

## Drill: The U.S. Oil Industry Turns 150

Before 1859, America had no oil business. August 28 marks the 150th anniversary of its first commercial well. Today, the U.S. is the world's third-biggest oil producer and largest consumer. Join us for a tour of this gas-guzzling nation. —Kate Rockwood



In 1907, John McLean, of Standard Oil, opened the world's first gasoline service station at the corner of Holgate Street and Western Avenue in **Seattle**. He built the first pump using a garden hose.

Oil production in **North Dakota** jumped 17% in 2007, more than any other state.

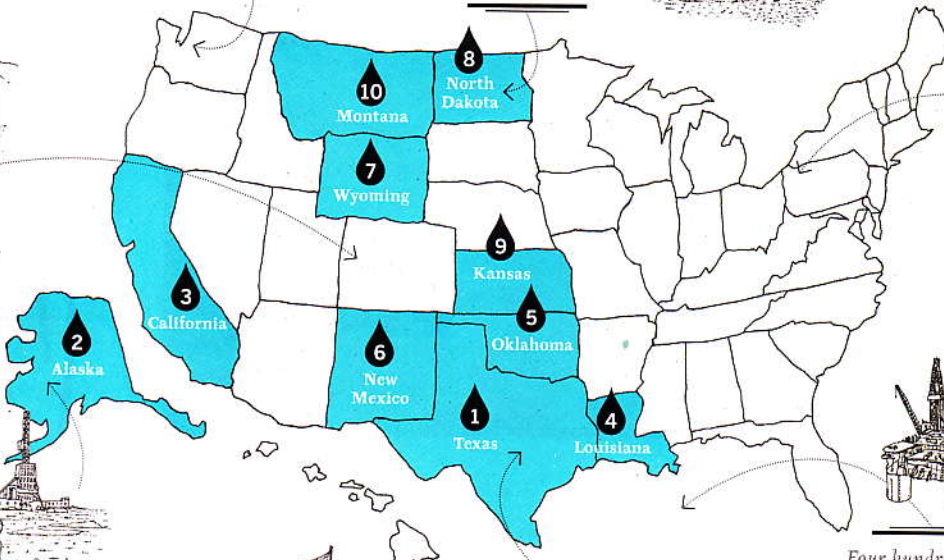


**Top 10 Oil-Producing States**



Near **Titusville, Pennsylvania**, Edwin Drake struck black gold in 1859 with a 70-foot well owned by Seneca Oil. This maiden well yielded 25 barrels a day.

The **Rocky Mountain** region has the highest per-capita oil consumption in the U.S., thanks largely to long-distance commutes in the region.

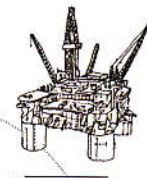


**Alaska's** Prudhoe Bay, the largest field in North America, pumps 475,000 barrels daily. But Alaska's output has dropped 66% from its 1985 peak of 2 million barrels a day.



**Texas**, America's top producer, is home to 24% of the country's oil reserves. One million barrels are produced each day in the Lone Star State.

Four hundred fourteen million barrels of crude oil are pumped each year from the **Gulf of Mexico**, the heart of the U.S. petroleum industry.



working with galleries or industrial manufacturers—but Ron was one of the first artists to be beyond those divisions." Arad's **first major U.S. retrospective** highlights his love for iterative design (successive chairs made from steel, carbon fiber, polyurethane, and fiberglass) and technology (SMS-enabled crystal chandeliers). Curious, indeed. —KR

## Spend

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LINCOLN PENNY

**AUG 02 SUN** The first U.S. penny—pure copper and featuring a woman with flowing hair—was minted in 1792. But it wasn't until 1909, a century after Lincoln's birth, that the 16th prez's image made it to the coin. Now, to mark Honest Abe's 100th

year on the one-cent piece, the U.S. Mint is introducing four new designs, each representing an era of Lincoln's life—for instance, a log cabin for his childhood—to replace the Lincoln Memorial on the tail side. Now those are some **pretty pennies**. —AB

## Fight Back

G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA

Directed by Stephen Sommers

**AUG 07 FRI** We love seeing famous monuments fall in movieland. The Statue of Liberty, for instance, has been done (*Deep Impact*), redone (*Independence Day*), and done again (*Cloverfield*), but a toppling Eiffel Tower, as seen in the trailer for *G.I. Joe*, feels newer to us. **Big bangs** signal a big budget—and big hopes

from fanboy lovers of the 1960s dolls (sorry, "action figures") and 1980s toys, cartoons, and comics alike. The now de rigueur video game will be released alongside the film, and as with all toy-to-movie-to-game adaptations, expectations are low. But the promos for *G.I. Joe* proclaim, "When all else fails, one team won't." We so want that to be true. Yo, Joe! —ZW

## Feed

THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

Zacatecas, Mexico

**AUG 13 THU** Even as Americans talk about flab (see July 27), 15% of **the world is going hungry** and food prices in most developing countries are higher than they were a year ago. Profiteers are a problem; specu-

lation on food prices has replaced speculation on mortgages, claims political scientist Susan George, author of *How the Other Half Dies: The Real Reasons for World Hunger*. She'll keynote this conference, which will dissect the latest developments in the politics and economics of hunger. There's plenty of food... for thought. —GENEVIEVE KNAPP

## Tackle

MADDEN NFL 10

**AUG 14 FRI** Since 2001, seven of the nine athletes chosen for the cover of *Madden NFL* have ended up injured or ineffective after that season. "I never really thought **the curse** was real," says *Madden NFL* senior project manager Anthony



JULY is traditionally the busiest month for air travel in the United States.