 16, 2018, in suit numbered 2018-03036 docket of said court, wherein AVRYLL FELIX, the Plaintiff, ELPIDIO PENALOZA, the Defendant, the nature of plaintiff's demand and the said petition alleging: **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT**

SUMMARY
This is a suit seeking damages for personal injuries suffered by Plaintiff, Avryll Felix, in a motor vehicle collision which occurred on April 8, 2015, Plaintiff was southbound on S. Post Oak Rd. in the left lane, when she suddenly and without collided with Defendant, Elpidio Penaloza, who made a left turn in front of Plaintiff.

Notice hereof shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the day of **OCTOBER 22, 2018**, in some newspaper published in the County of Harris, if there be a newspaper published therein but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on the **22nd day of OCTOBER, 2018**, which is forty two days after the date is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court on said return day this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

WITNESS: Chris Daniel, District Clerk, Harris County Texas
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Houston, Texas this 10TH day of **SEPTEMBER, 2018**.

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