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From the Sports Desk with John English

Lady Bobcat Volleyball Defeats Eastern Hills

The Benbrook volleyball team overcame adversity on Friday night to pick up a crucial win against Eastern Hills.

Coach Frances Davies said there were some unforeseen circumstances in the match.

“It was definitely an interesting one,” Davies said. “We had a very last-minute line-up change due to an overlap with our cheer senior night and us losing a starter. The girls started off a little out of sorts but as normal, they managed to make the adjustments, clean it up, and bring home the win. I was very happy to see them not let the surprise changes take away from their focus.”

The final score was 25-22, 14-25, 25-20, 25-20, and Davies said it was a total team effort.

Benbrook plays Carter-Riverside tomorrow night and Dunbar on Tuesday.

The Dunbar game will likely determine the district championship, and Davies said her team cannot overlook Carter-Riverside.

“I think both matches are going to make us focus on different aspects of our game,” Davies said. “I expect Carter-Riverside to be very scrappy and force us to focus on placement over power with our swings, while Dunbar will be very aggressive in their attacks and force us to focus more on defense. We just need to stay focused and committed to the plan and we’ll come out on top.”

On the gridiron, Benbrook football team made it seven in a row on Friday night, defeating Godley by a score of 28-24. The Bobcats are now 2-0 in district competition, and coach Cody Slater said his team did what it needed to do to get the win.

“I was pleased with the way we played last night,” Slater said on Saturday. “We made some mistakes, but we kept fighting, we never gave up and came away with the victory.”

Brennan Barton passed for 211 yards and three touchdowns in the game, and Kade Cross had two receiving touchdowns for the Bobcats. Defensively, Dezmond Chambers (continued on page 4)

Benbrook Council Action by John English

Oct. 17 Benbrook City Council Meeting Review

The Benbrook City Council meeting on Oct. 17 was held as scheduled. Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order. An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Time was then allowed for citizen comments on any agenda item, but there were none.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on Oct. 3 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was a motion to consider awarding the Cedar Creek Town homes drainage project. According to the agenda, the project involves removing the existing headwall, extending the storm drain to the oxbow bank, and constructing a new headwall at the outfall. Bids were received and opened on Sept. 26, and Tex-Pro Construction, LLC submitted the low bid of \$124,460.00. Once started, the project should take three months to complete. The awarding of the contract to Tex-Pro Construction, LLC was approved unanimously by all members present.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, and three people made comments.

Michael Barber, the candidate for Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 1 approached the podium.

Barber said he grew up in the Benbrook area, served as a Fort Worth Police Officer and then highlighted a few differences between he and his opponent.

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From the City of Benbrook

National Drug Take-Back Event Saturday

The Benbrook Police and Fire Departments will host a National Take-Back Initiative to collect unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications for proper disposal on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Benbrook Fire Station, located at 528 Mercedes St. The event is free and open to the public.

For questions, contact the Benbrook Police Department at 817-249-2752 or the Benbrook Fire Department at 817-249-1727.

Note: Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.

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From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Celebrate Texas State Parks Day with Free Admission Nov. 3

Visitors will get free day-use entry at all Texas State Parks in honor of Texas State Parks Day on Nov. 3, a tradition born from 2023's centennial celebration.

“Any day in a Texas State Park is a good day,” said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. “I hope this continued event from our centennial celebration motivates all Texans to explore what the outdoors has to offer. You are invited to visit a park that is new to you, take a friend and try a new adventure.”

Texas has more than 80 parks throughout the state to offer a wide variety of outdoor day-use activities such as wildlife watching, walking or hiking, park programs, camping, biking swimming, paddleboarding and many more. Visit the TPWD website for a list of activities and events in a park near you.

Ahead of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Texas State Parks reminds visitors of new Parkland Passports available to veterans. These pass-

ports are available at no cost and grant the cardholder free entry to all Texas State Parks.

“Texas Parks and Wildlife and state parks join everyone in expressing our appreciation to veterans and the service men and women of our military,” said Franklin. “Thousands have taken advantage our new veterans/military passes to enjoy state parks in Texas. Thank you for your service and enjoy some fall weather in a Texas State Park!”

Reservations are recommended and can be made online. Parks will operate as they normally do and will control admissions by their established capacity limits. All other fees will still apply on that day.

For more information about the passport visit the [Texas Parklands Passport page](#) on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website.



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A Benbrook resident named Joseph then approached the podium and said he lived on Usher Street.

The resident asked why “Officer Carter of the Benbrook Police Department was able to dump five rounds of his hand gun into someone's backyard where there was nobody threatening anyone.”

Joseph then expressed a few other concerns about the Benbrook PD.

Next up was John McQueeney, the Republican nominee for Texas House District 97. McQueeney reminded residents that voting started on Monday, Oct. 21 and said he would appreciate the support of Benbrook citizens.

Time was then allowed for council member and staff comments, but there were none.

The meeting was then adjourned.

From the City of Benbrook

Serve on a Board or Commission

The Benbrook City Council is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on a Board or Commission. Applications and additional information are available at Benbrook City Hall, located at 911 Winscott Rd., or [online](#). The application deadline is Nov. 4.

For questions, contact Beth Fischer at bfischer@benbrook-tx.gov.

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Obituary



Mary Louise Collins Hahn

Mary Louise Collins Hahn passed peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, due to complications of diabetes and cirrhosis of the liver. She was surrounded by family and friends until the bitter end.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024 in Greenwood's Live Oak Chapel, located at 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76107; internment to follow at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Mary was an “others” person, always putting other people, especially her family, before herself. She volunteered and worked in WSISD for the majority of her career; after earning her Associates degree, she went on to work in administration for private pharmacies. Additionally, Mary was a faithful member of Ridglea Baptist Church. However, with her many achievements, she would often say her proudest accomplishment was her daughters. This love for them extended to her five grandchildren, whom she never missed the chance to show off.

In the last year of her life, she had ceased working and moved to Houston to be closer to her eldest daughter, Amanda, her son-in-law, Dustin, and four of her grandkids.

She is healed in heaven and reunited with those who passed before her, including her husband, Dean; and mother-in-law, Lee.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara Collins; sister, Chris Crist; brothers, Jim, Donnie, Paul, and John Collins; sisters-in-law, Doris Dent and Dianna Thibodeaux; her daughters, Amanda Ballay and husband, Dustin, Melissa McClure and husband, William; five grandkids; and many, many extended family and friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

*To submit an obituary, please email:
suburbannews@sbcglobal.net*

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

VFW Post 8235 Celebrates Women in the Military Day

VFW Post 8235 celebrated Women in the Military Day at the facility this past Friday. Women who have served came out to the Post for this special day of recognition for their service.

Each year VFW Post 8235 recognizes the contributions of Women in the United States military. Although not formerly integrated into the military until 1948, women have been defending the United States since the Revolutionary War, when Molly Pitcher replaced her husband when he collapsed at his cannon due to his wounds.

Throughout the early history of the U.S. military, women were there in time of war. They have cared for the ill and wounded, laundered and mended clothing, and cooked for the troops during combat campaigns.

Today women are an invaluable and essential part of the U.S. military. They service in many different military occupational specialties, including direct combat roles. Women continue to have a crucial role in the War on Terrorism and their sacrifices in this noble effort underscore their dedication to the United States of America.



VFW Post 8235 officers in attendance were: (l-r) Jr. Vice Commander **Bill Landy**, Auxiliary Guard **Linda Landy**, Commander **Randall High**, Auxiliary Chaplain **Glenna Wheatley** and Quartermaster/Adjutant **Philip Casey**.

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finished with 11 tackles and Jacob Carpenter had seven tackles, a sack and two tackles-for-loss.

Benbrook will play at Hillsboro at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening, and Slater said it should be a tough contest.

“Hillsboro is a good football team,” Slater said. “They are very explosive on offense and they play sound defense. At this point in the season we are on everyone's radar. We need to have a great week of practice and focus on going 1-0 again this week.”



Service women that participated at the event were: (front row, l-r) **Rebecca Stevens** - Air Force, **Glenna Wheatley** - Army, **Linda Landy** - Army, American Legion Post 297 Commander **Lora McGee** - Air Force; (back) **Margaret Kennedy** - Army, **Andrea Johnson** - Air Force, **Sarah Crayton** - Army and **Jessica Stein** - Marine Corp.

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars came up short against Decatur last Thursday, and coach Blake Moilan said it was a tough outing.

“Decatur is a very good team that has had long playoff runs the last two years,” Moilan said. “They are good again this year. We scored early to make it a 14-7 game, and this was the first district touchdown that they had given up all year. We couldn't keep the momentum or up with them, but we are proud of the way our guys played.”

Moilan said he did have a couple of standout performances in the game, however.

“Tyler Willis led the team in tackles,” Moilan said. “EJ Jones continued to run the ball hard, gaining almost 100 yards against the Eagles.”

Western Hills plays at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening at Springtown, and Moilan said his team will have their hands full once again.

“Springtown is tough,” Moilan said. “They are a physical team that plays fast. We will need to play really good football next Friday night.”



Commander **Randall High** holds the Women in the Military cake with veterans: (l-r) American Legion Post 297 Commander **Lora McGee** - Air Force, **Patty Dula** - Navy, **Mary Stanfield** - Air Force and **Jessica Stein** - Marine Corp.

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Loop Study Page

Notice

**Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option
I-820 NORTHWEST LOOP CORRIDOR STUDY
I-820 from I-30 to I-35W**

SH 199 from Lake Worth to Roberts Cutoff Road

FM 1220/Azle Avenue from SH 199 to Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street

BUS 287/North Main Street from Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue to Meacham Boulevard

CSJs: 0008-14-132, 0171-05-068, 2079-01-039, 0008-14-135, 0008-15-058

TARRANT County, Texas

TxDOT is proposing improvements to I-820 from I-30 to I-35W, SH 199 from Lake Worth to Roberts Cutoff Road, FM 1220/Azle Avenue from SH 199 to Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street and BUS 287/North Main Street from Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue to Meacham Boulevard in Tarrant County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components.**

The presentation will be posted online by Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 10 a.m. and will remain online through Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. [To view the virtual public meeting, go to the following web address at the date and time indicated above:](#)

www.TxDOT.gov**Keyword search: "I-820 Northwest Loop"**

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. The in-person option will be held in an open house format. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants, and leave written comments.

The in-person, come-and-go open house option will be held on:**Thursday, Nov. 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.****at the Pecan Grove Convention Center****405 North Las Vegas Trail, White Settlement, TX 76108**

The I-820 Northwest Loop Corridor Study aims to improve mobility and enhance safety, multimodal transportation connectivity, operational design, and bike and pedestrian accommodations within three segments of I-820 between I-30 and I-35W. Proposed improvements would include adding main lane capacity, ramping improvements with auxiliary lanes, reconstruction of interchanges and intersections, and continuous one-way frontage roads. The study is comprised of three segments: North, Mid and South. The north segment study limits on I-820 are from Marine Creek Parkway to I-35W and includes the BUS 287/North Main Street interchange from Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue to Meacham Boulevard. The I-820 mid segment study limits are from Navajo Trail/Cahoba Drive to Marine Creek Parkway. The mid segment also includes SH 199 from Lake Worth to Roberts Cutoff Road and FM 1220/Azle Avenue from SH 199 to Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street. The south segment study limits follow I-820 from I-30 to Navajo Trail/Cahoba Drive. The total I-820 Northwest Loop Corridor Study limits, including all segments, is 19.4 miles long. TxDOT is conducting a study to evaluate and develop schematic design alternatives.

The proposed improvements may, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potentially displace residences and non-residential structures.

The proposed project may potentially impact a protected recreation area. TxDOT anticipates making a de minimis determination for this use under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

Public comment on the effects of the proposed project on the activities, features, or attributes of the Arrow S Park may be submitted as described below.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and isolated FEMA-designated floodplain areas.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps, and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection **by appointment only** Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at TxDOT Fort Worth District Office at 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133 by calling (817) 370-6807.

Project materials are also available online at www.TxDOT.gov, keyword search: "I-820 Northwest Loop".

Please contact the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office:

Curtis Loftis, TxDOT Project Manager
2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133
(817) 370-6807

Curtis.Loftis@txdot.gov**for all of the following needs or actions related to this project:**

- If you do not have internet access, you may call between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.
- Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction.
- Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project. These are requested and may be submitted by mail or email to the TxDOT contact above. All comments must be received on or before Friday, Nov. 22, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.TxDOT.gov, keyword search, "I-820 Northwest Loop" once they have been prepared.
- General questions regarding the proposed project, virtual meeting, or in-person option.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Flávia Paulino, Fort Worth District Public Engagement Specialist, at (817) 370-3559 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Aviso

**de reunión pública virtual con opción en persona
ESTUDIO DEL CORREDOR DE I-820 NORTHWEST LOOP
I-820 desde I-30 hasta I-35W**

SH 199 desde Lake Worth hasta Roberts Cutoff Road

FM 1220/Azle Avenue desde SH 199 hasta Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street

BUS 287/North Main Street desde Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue hasta Meacham Boulevard

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Condado de TARRANT, Texas

TxDOT esta proponiendo mejoras a la I-820 desde la I-30 hasta la I-35W, SH 199 desde Lake Worth hasta Roberts Cutoff Road, FM 1220/Azle Avenue desde SH 199 hasta Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street, y BUS 287/North Main Street desde Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue hasta Meacham Boulevard en el Condado de Tarrant, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que TxDOT llevará a cabo una reunión pública virtual en línea sobre el proyecto propuesto con una opción en persona. **La reunión virtual consistirá en una presentación de video pregrabada e incluirá componentes de audio y visuales.**

La presentación se publicará en línea el jueves 7 de noviembre de 2024 a las 10 a.m. y permanecerá en línea hasta el viernes 22 de noviembre de 2024 a las 11:59 p.m. [Para ver la reunión pública virtual, visite la siguiente dirección web en la fecha y hora indicadas anteriormente:](#)

www.TxDOT.gov**Busque las palabras clave: "I-820 Northwest Loop"**

Además, TxDOT está ofreciendo una opción en persona para los individuos que deseen participar en persona en lugar de en línea. La opción en persona se llevará a cabo en un formato de puertas abiertas. Los asistentes en persona podrán ver la misma presentación que se dio en la reunión pública en línea que se estará reproduciendo en una pantalla, revisar copias impresas de los materiales del proyecto, hacer preguntas al personal de TxDOT y/o a los consultores, y dejar comentarios por escrito.

La reunión a puertas abiertas en persona se llevará a cabo el:**Jueves, 7 de noviembre de 5 p.m. a 7 p.m.****en el Pecan Grove Convention Center****405 North Las Vegas Trail, White Settlement, TX 76108**

El Estudio del Corredor de I-820 Northwest Loop tiene como objetivo mejorar la movilidad y aumentar la seguridad, la conectividad del transporte multimodal, el diseño operativo y las adaptaciones para bicicletas y peatones en tres segmentos de la I-820 entre la I-30 y la I-35W. Las mejoras propuestas incluirían la ampliación de la capacidad de los carriles principales, mejoras en las rampas con carriles auxiliares, reconstrucción de los distribuidores viales e intersecciones y vías de servicio continuas de sentido único. El estudio consta de tres segmentos: Norte, Medio y Sur. Los límites del estudio del segmento norte de la I-820 van desde Marine Creek Parkway hasta la I-35W e incluyen el distribuidor vial BUS 287/North Main Street desde Longhorn Road/East Industrial Avenue hasta Meacham Boulevard. Los límites del estudio del segmento medio de la I-820 son desde Navajo Trail/Cahoba Drive hasta Marine Creek Parkway. El segmento medio también incluye SH 199 desde Lake Worth hasta Roberts Cutoff Road y FM 1220/Azle Avenue desde SH 199 hasta Kiowa Avenue/Venera Street. Los límites del estudio del segmento sur siguen la I-820 desde la I-30 hasta Navajo Trail/Cahoba Drive. Los límites totales del Estudio del Corredor I-820 Northwest Loop, incluyendo todos los segmentos, es de 19,4 millas de largo. TxDOT está llevando a cabo un estudio para evaluar y desarrollar alternativas de diseño esquemático.

Las mejoras propuestas pueden, sujeto a las consideraciones de diseño final, requerir derecho de vía adicional y potencialmente desplazar residencias y estructuras no residenciales.

El proyecto propuesto podría afectar a una zona recreativa protegida. TxDOT anticipa hacer una determinación de minimis para este uso bajo la Sección 4(f) de la Ley del Departamento de Transporte de 1966.

Se pueden hacer comentarios públicos sobre los efectos del proyecto propuesto en las actividades, características o atributos del Parque Arrow S tal y como se describe a continuación.

El proyecto propuesto implicaría la construcción en humedales y zonas inundables aisladas designadas por la FEMA.

Cualquier documentación o estudios ambientales, mapas y dibujos que muestren la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto, cronogramas tentativos de construcción y otra información relacionada con el proyecto propuesto están archivados y disponibles para su inspección **sólo con cita previa** de lunes a viernes entre las 8 a.m. y las 5 p.m. en la Oficina del Distrito de Fort Worth de TxDOT en 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133 llamando al (817) 370-6807.

Los materiales del proyecto también están disponibles en línea en www.TxDOT.gov, y busque las palabras clave: "I-820 Northwest Loop".

Póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Distrito de Fort Worth de TxDOT:

Curtis Loftis, gerente de proyecto de TxDOT
2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76133
(817) 370-6807

Curtis.Loftis@txdot.gov**para todas las siguientes necesidades o acciones relacionadas con este proyecto:**

- Si no tiene acceso a Internet, puede llamar entre las 8 a.m. y las 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes, para hacer preguntas y acceder a los materiales del proyecto durante el proceso de elaboración de este.
- Información sobre el Programa de Asistencia para Reubicación de TxDOT y los servicios y beneficios para los desplazados y otros propietarios afectados, así como información sobre el calendario tentativo para la adquisición del derecho de vía y la construcción.
- Comentarios por escrito del público sobre el proyecto propuesto. Se solicitan y pueden presentarse por correo o correo electrónico al contacto de TxDOT arriba indicado. **Todos los comentarios deberán recibirse a más tardar el viernes 22 de noviembre de 2024.** Las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos estarán disponibles en línea en www.TxDOT.gov, búsquedala por palabra clave, "I-820 Northwest Loop" una vez que se hayan preparado.
- Preguntas generales sobre el proyecto propuesto, la reunión virtual o la opción en persona.

La reunión pública virtual y la opción en persona se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés no es su lengua materna o tiene dificultades para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene alguna discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para adaptarse a la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con discapacidad que requiere una adaptación para asistir y participar en la reunión pública virtual o en la opción en persona, póngase en contacto con Flávia Paulino, Especialista en Participación Pública del Distrito de Fort Worth, llamando al (817) 370-3559 antes de las 4 p.m. CT del viernes 1 de noviembre de 2024. Por favor tenga en cuenta que es necesario avisar con anticipación ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que el Departamento de Transporte de Texas los organice.

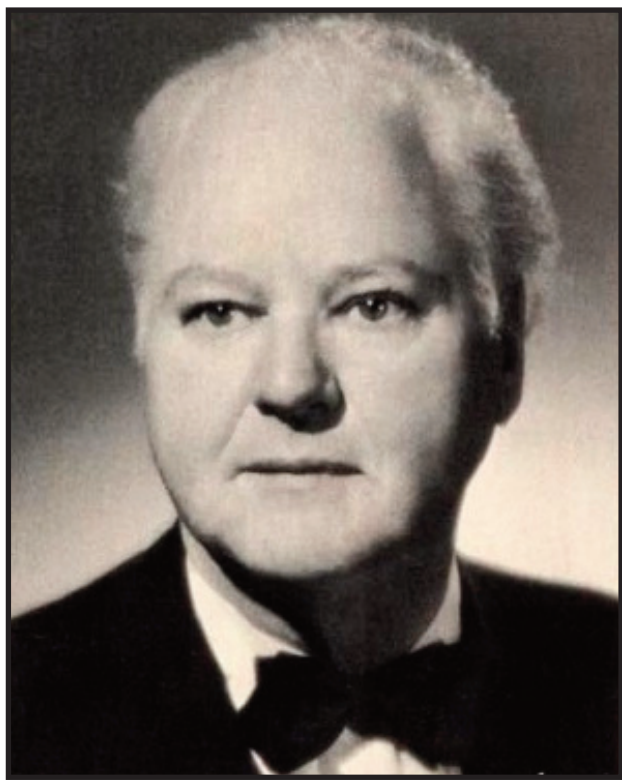
La revisión ambiental, consulta y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, realizadas por TxDOT de conformidad con 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 9 de diciembre de 2019 y ejecutado por FHWA y TxDOT.

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I-820 Northwest Loop

Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

American Oil Tycoon, H. L. Hunt



“Money is just a way of keeping score,” oil baron H. L. Hunt was once reported to have said. H. L. Hunt kept score, counted cards, and had a relentless appetite for anything he saw in one of the most unusual rags-to-riches stories in the history of American business.

Haroldson Lamar Hunt, Jr., was born in Ramsey, a small farm community in southern Illinois, in 1889. He was the youngest of eight children. His father, Haroldson Hunt, Sr., was a farmer, and all the entire family worked full-time to support the farm. His mother, Ella, taught the children at home, and Hunt had very little formal schooling. At the age of 16, he left home and started exploring the West, taking a series of odd jobs along the way, including lumberjack and mule skinner.

He had a talent for math and turned to gambling. He made it to Arkansas by 1910, and after his father’s death, he used his inheritance and bought a cotton plantation in Chicot County. He married Lyda Bunker in 1914. By the early 1920s, facing ruin from a series of floods, Hunt moved to nearby El Dorado (about 90 miles east of Texarkana), which was in the midst of an oil boom that was producing incredible fortunes and bringing in swarms of prospectors.

While he had seven children with wife Lyda Bunker of Lake Village, he was not a devoted family man. He carried on affairs with at least two other women, having eight known children with his mistresses.

According to several stories, nearly broke, Hunt gambled his last dollars in a series of poker games in the notorious “Hamburger Row” area of El Dorado, an area known at the time for spea-

keasies, greasy spoons, and houses of prostitution. Hunt ended up winning a fortune in games that included stakes in the lucrative oil fields of South Arkansas. One turn of the cards made the difference between riches and ruin.

From these developing leases, he formed partnerships with businessmen in the area and began parlaying investments from oil sales and began brokering oil leases, steadily building what would become a business empire. Eventually, he had 44 producing wells in South Arkansas and sold a stake in 40 wells in 1924 for \$600,000 (nearly \$11 million in 2024 dollars).

By 1925, the once nearly-bankrupt cotton farmer was now a millionaire and had bought out an entire city block in downtown El Dorado where he built an august three-story mansion.

Hunt was just beginning. He began expanding his oil holdings, drilling more wells in southern Arkansas and expanding into Louisiana and Oklahoma. By 1930, he was exploring the rumored oil fields in East Texas.

At this point, he was approached by Columbus M. “Dad” Joiner, who owned a small farm in Rusk County, Texas. Joiner had been attempting to find investors for his claims. Hunt learned that there were problems with Joiner’s legal claims to the oil and that he was deeply in debt. Convinced there was oil, Hunt gambled again. Hunt bought the oil leases for \$30,000 in cash (about \$552,000 in modern dollars), secured mostly from an El Dorado investor, and promised Joiner up to \$1.2 million when oil was found. Hunt promised to protect Joiner from any lawsuits or legal action regarding the claims. The field paid off beyond his wildest dreams.

In 1932, Hunt moved his family and his headquarters to Tyler, Texas. He began drilling more wells and buying local refineries. The East Texas oil fields would make Hunt not only a billionaire but the richest man in the world.

He soon transferred his company to Dallas. In 1938, he moved to the White Rock Lake area of Dallas, paying \$69,000 (or more than \$1.5 million in modern dollars) for a spread of ten acres and a home that was expanded into a Dallas landmark. Here, he fed deer on the property, raised his family, traveled the world, and carefully tended his empire. His years in Dallas would only see a steady increase in his fortune and influence.

During World War II, he supplied the government with oil needed for victory. As the largest producer in the country by the 1940s, his company sold most of the oil used by the Allies during the war. In fact, he personally sold more oil

to the U. S. and the Allies than all of Germany produced on its own during the entire war.

By war’s end, Hunt was also supplying about 85 percent of the natural gas used in the eastern United States. In 1948, he was named the richest man in the world by the media, with a fortune estimated at \$263 million (about \$3.5 billion in 2024 dollars). But he was not content. He continued nurturing his oil business and soon expanded into consumer products, selling such items as cosmetics, vitamins, and health food through a spinoff company called HLH Products.

By the late 1950s, journalists estimated his fortune at more than \$500 million (or about \$5.5 billion in 2024 dollars). His time as a nearly bankrupt famer in Arkansas was a distant memory by this point.

In 1955, his first wife, Lyda Bunker Hunt, died. Two years later, Hunt married Ruth Ray, who had been involved in an affair with him for years, and already had four children with him. In spite of this scandalous relationship, H. L. Hunt became a prominent member and contributor to First Baptist Church in Dallas.

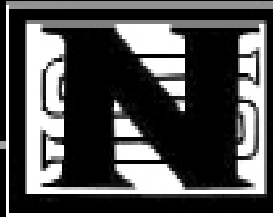
He became increasingly involved in conservative political causes as he grew older. Throughout the 1950s, he bankrolled a conservative radio program called *Facts Forum*, whose commentators condemned the New Deal while supporting the anti-communist activities of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who was later disgraced for those same antics. In the 1960 election, he openly condemned John F. Kennedy for his Roman Catholic faith and for what Hunt saw as weak anti-communist credentials.

Hunt’s prominence in Dallas and in conservative causes coupled with his loud criticisms of Kennedy led some conspiracy theorists openly attempt to link Hunt to Kennedy’s assassination in 1963. No serious evidence of such a link ever emerged, but the FBI provided bodyguards for Hunt in the chaotic aftermath of Kennedy’s death.

Hunt began writing extensively in the 1960s, writing newspaper and magazine columns condemning communism and commenting on the oil business. He wrote several books, including “*Why Not Speak?*” (1964) and “*Hunt for Truth*” (1965). In 1967, he wrote a novel titled *Alpaca* in which he described his ideal world. The unequal system he envisioned had young adults receiving one vote, elderly citizens receiving two votes, and the wealthiest having four votes.

Hunt died quietly in Dallas in November 1974. In the years after his death, his life was the subject of numerous books as well as endless speculation and gossip in Dallas social circles.

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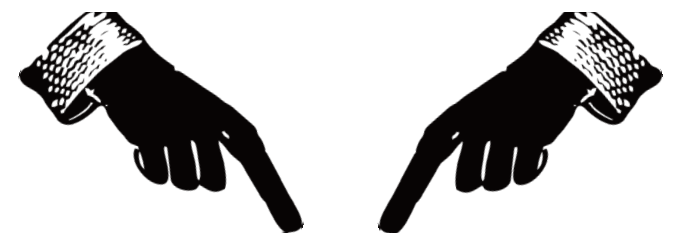
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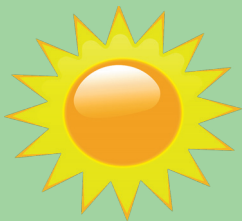
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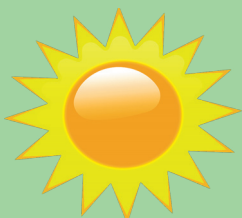
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AM - Sunny, with a high near 89. S/SW wind around 10 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South wind around 5 mph.



Saturday, Oct. 26:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 85. N/NW wind around 5 mph becoming E/NE in the afternoon.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 61.



Sunday, Oct. 27:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 86.
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