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Oil producers debate benefits of OPEC's deal

LUBBOCK (AP) —OPEC's agreement to limit production and boost prices is good news to independent Oil Patch producers, but most call the pact more of a life-support system than a cure for the ailing domestic industry.

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed Monday to limit production to 18.5 million barrels a day and bring prices back up near \$18 per barrel beginning in January. Analysts estimate the cartel currently pumps about 22.5 million barrels a day.

OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman's assertion that crude prices could reach \$18 by June comes as good news to Texas oil producers, who have seen prices gyrate in 1988. West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark crude, fell to \$13.75 a barrel in October from a high of \$17.92 in April.

"It looks very encouraging," said Bill Kleine, president of Midland-based Permian Corp.

But because OPEC members agreed on the production ceiling only for six months, the pact isn't expected to improve the long-term environment for domestic producers, oil leaders say.

While the prospect of \$18-a-barrel oil will benefit small, independent producers in the short term, those producers will continue to struggle in an uncertain environment, said Mickey Thompson, the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association's vice president for governmental affairs.

"Even at \$18 a barrel, we're not looking at a major resurgence as far as exploration or drilling," he said.

"But we're not about to look a gift horse in the mouth, either," he said. "It may at least keep us alive for another six months."

Immediately following the announcement, several large purchasers of crude oil increased their posted prices, some by as much as \$2 per barrel.

Phillips Petroleum Co. increased the price it will pay producers in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles to \$14.25 per barrel from \$12.25, while Marathon Oil hiked its posted price \$2, to \$14.75.

"That's an extremely hopeful sign that prices will, one, stabilize somewhat and, two, increase," Thompson said. "We need a shot in the arm."

But unless prices rise above \$20, domestic drilling activity won't show

much of an increase, with or without the OPEC agreement, said Don L. Evans, president of TMBR-Sharp Drilling Co. in Midland.

"It's a hopeful sign, but as far as translating into a dramatic increase in the rig count, it doesn't equal that," he said. "I don't see that changing budgets dramatically for 1989."

Major producers are also taking a cautious view toward the pact. "We don't make our plans on the assumption that OPEC is going to do one thing or another," said Al Hegburg, Phillips' director for international affairs and government relations. "We don't adjust our strategy according to what OPEC does. We just watch with interest."

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Officials revoke credit letter for Rice Center

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials said Tuesday they have revoked a letter of credit for the Rice Center research institute and tightened their monitoring of the center's records because of an "improper" \$200,000 withdrawal from its account for federal projects.

Rice Center President Carl P. Sharpe resigned on the same day the letter of credit was revoked, but he and other Rice Center officials said his departure was unrelated to the funding error.

Sharpe acknowledged the overdraft on the federal account was a mistake, but said it was no more in-appropriate than "being late on a rent payment."

The overdraft, which occurred June 7, was corrected with a cash payment on Nov. 2, said James Bynum, spokesman for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The agency is a branch of the U.S. Department of Transportation and has awarded a number of contracts to the Rice Center in recent years for research on private involvement in mass transit, he said.

The center, which does research in transportation, economics, demographics and real estate is loosely affiliated with Rice University.

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Texas' only cruise ship also state's only casino

PORT ISABEL (AP) — A 257-foot ship named Le Mistral last month became Texas' only ocean cruise. It also brought legal casino gambling to the state, simply by sailing past an unpaved Mexican fishing village just south of the border.

The Mistral passengers take a six-to-eight-hour trip to nowhere. No one disembarks and most never see their destination, the tiny village of El Mezquital 30 miles south of the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The pass-by satisfies a state law requiring gambling ships operating from Texas to call on a foreign port. Le Mistral's casino cannot open until the ship reaches international waters 12 miles offshore.

The trips are a bold venture for Islander Cruises Ltd., based in a strip shopping center recently renamed Bon Voyage Plaza, 10 miles north of the border at Port Isabel. When it comes to the Texas market, casino cruise lines are in uncharted waters.

"No one's operated one, not at all," said Templeton Fowlkes, a Mississippi attorney with the task of guiding Islander through its start-up period.

An ambitious schedule of nine cruises per week was scaled back to six, at least until the weather warms up and the sea calms down. Le Mistral made its maiden voyage Nov. 18 after being postponed twice by choppy seas that operators feared would make passengers ill.

The \$39.95 day cruises and \$49.95 evening trips feature an all-you-can-eat buffets, lounges with live entertainment and a strolling magician. But the big draw is a casino with 125 slot machines, blackjack, craps, roulette, poker and a soon-to-be-added book for betting on sporting events. Alcoholic beverages cost extra.

Fowlkes said the cruise offers people a chance to try out a casino without traveling all the way to Las Vegas or Atlantic City.

Islander's main sources of income will be ticket and beverage sales, but passengers wouldn't consider it a full-service operation without a casino, Fowlkes said.

The ship holds 850 people, but the company considers 500 a full passenger load. Each trip is crewed by 120 of Islander's 300 employees.

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