



## TNM Calendar

Saturday Aug. 22 @02:00PM - 04:00PM  
[Amarillo Area Meeting](#)

Saturday Aug 29 @12:00PM - 03:00PM  
[TNM on the Capitol Steps - 'Sovereignty or Secession'](#)

Tuesday Sept. 15 @07:00PM - 08:00PM  
[San Antonio Area Meeting](#)

### Upcoming Townhall Meetings on Nationalized Healthcare

#### U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee

Aug. 22, Harvest Town Missionary Baptist Church, 17770 Imperial Valley Dr Houston, 77060-6100, 3:30-5 p.m.

Aug. 24, Travis Elementary, 3311 Beauchamp Houston, 77009, 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 25, Third Ward Multi-Service Center, 3611 Ennis Street Houston, 77004, 713.527.4005, 10 a.m.-noon

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Houston, 77091, 713.694.9274, 7-9 p.m.

Sept. 5, Lone Star College – Hobby Airport, 281-618-5442, 4-6 p.m.

#### U.S. Rep. Gene Green

[http://www.house.gov/green/news\\_center/events.shtml](http://www.house.gov/green/news_center/events.shtml)

Must bring ID to prove district residency  
Sept. 1 - Town Hall Meeting - Pasadena  
[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/tx29\\_green/morenews/th012404.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/tx29_green/morenews/th012404.html)

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# Texans draw the line

## Groups to demand Perry enforce sovereignty in Aug. 29 rally

By Dave Mundy  
Editor

Texas Nationalists are being asked to join their fellow Texans and responsible citizens from 37 other states Aug. 29 as they "draw the line" on the issue of state sovereignty.

Texans will gather on the steps of the state capitol in Austin from noon-3 p.m. on that day to present Gov. Rick Perry with a petition de-

manding the Texas Legislature to convene and nullify all federal laws which intrude upon state's rights—or to draft an ordinance of secession.

The Texas effort is being centered around House Bill 1863 by State Rep. Leo Berman (R-Tyler). Berman's measure seeks to nullify all federal legislation which does not have explicit authorization in the U.S. Constitution.

The event is being organized by Whitney resident Gerry Donaldson at [www.drawaline.org](http://www.drawaline.org) and leaders of the TNM, including President Daniel Miller, have embraced the cause and will be among the speakers.

"We'll also be demanding the dismantling of all State agencies that have been created to support unconstitutionally authorized Federal agen-

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TNP Photo/Dave Mundy

Protesters hold a "Secede" poster during the Tea Party in Houston April 15

## TNP resumes publication

The Texas National Press is back in action with a new look, a new editor and the powerful motivation of reaching thousands of new members of the Texas Nationalist Movement. This edition marks our "dummy run" before formally resuming publication in September.

The original TNP was published from 2003-2006. Texas Nationalist Movement President Daniel Miller said that because of the rapidly-increasing membership of the organization, it was decided to resume publication of the newsletter and give it a stronger journalistic format. He and Vice President Lauren Savage selected Dave Mundy, a longtime Texas newspaper editor, to head the publication.

Mundy is the former editor of the Orange Leader and Katy Times, and has also worked with the Rosenberg Herald-Coaster, Lubbock

Avalanche-Journal, Bayshore (LaPorte) Sun, Baytown Sun, Pasadena Citizen, Houston Post and Deer Park Progress. During his six years in the US Marine Corps, Mundy was also a military journalist, editing the Okinawa Marine and contributing stories to the Camp Lejeune Globe, Pacific Stars & Stripes and a wide range of other military publications.

He has received more than 40 awards at the regional, state and national level for journalistic excellence in his career, including the 1998 National Newspaper Association award for Best Coverage of Education and a Jim Lehrer Award for fairness in journalism. He also authored a book, *DUH! Texas: A Case Study in Educational Takeover*, which followed the politics during the heated debate over implementation of standards-based education in Texas from 1995-97.

## The Gov's race is 'on'

### Hutchison makes if official; Kilgore, Medina also in hunt

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has made it official – she will step down from her Senate seat this fall to run for Governor of Texas, making her the ninth announced candidate and the third Republican seeking to dethrone incumbent Rick Perry.

Hutchison, 66, joins Larry Kilgore and Debra Medina in the field of Republicans challenging Perry. Businessman Tom Schieffer and entertainer Kinky Friedman have announced they will seek the Democratic nomination.

Libertarians Jeff Daiell and Kenneth Griffin will be seeking their party's nomination, and Allen's Fran Cavanaugh, a conservative pastor, has also announced that he will run as an independent.

The duel between Perry and Hutchison has long been anticipated, and the presence of Kilgore, a staunch religious conservative, and Medina, who has also taken very conservative public stances, likely means that Perry and Hutchison, both decidedly centrists, may have to cross ideological lines to appeal to the party's base during the primaries.

Perry has already begun attempting to paint Hutchison as a "Washington insider," and has made a number of pro-Texas sovereignty announcements which appeal to conservatives.

In the most recent legislative session, however, he angered many conservatives in particular by further limiting the power of the State Board of Education over control of textbook content, a move welcomed by textbook publishers and the state's liberal education bureaucracy.

Hutchison, who made her announcement on Metroplex radio station WBAP-AM, said she had given Perry a "free ride" by not challenging

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# Texas Nationalist Movement



## What is the Texas Nationalist Movement?

### Our Mission

The Texas Nationalist Movement exists to secure and protect the political, cultural and economic independence of the nation of Texas and to restore and protect a constitutional Republic and the inherent rights of the people of Texas.

### Vision

The Texas Nationalist Movement seeks to fulfill its mission by working in three areas:

#### Political

- \* Identifying, communicating with and organizing Texans who seek independence
- \* Increasing the number of Texans who support independence by actively educating on the benefits of Texas independence
- \* Supporting and fielding candidates at every level that support Texas independence and the ideals of Texas nationalism
- \* Affecting an internationally recognized referendum on Texas independence for the people of Texas
- \* Holding government officials under the current system and at every level accountable to current laws and the Constitution

#### Cultural

- \* Preserving Texas history and culture
- \* Educating Texans and the world about Texas history and culture
- \* Celebrating Texas history and culture
- \* Defending Texas history and culture
- \* Improving and supporting the way of life of Texas communities

#### Economic

- \* Promoting the purchase of Texas goods and the use of Texas service by Texans
- \* Connecting Texas businesses with skilled Texas workers
- \* Fostering the Texas entrepreneurial spirit
- \* Supporting a sound economic system and policies
- \* Promoting fair trade between Texas and other nations

*It is to this mission and vision that we, as Texas nationalists, are committed.*

## TNM Members Speak Out

**This month's question: "Would you rather see a unicameral (one-house) or bi-cameral legislative body in the new Republic of Texas?"**

I am in favor of retaining the bicameral legislature, but revising it. Have a House of Representatives with a Representative elected from every county in order to keep them accountable. It's not very likely for somebody to disregard their constituents when those people are their neighbors. As for a Senate, let them be elected from a regional group of counties, maybe 3 or 4 counties to a region. That way they can have a slightly larger picture of issues involving multiple counties.

*Chris McKnight Sweeney*

While the simplicity of a unicameral government is a little enticing, I feel the bicameral government would best serve Texas. However, the bicameral form of government would re-

quire a firm separation of powers, authority and responsibilities to avoid gridlocks on various issues, even more understandable when looking at the current results of multiple political parties (yep, we'll have 'em also). Texas is so rich and diverse in culture, energy, industry and commerce it would be difficult to expect a part-time unicameral government to function at any level of competence.

*David White New Braunfels*

TNM members are encouraged to communicate their ideas to Texas Nationalist Press and via the TNM website's community forums at [www.texasnationalist.com](http://www.texasnationalist.com). Our question for September: "What does Texas need to do prior to independence to ensure our economic survival?" Please limit your answers to two to three paragraphs and e-mail them to: [dave@davemundy.com](mailto:dave@davemundy.com), subject: "TNM Speaks Out"

## Texas Nationalist Movement Membership Application Form

Please return to: TNM, PO Box 167, Nederland, TX, 77627



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I would like to join the Texas Nationalist Movement for the next 12 months at the following membership rate (please check one):

- Annual Billing**
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  - Family Annual: \$240/year
  - Student Annual: \$60/year
  - Unemployed Annual: \$60/year

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  - Family Monthly: \$20/month
  - Student Monthly: \$5/month
  - Unemployed Monthly: \$5/month

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### Join By Check or Money Order

Please enclose a check or money order made payable to "Texas Nationalist Movement".

- Check here if you would like to join the chapter in your county.
- Check here if you would like to volunteer to work with us to secure Texas independence.
- Check here if you would like to receive our Members Only email bulletins at the email address that you provided.

By signing below you signify your belief in the mission and vision of the Texas Nationalist Movement and agree to abide by all organizational rules and guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also join using the online application form at <http://www.texasnationalist.com/join>

### Letters to the Editor

Texas Nationalist Press welcomes Letters to the Editor on any subject concerning the Texas Nationalist Movement and Texas. Letters should limit themselves to one subject and 2-3 paragraphs whenever possible; longer commentaries are best suited for publication at the Texas Nationalist Movement website at [www.texasnationalist.com](http://www.texasnationalist.com).

You can submit Letters to the Editor by e-mail to [dave@davemundy.com](mailto:dave@davemundy.com).

## Texas Politics

### The Governor's Race: Republicans

# Medina wants to give GOP a 'true conservative'

By Dave Mundy  
Editor

Debra Medina says it's time Texas politicians started listening to what their constituents are saying.

And, she says, she's been getting an earful. "What we're seeing is these congressmen at town halls saying, 'You're angry, and I'm out of here.' They're not listening to the people," says Medina, 47, who has filed to challenge for the Republican nomination for Governor in the 2010 elections.

Medina, the chair of the Wharton County Republican Party, is a supporter of former presidential candidate Ron Paul and brings both libertarian and conservative credentials to her campaign. She's known for butting heads with the party leadership.

In taking on incumbent Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Medina said it's time Texas voters get a true conservative to vote for.

"I think that neither one of them ... reflect the conservative ideals of the Republican Party," she said in a telephone interview. "Perry, in particular, lies to us in every campaign. We've doubled our (state) deficit from \$12 billion to \$27.8 billion, but he's out there telling us that everything's fine, not to worry."

On the issue of primary concern to members of the Texas Nationalist Movement, Medina says she does not support secession, but allows that such a move may become necessary. She calls Perry's very public stances on state sovereignty little more than posturing.

"It ought to make us all angry that the Governor is raising the red secessionist flag," she says. "Name one time he's made a stand for sovereignty."

"States have two ways to limit the power of the federal government," she adds. "One is for the legislature to nullify federal law, as happened in Montana. The other is for the state executive to lead the charge by refusing federal programs. (Perry) has made bold statements, then caved in."

"Will it come to secession? I hope not," she says. "Which issue is the one to fight? In every area, the federal government is over-stepping its authority."

The Beeville native, a registered nurse and businesswoman who home-schooled her children, says that while health care and cap-and-trade are drawing a lot of attention nationally at the moment, two key issues are extremely important to the Texans she's spoken with: border security and public education.

"Two sessions ago the Legislature got a mandate from the (federal) court to put a different funding mechanism in place (for Texas public



Debra Medina

schools), but they didn't fix it," she says. "All of us are tired of seeing money thrown at it and nothing improving."

Medina says Texas needs to look both at new ways of funding education, and creating greater opportunities beyond a system run by the state.

"I think we've got to be talking about the dropout rate," she says. "The dropout rate is unsustainable. If you've got a workforce with an eighth-grade education, the dropout rate is unsustainable."

"A lot of our 'independent school districts,' they're independent all right – independent of the parents," she says. "I think we need more substantive ideas as the campaign develops."

One substantive idea Medina is championing is elimination of the property tax – the primary funding mechanism for schools in the state. She favors using a revenue-neutral state sales tax to provide for education funding.

"I want to completely eliminate the property tax," she says. "The two essential elements of freedom are personal property and gun ownership. The property tax steals your freedom."

Medina cites a study done by the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation supports her position that eliminating the property tax would be a huge economic boon for Texans.

"(The TPPF study) shows that if you eliminate the state property tax, the first year you would see an increase in personal income for Texans of more than \$3 billion," she says. "Over five years, you'd create from 127,000 to 312,000 jobs and increase personal income from \$21-52 billion."

She says that the other candidates in the Governor's race have also failed to heed what voters are saying on another hot-button issue: border security. The federal government has

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### The Lt. Governor's Race: Republicans

# Garza hopes to set the agenda for independence

By Dave Mundy  
Editor

It's kinda funny that many folks seem to think that those who favor Texas independence from the United States must be Caucasian xenophobes who hate Latinos, says Richard Garza-Ray.

"Hell, I'm Hispanic," snapped the rancher and retired policeman from tiny Romo who can trace his family roots to the original Mexican settlers of Texas in the 1750s. "That oughta make 'em think. We're all Texans."

Garza has thrown his hat into the race for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor in the 2010 primaries, and openly favors Texas secession from the Union. He thinks the matter is best left to the voters.

"It has to be about Texas, by Texans. It has to be the will of the people," Garza said in a telephone interview. "We need to elect a governor and legislature who will call a special election, and put Texas independence to a vote of the people."

Garza has allied himself with the gubernatorial candidacy of Larry Kilgore, who is seeking the state's top office and also favors Texas independence. His role as lieutenant governor will be to set the agenda for independence, and he says he will work to ensure that the state Senate he presides over will focus on doing its job.

"Heard a story today about somebody that filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission because some of the senators and repre-



Richard Garza-Ray

sentatives are not showing up for votes (casting votes by proxy)," Garza said. "When I get elected ... If you're not there, the (voting) button's gonna get turned off. These people are elected by their constituents to represent them. They need to do that."

Plainspoken and folksy, Garza terms himself just an everyday retired guy who got fed up with what he saw happening in government.

"I've been feeling this way since Bush was in office, now with the runaway spending I don't see any recourse for Texas but to secede," he said. "We have the infrastructure, the manufacturing, the resources to stand as a republic."

Garza said he isn't necessarily displeased with incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, but wants

to offer voters someone who can focus solely on the job.

"He's doing a good job, but has other business interests," Garza said. "I have no other job. It seems like historically only the rich can run for office."

The foremost items on his agenda, Garza said, would be re-establishing state sovereignty and border security.

The Texas Legislature passed a state sovereignty resolution during its recent term, HCR 50, which drew a lot of attention from the public and the media – but none from the federal government.

"We'll have to come up with something stronger," he said. "They're still ignoring us. There are laws on the books that need to be repealed."

"The immediate issue is cap and trade. If that passes it's going to ruin a lot of small businesses," he added. "The costs get passed on to the consumer. As an example, the costs of public electricity ... if cap and trade passes it's going to double the costs for consumers."

Living only eight miles from the border with Mexico gives Garza a unique perspective on the border security issue as well.

"The biggest danger is the drug cartels and the human smugglers," he said. "They open my gates, they tear down my fences. They're a danger to anybody that runs across them."

The Vietnam veteran said he has personally experienced the federal government's intentional ignoring of border incursions by members of the Mexican military.

"I was deer hunting about five or six years ago, wearing a gillie suit, and I ran across a bunch of them coming across the border," he said. "They were dressed in military uniforms wearing rucksacks and carrying automatic weapons. They moved like a military unit."

"I called the Border Patrol later to report it and was told the Mexican Army doesn't cross the river. I just laid there real still for a couple of hours, I was lucky they didn't see me."

Garza said that one of his goals is to reach Texas voters who may be hesitant to take up the cause of independence with the message that they won't be signing away their pensions by doing so.

"The biggest question I'm getting about secession is from people on Social Security and pensions, are they going to lose that? The answer is no," he said. "If you're drawing a government pension you can live in another country."

"I've seen a whole lot of people near here, they live in Mexico and come across the border to collect their social security checks every month. They can't take your government pension."

He said economic concerns appear to be the main reason many are uncertain about supporting the Texas Nationalist cause.

"They're concerned about the economics, and employment," he said. "But Texas can stand on its own."

"The Texas government can't create jobs, we've already seen what happens when govern-

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failed in its constitutional duty to protect the border, she says, and it may be up to the state to do something.

"I'm starting to get pressed real hard on illegal immigration," she says. "There is a lot of hostility on this issue."

She admits she hasn't come up with a hard and fast solution – but is working with watchdog groups like US Border Watch to determine the best way to address the problem.

"They've done a very good job of documenting the problem," she says. "I'm working real hard on finding a solution to that problem."

She compared the public's mood on that issue to the outcry which arose over the Trans-Texas Corridor plan championed by Perry, which met with such widespread public opposition the program was eventually dropped.

"I attended one hearing in Katy, and there were people actually threatening armed rebellion over the Trans-Texas Corridor," she says. "These were people you wouldn't expect to say

things like that ... but they said in no uncertain terms they would do that unless they dropped the TTC.

"I spoke with (a TxDOT official), and she told me she was really worried about the hostility," Medina adds.

"I think the Tea Parties and the town hall meetings on the health-care plan, we're seeing a lot of that same thing ... controlled anger."

Medina says that her role as Governor would be to ensure that everyday Texans have an influence over what is going on in Austin.

"The citizens of Texas are ensured equal justice under the law," she says. "We need to work on equal application of the law. We're not going to have the money people controlling what is happening."

She says it will take an informed, active electorate to restore accountability.

"We have to have the courage to elect people that don't look like 'electable' candidates. I want to see that restored."

To view Medina's campaign site, visit <http://www.medinafortexas.com/>

"We only have to look at what happened in Mexico to see that, paper money became useless. For years they would only accept gold and silver currency. You can't buy your way out of a recession."

Garza said that secession and independence is the only viable alternative for Texas.

"I don't see any 'benefits' coming out of Washington," he said. "Everything they do is all aimed at Texas citizens to pay for indiscriminate spending.

"Some of the other states are watching us," he noted. "I don't see Texas ending up in a new Confederacy. Texas could stand by itself economically."

Garza is currently sharing a campaign website with gubernatorial candidate Larry Kilgore at <http://www.larrykilgore.com>

Medina is the former head of the Wharton County GOP and owner of a health-care company, advocates elimination of the state property tax, replacing it with a revenue-neutral sales tax.

Schieffer is the former president of the Texas Rangers baseball team, a former ambassador and state representative. He is considered the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, but has reported difficulty with raising funds thus far.

Friedman ran against Perry as an independent in 2006 and won 12 percent of the vote in a four-way race.

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cies," Donaldson notes on his website. "We will demand that all support of illegal aliens be stopped in Texas and that the Governor deploy our National Guard and other volunteer citizens along our southern border to stem the tide of illegal immigration."

The event will take its name from the famous "line in the sand" drawn by Col. William B. Travis at the Alamo on March 5, 1836. Facing certain death if they remained at the Alamo surrounded by the Mexican Army, Travis offered his garrison the choice of crossing the line to stay or or leaving. All the fort's defenders crossed the line, including the critically ill Col. Jim Bowie, who had his bed carried over the line.

Donaldson also stresses that while this event is designed as a protest and delivering an ultimatum, participants will not be just another "angry mob."

"This is not and should not be a violent confrontation. Violence is not condoned by anyone involved," he said. "However, we are exercising our rights and our duty to compel the restoration of our sovereignty and rights (alter our government) or it will leave us with no choice but secession."

"Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may."

-- Sam Houston



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ment tries to do that. Texas business has to create jobs.

"I don't see mass unemployment with independence," he added. "Federal taxes will be a thing of the past. Business taxes will be a thing of the past. Small business is struggling right now. They just changed the minimum wage, that's going to cost more jobs."

Eliminating government mandates is what makes an economy work, he said.

"Socialized healthcare would ruin businessmen like ranchers and farmers, who use a lot of seasonal workers," he said. "If insurance is mandated by Washington it's gonna bankrupt 'em."

"The damage done to our economy in just the last six or seven months is incredible. The US is trillions of dollars in debt," he added. "You can't just print more money."

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him in the last election, saying: "For him to try and stay on for 15 years is too long."

She kicked off her campaign this week in her old hometown of LaMarque by saying that Perry had been in office too long and sharply criticizing him on a number of issues.

Only one of the nine candidates openly favors Texas independence. Kilgore advocates a state-wide balloting of citizens to give them the choice between seceding or staying in the Union.



Texas Nationalist Movement

Texas independence is our right, our heritage and our destiny.

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## Opinion

### TNP Mission: Tell the Truth

It is time, as Sam Houston said, for Texas to resume its rightful place among the free nations of the world.

The Texas National Press resumes publication this month as the renewed voice of the Texas Nationalist Movement. Like the movement we represent, we're small and unsophisticated at the moment – but we're growing. As more and more Texans come to realize that the solutions to their problems can't come from the existing national political structure, both we and our movement will grow.

Our mission is to present Texas Nationalist Movement members, and the outside world, with the unvarnished truth. We will present the facts, and let Texans make the decision.

As part of that mission, we feel it incumbent to dispel some notions which seem to be prevalent among the public at large and the news media in particular – facts which are distorted by the politics of those who have done the reporting in the past.

The Texas Nationalist Movement is not a thinly-disguised supremacist group. Our members come from all races and all ethnicities. We reject affiliation or association with any racist or supremacist group, and we do not want their members to join us. We welcome the participation of all Texans.

The Texas Nationalist Movement is not a “conservative” or “Republican” movement. Our members come with a wide variety of political affiliations – conservatives, libertarians, liberals, they're all welcome in our ranks. We share one common cause: Texas independence.

The Texas Nationalist Movement is not a “militia” group. We advocate the peaceful, legal separation of Texas from the United States through the vote of the citizens of Texas. The United States has no moral justification or authority to prevent the self-determination of the people of Texas.

The Texas Nationalist Movement is not merely a group of people protesting the policies of Barack Obama. Many of us also protested the policies of George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, too. We believe the federal government has exceeded its authority under the Constitution and has broken faith with the people, and seek to re-establish limited Constitutional government in a new Republic of Texas.

The Texas Nationalist Movement is not a bunch of backwoods hicks who don't want to pay an income tax. Some of our members, in fact, favor an income tax in a new Republic of Texas. What we are opposed to is having taxes imposed on us by officials who are no longer accountable to voters.

We hope our readership will take the time to read and review the facts we present. When we have opinions to voice, they will be clearly labeled as such. It is important to establish our legitimacy and to dispel notions that we are here to disseminate propaganda.

We look forward to the coming months. Texas is full of excitement. It's our time to be part of history again.

## Texas' alternative to fascism

If you start to get this feeling of déjà vu, respect it.

This HAS happened before.

Ruthless, greedy industrialists whose only motivation is slaking their own thirst for more money, buying up politicians and taking control of a country by playing upon the hatreds of a manipulated electorate, using class warfare to win power.

The establishment of tighter and tighter restrictions on individual actions, taking away civil liberties to “protect the citizens” which eventually make the citizens unable to protect themselves.

Grabbing control of sources of information, then feeding people only that which benefits the rulers. Eventual elimination of the right to free speech, to debate, to openly challenge the government.

Media coverage of the “atrocities” being committed by “enemies of the State”—that is, anyone who opposes the government, providing public justification for arrests, round-ups, internments, imprisonments and death camps.

Smedley Butler, where are you when we need you?  
Fascism—National Socialism—swept Europe in the late 1920s, starting in Italy with the rise of Mussolini. Wealthy industrialists, eager to increase their profits at any cost, funded the rise of the Fascists. Mussolini played upon the population's fear of communism, attributing horrible crimes to the “red menace” to justify his organization's elimination of civil liberties and seizure of complete control.

When Adolf Hitler and his tiny band of radicals rose to power in Germany a few years later, they did so with the full support of Germany's industrial barons. Hitler turned Europeans' centuries-old distrust of Jews into full-blown hatred with the full support of the country's news media.

In the United States, a group of wealthy corporate executives tried to do the same in the mid-1930s, hoping to use disgruntled World War I veterans to overthrow Franklin Roosevelt and implement a fascist regime in the United States. But the man they recruited to lead the effort, Marine war hero Smedley D. Butler, blew the whistle on the scheme.

Members of Congress, many of whom were already on the payroll of the industrialists, swept Butler's charges under the rug and the attempted coup d' etat was never fully investigated. In time, the Greatest Generation ended the quest by Hitler, Mussolini and their allies to dominate the world.

Or so we thought.

The face of fascism has changed in the years since, but its end goals remain the same: the establishment of a world run by a few wealthy individuals, with the bulk of the population forever enslaved by lack of opportunity, lack of ability, lack of knowledge and lack of ambition.

Fascism has retreated from focusing on hatreds of Jews and communism; in fact, Jews are now an integral part of the disinformation network and a full-blown socialist is the United States' commander-in-chief. Communist China produces more products sold in the U.S. than does American industry, because greedy corporations have moved all their manufacturing there to save on labor costs.

The new fascism has its enemies to focus hatred upon, however: they call them “conservatives.” Conservatives are the new Enemies of the State, and the American people are told daily how evil they are.

Our national news media now routinely pastes labels like “domestic terrorist” on military veterans, libertarians, anyone with deep religious beliefs other than Pagan earth-worship, tax protesters, even hunting and fishing enthusiasts. The media has ignored revelations that the United States



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TNP Editor

now has hundreds of internment camps with space for several MILLION people in them, laughing it off as “tin-foil hat conspiracy theory.” Likewise the news organizations ignore revelations that the U.S. military is training for urban combat in American cities—something it is expressly prohibited from doing.

And no one in the media has yet questioned the agreement struck by the Bush Administration that would allow the deployment of FOREIGN troops to U.S. cities to put down “domestic disturbances.”

Our national news media has readily joined the fascist movement and openly supports the propaganda effort. A madman who kills a guard at a Holocaust memorial, or the criminal action of three desperate Minutemen in Arizona, are advertised as “typical” conservative actions ... while vicious hate crimes perpetrated by illegal aliens and gang members against law-abiding citizens go unremarked.

The fascists march en masse to protest “racism” when a noose shows up in a tree in a backwoods redneck town and their lapdogs in the media join in with wall-to-wall coverage—but say nothing when eight black gang members rape, torture and murder a young couple just because the couple was white.

The fascists learned their lesson from the first half of the 20th Century. Rather than take control first and then re-educate everyone, they took control of education first. Our children are taught to pray for Mother Earth, but not to God. They are taught to “celebrate diversity,” but most couldn't tell you the name of their state song, much less sing it.

Our children are taught in public schools that it's perfectly fine to embrace alternative lifestyles ... but Mother Earth forbid that they actually engage in normal sexual behavior such as holding hands with the OPPOSITE sex, hugging or—worst offense of all—kissing. That's harassment, and it's illegal to harass anyone ... unless of course they're conservatives.

The backers of modern fascism—the primary stockholders and officers of corporations from Wal-Mart to Exxon, Bank of America to The Home Depot, Microsoft to Sony—don't care what political system is in place. The politicians they have bought and paid for protect them.

All they want is more riches, and while the current leftist administration and Congress makes a lot of noise about “taxing the rich,” remember always that one of the ways the rich got that way was their ability to make taxes trickle down. Raise taxes on Target, and Target will raise its prices and cut more workers.

The face of fascism has changed. It is no longer brown-shirted thugs beating up Yiddish pawnbrokers and vast public meetings of people standing in neat, orderly rows with thousands of swastikas flying aloft.

Today, fascism is women in pink blockading Marine Corps recruiting stations, it is Hollywood actors leading rallies to end the Second Amendment, it is college campuses where independent thought is no longer allowed and it is television network anchors making crude sexual jokes about those who protest the government's unconstitutional actions. Totalitarianism is the looming fate of the U.S.

We in Texas find ourselves in a unique circumstance. We've always been a little more independent than the other 49 states of the Union. We could survive on our own.

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# Texas Issues

Texas Issues: Homeland 'Security?'

# Military wants to lift Posse Comitatus

By Dave Mundy  
Editor

The U.S. military has asked Congress to lift the restrictions of an act designed to prevent American military forces from being used against their own people, an online news journal has reported—with clear implications the federal government could use the surge of pro-independence sentiment in Texas as an excuse to establish martial law.

An Aug. 12 article in *The Progressive*, a liberal news journal, by reporter Matthew Rothschild reports that the U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) has asked Congress to grant the Secretary of Defense the authority to post up to 400,000 troops in North America “in times of emergency or natural disaster.” If granted, the move would further erode the authority of the states and would minimize the role played by the states’ militia, the National Guard, in handling domestic issues.

More ominously, nothing in the Pentagon’s request specifies that the troops to be posted in U.S. cities would necessarily be Americans. The US Northern Command signed an agreement with Canada Command allowing the use of Ca-

nadian forces to be used to handle “emergencies” in the United States on Feb. 14, 2008 – a treaty never presented by the Bush Administration to the Senate for ratification, as required by the Constitution.

Rothschild reported that NORTHCOM in June distributed a “fact sheet” entitled “Legislative Proposal for Activation of Federal Reserve Forces for Disasters.”

“That proposal would amend current law ... authorizing the Secretary of Defense to order any unit or member of the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy Reserve, and the Marine Corps Reserve, to active duty for a major disaster or emergency,” Rothschild’s report notes.

In a June 20 letter to the National Governor’s Association, Paul Stockton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and America’s Security Affairs, explained that the measure would allow some 379,000 reservists to be deployed in communities around the U.S., in conflict with the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878.

“The governors were not happy about this proposal, since they want to maintain control of their own National Guard forces, as well as military personnel acting in a domestic capacity in their states,” Rothschild wrote. A letter from

Vermont Gov. James H. Douglas and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III in response on Aug. 7 asserts that, “We are concerned that the legislative proposal you discuss in your letter would invite confusion on critical command and control issues ... and that the states “must have tactical control over all ... active duty and reserve military forces engaged in domestic operations within the governor’s state or territory.”

The possibility of Canadian or even Mexican military forces being used against American civilians was raised last year.

In an event heralded by a news release from NORTHCOM but ignored by the news media, U.S. Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of NORTHCOM, and Canadian Air Force Lt.-Gen. Marc Dumais, commander of Canada Command, signed a Civil Assistance Plan that allows the military from one nation to support the armed forces of the other nation during a civil emergency.

“This document is a unique, bilateral military plan to align our respective national military plans to respond quickly to the other nation’s requests for military support of civil authorities,” Renuart said in a news release issued by NORTHCOM. “Unity of effort during bilateral support for civil support operations such as floods, forest fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and effects of a terrorist attack, in order to save lives, prevent human suffering and mitigate damage to property, is of the highest importance, and we need to be able to have forces that are flexible and adaptive to support rapid decision-making in a collaborative environment.”

It is not known if a similar agreement has been signed with Mexico. The treaty, signed on Feb. 14, 2008 during the Bush Administration’s tenure in office, has never been forwarded to the U.S. Senate for ratification, as required by the Constitution.



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**‘Security’ or totalitarianism?**  
**Soldiers with US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) “frisk” a “civilian” during recent exercises conducted around the nation. A report in a liberal journal claims the military has asked Congress to lift restrictions of the Posse Comitatus Act, which prohibits the use of federal troops against American civilians, in order to provide “security” during ill-de-**

The vague definition of what might constitute an “emergency” leads to the possibility that U.S. military forces could be deployed domestically to prevent, for example, the citizens of Texas from voting on a plebiscite to secede from the Union.

“So the new proposed legislation would greatly expand the President’s power to call up the Reserves in a disaster or an emergency and would extend that power to the Secretary of Defense,” Rothschild writes.



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**An illegal treaty?**  
**Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, left, and Canadian Air Force Lt. Gen. Mark Dumais shake hands after executing an agreement Feb. 14, 2008 allowing Canadian troops to be deployed on U.S. Soil during “domestic emergencies.” The agreement was never presented to the Senate for confirmation as required by the Constitution.**

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# The Greatest Battle Ever Fought in Texas:

*History has almost forgotten sacrifice by 800 Tejanos at the Battle of Medina*

**By Joe Lopez**

Every school child in Texas knows about the deaths of 189 men at the 1836 Battle of the Alamo, but the 1813 Battle of Medina, where more than 800 Tejanos from Bexar died for the same principles of equality, freedom, liberty and justice for all, is all but forgotten.

The Texas Historical Commission calls it the greatest battle ever fought on Texas soil. More Texas patriots died there than in all the 1836 battles combined. And it happened on this date 196 years ago.

Why was the Battle of Medina fought? The spark that led to Texas independence began on Sept. 16, 1810, when Don Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara answered Father Miguel Hidalgo's call for independence from Spanish colonial rule.

So impressed was the warrior priest, he appointed Don Bernardo as a lieutenant colonel in the Mexican Republican Army. Knowing Tejanos were fiercely independent, Hidalgo also named Don Bernardo as the chief general of the Army of the North (Texas Army).

After building his army with Tejanos, Native Americans and Anglo volunteers, Don Bernardo quickly won five battles and occupied the regional capital of San Fernando (San Antonio). He became president of the First Republic of Texas and on April 6, 1813, signed Texas' first Declaration of Independence.

Don Bernardo's hope of complete victory over Spanish forces vanished quickly when he was betrayed by members of his military staff. Due to that and his taking responsibility for the

brutal killing of the Spanish governor and some of his officers, Don Bernardo was relieved of command and forced into exile in Louisiana.

Under a different commander, the Tejano Army was outmaneuvered at the Battle of Medina by an experienced Spanish general on a hot August afternoon. The Tejanos were encircled and defeated about 20 miles south of San Antonio, bringing an end to the First Republic of Texas.

As a warning to future rebels, the Spaniards left the Tejanos' bodies on the battlefield where they stayed for nearly nine years. In 1821, after Mexico's independence from Spain, the bones were gathered by a military escort and buried.

No one knows exactly where the mass grave is located, nor the exact location of the battle. These forgotten patriots first showed the way to

Texas liberty, yet their sacrifice is rarely mentioned in mainstream Texas history books.

So, pause today for a moment and remember. Look to the south and imagine the battle action within earshot of San Antonio. Listen for the distant sound of bugles, bullets, cannon fire, cavalry charges, and the agony of the first brave defenders of Texas independence, our Tejano ancestors.

*About the author: Jose Antonio (Joe) Lopez, an Air Force veteran, was born and raised in Laredo. He is a descendant of the Uribes from Revilla, one of the earliest families that settled South Texas in 1750. He is married to the former Cordelia Jean "Cordy" Dancause of Laredo. They have a daughter, Brenda Jo. Mr. Lopez has college degrees from Laredo Jr. College and Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. He earned a master's degree in education. Lopez is the author of The Last Knight: Don Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara Uribe, A Texas Hero.*



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## Texas Issues: Education

# Program appears to have positive role in curbing teen driving deaths

During a news conference in Austin July 27, Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Director Dennis Christiansen and the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, State Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, touted the connection between the Institute's Teens in the Driver Seat (TDS) program and the dramatic decline in teen fatalities in Texas.

The state capital event was planned after a TTI study examined teen fatal crash rates in 37 states, all of which had a Graduated Driver License (GDL) law in place for at least five years.

GDL laws place restrictions on new drivers, such as how late they can drive at night or how many passengers they can have in the car.

The study found that teen fatalities in Texas dropped 32 percent from 2002 through 2007 — more than any other state and twice the national average over that time span.

Kolkhorst, who co-authored the GDL legislation, told the media that the TDS program deserves much of the credit for lowering the teen death rate because "this is something we can teach and we can empower these drivers to control their destiny."

Teens in the Driver Seat, which began in 2003, is a peer-to-peer public awareness campaign in which teenagers encourage their friends to drive safer by being aware of the causes of teen crashes--driving at night, cell phone use and having too many kids in their car.

TDS has been implemented in 300 Texas high schools and reached over 250,000 teens.

"Our research team found that a Graduated Drivers License law can be made more effective when it is reinforced by a peer-to-peer effort like the Teens in the Driver Seat program," Christiansen said. "We have made great progress, but there is much more to be done."

According to the TTI study, 625 teenagers were killed in Texas crashes in 2002.

In 2007, the number dropped to 419 following a steady decline in each of the previous years.

TDS Director Russell Henk outlined a case study of the impact of the TDS program showing that young drivers have reduced cell phone use by 30 percent and increased seat belt use by 14 percent.

Assessments also show that program participants have boosted their knowledge of the most common driving dangers by up to 200 percent. Those improvements have helped to reduce fatal teen crashes, Henk said.

Even so, car crashes remain the leading cause of death of young people.

"This is an epidemic in many ways," Kolkhorst said. "It is a bona fide public health problem because it's the number one killer of our teenagers."



Photo courtesy TTI

### Program seems to be helping

State Rep. Lois Kolkhorst answers questions from the media during a news conference in Austin about a new TTI study that shows a dramatic decline in teen crash deaths in Texas. Also addressing the news conference were TTI Agency Director Dennis Christiansen and Laredo High School Student Albert Torres.

## State's ACT scores see only slight rise in 2009

Texas students performed slightly better on the 2009 ACT college exams, data released by the American College Testing Program on Tuesday revealed, but still rank behind 42 other states in their English proficiency despite more than 10 years of "high-stakes" education reform.

Texas students scored an average of 19.9 on the ACT exam in 2009, up a tenth of a point

from last year. The national average remained steady at 20.6.

College-bound Texas students performed slightly better on the reading portion of the test, scoring an average of 20.9 compared to the national average of 21.4 and ranking 38<sup>th</sup> of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

On the optional essay portion of the test, Texas' average score of 6.7 was nearly a full percentage point behind the national average of 7.5.

An analysis by MyStudyHall.com, an education watchdog and curriculum improvement group based in the Waco area, said the scores meant that only 63 percent of college-bound Texas students were prepared for college-level work in English, compared to 67 percent nationally.

A news release from MyStudyHall.com notes that the Texas State Board of Education passed "much more rigorous English / Language Arts / Reading standards (TEKS)" as recommended by the group last year, and it is due for implementation in the 2009-2010 school year.

The new standards "...emphasize grammar, usage, punctuation, spelling, capitalization, handwriting, expository/persuasive/research-based writing," the group said. "These new standards will hopefully help our Texas students to graduate with the necessary skills to be successful in college and/or the workplace."

Texas in 1995 first implemented "standards-based" education championed by then-Gov. George W. Bush, with the key measure being a high-stakes testing program used to gauge student performance and determine state funding levels.

Criticism has continued to follow that program, with many parents charging that schools are "teaching to the test" rather than teaching full subject matter. Controversy has also stalked the standards after school administrators have been caught changing answers on some students' tests or exempting some students on test days trying to increase their schools' account-

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## Texas Issues

# Companies skirting safe-vehicle regs, GAO reports

WASHINGTON – The General Accounting Office (GAO) has issued a new report indicating that hundreds of truck and bus companies – many of them in Texas – which have been ordered to shut down are still operating, often by using different names.

A study by the GAO, quoted in a July 30 story by the Associated Press, found that at least 20 of the 220 or more commercial bus companies which had been ordered closed for federal safety violations were still operating under different names.

The tactic is the same used by a company whose bus carrying a Catholic group near Dallas last year blew a retreaded tire and crashed, killing 17 people.

The GAO report mentioned offenders in nine states, including Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, New York and Washington. The violators owe thousands of dollars in delinquent fines and have been charged with numerous violations, ranging from driver/operators being unlicensed or failure to test drivers for drug and alcohol use.

More than 1,000 commercial trucking firms are also believed to be violators operating under new names, the GAO report notes. Many of the violators are still using the same address, owner name and contact number, the study indicated.

"These companies pose a safety threat to the motoring public," wrote Greg Kutz, GAO's man-

aging director for special investigations, noting that there were about 300 fatalities from bus crashes last year. "We believe that these carriers

reincarnated into new companies to evade fines and avoid performing the necessary corrective actions."



## Unsafe trucks on the road

**Mexican trucks crossing the U.S. Border. A General Accounting Office report says that many companies operating unsafe trucks, many of them Mexican-owned or -operated in Texas, skirt safe vehicle regulations simply by changing their names after being ordered to shut down.**

# Texas leads nation in wind energy production

Texas remains the nation's leader in the production of power by wind energy and more than doubled the amount of new wind-powered energy production installed by any other state in the second quarter of this year, the American Wind Energy Association has announced.

Texas businesses built new facilities to generate 454 megawatts of power, bringing the state's total generating capacity to 8,341 MW – more than double that of the next-closest state. Iowa added new facilities capable of generating 160 MW to bring its total to 3,043 MW.

California is third among the nation's wind-energy producers with facilities capable of producing 2,787 MW.

AWEA said it is seeing a reduced number of orders and lower level of activity in manufacturing of wind turbines and their components, a development it termed troubling in view of the fact that the U.S. industry was previously on track for much larger growth and the global wind power industry is continuing to expand.

"The numbers are in, and while they show the industry has been swimming upstream, adding some 4,000 MW over the past six months, the fact is that we could be delivering so much more," said AWEA CEO Denise Bode.

"Our challenge now is to seize the historic opportunity before us to unleash this entrepreneurial force and build up an entire new industry here in the U.S. that will create jobs, avoid carbon, and strengthen our energy security. To achieve that, Congress and the Administration must pass a national Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) with strong early targets." During the second quarter, the U.S. wind energy industry completed a total of 1,210 MW in 10 states, enough to power the equivalent of about



350,000 homes. These new installations nudge total U.S. wind power generating capacity to 29,440 MW, according to the report. The U.S. wind power generating fleet now offsets an average of 54 million tons of carbon annually, reducing carbon emissions from the electricity sector by 2% or the equivalent of taking 9 million cars off the road.

The state posting the fastest growth in the second quarter was Missouri, where wind power installations expanded by 90%. Pennsylvania and South Dakota ranked second and third in terms of growth rate in the second quarter, expanding by 28% and 21% respectively.

"Manufacturing investment is the canary in the mine, and shows that the future of wind power in this country is very bright but still far from certain," said Bode. "The reality is that if the nation doesn't have a firm, long-term renewable energy policy in place, large global companies and small businesses alike will hold back on their manufacturing investment decisions or invest overseas, in countries like China that are soaring ahead."

The full Q2 market report is available on the AWEA Web site at <http://www.awea.org/publications/reports/2Q09.pdf>.

The GAO said the agency with oversight over the problem, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, did not have computer capability to correctly enforce the regulations, and noted that there is some ambiguity over whether states have enforcement rights as well.

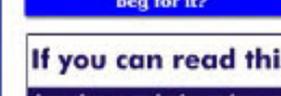
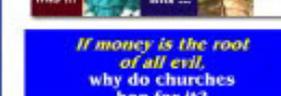
In the Texas crash, Iguala BusMex Inc. of Houston had received a Transportation Department number and was awaiting approval for a federal license when one of its buses crashed near Sherman on Aug. 8, 2008.

The company was run by Angel de la Torre, who operated Angel Tours Inc., which was forced to take its vehicles out of interstate service just two months earlier after an unsatisfactory review by federal regulators.

The GAO report also noted that after a Texas bus company which was fined in October 2006 for driving an unsafe vehicle, it was found illegally transporting 33 passengers from Mexico into the U.S. and was fined again.

Within a month, a new company opened with two of the same drivers, three of the same vehicles, the same last name for the company owner and virtually identical addresses. The new firm operated for 18 months before it was cited for drug testing violations in September 2008 and it was ordered out of service last month.

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## The Sports Page

# Cowboys, Texans expect big things in 2009

## Distractions, sense of entitlement are gone in Dallas

Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips is almost sounding like a conservative politician these days. There will be no more sense of entitlement in Dallas, he says.

"The mental part, I want them to keep working on football," Phillips told [dallascowboys.com](http://dallascowboys.com). "And keep going over the things that we need to go over mentally, review all things that that we've done in OTA's and mini-camp football-wise."

Gone are two big distractions: T.O. (Terrell Owens), the flashy wide receiver, and cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, each of whom seemingly spent as much time in the news for off-the-field shenanigans as the rest of the team put together. The drama of the Tony Romo-Jessica Simpson romance has subsided, at least for the time being, and Phillips is eager to get back down to basics with a team that finished 9-7 a year ago.

"Offensively we put in a lot of things - a lot more things than we have in previous years," Phillips said. "We're going to see which ones we want to keep. We're going to work with those things. And defensively we didn't put a whole lot of new things in so I expected those guys to learn it quicker and I think they have done that well."

There's a lot of attention on the offense, where offensive coordinator Jason Garrett and Romo shouldered much of the blame after the Cowboys fizzled a year ago. Garrett had won raves for his expertise in 2007 when the team rolled up 455 points in 16 games, but endured criticism from the media, fans and even some of his own players over play selection as point production dropped to 362 last year.

Injuries had as much to do with that as anything, including QB Romo being out three weeks with a broken finger, but Garrett is instilling a fresh attitude in the players.

"I just think Jason's done a great job of allowing us to know that it's a new year and you've got to have a chip on your shoulder and we've got a lot to prove," tight end Jason Witten said. "You just go back to the basics and the fundamentals and try to build that team again."

One innovation Garrett has already made is the implementation of his own wrinkle in the Wildcat offense - utilizing the talents of Arkansas standout Felix Jones in the "Razorback" offense.

The re-tooling goes beyond formations, however.

Wide receiver Roy Williams is a solid pass-catcher, but doesn't have the same speed and moves that Owens does, although at 6-3 he has better height. The Cowboy attack will have to adapt to that.

On the opposite side, Perry Crayton is the projected starter, but would get a battle for the spot from the sure-handed Miles Austin, who's recovering from not one, but two, knee injuries in 2008.



**Tony Romo**

"I think what you're always trying to do is get better at what you do, and then you're trying to evolve," Garrett said. "And that's been the case here for the last three years. You're always trying to look at new things. You study how you did stuff, you study how other people have done stuff, and you take a peek at it and see if it fits. . . . And then as you get going you figure out what you're going to be good at."

One thing the Cowboys should be good at is running the ball. Marion Barber is as reliable between the tackles as any back in the game, and the speedy Jones gives Dallas a 1-2 option that should set opposing defenses to thinking. Tashard Choice, a fourth-round pick last year, stepped up well late in the season when both Barber and Jones were sidelined.

Phillips has said he wants to make a greater commitment to the run game - Dallas ran the ball only 25 times a game, on average, in 2008.

At quarterback, Romo is the undisputed starter. Criticized for inconsistent play in 2008 - with some fans foolishly attributing that to his widely-publicized romance with Simpson - it could be argued that the training room was a prime cause for that inconsistency, with folks like Barber, Jones and Romo himself missing key stretches of the season.

Journeyman Jon Kitna, 36, is the new backup. He's a former starter and can step up when needed. The Cowboys are also high on rookie Stephen McGee, who should see a lot of snaps in the pre-season.

Dallas made some improvement on defense in the off-season, but the biggest question will be in the secondary.

The Cowboys signed free agent safety Gerald Sensabaugh to team with Ken Hamlin deep, and that combination looks like a solid one. Mike Jenkins and Orlando Scandrick will duke it out to replace Anthony Henry on one corner, while

## Houston's loaded, but not counting the wins just yet

If you're seeing some folks around Houston with a little extra swagger to their step, a little more excitement to their voice when they start talking about football, or maybe even one of those red-and-blue hats with horns sticking out of it - be understanding.

It's been a loooong time since Houstonians have had much to cheer about come football season.

For the fans of the Texans, the future is now.

As the National Football League opens its 2009 season this month, the Texans find themselves in an unusual position. For the first time in their short history, the Texans are the favorite to win their division.

The Texans admit it's nice to be highly regarded—but they're taking a cautious approach to it all, if you don't mind.

"As a player, you enjoy when people say positive things about you or your organization," defensive tackle Frank Okam said when told many pundits are comparing the Texans with last year's Arizona Cardinals. "I hope we can finish with a better record than Arizona did last year. But it's really about getting to the playoffs, getting to the Super Bowl and winning the thing."

Head coach Gary Kubiak says his crew will enter camp a better team, but he's still not satisfied.

"We're a better team," he said at the conclusion of the three-day mini-camp June 17. "We're more competitive than we were last year and that's important because when you're competitive your team gets better."

"I told the guys this morning, I talked to them for 20 minutes and I said, 'You know we can talk about playoffs; we can talk about this, we can talk about that. The bottom line, we've got to talk about improvement. Because if we improve, we improve on what we've been doing, then we should be in line to reach our goals.' So the focus needs to stay on us."

The Texan offense was prolific last season, and enters the 2009 campaign little changed—read that as "more experienced." It's on defense where the team took its biggest strides in the off-season, with Frank Bush replacing Richard Smith as the defensive coordinator and off-season moves and draft picks bolstering the front seven immensely.

The biggest question mark for the Texans will be in the defensive backfield, where veterans like Demarcus Fagins and Glenn Earl have moved on to other teams and All-Pro Dunta Robinson may sit out for weeks in a contract dispute.

Can the addition of veteran safety Nick Ferguson, draft picks Glover Quin and Brice McCain, and second-year strong safety Dominique Barber solidify around Robinson and third-year man Fred Bennett?

Ferguson said it's not necessarily the secondary personnel who will make the big difference.

"Well, the reason I think is going to be better is for three things," he said during the organized



**Matt Schaub**

team activities in early June. "Frank Bush is our defensive coordinator. We have David Gibbs as our coach. And the acquisitions we made in the off-season."

Just about everyone who has seen top draft choice Brian Cushing and second-round pick Connor Barwin has been impressed, and the acquisitions of DE Antonio Smith, LB Cato June and Okam are making the front seven anchored by DE Mario Williams and MLB Demeco Ryans look pretty stout.

Bush's style calls for a more aggressive front seven, allowing the DBs to make plays rather than sit back in zone coverage. Barber thinks just the change of style will answer questions about the secondary.

"I think people are going to see a completely new defense this year with us wreaking havoc and causing turnovers and getting the offense the ball back," he told the team website. "Coach Bush is bringing back the old days of flying around back there and making plays. You have to track and trust the guys next to you and know that he knows his assignment and what he has to do."

Barber said it's a gambling style of defense, but one that focuses on multiple defenders flying to the ball.

"We are going to make mistakes, but it's about continuing to go out make another play and backing each other up," he said. "If someone misses a tackle, there should be 10 other guys right there and have that person's back."

Gibbs, whose Kansas City Chiefs DBs were among the league leaders in pass defense 2006 and 2007, is enthusiastic about his group.

"I like my group," Gibbs said after one OTA workout. "I think they're a bunch of guys who have been beaten up, who've probably not played as well as they should."

"It's nobody's fault, whether it's coaching or players. Their job is to play good on Sundays and my job is to make them play good on Sun-

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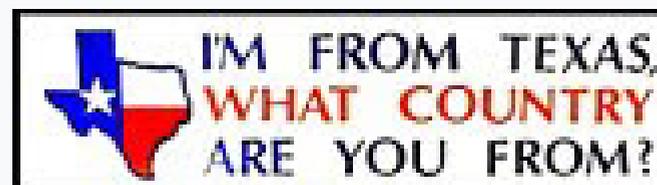
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days, and if they're not playing good, then obviously, it goes back to the coach."

Offensively, the Texans will field a group that only improved after putting up the league's third-best offensive numbers a year ago.

Quarterback Matt Schaub is healthy again, but the Texans aren't taking any chances after the departure of popular backup QB Sage Rosenfels. The team signed former Lions starter Dan Orlovsky this spring, and added Rex Grossman, who took the Bears to the Super Bowl a couple of years back, just before mini-camp.

"Right now, I have three guys that have taken a lot of snaps in this league," Kubiak told the team's media circular. "As a coach, that makes you very comfortable. We just need to get (Grossman) to a point where he is legitimately competitive with those guys mentally as well as physically, and we'll do that."

"It's like I told Rex. I have carried two; I've been a product of a two-quarterback system," Kubiak added. "After what I have been through the last two years, that might be the way that I would lean today. I am going to keep them because they can all play. I am not going to keep them just to have three quarterbacks."

There's no question who Schaub and whoever his backups will be get to throw to: Andre Johnson is the best wide receiver in football, and posted 115 receptions last year. On the other side of the line, Kevin Walter finished with 60 receptions, while TE Owen Daniels joined Johnson at the Pro Bowl.

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Terrence Newman – on the league's better cover men – appears to have a lock on the other side.

Demarcus Ware and Bradie James make it easy for the Cowboys to replace the other two starters at linebacker in their 3-4 defensive alignment – they're two of the best in the game at the position. Dallas picked up Atlanta veteran Keith Brooking to fill one inside LB slot, with third-year man Anthony Spencer stepping up to a starting job on the outside.

Dallas lost DE Chris Canty to free agency (and the Giants), but replaced him with the Chargers' Igor Olshanky – who not only came \$24 million cheaper, but has a football name every sportswriter in Texas will love. Noseman Jay Ratliff doesn't have optimum size to play the

The Texans have depth: Andre Davis and Jacoby Jones are legitimate burners, while David Anderson, like Walter, is a sure-hands guy. Behind Daniels, the Texans drafted James Casey and Anthony Hill, and they also carry veteran Joel Dreesen to camp.

Running back Steve Slaton was a huge bonus for Houston in 2008, gaining more than 1,200 rushing yards and catching 50 passes to lead all rookie RBs. There's some competition for the backup spot, while fullback Vonta Leach has become a fixture.

The offensive line – maligned for the Texans' first few seasons as the group that couldn't protect the indecisive David Carr – has begun to mature into a solid bunch. The key there this season will be the development of second-year left tackle Duane Brown.

It's a year that begins with a lot of optimism in Houston – but the Texans aren't starting any end-zone dances just yet.

"I like what I see so far," General Manager Rick Smith told TexansTV's Broek Bentley. "It's obviously very early and you have limited exposure so far, but I like the athleticism; I like the competitiveness of the group."

"At this point, I feel pretty good about our team. We are always aware of players who are available and if we feel like there are players out there who can upgrade us, then we certainly are tweaking that roster and turning it over. I feel good about the group we have going to training camp."

position, but was the team's most consistent defensive player in 2008 and earned himself a Pro Bowl spot as a result. Marcus Spears, 2005's No.1 draft pick, is likely the starter on the other end, while Jason Hatcher and Stephen Bowen will be available to add to the pass rush.

Phillips is promising this season won't begin the same way the 2008 campaign began, when the Cowboys approached the year with what some have termed "a sense of entitlement."

The coach has already promised that players showing up out of shape and overweight will pay – the league maximum of \$453 for each pound over the player's given reporting weight.

"That's part of being accountable, and I told them that - not only to their teammates but to themselves," Phillips said. "I want them all coming in in the best shape they can be in."

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