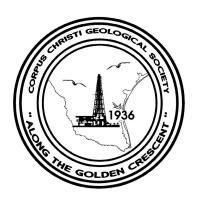
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### **CCGS/CBGS Joint Meeting Schedule 2025-2026**

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# **Calendar Of Meetings and Events**

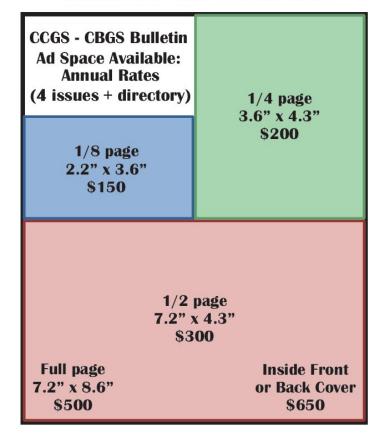
Corpus Christi Geological/Geophysical Society	
SIPES Corpus Christi Luncheons	Last Tues.—11:30a.m.
South Texas Geological Society Luncheons	Second Wed—noon San Antonio
San Antonio Geophysical Society Meetings	Fourth Tuesday
Austin Geological Society	First Monday
Houston Geological Society Luncheons	Last Wednesday
Central Texas Section of Society of Mining, Metalllurgy & Exp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues every other month in
	San Antonio

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### Greetings to One and All

It is indeed an honor to write my first newsletter as the CCGS President. During the height of the first Covid outbreak (spring 2020), my wife and I were planning our move from the great state of Nebraska to the Coastal Bend. I wanted to stay connected with my lifelong interest (earth science)...but how? By chance, I came across the CCGS website. I read many of the past bulletins, and realized what great organizations the CCGS (and CBGS) are!

I believe there are at least four main reasons why the CCGS remains a relevant organization today. First, our monthly luncheons offer stimulating and practical technical interchange. Second, our society offers unmatched networking opportunities. Third, the CCGS (and CBGS) make significant educational contributions...through scholarship programs, and through community educational outreach. Fourth, the CGGS has some very dedicated officers, editors, and project/committee chairs. They all commit considerable amounts of their own time to ensure our organization runs smoothly.

Whenever one attains a position of responsibility, there are always others who helped us get there. Such is the case with me. My good friend (and a previous president) Rick Paige demonstrated to me his passion to keep the CCGS successful. Dennis Moore (another friend, and our most recent president), showed the same investment in our organization's success. My intention is to follow in the footsteps of these two previous leaders, who set such a good example.

We have an exciting upcoming 2025-2026 speaker season planned. It all starts with our annual membership "Beer-B-Que" (Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, Nueces Brewing Co.) and our October luncheon/talk (October 15<sup>th</sup>, Joe's Crab Shack). I look forward to seeing you at each event. Onward and upward!

Charles "Chuck" Benson CCGS President



**Corpus Christi Geological Society** 

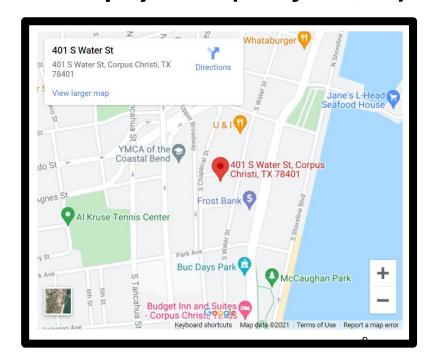
# 2025-26 Membership Kickoff

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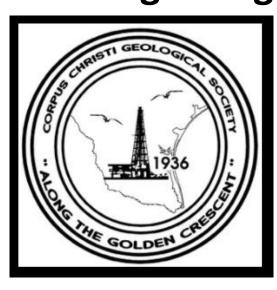
Wed. Sept. 17, 2025 – 5:00 pm

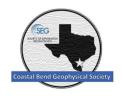
Meet & Greet/Come & Go No RSVPs, No Fees, BBQ, beer, and fun snacks available

Please pay dues (still just \$25) online or at this event.



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### **CBGS President's Letter**

### **CBGS Board 2025-2026**

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### **CBGS Scholarships**

The Coastal Bend Geophysical Society will be awarding scholarships in Fall 2025. Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and need. The award amounts may vary with the minimum award being \$1,000. The application deadline is September 1, 2025.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

Criteria for awarding the Scholarship from Coastal Bend Geophysical Society of Corpus Christi, Texas:

- 1. Scholarships are open to undergraduate or graduate students.
- 2. Must have declared major in Geophysics, or Geology with a concentration in Geophysics or Petrophysics.
- 3. Preference is given to students attending Coastal Bend schools (TAMU-K, TAMU-CC and Del Mar College), then to Coastal Bend natives attending other universities.
- 4. Must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be in good standing with the school.
- 5. Must make effort to attend a Coastal Bend Geophysical Society Meeting in Corpus Christi Texas after being awarded a scholarship to be recognized by the society.

### News

- As of August 21, Brent crude features are trading at \$67.69 a barrel and US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were trading at \$63.57 a barrel.
- According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts, U.S. crude oil
  production is expected to increase to an all-time high near 13.6 million b/d in December
  2025
- EIA forecasts suggest crude oil production will average 13.4 million b/d in 2025 and 13.3 million b/d in 2026.

### **CBGS Business**

CBGS currently has 28 active members, 2 honorary members, and 40 student members. Raised \$1,450 towards student scholarships through membership revenue this past year.

### CBGS workshops/talks

CBGS is looking forward to offer workshops/talks in the future. Topic/speaker suggestions are welcome. Email your suggestions to <a href="mailto:Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu">Subbarao.Yelisetti@tamuk.edu</a>

### **New Degree Tracks at TAMUK and Graduate Scholarships**

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) started its first cohort of MS Petrophysics program in Fall 2018. If you are interested in joining this program in Fall 2025, please contact the graduate coordinator for MS in Petrophysics, Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti at Subbarao. Yelisetti@tamuk.edu.
- The Department of Physics and Geosciences at TAMUK is offering competitive scholarships for MS Petrophysics students. For additional details about the program and scholarships, please visit the website:
  - https://www.tamuk.edu/artsci/departments/phge/phys/academics/gp.html
- BS degree in Geophysics, Minor in Geophysics and Certification in Geophysics offered at Texas A&M University-Kingsville since Fall 2017. Interested students can contact Dr. Subbarao Yelisetti (Subbarao Yelisetti@tamuk.edu) for additional information.

### **Education/Events**

### -<u>SEG</u>

SEG 2025 annual meeting (IMAGE) will be held in Houston, TX from August 25-28. See <a href="https://seg.org/Events/Upcoming-SEG-Annual-Meetings">https://seg.org/Events/Upcoming-SEG-Annual-Meetings</a> for additional details.

See <a href="https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Distinguished-Lectures">https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Distinguished-Lectures</a> for information about upcoming SEG distinguished lecture in Houston and other locations.

See <a href="https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Honorary-Lectures">https://seg.org/Education/Lectures/Honorary-Lectures</a> for SEG honorary lecture locations in Texas.

### -AGU

2025 Fall AGU annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA from December 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting

### **Monthly Saying**

"You can't get the grease without a lease" - Anon

### **Monthly Summary**

Texas Oil and Gas Info	Current Month	Last Month	Difference	
<b>Texas Production</b>	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	MMBO/BCF	
Oil	158.8	165.4	-6.6	April
Condensate	25.5	26.9	-1.4	April
Gas	1058.9	1092.7	-33.8	April
	<b>Current Month</b>	Yr to date - 2025	Yr to date - 2024	
<b>Texas Drilling Permits</b>	674	4605	8683	July
Oil wells	115	796	1742	July
Gas wells	46	288	491	July
Oil and Gas wells	476	3247	5943	July
Other	14	83	143	July
<b>Total Completions</b>	1521	12066	21022	July
Oil Completions	1280	9427	16733	July
Gas Completions	241	2639	4289	July
New Field Discoveries	0	4	8	July
Other	460	4679	10282	July

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### Carroll "Blackie" Dale Pitzer September 21, 1932 – May 21, 2025

Carroll "Blackie" Pitzer passed away at home on May 21, 2025, at the age of 92. Born on September 21, 1932, in Bayside, Texas. Blackie's long and extraordinary life was marked by service, intellect, family devotion and a love of both land and sea.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Carroll returned home and soon after met the love of his life, Jo Ann, in Refugio, Texas. They married in 1955, beginning a loving partnership that spanned nearly 70 years. Following their marriage, Carroll pursued his education at Texas A&M, earning a Master's Degree in geology. His passion for science and exploration led him to the oil and gas industry, where he worked for Texaco, later becoming an independent geologist. He continued to work as a consultant until April 2025. He was credited with discovering several local oil and gas fields.

Blackie and his family moved to Portland, Texas, where he was an active civic leader, serving on the city council and Mayor. He served as president of the Corpus Christi Geological Society; and was a proud member of AAPG, SIPES, and the Century Club. During these years, the family was active on the horse show circuit, raised cattle, and enjoyed off-shore fishing. In 1995, they traded boots for boat shoes and made Padre Island their home. There Blackie earned the affectionate title of "Island Mayor" as he seemed to know everybody. He was quick with a story, a laugh, a smile, or a firm handshake. He was a part of the self-proclaimed "Old Farts Club," a group of geologists who met weekly to swap tales, share laughs, and stories. These gatherings were among his favorite moments and a testament to a life of friendship. He is preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Roxie Pitzer, brothers, Rex and Robert Pitzer, and sister, Joyce Little, he is survived by his brother Joe Pitzer (Patty). He is survived by his beloved wife, Jo Ann Pitzer, his daughter Donn Rosson (James II) of Granbury, Texas; his son Bruce Pitzer (Gabriel) of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; grandchildren James Rosson III (Mindi) of Portland, Texas; Lauren Moon (Christopher) of Weatherford, Texas; great-grandchildren Jadie, Josslyn, James, Jonathan, and Evelyn.

Blackie will be remembered for his sharp wit, dry humor, winning smile, and the way his eyes lit up in the presence of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Whether you knew him as Blackie, Dad, Daddy B, Mayor, or friend you knew a man who lived with quiet strength and steadfast integrity, a loyal Aggie, a war veteran, a loving husband and father.

### Daniel Anthony Pedrotti July 15, 1931 – July 30, 2025

Daniel Anthony Pedrotti finished his remarkable, earthly journey and began his new life with his Savior Jesus Christ, on July 30, 2025. He was born on July 15, 1931, to Daniel and Angelina Pedrotti, in Del Rio, Texas. He was the third of their seven children and their first son.

He sought his education at Texas A & M University and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Geology, after he served our Country, as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. After completing his education and starting their family, he and Carolyn moved to Corpus Christi, Texas to raise their family and pursue his career in the Oil & Gas business. In 1958 he was hired by the Texas Company (Texaco) as an exploration geologist in the Corpus Christi office.

In 1965 rather than take a transfer to Houston Dan went independent. He teamed up with a geologist, Bill Miller and several landmen where he discovered a number of small producers; a one-million-barrel Oil field; turned the acreage that led to the discovery of the 100Bcf El Gato gas field; and through company partnerships participated in several fifty plus Bcf discoveries.

He along with his geologist partner, Bill Miller incorporated Suemaur Corporation and Suemaur Exploration, and developed a number of small oil discoveries. In 1990 he with partner Bill Miller and another independent, JM Smith, acquired the Exploration assets of Harkins Drilling Company, hired the management team along with the exploration staff and created the Suemaur Exploration and Production Company. This Company based on the "Exploration Cooperative Concept" became very successful and a major player among small independents.

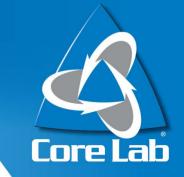
He also joined as a venture partner in LMP Petroleum Exploration, his son, Mike's company where several very commercial oil and gas fields were developed. In 2,000, believing that natural gas prices would not rally he sold out his interest in Suemaur, but due to residual interests in prospects developed while still a partner he continued to participate in a number of successful discoveries.

Beyond his commitment to his wife and family, he lived life with passion and purpose. His life was iconic. He was a dedicated geo-scientist, an intrepid adventurer and a worthy role model. He had a profound impact on the many people and organizations in which he unselfishly invested his time, talents and treasure. He will be remembered as a true servant leader. His memory is cherished by all those that witnessed his steadfast conviction in the causes and efforts he deemed important. From the Oil and Gas Industry to Wild life Conservation, to his many philanthropic interests, he was a beloved and respected teammate and leader. He was a man that knew hard work, smart work and had an ability recognize work that was worth the effort.

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Because of your support, CCGS has awarded \$261,800 to 241 students since 1993.

All donations are vital to allow for the funding of scholarships for our local students. Every donation is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

In April 2025 the Corpus Christi Geological Society awarded \$12,050 in scholarships to 16 local students from TAMU-CC, and Del Mar College in April 2025. These scholarships are to be used for the Summer Field Camp and the Fall 2025 semesters.

Students who attended Field Camp during the Summer of 2025 are: Samantha Harris, TAMU-CC Nina Jahnke, TAMU-CC Jarrett Kernan, TAMU-CC Novalon Trevino, TAMU-CC



Students who will be attending college in the Fall are:
Ramadan Abdelrehim, TAMU-CC
Ifeanyi Anyanwa, TAMU-CC
Yusuf Azeez, TAMU-CC
Muhamed Elshalkany, TAMU-CC
Mohamed Mousa, TAMU-CC
Ahmed Omar, TAMU-CC
Olivia Ramirez, TAMU-CC
Andrew Waltrip, TAMU-CC

Sabrina Kerr, Del Mar College

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# CORPUS CHRISTI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY COASTAL BEND GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY



# ANNOUNCEMENT

### **October 15th, 2025**

Location: Joe's Crab Shack, 444 North Shoreline Dr.,

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Student Sponsors: Viper Exploration, Imagine Resources,

Mary DeMis. Thank you!

Time: 11:30 AM Social, Lunch follows at 11:45 AM,

Speaker at 12:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00 (additional \$10.00 surcharge without

reservation: NO SHOW may be billed.)

Reservations: Please RSVP by 11:00 AM on Monday, October

13th before the meeting!

Email: arrangements@ccgeo.org

Please note that luncheon RSVPs are a commitment to Joe's Crab Shack (Shoreline Drive) and must be paid even if you can't attend the luncheon.

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# 3-D Technology For Exploration David Desemberg

This presentation will be a story about how 3-D technology is used for exploration in our industry. Specifically, the presentation will show how Brayton Operating Company evolved, highlighting a cursory review of two or three of our most significant 3-D discoveries.

While it will review the 3-D results and successes, it will also be an overview of the anatomy of 3-D technology via the metamorphosis of a small oil company. Brayton recognized very early of a new way to apply emerging technology.

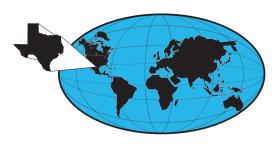
Further, it can be rewarding to recognize and apply new technologies as they manifest and continue to manifest themselves through time. After 3-D technology, our industry has seen horizontal drilling evolve quite significantly.

### **Biography**

Dave was awarded a degree in geology from Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pennsylvania) in 1974. He spent most of his career in Corpus Christi as President, co-owner, and co-founder of Brayton Operating Corp. and the various Brayton companies.

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# Geologic Interpretation of the Pleasanton Sandstone Boulder: Reklaw *or* Other Eocene or Paleocene Sand Units

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### **Abstract / Technical Summary**

This report documents the sedimentologic, palaeontologic, and petrographic characteristics of a large sandstone boulder collected from an unspecified site in the "Pleasanton vicinity" on the South Texas Gulf Coastal Plain, now housed at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

Field-scale observations reveal a well-indurated, medium- to very fine-grained sandstone with bidirectional cross-bedding, erosional surfaces, and upward-fining textures indicative of high-energy coastal processes such as tidal channels, inlets, or stream mouth bars. Fossil assemblages show a marked vertical ecological transition from gastropod-rich (moon snail and turritella types) lower beds to pelecypod-dominated shell lags above (mainly Nucular/Nuculana type), consistent with fluctuating salinity and energy typical of Paleogene marine regressive episodes. Thin section analysis highlights a framework dominated by quartz grains with silica overgrowths, near-total porosity reduction via early quartz cementation, and late-stage radiating sparry calcite cements. Exotic heavy minerals include hematite, probable glauconite or chlorite, and distinctly birefringent grains interpreted as zircon, tourmaline, or possibly topaz.

Collectively, the fossil assemblage and textural features align most closely with the Reklaw Formation (Lower Claiborne Group, Early Eocene,  $\sim 53-48$  Ma), though similar lithologies and fossil assemblages occur in upper Wilcox or basal Yegua equivalents. Given uncertainty in exact provenance and stratigraphic position, this sandstone is best described as originating from the Reklaw or other Eocene or Paleocene sand units of the region. It records a dynamic nearshore to shallow marine system influenced by early Gulf Coast transgressions and subsequent burial diagenesis.



Photo 1 – The boulder at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History.

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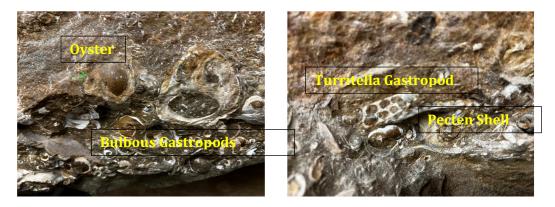
#### Field Features & Fossil Content

The sandstone boulder measures roughly 3 ft by 5 ft and is composed of medium- to fine-grained, silicacemented sandstone, with a dark gray unweathered interior and reddish-brown weathering surfaces. Prominent inclined planar cross-bedding, erosional truncations, and upward-fining beds indicate a high-energy depositional setting, such as a tidal channel, storm-influenced shoreface, stream mouth bar, or barrier shoal.



Photo 2 - Cross-bedding (marked) in the boulder.

Fossil content and distribution provides key paleoenvironmental clues. The lower strata contain abundant gastropods, especially Turritella and bulbous Sycostoma, with Pseudolva, along with small rostrate pelecypods and oysters, consistent with brackish estuarine or lagoonal conditions. Overlying these are shell hash layers dominated by small pelecypods such as Nuculana and fragments of larger Pectin species, indicating a transition to fully marine environments. This vertical faunal shift is characteristic of transgressive systems where rapid shoreline migration reworks older deposits, concentrating shell debris. Note: correspondence with David Dockery (2025) of the Mississippi Bureau of Geology and his referral to Garvie (1996) were vital to fossil identification and environmental interpretation.

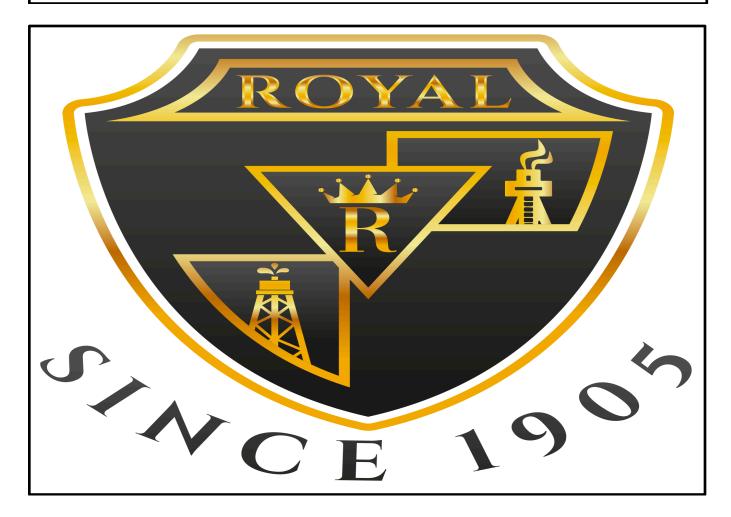


Photos 3 & 4 – Photos of pelecypods (oysters and scallops) and gastropods observed in fossiliferous detritus zones as deposit traction lags on bedding planes.



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### **Petrography & Diagenesis**

Thin section analysis of three samples revealed:

- Framework grains: Mostly fine-grained quartz, sub-rounded to angular, with quartz overgrowths indicating early diagenetic silica cementation.
- Porosity: Very low (~1–3%), resulting from quartz overgrowths and later pore-filling calcite cements.
- Cement: Later-stage diagenesis produced radiating sparry calcite cements, often ferruginous, growing into remaining pore spaces as open-space fills or partial replacements classic indicators of evolving burial fluids under changing redox conditions.
- Heavy & exotic grains: Opaque hematite, reddish limonite-stained or jasper-like quartz, green
  glauconitic or chlorite-clay minerals, and highly birefringent grains with sharp refractive index
  contrast to adjacent quartz and calcite grains and cements, consistent with zircon, tourmaline, or
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These indicate provenance from continental uplifts with delivery of heavy minerals into nearshore settings.

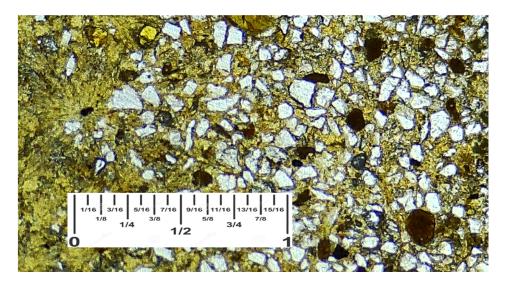
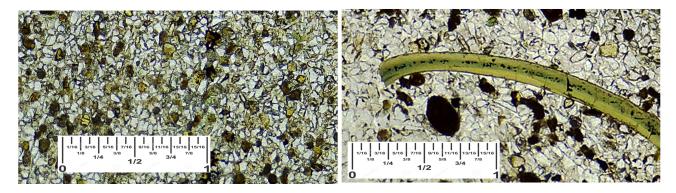


Photo 5 – Photomicrograph of very fine-grained quartz sands in ferruginous calcite cement matrix. Darker rounded grains are likely glauconite or altered clay minerals. Scale: 1mm.



Photos 6 & 7 – Photomicrograph of find grained sands illustrating the prevailance of quartz, numerous dark opaque exotic grains, and a clam shell (right view). Scale 1 mm.

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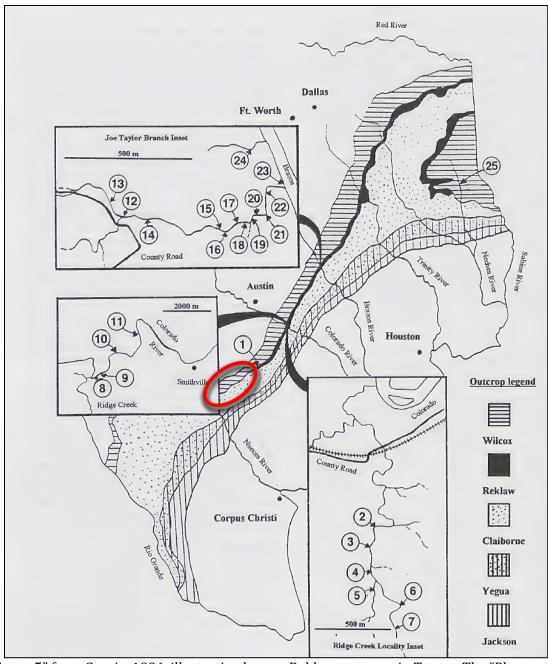
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### **Stratigraphic Context & Interpretive Uncertainty**

Given Pleasanton's location near the Balcones Fault Zone on the Gulf Coastal Plain, this boulder most closely matches estuarine and marine sandstones of the Reklaw Formation (Lower Claiborne Group, Early Eocene). The Reklaw represents a major fore-stepping and back-stepping series of events covering Wilcox delta systems, leading to widespread deposition of fossiliferous sands rich with glauconite, diverse mollusk assemblages, and heavy mineral enrichment.



"Figure 5" from Garvie, 1996, illustrating known Reklaw outcrops in Texas. The "Pleasanton vicinity" is highlighted in the red oval south of his Location 1. Drill marks on the boulder relate to rock excavation associated with construction.

Similar depositional styles, fossils, and diagenetic signatures are known from upper Wilcox (Paleocene-earliest Eocene) marine tongues and basal Yegua (Middle Eocene). Because the precise collection site is undocumented — possibly from a quarry or road construction — it is scientifically appropriate to identify this rock as derived from "Reklaw <u>or</u> other Eocene or Late Paleocene sand units."

#### Conclusion

This sandstone boulder provides a compelling record of dynamic Paleogene coastal environments along the early Gulf Coast, capturing transitions from brackish gastropod-rich to marine pelecypod-dominated settings under high-energy conditions. Petrography reveals a complex diagenetic history: early silica cementation preserving framework grain angularity, later radiating sparry calcite growths, and heavy mineral signatures reflecting sediment supply from the greater Central Texas/Edwards Plateau uplift along the Balcones Escarpment. Whether precisely Reklaw or a similar Paleogene sand, this mysterious boulder offers an invaluable window into shoreline processes and burial histories – and a fun forensic analysis.

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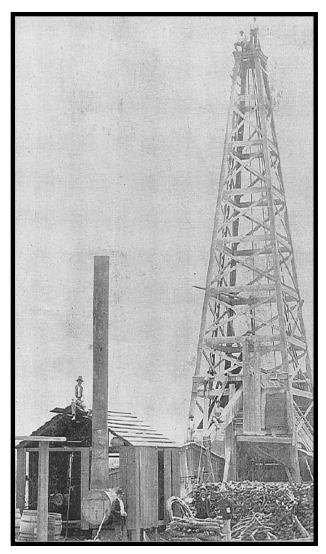
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