Sculptor T.D. Kelsey Headlines Texas Issue

The Magazine of the Texas Landowner corrals the renowned artist at his T Lazy S Ranch in between his many trips around the globe.

Leave it to Henry Chappell and Wyman Meinzer to bring to life the one-of-a-kind story of T.D. Kelsey — sculptor, pilot, bronc rider, and big-game hunter extraordinaire. The talented duo, who have collaborated on numerous books as well as stories for The Land Report, caught up with Kelsey at his Rolling Plains ranch to document his one-of-a-kind story.

Other articles in our Texas issue include a profile of Explore Ranches, an innovative travel concept that has opened the gates to more than 350,000 acres of ranchland, an overview of land markets across the Lone Star State courtesy of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M, and Rahm Carrington’s evocative chronicle of the Return to the Remuda, the nation’s premier ranch horse sale, which is hosted by the Four Sixes Ranch, Pitchfork Land and Cattle Co., Tongue River Ranch, and Beggs Cattle Co. with guest consignors King Ranch and Wagonhound Land & Livestock. Read more HERE.
HABITAT

SONOMA COUNTY LANDOWNERS FINED MORE THAN $500,000 FOR VIOLATING CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

Peter and Toni Thompson were not parties to the 2009 conservation easement that restricted development on their wine country estate. As subsequent owners of the 81-acre property, however, they were bound by it. So ruled Sonoma County Superior Court Judge Patrick Broderick, who sided who fined the Thompsons $586,000. Neighbors tipped off the Sonoma County Land Trust that heavy equipment was being used on the protected property. According to court documents, no permits were obtained for any of the work, including the removal of 3,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock. “It was really the most willful, egregious violation of a conservation easement I’ve ever seen,” Sonoma Land Trust Stewardship Director Bob Neale told The Press Democrat. In addition, the court found the couple demonstrated a “persistent failure to tell the truth” as the case unfolded and “demonstrated an arrogance and complete disregard for the mandatory terms of the easement.” Read more HERE.

MISSOURI REGULATORS APPROVE SALE OF GRAIN BELT EXPRESS CLEAN LINE.

In June, the Missouri Public Service Commission approved the acquisition of a proposed transmission line that will harness wind energy generated in Kansas and deliver it to urban markets. This regulatory hurdle is the latest in a lengthy series of approvals required for the development of the $2.3 billion Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The proposed project is an approximately 780-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver wind energy from Western Kansas to utilities and customers in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and neighboring states. At full capacity, the Grain Belt Express is forecast to deliver 4,000 MW of power or enough to sustain 1.6 million homes annually. Read more HERE.
**COLORADO RANCHLAND**

69,126-ACRE FRONT RANGE RANCH LISTS FOR $16.5 MILLION. Red Top Ranch, one of Colorado’s best known cattle operations, has been listed with Ken Mirr of Mirr Ranch Group for approximately $238 per deeded acre. Currently owned by the Malone Family Land Preservation Foundation, the ranch was owned by the Johnston family for much of the 20th century. Bob Johnston Jr. (1919–2005) served as president of the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association and was on the executive committee of the American National Cattlemen’s Association. Red Top Ranch includes 69,126 deeded acres, 8,445 acres of leased state land, and 1,598 acres of leased BLM land. The ranch boasts ideal grazing terrain: mostly flat to gently rolling shortgrass prairie and sculpted canyons. Carrying capacity is approximately 1,200 cow-calf pairs. Annual precipitation runs about 12 inches, which is typical for this section of the Great Plains. Portions of the ranch are protected by conservation easements with Colorado Parks & Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy. Read more HERE.

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BLACKFEET NATIONAL PARK TO BE STUDIED. A feasibility study is being prepared for Montana’s Blackfeet Nation regarding the development of a national park on tribal lands bordering Glacier National Park. Although many specifics remain to be determined, the development of such a parkland could potentially generate revenues for the tribe while lessening traffic at Glacier, which suffers from “extremely high visitation,” according to Glacier National Park Superintendent Jeff Mow. In addition, such a landscape would facilitate the reintroduction of bison, a high priority for members of the Blackfeet Nation. Read more HERE.
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BIG BLUE EXPANDS ITS FARMING FOOTPRINT. IBM announced that it is developing a digital farming platform that will provide farm operators actionable recommendations to enhance crop yields.

The technology pioneer will develop the platform in conjunction with Yara International, a Norwegian chemical company that specializes in agricultural products. The two companies are targeting a late 2019 product launch for the joint venture. The Armonk, New York-based company has already brought to market a blockchain-based food-tracking technology known as IBM Food Trust that seeks to bring more transparency to supply chains while enhancing food safety. The client list of IBM Food Trust includes Kroger, Unilever, and Walmart. Read more HERE.

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NEW YORK’S COLUMBIA AND PEA ISLANDS LISTED FOR $13 MILLION.

The term “coastal estate” does not do justice to a new listing in Long Island Sound. The two rock outcroppings are accessible via a 10-minute boat ride from the New York City suburb of New Rochelle. Alternatively, they are a quick 30-minute helicopter flight from Manhattan’s East 34th Street heliport. The smaller of the two — Columbia Island — encompasses approximately 1 acre at low tide and features a 5,600-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-bath residence that boasts a professional kitchen and rooftop deck. Thanks to solar panels, a desalinization machine, a septic system, and a sprinkler system, Columbia Island is completely self-sustaining and offers views of the Manhattan skyline and Long Island. Nearby Pea Island covers just under 5 acres and is devoid of substantial improvements. Patti Anderson of Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty has the listing. Read more HERE.