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## Ghost Story

# The oil spill that wasn't there

Question: When is a spill not a spill?

Answer: When it's a drill.

You wouldn't have known it was a drill, however, seeing those response teams in action.

At 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, C.G. (Andy) Anderson, operations supervisor at the Dispatching Docks, announced that a 50-barrel fuel oil spill had occurred at DPMC's new East Products Dock.

Immediately, word went out to the Coast Guard, several local, state and federal agencies involved in air and water pollution control, and to DPMC officials. Also notified was a local spill contractor, asked to assist in the clean-up operation.

It was no accident that members of the Clean Channel Association were on hand to

observe what followed. The drill was staged in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of that group of industries along the Ship Channel that pools its resources to handle emergencies. Its current chairman is Bob Mattern, superintendent of Environmental Conservation at DPMC.

Immediately upon receiving the word, the Shell Docks Emergency Response Spill Group went into action to contain the imaginary spill. Approximately 1,200 feet of spill boom was pulled off its reel by the Shell Dock Operations boat "Rocky D" and deployed across the mouth of the slip. That prevented the "oil" from getting out into the Ship Channel.

The local contractor soon arrived on the scene and deployed a boom around the dock and the imaginary vessel from which the spill was supposed to have occurred. Then the contractor's people deployed a secondary boom inside the primary boom, to contain the oil in the smallest area possible.

Fire monitors and hoses then were used to herd the oil to locations along the shoreline for convenient removal by vacuum trucks. The "disposal site" was in-plant, in the lagoon area.

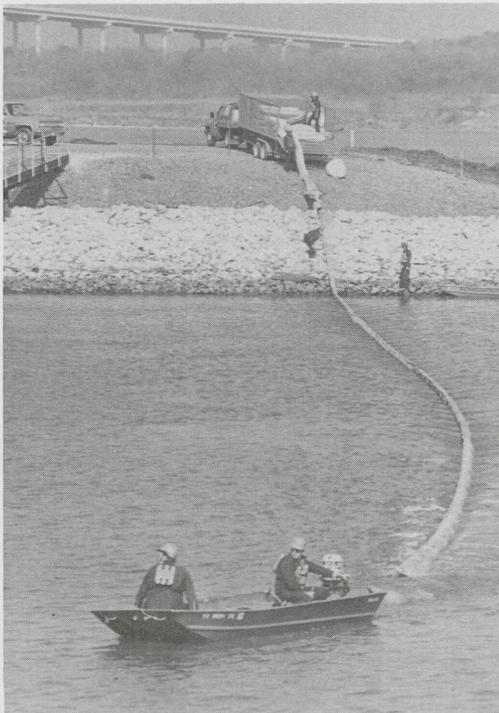
Coast Guard representatives, also getting some training from the exercise, helped direct the clean-up and conducted an investigation to determine the cause of and

responsibility for the spill.

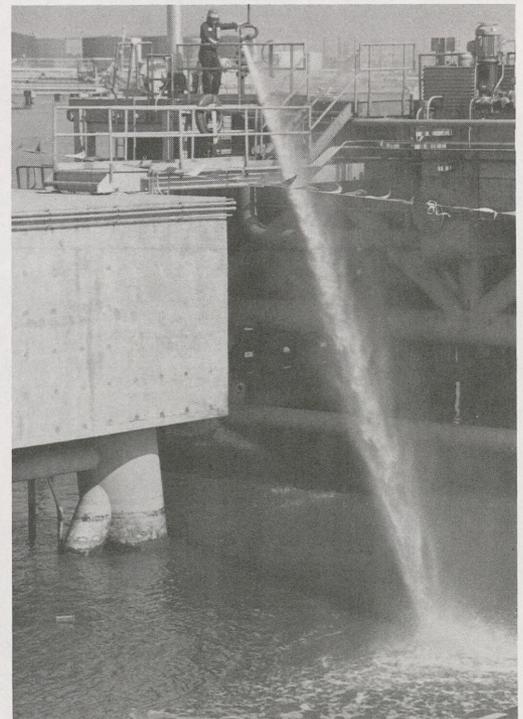
"Everything went according to plan," said Andy Anderson, who had high praise for the performance of the Shell response team and that of the contractor. Mattern echoed the praise.

Anderson noted that the drill only took about two and a half hours, which is highly efficient. He pointed out that a comparable 50-barrel "real" spill could often take up to two or three days to clean up.

Mattern said, "The speed with which you can contain and clean up a spill is important not only so as to minimize the environmental impact, but also because it can be much less expensive."



Spill boom is deployed from a truck to encircle the dock and the fictitious vessel from which the imaginary spill was said to have occurred.



Fire monitors are used to direct the imaginary spilled oil to a convenient location for recovery.

Pasadena Citizen Photos by Mark Dickson

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**1982 Cutlass Supreme Brougham.** Maple red, AM/FM/cassette, loaded, 13,000 miles. Call 473-3530 after 5 p.m.

**1982 Ford F150 super cab truck.** Air, power, AM/FM. Assume \$9,300 balance at Credit Union or refinance. Call 475-8313.

**1981 Ford F100.** LWB, six cyl., four-speed overdrive, air, power steering and brakes, good gas mileage. \$6,000. Call 485-4807.

**1981 Chevette.** Four-speed, two-door, air, 26,000 miles. Must sell, make offer. Call Curt at 723-2142 after 6 p.m.

**1980 Yamaha special 650.** Good shape, 7,500 miles. \$1,700. Call 473-5062.

**1979 Bronco.** Air, four-wheel drive, tilt, AM/FM/cassette, low miles. \$7,300. Call 476-1538.

**1978 Camaro Z-28.** Low mileage, AM/FM, T-tops. Call 475-2596.

**1978 Yamaha 1100.** New Continental tires, new battery, excellent condition, maroon. \$1,500. Call 485-4807.

**1977 Mercury Cougar.** Four-door, loaded, one owner. \$1,995. **1982 EXP Ford.** Loaded. \$5,995. Call 473-5811.

**1977 MGB.** Very good condition, loaded, power, air, AM/FM/cassette, four-speed with overdrive. \$2,999. Call 944-7343.

**1964 Chevy II.** For parts. Call 479-6679. **Kerrville-Harper area house.** 3-1/2-2, three years old, on one acre, fireplace. Call 472-4262.

**One acre, Lake Somerville.** Road frontage, access to electricity, phone and water. \$1,995. Call 487-5597.

**House near Complex.** 3-2-2, fireplace. **Acre-lot in LaPorte.** Honda 650 CB custom. Good condition. Call 479-6228.

**Three lots, Lake Livingston.** Yaupon Cove (mobile home section), electricity in, water and sewage disposal available. Call 1-258-7943.

**Minolta SRT-101 camera body.** 35 mm, good condition, ideal for second camera, case included. \$65. Call 482-3564.

**Freezer.** Sears 30 cu. ft. Coldspot upright, frost-free, about six years old. \$200. Call Peggy at 479-2886.

**G.E. refrigerator/freezer.** Side-by-side, year old, like new, has a service policy. \$650. Call 644-6956.

## LOST

**Silver and chrome ballpoint pen.** "Liz" on clip, blue ink. Disappeared around 9:30 a.m. on February 25 from nurse's desk at Refinery Dispensary. This pen was a Christmas present and owner would appreciate it if anyone finding the pen would return it to Liz at the Medical Dept.

## Fishing, racing on SCORA agenda

Two big SCORA events are coming the weekend of March 19.

The spring Bass Tournament gets under way 6:30 a.m., March 19, at Bridgecove Marina on Lake Conroe. Entry deadline: March 17.

It's \$10 per person, two SCORA members per boat. Payback: first through tenth place. Cash and trophies for first, second and third place. Also, there will be a big-bass contest - \$2 per person (optional).

Contact Jug Bennett, Ext. 6670, Herman Akers, Ext. 7447, or Bubba Jackson, Ext. 6614.

Also on March 19, SCORA busses blast off at noon for a weekend at Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana. If your money is not in by now, it's probably too late, but you might check with Pam Olivo (Ext. 7194) just in case there's a vacancy.

## Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

**Equities Fund**  
Feb. 15 - \$5.130

**Shell Stock Fund:**  
Feb. 1-15 - \$39.140

The Shell Employees Stock Ownership Fund  
valuation is:

Feb. 1-15, 1983 - \$39.314



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