

# Shelltelegram

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DEER PARK MANUFACTURING COMPLEX

*New page turned in Health and Safety*

## Departments deliver new H&S direction message



**NEW DIRECTION**—Penny Greenwood, Engineering Support; and Raphael Lozano, Hydroprocessing listen to presentations explaining the new safety goals and the Health & Safety Direction for 1992. Grouped presentations were made throughout the Complex in March.

## Adopt-A-School finishes season with high marks and high hopes

Shell Deer Park "adopted" Deer Park High School one and one half years ago with the intention of assisting the school and its employees both. Today, nearing the end of the second school year, the Adopt-A-School program has passed on both counts, with flying colors.

The attendance program, which encourages students to qualify for perfect attendance recognition and gift certificates, has resulted in increased attendance within a short period of time.

The Academic Achievement Award, presented to two below-average or at-risk students who showed the most improvement over the school year, was the extra push that some students needed to excel.

The tutoring and S.O.S. (Save One Student) programs, using teachers and DPMC employee volunteers to coach students in core subjects and to act as mentors to students with school-related problems, was a big hit with students and Shell employees. More and more students are signing up for these after-school programs and volunteers from Shell are enjoying the experience.

Career Day and Project Graduation are

other ways the school and Shell Deer Park are working together for education. Employees tell college-bound seniors what it's like to work in their field of expertise on Career Day, and Project Graduation gives graduating seniors a festive night of games and dance and a reason to stay off the streets and off alcohol on graduation night.

"The idea behind Adopt-A-School is to get Shell employees involved in the schools," says DENNIS WINKLER, Community Relations, and a member of the Adopt-A-School Committee. "The wonderful thing about it is that we're flexible and informal enough to be constantly working and changing to fit with school needs."

BRAD PERTL, Turnaround Planning, and Adopt-A-School Committee member, says it's nice that Shell can help in ways in addition to money. "We have such a wide variety of skills to offer the school. Some of us have taken a lead in sharing our time and knowledge and it's been well appreciated. I know we're well on the way to getting the school district more help."

CINDY CARTER, Business Services, Adopt-A-School Committee, finds Deer Park



**TUTOR**—Theresa Zacher (left), helps a Deer Park High School student understand biology, under the Adopt-A-School tutoring program.

High "very appreciative." Carter likes being involved in the program, which gives her an opportunity to see what her school district is like, a district her children will be entering some day.

The Adopt-A-School Committee meets monthly. Other members are: JIMMY SHELTON, Training; KAMMY ROBERTS, Community Relations; KIM GLAUNER, Environmental Compliance; DAVE SMITH, Environmental Operations; JOHN HUMMEL, Engineering; BENNIE MATUSEK, retiree; DPHS principal BOBBY GRISHAM, and other DPHS personnel. ■

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KEEP IT  
**RUNNING**



**WALK THE TALK TOGETHER TOWARD WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE**

## Here's what's new in safety

### Contractor S.A.F.E. Team

The Contractor S.A.F.E. Team has begun a program to recognize contractors for safety improvement and excellence. Two or three plaques will be awarded every other month to contract firms demonstrating significant or innovative safety performance.

### Project Engineering/ Engineering Support

Departments customize their safety

meetings to best meet localized needs. When Project Engineering/Engineering Support holds safety meetings, they do so in squads. Each squad of their Safe Work Group plans its own safety meeting and its own audits.

"We rotate leadership at meetings and audits and keep interest up with participation contests. It's quite a learning experience," says BILL DAVIS.

One accomplishment of which the department is particularly proud is the 1.57 OSHA recordable incident rate of our con-

struction contractors last year. "Safety is our first priority in selecting contractors," says PAUL GOODINE.

"Our safety record and high safety participation are examples of how Project Engineering/Engineering Support uses the Quality Process to improve safety," says GEORGE JOHNSON. "We blend together a lot of the activities of quality and safety. From our perception, those are really the same process with different titles." ■

## Employee relates Near Miss

by M.T. Walton, Logistics Maintenance

I experienced a Near Miss the other day and would like to share the incident with your readers in the hopes that it may prevent harm or inconvenience.

I was driving on the freeway and noticed that the vehicle began pulling to the right, so I exited to the feeder road and drove to a nearby self-serve filling station. As I got out of my vehicle, I noticed smoke coming from the

wheel! I ran inside the store, threw a dollar on the counter, and grabbed a bottle of soda, which I used to extinguish the fire.

When I removed the wheel, I discovered that the wheel bearing "grease cup" had come off, allowing all of the lubricant to run out, thereby creating friction and then a fire. Although no one was hurt, an injury or even a fatality could have very easily been the case. This breakdown also resulted in a costly and very untimely repair that destroyed our family's plans for that day.

The Near Miss made me wonder how many accidents could be prevented by simple,

routine vehicle maintenance and a quick vehicle JSA before driving. I know that if I had taken the time to simply walk around my truck and look at the wheels and tires, this problem would not have occurred. I was very lucky to come out of this Near Miss alive and hope that others who read this article will take the extra time to make sure that their vehicles are in good, reliable working order for the sake of themselves and their loved ones.

I am reminded of the positive intervention slogan that fits this case perfectly—"Tough enough to care, smart enough to act." ■



Ted Coonan (right), manager, Resins, Family S.A.F.E. Team leader, receives a plaque and team-autographed soccer ball from boy's soccer coach Wayne Desselle during a banquet held recently. The plaque and ball were given in appreciation of DPMC's involvement with the East Belt Rockets, a Deer Park-Pasadena boy's soccer club.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOTT WILLIS, Distilling, received the Odis Chappell Award for past accomplishments and dedicated service to the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department. Willis, who has served on the fire department for over 16 years, is Fire Chief of the department. His award is named after former manager of Safety at DPMC and Fire Chief of Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department.

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The City of Deer Park celebrated its centennial last month. Shell Deer Park has been a part of that history for 62 of those 100 years. ■

## DPMC families sharpen creative skills in the new Safety Slogan Contest

Here's a chance to get the whole family involved for prizes and recognition. It's the Family S.A.F.E.

Team's Safety Slogan Contest, a competition where you and your loved ones have an opportunity to create the most original and appropriate safety slogan.

It's easy to enter. You'll be receiving the contest material by mail at home. Included is a full set of rules and an entry card where you can write in the slogan you and your family developed. Just make sure it relates to the theme indicated in the contest packet and that you send it off by the deadline.

The best part comes next—three slogans each quarter will be selected. Each of the winning families will receive a professional

family portrait and a dinner at one of the area's fine dining establishments. But that's not all. The winning slogans will be displayed on Complex billboards and the winning families' pictures will appear in upcoming issues of the *Shellegram*.

Enter as many slogans as you wish; however, each family can win only once per quarter. (Family S.A.F.E. Team families and judges are not eligible to win.) Entries are received from the family of

the employee, not from an individual (unless the individual constitutes the entire immediate family). Judges will be selected from among Family S.A.F.E. Team and other S.A.F.E. Team members.

Alert your family and start looking for the Safety Slogan Contest in your mailbox soon. ■

FAMILY  
S.A.F.E. Team

# Nicotine patches offer new help for smokers

by Ariel Thomann, medical director

It is now a fact: there's a new worksite smoking policy. Well, congratulations to all of you who have stopped smoking in the recent past — it was not easy, but then few worthwhile things are really easy. You may be interested in learning that Shell workers who smoke, already smoke less than smokers among the American working population as a whole. For those of you who have quit or cut down, press on! And for other DPMC workers who still smoke, read on.

For those of you who still smoke and want to stop, new help is available. You probably knew about the Nicorette gum,

which has been around for a number of years. It was effective as an aid in quitting smoking for about one-fourth or one-third of the people who tried it. It had problems in that overeager chewing gave many users a "rush" worse than one could get from chain smoking.

There are now several brands of skin-adhesive nicotine patches. They are expected to be effective for up to three-fourths of people who use them. These have built-in control of the rate of drug release, so the "rush" is less likely to happen. A fresh patch is applied daily.

The patches cost several dollars each, so for about two to three months the cost of

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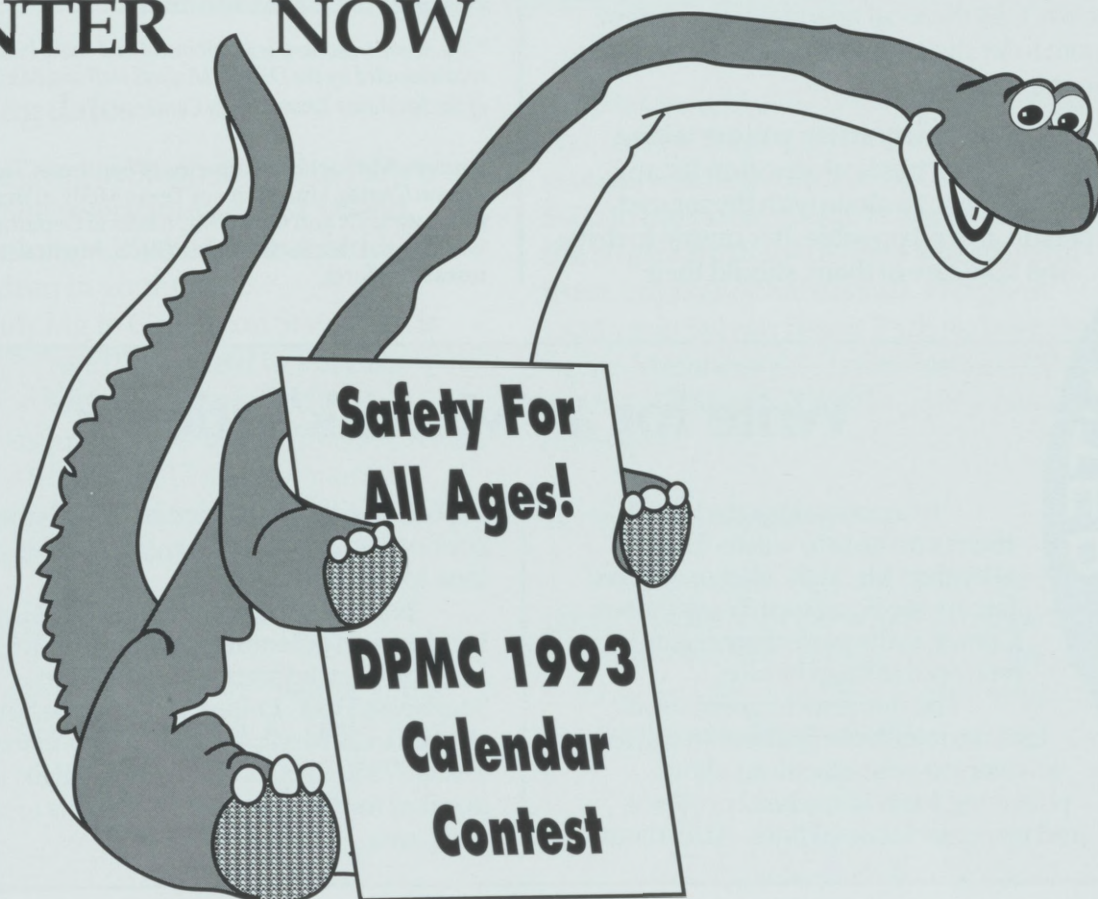
nicotine use goes up. After that, money in the bank. And better health, etc., to boot. It's worth the expense.

The patches (as was true of the gum also) should be used only by individuals who have really decided to quit, and only as part of a comprehensive behavioral smoking-cessation program. The programs offered at DPMC fall in that category; you may wish to take advantage of them. The patch manufacturers want to sell their product, but they are the first to know that the patches by themselves will not help someone who does not really want to stop. And, the person must be ready to do his or her own share, with the support of their family, friends, and personal physician. Yes, the patches are available by prescription only so a physician must be involved. This needs to be your personal doctor; Shell DPMC Medical physicians cannot write these prescriptions for you since the problem is not of occupational origin. ■



**EARLY SHELL FAMILY**—The DPMC Historical Society captured the era that introduced the Shell Houston Refinery in a float that made an appearance in the city of Deer Park's recent Centennial celebration. Completing the "mom and pop" late 1920s scene was this almost-authentic family: (L-r) Eric Westbrook, husband of Kim Westbrook; Kim Westbrook, Facilities Management; Stephanie and Jessica Westbrook, daughters of Kim and Eric; Brandon Hellman, grandson of Delma Walters, Fuels; and Maurine Bishop, retiree, with antique doll. Jim Paar, Logistics Maintenance, drove the float.

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## LOCATION

# News Briefs

The Carson Plant, formerly Wilmington Manufacturing Complex, has integrated its Major Products Organization and Minimum Shell Involvement Organization to form the Carson Projects Organization (CPO) with an outside engineering firm. One of the tasks of the new "partnership" will be to restructure the Dominguez Site into an effective products terminal.

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Anacortes unveiled its "Clean Fuels Project" to the community. The project calls for plant modifications that will allow production of cleaner burning, reformulated fuels. The total price tag is estimated in excess of \$200 million. It is not expected to change the refinery's current crude throughput.

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The Metairie Plant provides initiatives in education through LEAP, a nonprofit organization that fosters minority student interest in engineering and related fields. Shell has been represented on the LEAP Board of Directors since the program was founded a decade ago. ■





## What to do about those pesky insects (and other fauna that bite)

**W**hile you're working in the field or just out communing with Mother Nature on land or sea this summer, be an educated outdoorsperson: know what insects, reptiles and other varmints inhabit the wilds and the ocean about you. Likewise, know what you should do if you get bitten.

The Training S.A.F.E. Team, with support from the Family S.A.F.E. Team, will help you do that.

Premiering in June is the teams' insect, snake and marine life video that will take viewers out in the field and over a magnifying glass to inspect critters large and small common to the Texas Gulf Coast. The video also features entomology and zoological experts who discuss how to identify black widow spiders, pigmy rattlers, stinging flying insects, man-of-war, and other species you want to steer clear of.

In the meantime, consider these first aid treatments if you get bitten by an insect or snake\*:

### Insect bite treatment

— Some insects leave their stingers inside you after they inject. Do not attempt to remove them by tweezers or pinching away with your fingers. Use a credit card, stick or anything available to brush the insect stinger out.

— Apply a compress soaked with a solution of nine parts water and one part chlorine bleach to the insect bite.

— Keep the compress on for about 20 minutes.

— Watch the bite for unusual swelling, pain, tenderness or red streaks. If any of these symptoms occur, see your physician or seek emergency medical attention.

— If you have any difficulty in breathing, call an ambulance and go immediately to your local hospital's emergency room.

— If in doubt, call the Southeast Texas Poison Center.

### Snakebite treatment

— If possible, identify the snake. However, don't spend a lot of time looking for it.

— Treat all snakebites as if they are poisonous.

— Wash the area of the bite with generous amounts of water, if available. Again, do not delay getting treatment by spending a lot of time doing this.

— Make sure the injured person is lying down. Call the local hospital's emergency room to let them know you are on your way. Go immediately.

— Think safety when you are taking anyone to seek medical attention for any reason. Do not go alone with the injured person, if at all possible. It is unsafe to drive and take care of them, should their

### Interesting fact...

The Southeast Texas Poison Center receives approximately 35,000 calls per year regarding accidental poisoning. Of that, approximately 6 percent of the calls concern insects.

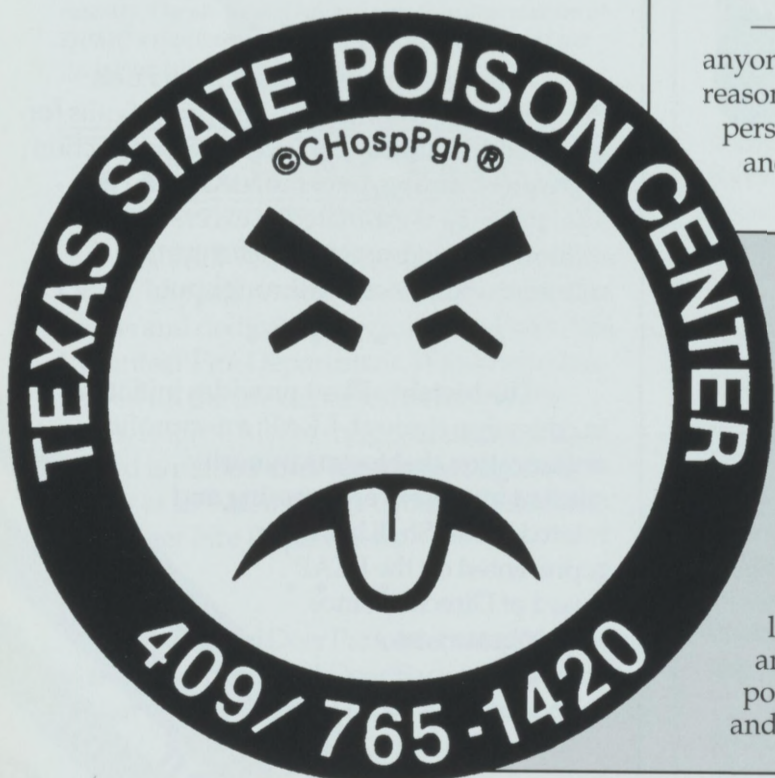
condition worsen. Let the other person in the car care for the injured person. If you are alone, call an ambulance.

— Make sure the injured person is very still on the way to the hospital. Also elevate the bitten part slightly—about an inch or two above the heart.

— If you have any questions and you have time, call the Southeast Texas Poison Center (713/654-1701 for Houston area; 409/765-1420 for Galveston area).

\* The above treatment is for all insect and snake bites, as recommended by the DPMC Medical staff and Michael Ellis of the Southeast Texas Poison Center.

Sources: Michael Ellis, director of Southeast Texas Poison Center, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX and the DPMC Medical Department, with special thanks to Marie Wilson, Medical, for her research efforts.



### Write for a "Mr. Yuk" sticker

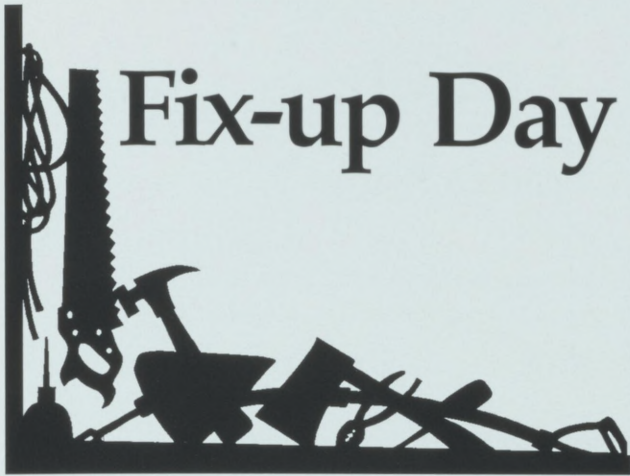
In a poisoning emergency there's no time to waste. That's why the "Mr. Yuk" sticker, offered free by the Southeast Texas Poison Center, is the perfect emergency reference to keep handy.

The fluorescent green decal lists the telephone number to call for answers to your questions about poisoning from household products and insect and animal bites. Affix them

to your phones, medicine cabinets, supply cupboards, and anywhere you're likely to look for emergency aid.

For the stickers and, if available, a brochure on poisoning and insect bites, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Southeast Texas Poison Center, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550-2780. The stickers will list the number for the poison center that is local to your area.

# Fix-up Day in La Porte



LA PORTE FIX—Shell SERVE volunteers and their families put in a hard day's work on the homes of thankful La Porte senior citizens in April. Local officials including La Porte Mayor Norman Malone and Senator Chet Brooks also made an appearance. Pictured are: (clockwise, l-r) Ray Roberson, Shutdown Maintenance; Patty Bezdek, Fuels Maint.; Ben Neal, Engineering Services; Sandra Hogue, Major Resins; Steve Whitman, Shell Explorer; Penni Farias, Big Three; Darryl Hurt, Control Systems; (center) unknown woman; Barbara Foster, DP ISD; Norman Malone, La Porte mayor.

## SCORANOTES

### Camping dates

Camping in Stephen Austin Park is May 22. Site reservations are \$13. Send deposit, along with the number of adults and children in your party.

Camping in Galveston State Park is June 19-21. Send \$9 deposit to BILLIE DANIEL. Only 15 sites available.

Camping in Wolf Creek Park is July 2-4. Deposit \$18. Only 17 sites available.

Send all deposits to BILLIE DANIEL, North Administration Room 124.

### Fish tourney

The annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held June 6. Ten cash prizes

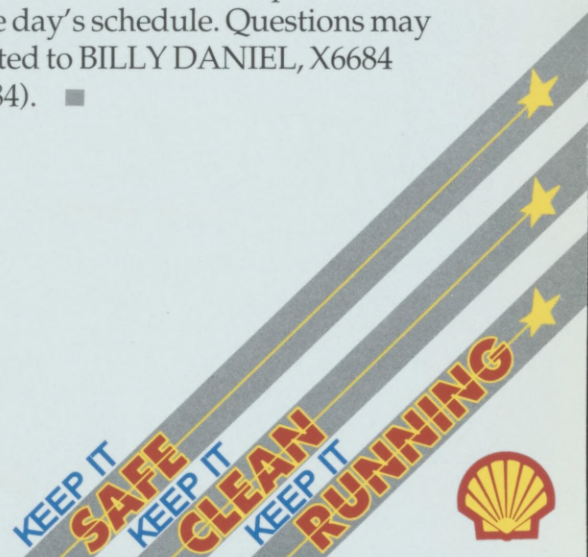
for total weight of flounder, speckled trout and redfish will be given away. All entry monies will be awarded. SCORA will add \$400 to the pot in addition to paying \$50 for the largest trash fish (sheep's head, sand trout, croaker or hardhead). Weigh-in location is Sylvan Beach Park no later than 7 p.m. Members \$10, nonmembers \$20. To enter, call BILLIE DANIEL at X 6-6684 (246-6684).

### A night of skating

It's the "school is out at last skating party." Skate with the whole family 6 to 9 p.m. June 9 at Sports Page Roller Rink, 410 S. Pasadena Blvd. in Deer Park. Members are free, nonmembers \$2.50.

### How to view SCORA events on PROFS

Want to view a month of SCORA activities at a glance? Call up Process Calendars and insert SCORA on top line ("Calendar for"). Press PF6 to view the month. Tab to any event about which you want more information and press PF1 to view the day's schedule. Questions may be directed to BILLY DANIEL, X6684 (246-6684). ■



## MILESTONES

### Service Anniversaries

#### 30 YEARS

M.A. GILMORE  
Engrg. Support

#### 25 YEARS

J.C. PEEBLES  
Log./Utilities

W.R. SPEIGHTS  
Engrg. Services

#### 20 YEARS

B.E. McELROY  
Log./Util./Prod.

#### 15 YEARS

D.L. BUTCHER  
Solv./Distrib.

W.S. DORSEY  
Olefins Maint.

D.L. FARNELL  
Aromatics

G.B. FOREMAN  
Log./Disp./Docks

R.H. FOSTER  
Aromatics

C.O. HARMON  
Log./Disp./Docks

J.W. HOLT  
W. Lubes/Dispatch.

P.R. LITTLES  
Log./Utilities

H.L. MILLER  
Hydroprocessing

G.W. SANDERS  
Solv./Distrib.

A.E. SMITH  
Olefins Maint.

C. VAZQUEZ  
Business Svcs.

#### 10 YEARS

P.K. KRIG  
Business Svcs.

#### DPMC WELCOMES

F. AHMAD  
Analytical Lab

W.T. BURRELL  
Engrg. Services

B.W. CURTIS  
Econ. & Sched.

G.E. GIBLER  
Major Projects

D.A. KENNEDY  
Analytical Lab

J.J. KILGORE  
Engrg. Services

A.E. MAYES  
Engrg. Services

R.F. WALSH III  
Major Projects

#### RETIREMENTS

G. BLANCHARD  
Business Services

D.R. DEISTER  
Refng./W. Lubes

B.B. HEDRICH  
Solv. & Dist. Maint.

D.G. HOOD  
Human Resources

O.G. LINDSEY  
Logistics

J.A. MILLER  
Maint. Planning

R.M. PETRI  
Business Services

J.M. POWELL  
Business Services

T.A. RODGERS  
Analytical Lab

#### MEMORIAM

W.D. LAYNE, retiree, died  
Dec. 15, 1991 in Waco, TX.

JOE HUGHES, retiree, died  
March 25 in Houston, TX.

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks for party

My wife and I would like to thank my fellow workers for the gifts, scroll and retirement party. We had a wonderful time.

VICTOR and ALICE LAUREL

### Thanks a bunch

Special thanks to the Environmental Department for the plaque and the scroll.

The *Shellegram* has come a long way since '55 when I started in the Chemical Plant. The first few years it was a mimeographed sheet on paper with a few articles. We can be proud of its size, contents and looks.

STEVE KOTEL

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 2-speed Schwinn bicycle. Chrome and gold. Very pretty, like new. Easy to ride. Contact WALTER IDOUX, 645-1044.

FOR SALE: 8-cubic-foot Sears Kenmore almond chest freezer. Like new. \$150. Contact L.C. GLASS, 479-6783 or x6-7462 (246-7462).

FOR SALE: Deckboat 19-foot, 150 Mariner, s/s prop, depth finder, trolling motor, bilge pump, galvanized trailer, covers for boat & motor, garaged, like new, \$13,000. Contact MARVIN BATTON at 476-0128.

FOR SALE: 4-space cemetery lot w/ monument privileges near mausoleum in Forest Park Cemetery on Lawndale Ave. in Houston. \$3500. Contact H.A. THOMAS at 1-409-854-2677.

FOR SALE: Sears 36" riding tractor mower. Electric start. 10 HP. Good condition. \$550 cash. Contact MILLIE WHEELER at 643-0474.

FOR SALE: Double-wide mobile home with built-on porch, carport and sun deck. 70x105 lot. In the Sandy Creek recreation area, between Jasper and Zavalla on Lake Sam Rayburn. Contact EDWARD MADDEN at 242-1924.

### Service anniversary, retirement photos



Employees celebrating retirements or 25-years and up service anniversaries who want their photos included in the *Shellegram* should make an appointment with the designated photographer for a portrait sitting as early as possible. It takes at least two months from the date of your sitting to see your photo in print. A notice regarding this portrait sitting is mailed to your home from your manager at the beginning of the month of your service anniversary/retirement.

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