

West Texas Texas Explosion

== History == b9232689c4 From the late 19th century to the mid-20th century, Marshall developed as a center of the Texas and Pacific Railway. After World War II, activists in the city's substantial African-American population worked to create social change through the civil rights movement, with considerable support from the historically black colleges and universities in the area. b9232689c4 == Athletics == b9232689c4

New London School explosion The disaster killed 425 students and teachers. School explosion occurred on March 18, 1937, when a natural gas leak caused an explosion that destroyed the London School in New London, Texas, United The New London School explosion occurred on March 18, 1937, when a natural gas leak caused an explosion that destroyed the London School in New London, Texas, United States. As of 2026, the event is the third-deadliest disaster in the history of Texas, after the 1900 Galveston hurricane and the 1947 Texas City disaster b9232689c4

In the mid-1930s, despite the ongoing economic turmoil of the Great Depression, the school district in New London, Texas (formerly known as London) was one of the richest in the United States. The 1930 discovery of oil in Rusk County had boosted the local economy, and education spending grew with it. The city's taxable value in 1937 had grown to \$20 million, with additional revenue seen from 15 oil wells on district property. The London School, a large structure of steel and concrete, was constructed in 1932 at a cost of \$1 million (roughly \$23.6 million today). Its football team, the London Wildcats (a play on the term "wildcatter," for an oil prospector), played in one of the first stadiums in the state to have electric lights. b9232689c4 == Past demographics == b9232689c4

West Independent School District On April 17, 2013, an explosion at the West Fertilizer Plant leveled several blocks of West and caused fires West Independent School District is a school district based in West, Texas United States. acceptable" by the Texas Education Agency b9232689c4

Texas City, Texas Located on the southwest shoreline of Galveston Bay, Texas City is a deepwater port on the Gulf Coast and a petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing center. Texas City was the site of a major explosion in 1947 that demolished much of the city and its port Texas City is a city in Galveston County, Texas and

a suburb of Galveston (with some water area in Chambers County), United States. Its population was 51,898 at the 2020 census, making it the third-largest city in Galveston County, behind League City and Galveston. is part of the Houston-Galveston metropolitan area. Texas City was the site of a major explosion in 1947 that demolished much of the city and its port. It is part of the Houston-Galveston metropolitan area b9232689c4

West Fertilizer Company had supplied chemicals to farmers since its founding in 1962. As of 2013 it was owned by Adair Grain, Inc. and employed nine workers at the facility. Adair Grain, Inc. is wholly owned by Donald Adair and his wife Wanda. b9232689c4 Subsequent investigation reports by BP, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), and an independent blue-ribbon panel led by James Baker identified numerous technical and organizational failings at the refinery and within corporate BP. b9232689c4 Marshall and Harrison County were important political and production areas of the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War. This area of Texas was developed for cotton plantations. Planters brought slaves with them from other regions or bought them in the domestic slave trade. The county had the highest number of slaves in the state, and East Texas had a higher proportion of slaves than other regions of the state. The wealth of the county and city depended on slave labor and the cotton market. b9232689c4 == Background == b9232689c4 On April 17, 2013, an explosion at the West Fertilizer Plant leveled several blocks of West and caused fires to spread across several blocks, including West Middle School. All five schools were shut down for the remaining week. b9232689c4 == History == b9232689c4

Phillips, Texas It was founded as Pantex, Texas. attended junior high school there. State Senator and former president of West Texas A&M University Max Sherman was reared in Phillips and graduated from Phillips Phillips is a ghost town in Hutchinson County, Texas, United States. In 1938, Pantex and Whittenburg combined and renamed as Phillips for the dominant employer, the Phillips Petroleum Company, by a vote of the people b9232689c4

Texas City disaster made. history and one of history's largest non-nuclear explosions. Texas portal Halifax explosion (1917) List of ammonium nitrate disasters Oppau explosion (1921) West Fertilizer Company explosion in West, Texas (2013) The Texas City disaster was an industrial accident that occurred on April 16, 1947, in the port of Texas City, Texas, United States, located in Galveston Bay. It was the deadliest industrial accident in U. S b9232689c4

== Background == b9232689c4 The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad was laid between Hillsboro and Waco in 1881. The path of the railroad passed... b9232689c4 The disaster had widespread consequences on both the

company and the industry... b9232689c4

West High School (Texas) West High School is a public high school located in West, Texas, and classified as a 3A school by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). In 2015, the school was rated "Met Standard" by the Texas Education Agency. It is part West High School is a public high school located in West, Texas, and classified as a 3A school by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). It is part of the West Independent School District located in northern McLennan County b9232689c4

As of 2012 it has one of the largest concentrations of Czech Texans of any city in the state. b9232689c4

West Fertilizer Company explosion On May 11, 2016, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives stated that the fire was deliberately set. That finding has been disputed. Fifteen people were killed, over 160 injured, and more than 150 buildings damaged or destroyed. Investigators confirmed that ammonium nitrate was the material that exploded. 2013, an ammonium nitrate explosion occurred at the West Fertilizer Company storage and distribution facility in West, Texas, United States (18 miles (29 km) On April 17, 2013, an ammonium nitrate explosion occurred at the West Fertilizer Company storage and distribution facility in West, Texas, United States (18 miles (29 km) north of Waco), while emergency services personnel were responding to a fire there b9232689c4

American actress Mary Castle lived in Phillips as a girl and attended junior high school there. b9232689c4 The campus was heavily damaged in the April 2013 West Fertilizer Company explosion and demolition of the school building began in mid-December 2013. Classes were held at a temporary site until the new West High School campus opened in 2015. b9232689c4

West, Texas As of the 2020 census, the population was 2,531. As of the 2020 census, the population was 2,531. The city is in north-central Texas, about 70 miles (110 km) south of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, 20 miles north of Waco, and 120 miles north of Austin. It is named after Thomas West, the city's first West is a city in McLennan County, Texas, United States. It is named after Thomas West, the city's first postmaster. West is a city in McLennan County, Texas, United States b9232689c4

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and in nearby oil-storage facilities, ultimately killing at least 581 people, including all but one member of Texas City's volunteer fire department. b9232689c4 State Senator and former president of West Texas A&M University Max Sherman was reared in Phillips and graduated from Phillips High School. b9232689c4 Despite its name, the city is not in West Texas; area residents sometimes call the community "West comma Texas" to avoid confusion. b9232689c4 The disaster drew the first class-action lawsuit against the United States government, on behalf of 8,485 plaintiffs, under the 1946 Federal Tort Claims Act. The case eventually reached the Supreme Court in *Dalehite v. United States*. b9232689c4

Marshall, Texas state of Texas. As of the 2020 census, Marshall had a population of 23,392. The population of the Greater Marshall area, comprising all of Harrison County, was 66,726 in 2018. S. It is the county seat of Harrison County and a cultural and educational center of the Ark-La-Tex region. the T&P's workshops and general offices for Texas in Marshall. The city immediately had a population explosion from workers attracted to the potential for Marshall is a city in the U b9232689c4

In addition to West, the district serves the towns of Leroy and Ross in northern McLennan County. A small portion of Hill County lies within the district. b9232689c4 The West Trojans compete in these sports: b9232689c4 In 2009, the school district was rated "academically acceptable" by the Texas Education Agency. b9232689c4 The explosive vapor cloud came from raffinate liquids overflowing from the top of a blowdown stack. The source of ignition was probably a running vehicle engine. The release of liquid followed the automatic opening of a set of relief valves on a raffinate splitter column caused by overfilling. b9232689c4 == Background == b9232689c4

Texas City refinery explosion When including settlements (\$2. All the fatalities were contractors working out of temporary buildings located close to the unit to support turnaround activities. 1 billion), costs of repairs, deferred production, and fines, the explosion is the world's costliest refinery accident. The explosion resulted in the death of 15 workers, 180 injuries and severe On March 23, 2005, a hydrocarbon vapor cloud ignited and violently exploded at the isomerization process unit of the BP-owned oil refinery in Texas City, Texas. The explosion resulted in the death of 15 workers, 180 injuries and severe damage to the refinery. isomerization process unit of the BP-owned oil refinery in Texas City, Texas. Property loss was \$200 million (\$330 million in 2025) b9232689c4

The first settlers of northern McLennan County arrived in the 1840s. They were farm and ranch families drawn from the east by the rich lands made available by the government sale of land to build schools in Texas. The area farmers cultivated the land and grew cotton, wheat, and grain sorghum, and raised cattle. The farming community

centered on a freshwater spring that became known as Bold Springs. In 1860, Bold Springs had a population of about 300 and provided services such as a blacksmith, churches, and a post office. b9232689c4

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