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Unconventional resources are dominant in today's oil and gas industry, from the equipment companies employ to their modes of financing and the prospects they seek. April's annual Drilling Technology reports discuss changes to the U.S. drilling rig fleet in order to accommodate deep, long-lateral wells. Another report, Play-Specific Royalty Trusts, examines this financial tool's growing popularity among U.S. independents, while part one of the spring series on International Opportunities reviews global opportunities in shale and tight-oil plays. The Offshore Update reports, which chronicle independents' return to activity in the Gulf of Mexico, are followed by AOGGR's annual Independents Guide to OTC. Association news includes Official Convention Sections for KIOGA, TAEP and TOGA, as well as coverage of OOOGA, IOGA, LOGA and IOGA WV conventions. Cover photo courtesy of Latshaw Drilling Company. Issue photography courtesy of Energy Corporation of America and Hercules Offshore.

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