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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Lions Rally for Big District Win

Two teams with identical records clashed at W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, Oct. 18. Castleberry and Carrollton Ranchview entered the game with 3-3 records, and both teams were 0-1 in district play.

CHS lost their district opener to Kenne-dale 44-7, while Ranchview lost their district opener 48-14 to Alvarado. The two teams also beat one common opponent; the Lions beat Bridgeport 27-14 on Sept. 13 and the Wolves beat Bridgeport 44-13 on Sept. 26. This game, on paper, looked to be a good match up between a couple of teams looking to get their first district win. Also, a loss would put any playoff hope in jeopardy. The game did not disappoint. The Wolves jumped out to a 2-touchdown lead in the first quarter (15-0). The Lions responded with a 19-point second quarter and took a halftime lead of 19-15. CHS continued to lead the tight game 31-29 as the teams entered the fourth quarter, and went on to win an exciting game 39-29.

The Lions kicked off to start the game. The pooch kick was not very effective as the Wolves began their opening drive right at midfield (their own 48-yard line). On first down, the Wolves broke off a 39-yard run which immediately put them on the Lions 13-yard line. Five plays later they scored on a 2-yard run on third-and-goal. The point-after-touchdown was good and Ranchview led 7-0 (9:40 in the first quarter).

The Lions went three-and-out on their first drive. Ranchview began their second drive on their own 37-yard line. This began a 13-play drive for the Wolves. But on fourth-and-1 from the CHS 10-yard line, the Lions defense forced a Wolves incomplete pass. CHS took over on downs. But the Lions could not move the ball and were forced to

punt from their own 10-yard line. The punt was partially blocked and only traveled about 10 yards and was returned to the Lions 7-yard line. Three plays later Ranchview scored. Their 2-point conversion was successful and pushed their lead to 15-0 with 1:28 left in the 1st quarter. This was not a good start for our Lions. They finished the quarter with one first down, trailing 15-0.

On their third possession, CHS finally got the offensive spark they needed. On third-and-6, senior quarterback Demetrius Valadez, ripped off a 59-yard touchdown run from their own 41-yard line. Senior kicker Chris Montoya was good on the point-after-touchdown.

At the 11:40 mark in the second quarter the Lions trailed 15-7, but the offense had come to life!

The Wolves responded with a drive down to the Lions 24-yard line. But here the Lions defense forced another incompleteness on a fourth-and-9. CHS took over on downs for the second time in the game. The Lions took the ball and drove 64 yards. The 15-play drive ended with no points. On fourth-and-4 from the Wolves 12-yard line, Valadez was sacked by the Wolves defense. This time the ball went over to Ranchview on downs.

The tide was about to turn completely in the Lions' favor for the rest of the half. Ranchview may have taken over after stopping the Lions, but they were about to turn the ball back over to CHS.

On their second play on this possession, they fumbled and senior defensive back Michael Lujan recovered for the Lions with 4:43 left until half. CHS took over on Ranchview's 20-yard line. They took just three plays to score. On first-and-goal from the 7-yard line,

Valadez found senior Corbett Brown for a touchdown reception. Unfortunately, the Lions couldn't connect on the point-after-touchdown and still trailed 15-13 (4:03/second).

Junior kicker Santiago Guereca executed a perfect pooch-kick on the ensuing kickoff. The Wolves could not handle it and fumbled. Senior Adrian Arenas recovered for the Lions. CHS got the ball on the Wolves 44-yard line. Junior running back Isaiah Ford and the CHS offensive line began to take over at this point in the game. Four straight runs by Ford netted 27 yards. Three plays later Ford scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. The 2-point conversion failed but the Lions had taken the lead 19-15 (2:11/second).

The defense then forced another turn over on downs (the third time in the first half) when they forced four consecutive incomplete Ranchview pass attempts. The Lions took over at their own 47-yard line. Ford ran 24 yards on three carries. A 22-yard completion from Valadez to senior Daniel Ortiz put the Lions on the Wolves 7-yard line. As time was winding down in the first half, CHS attempted a field goal but missed. But they went to the locker room with the lead.

The Lions got the ball to start the second half. They drove 68 yards in 10 plays. The drive ended with another touchdown run by Ford. The point-after-touchdown was unsuccessful but the lead grew to 25-15 (8:09/third).

Ranchview took the ensuing CHS kickoff and returned it 31 yards down to the Lions 41-yard line. They took just five plays to score. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass completion. The point-after-touchdown was good and with (continued on page 2)



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.

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5:56 left in the third quarter the Lions lead was down to 25-22.

CHS now responded with a nine-play touchdown drive. On third-and-5 from the Wolves 25-yard line, Valadez scored his second touchdown on the ground on the evening. The Lions 2-point conversion again failed, but they stretched their lead to 31-22 with 2:06 left in the third quarter.

Ranchview would not go away quietly. They came right back and scored. The eight-play drive covered 64 yards. On second-and-goal from the 9, they got a nine-yard touchdown run by their running back. The point-after-touchdown was good and the CHS lead shrank to 31-29 with 20.9 seconds left in the third quarter.

The game entered the last quarter and really got interesting. The Lions, who had been moving the ball at will since the second quarter, suddenly could not move the ball at all. On their next two possessions, they failed to gain a first down. A big break occurred with 6:35 left in the game. The Lions defense forced a Wolves fumble which was recovered by senior linebacker Daniel Cecenas. The Lions then methodically marched 47 yards in nine plays. They scored on a second-and-goal from the 4-yard line when Ford got his

third touchdown run of the night. He finished the game with 198 yards rushing on 42 attempts. The Lions now had a two-score lead with only 2:31 left in the game. They iced the game on Ranchview's next possession when Arenas intercepted the Wolves quarterback and ran it back 30 yards to end the game.

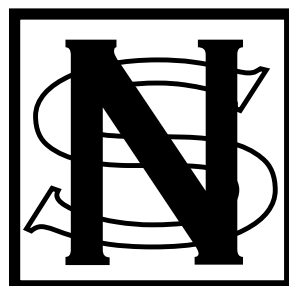
The Lions will travel to Lake Worth to play the rival Bullfrogs in another big district game on Friday, Oct. 25.

Castleberry fans need to make the short drive up Jacksboro Highway to support our team. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Go Lions!

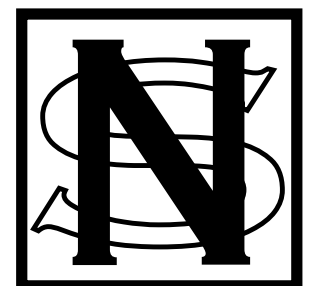
Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that Barry LaJuan Wheeler, born on September 6, 1962, in Los Angeles, California, has filed a petition with the Santa Monica Courthouse, Los Angeles, California, requesting that his name be changed to Barry LaJuan English, his birth certificate last name "Wheeler" is wrong due to a clerical error. This name change is being sought to ensure consistency in his identity and align all legal records with the name used. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2024 at the Santa Monica Courthouse at 1725 Main Street Santa Monica, California. 90401. Any person who objects to this name change may appear at the hearing to show cause why this petition should not be granted.



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I-820 Northwest 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, búsqueda 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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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 passports 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 ex-

pressing 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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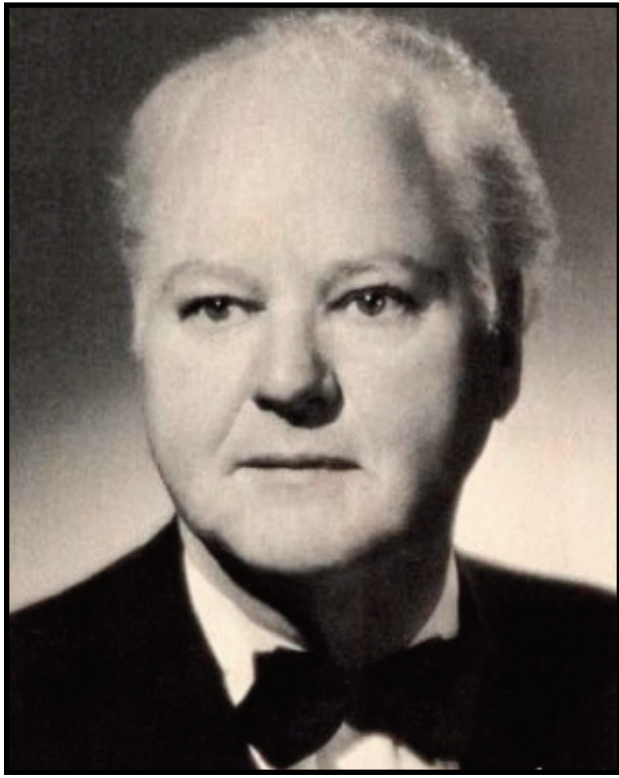
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Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

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.

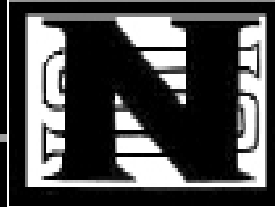
He became increasingly involved in conservative political causes as he grew older. Throughout the 1950s, he bankrolled a conservative radio program called *Facts Forum*, whose commentators condemned the New Deal while supporting the anti-communist activities of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who was later disgraced 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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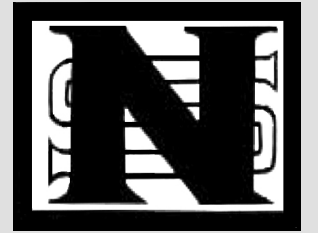
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PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South wind around 5 mph.



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.
PM - Clear, with a low around 64.

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