

As part of a package of newly approved energy laws, permits will be issued for natural gas drilling using hydraulic fracturing, better known as "fracking." But what do we know about fracking? In an attempt to learn more, El Chamuco magazine found that no one from the oil and gas industry would take us up on our offer to interview them. Until, that is, Texas businessman Joe T. Hodo agreed to answer a few of our questions. This is the story:

FRACKING MEXICO!

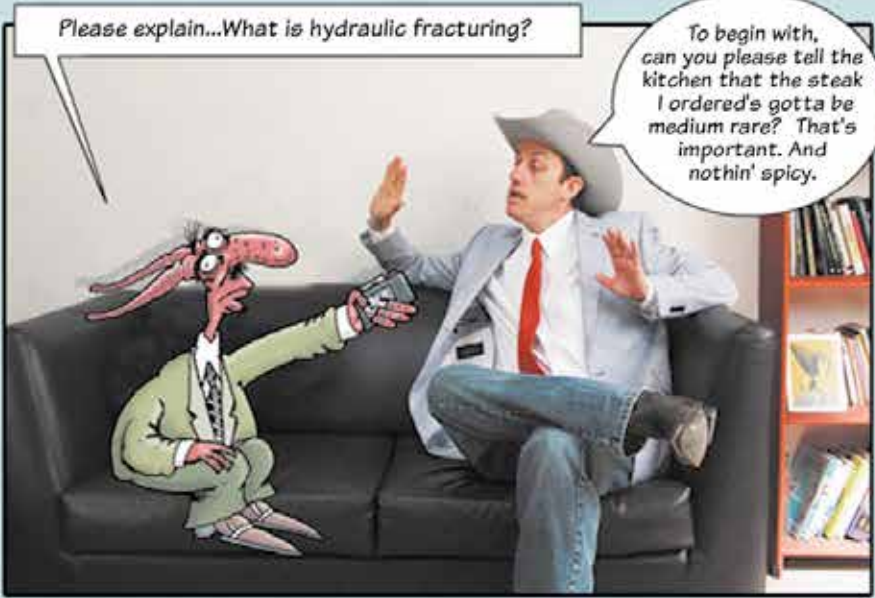
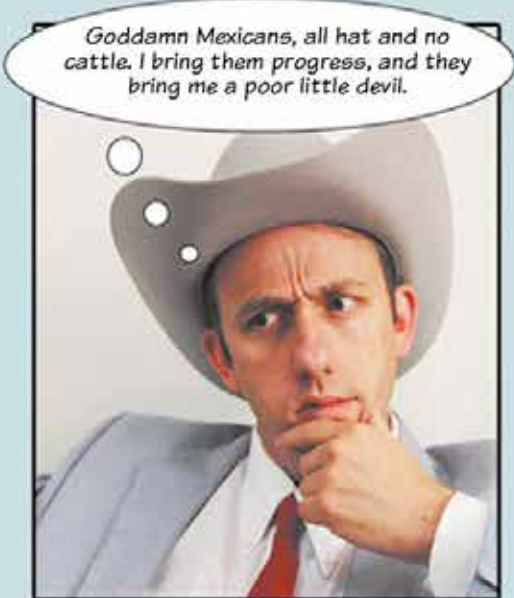
WITH JOE T. HODO

By El FER.





THE NEXT DAY...



HELLO...

Mister Hodo, they're ready to interview you.

Shit, it shoulda been Proceso magazine or TV and Telenovela Guide. But you gotta start somewhere.

Mr. Hodo?

That's Joe T. Hodo to you!

I'm here to interview you...

Oh, ok.

Goddamn Mexicans, all hat and no cattle. I bring them progress, and they bring me a poor little devil.

Please explain...What is hydraulic fracturing?

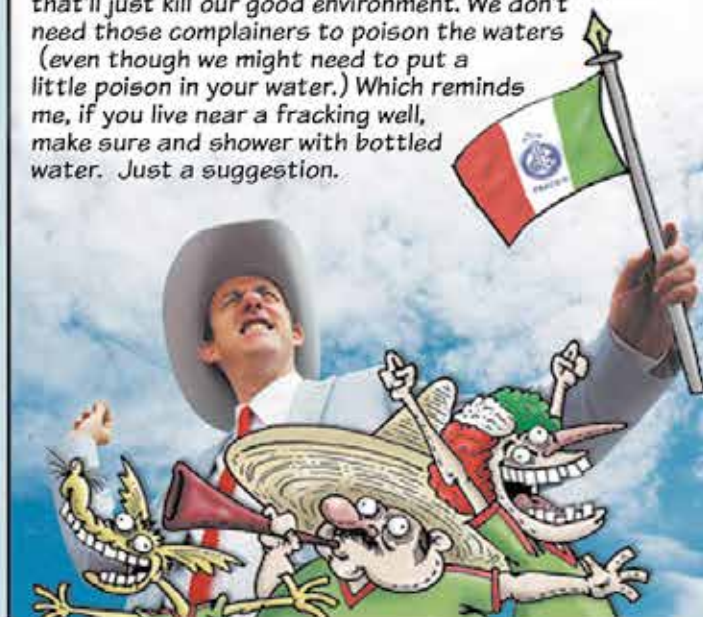
To begin with, can you please tell the kitchen that the steak I ordered's gotta be medium rare? That's important. And nothin' spicy.

...Oh right, fracking...Our companies inject more than 500 chemicals underground, blowin' up a layer of rock, down under the subsoil, and freein' up a crapload of gas that we suck out. In other words, my steak will be medium rare, and Mexico will be thoroughly cooked.



What environmental risks are associated with this technique?

Yes sir, the environmental risk is significant. Because Mexicans know how to put on a nice, festive environment. And as long as y'all follow my orders, we'll have our nice environment and a good time. But if people get all bothered and start with some hippie whining about how "fracking poisons water and kills animals and smurfs and unicorns" or who the hell knows what, that'll just kill our good environment. We don't need those complainers to poison the waters (even though we might need to put a little poison in your water.) Which reminds me, if you live near a fracking well, make sure and shower with bottled water. Just a suggestion.



Why are many of the names of the chemicals used in the tracking fluid injected underground kept secret?

Do I go around askin' your grandma what she puts in her tamales? Or do you ask me what the secret formula for Coca-Cola is? Anything important in this world requires some discretion. But here's a clue: Coca-Cola and fracking fluid contain some of the same ingredients. The only difference is that coke makes Mexican kids fat, and fracking makes Texas oilmen fat. Like the bible says it should be.



If fracking is so safe and effective, why has it been banned by some European countries, and a moratorium on new wells been declared by some states within the U.S. until the effects can be further analyzed?

Oh, please. I'm from Texas, and we don't take bad advice from New York liberals or European socialists or wetba...err, well, yes sir, I'm from Texas.



How do you think Mexicans benefit from having their gas extracted by means of tracking?

I see it this way: In my basement I've got boxes and boxes of baseball cards that are worth a fortune. But who has time to haul 'em to the car and go sell them? I don't, and Mexicans neither, because y'all are busy workin' hard to feed your families. I'm also busy because buying favors from Mexican politicians is a full time job. So fracking is a service we provide to Mexicans to haul away all that gas you've got down in your "basement" because y'all don't have time to do it. And the good thing is we leave something behind for you: More than 500 chemicals that might come in handy one day.



How will you prevent fracking from causing earthquakes or other seismic activity?

Who ever said fracking didn't cause seismic activity? I myself am very proud of all of the earthquakes caused by fracking. 5000 years ago, all of the continents were all joined together. Thanks to seismic activity, the individual continents came into being, each with its own industries, gated communities, and shopping malls. If you're opposed to seismic activity, you're opposed to progress.



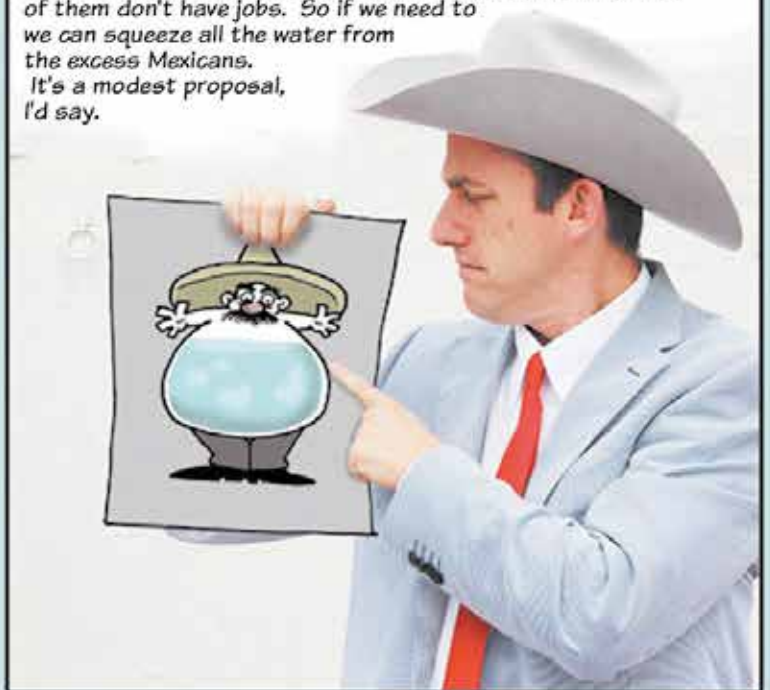
Where do you plan on dumping all of the toxic substances that tracking leaves behind?

In Texas, we drink like men. We drink, but don't ever get intoxicated. Man up, Mexicans! Hold your toxic substances!



How do you plan on getting enough water for tracking when all the shale gas in Mexico is in places where water is scarce?

It's true that every fracking well uses millions of gallons of water. But my scientists tell me that 70% of every Mexican is made up of water. There are more than 100 million Mexicans, and many of them don't have jobs. So if we need to we can squeeze all the water from the excess Mexicans. It's a modest proposal, I'd say.



If someone offered you a glass of water that came from an area where fracking was taking place, would you drink it?

Course not, because I cannot in good conscience afford myself the luxury of drinking water when my colleagues suffer so much to get their hands on that precious liquid for their fracking wells. I would thank the person who gave it to me and then I would take it to be used for fracking. My own personal sacrifice would then help make the world a better place.



How much did it cost you to bribe and pay off Mexican politicians to get the energy reform laws passed?

Well, without revealing any confidential financial information, I can just tell ya that it cost more than what it costs to bribe a transit cop here and less than what it costs to send my teenage daughters on their shopping trips to Miami.



Satisfied, Joe returns to his hotel room a bit later on.

I love this country.



And unlike the last time,

ZZZZZZ



That night he had wonderful dreams.

Texans of the world!
Let's take Mexico!



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