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Cash in on 'Las Vegas Night'

Are you feeling lucky? Cash in on SCORA's 'Las Vegas Night' this Friday (with play money of course). This event, which will be held at Pasadena's S.P.J.S.T. Hall on Tatar from 8 a.m. to midnight, will feature such entertainment as poker, roulette, blackjack and bingo. Advance tickets cost \$3 each. Admission at the door will cost \$4 per person.

Gathered from survey

More readers' comments listed

EDITOR'S NOTE: For a second time, we are sharing with you comments from employees and retirees gathered during our readership survey. Since we didn't request names, all comments were given anonymously. All words used by readers are their own. We regret lack of space keeps us from responding in depth to all the points raised by our readers.

READER: "There's no point in printing articles about Shell's views, profits, etc., that have already been covered in the company's news bulletins and letters."

EDITOR: It is the policy of the Shellegram to emphasize Complex-related activities and employees and devote the majority of space to these areas. However, many persons have expressed an interest in seeing articles about other Shell locations or company policies—which have already been covered in some other source they did not get a chance to read. We try to condense these non-Complex stories whenever possible and we ask you to bear with us if you have already seen them. But as long as there is a desire among a large segment of readers to see such stories, we feel we must meet their needs.

READER: "For us new to DPMC, more information is needed on various departments' activities, products made and how they are used."

EDITOR: Due to an overwhelming number of requests for such stories, you will see more of them in the future.

READER: "We need more photos of men on the job."

EDITOR: Judging from responses, photos of men—and women—doing their jobs is probably one of our most popular features. Consequently, we will feature far more of them in upcoming issues and we will do our best to represent as many units and offices as possible.

READER: "I'd like to occasionally see group pictures dating back to the 1940s and 1950s—especially a group photo of the Insulation Department in about 1959 or 1960 or other old group pictures of the Insulation Department."

EDITOR: There were many such requests and we would gladly use some old pictures from Shellegram files for this purpose. However, we think many readers would also like to see historic photos that have never been published before. But in order to do this, we'll need some help from our readers. Needless to say, any picture we 'borrow' will be returned as quickly as possible.

READER: "It might help if you selected people in the field to submit news items of a personal or amusing nature that you could

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Banks' restored Riviera looks like new

Pride fills his voice when Parley Banks, operator, Specialties, talks about his 1964 Buick Riviera Grand Sport.

He has got a right to be proud of the bright, yellow car, which glistens in the sun like it just rolled out of a showroom yesterday instead of nearly 20 years ago. That's because he has put countless hours into repainting and restoring the automobile since he bought it last May.

Banks had his work cut out for him because the car's previous owner had let it sit outside for about 15 years. As a result, the Grand Sport's paint faded and it accumulated a lot of rust.

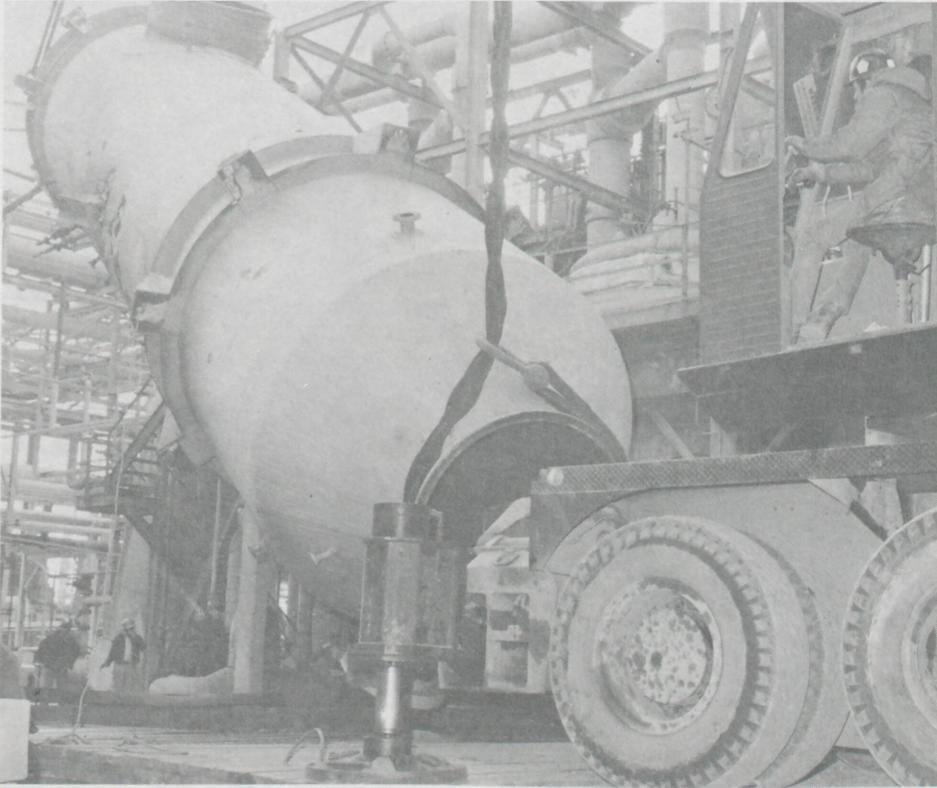
But his hard work paid off when he was awarded a fifth place trophy for "Best Restored Car" at the Astrodome Car Show (the first auto show he had



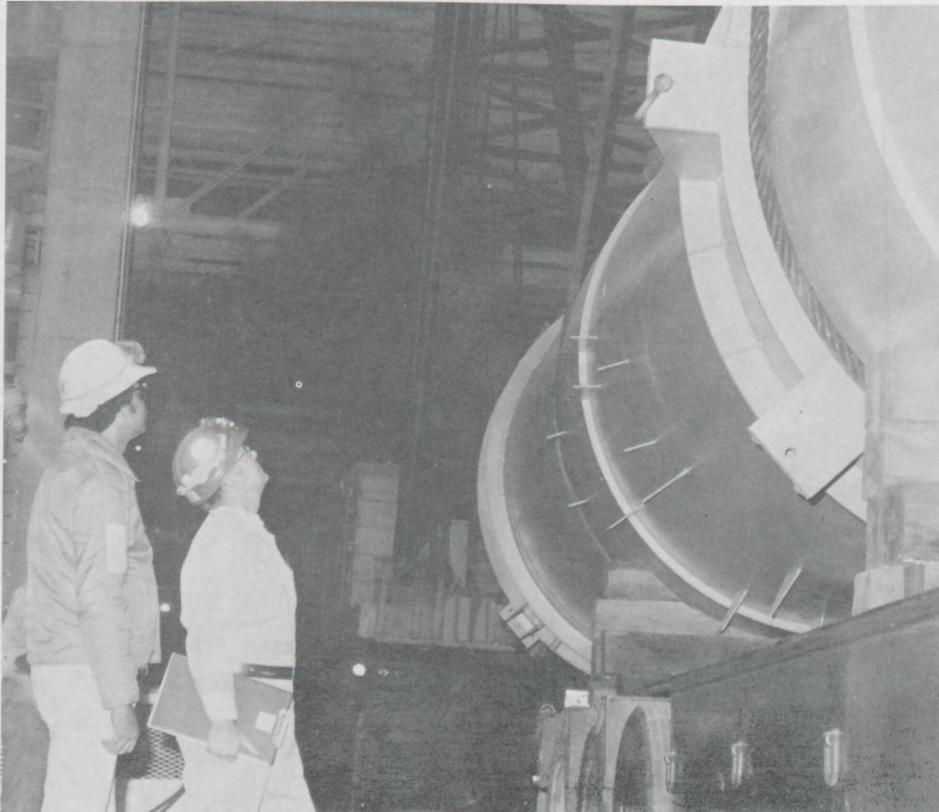
Parley Banks, operator, Specialties, shows off his restored 1964 Buick Riviera Grand Sport and the trophy it won for him at the Astrodome Car Show.

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Cranes, craftsmen replace VCM's reactor



Delicately balanced in midair by two cranes (one of which is shown here), this corroded EDC reactor is gently lowered to the ground so a new reactor can be installed at VCM to replace it.



Joe Arceneaux, left, and Joe Slaven, both zone foremen, Maintenance South, inspect a new EDC reactor before cranes hoist it into place.

What weighs 271,396 pounds, is made of metal and serves an important function at VCM?

Give up? It's an ethylene dichloride (EDC) reactor—like the one put in place last week. All it took to put in the new reactor was two huge cranes and about 50 craftsmen a day for a week.

Mike Rudnicki, process manager, V Operations, explained EDC reactors are replaced about every four years. This is because corrosion results when ethylene from OP-II and OP-III reacts with chlorine (usually from CA) and iron from the reactor's walls to produce ethylene dichloride.

Replacing a corroded reactor is an important job because EDC is the basic building block of VCM (vinyl chloride monomer). VCM is produced by sending the reactor's crude EDC for finishing through VCM's distillation columns and on to cracking furnaces for transformation into VCM.

VCM is then sold to other firms—which turn it into polyvinyl chloride. Polyvinyl chloride is a plastic resin used to make water pipe, phonograph records, and vinyl seat covers for cars.

Because of EDC's importance, VCM received this vital material by barge from Norco while the reactor was being replaced. As a result, VCM operations were not disrupted while the new reactor was being put in.

Explaining that the project was completed ahead of schedule, Rudnicki said, "Maintenance did an excellent job. But our operators did just as good a job getting the reactor ready for maintenance personnel to do their work."



D.J. Tarver, rigger, Maintenance South, checks a line used to lift pipe by crane to other craftsmen on the new reactor.

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use at your discretion."

EDITOR: We would like to have a network of reporters in all departments to help us out. In many departments, we already have persons who regularly contribute ideas and tips. But since it

seems unfair for us to single out any particular persons to serve as reporters, we prefer to leave the submission of news open to all. We emphasize anyone can turn in a tip by sending it to Room 151, DPMC North Administration Building, or by calling Extension 6301.

New program to help locate carpoolers

The Complex is putting a new wrinkle in its carpool matching program this year—thanks to CarShare, a computerized service offered by Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority.

CarShare will process data from forms being mailed to DPMC employees this week and advise registered employees of potential carpool matches in their neighborhoods.

Since CarShare uses a computer program providing automatic geographic matching keyed to your home address, it'll be easier to register for the carpool program because you'll no longer have to provide your page-square number from the Houston and Harris County Atlas.

CarShare also makes it possible for more people to participate in carpools than last year—when the program was limited to Shell residents of Harris County. The CarShare service is now being offered to residents of outlying communities as well.

If you indicate you are interested in carpooling, a listing of prospective

nearby Shell carpoolers will be mailed to your home around the first week of March. CarShare listings will be continually updated. If you change addresses or wish to be included in the program later, you may call CarShare at 227-0003 and obtain a new listing.

All information obtained will be confidential and used only for carpool matching purposes.

Since information from employees is badly needed to plan for the program, the forms (indicating whether or not you wish to participate) should be returned to Room 145, DPMC North Administration Building by Feb. 6.

It is particularly important for persons now having carpool parking tags entitling them to park in the preferred parking lot to return forms quickly because current tags expire Feb. 20. Without new tags, you can't park in the lot—which has been set aside for carpools by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Federal regulations require employees to register every six months for

participation in a carpool program—even if they previously registered. The regulations require employers to invite all their employees to join a program—except those specifically requesting exclusion on grounds of personal privacy.

If you have questions about the carpool program, please contact Becky Maxwell, Extension 6998.

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		Provident Fund news	
\$		The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:	\$
		Equities Fund	
		Dec. 31-\$4.409	
		Shell Stock Fund	
		Dec. 16-31-\$57.640	
\$		The Shell Employee Stock Ownership Fund valuation is:	\$
		Dec. 16-31-\$57.329	
\$	\$	\$	\$

Complex employees to seek retirement

Earl M. Branch, 65, shift foreman, G Department, is one of several Complex employees who will retire Feb. 1. He ends 31 years of company service. Branch and his wife, Velmarie, live at 10119 Dunvegan, Houston.

S.P. Davis, 62, operations supervisor, Solvents and Treating, also will retire, ending 38 years of service. He and his wife, Dixie Ruth, live at 608 Live Oak, Pasadena.

Alton L. Eaton, 51, operations foreman, Utilities Central, ends 28 years of service. He and his wife, Audrey, reside at 676 Parktown, Deer Park.

Pat Moore, 62, operations foreman, Catalytic Cracking, ends 33 years of service. He and his wife, Margie, live at Hillister.

Walter S. Mora, 65, craft foreman, Maintenance South, ends 33 years of service. He and his wife, Doris, live at 707 Pampa, Pasadena.

C.E. Salter, 58, staff engineer,



Branch



Davis



Eaton



Moore



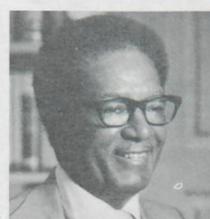
Mora



Salter



Starker



Thomas

Economics and Scheduling, ends 33 years of service. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside at 14 Marina Village Drive, Seabrook.

B.R. Starker, 62, staff engineer, Process Engineering, ends 38 years of

service. He and his wife, Doris, live at 707 Brook Lane, Pasadena.

E. Thomas, 63, operator, Alkylation, ends 37 years of service. He and his wife, Beatrice, live at 258 De Haven, Houston.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1979 Ford F-100 pickup. 302 V-8, automatic, air, power steering, tilt steering, AM-FM, eight-track shell camper. \$5,100. Call 328-2326.

1980 Corvette. Mirrored T-top, AM-FM, cassette, CB. \$12,000. Headache racks for long wheel base Ford pickup. \$150. Call 487-2795 after 4:30 p.m.

1977 Grand Prix. AM-FM. 27,000 miles. \$3,200. Call 471-6258.

1978 Mercury Bobcat Hatchback. Air, power, AM-FM. Excellent shape. \$3,895. Call 427-4886 after 5 p.m.

Turbo 400 Pontiac transmission. \$75. Call 458-7294.

Hood for 1965-66 Mustang. \$25. Call 472-4986.

1973 Eighteen-foot motor home. 318 Dodge engine, air, radio, sleeps five, refrigerator, central heat, range and

oven, toilet and shower. \$6,495. Call 472-5984.

Lot at Elkins Lake. Between Conroe and Huntsville. Call 723-3289.

Approximately half-acre lot in Wildwood Resort Community. 90 miles from Houston, fishing, camping. \$1,000 cash, assume \$4,500 at 10 percent. Call 472-0131.

Deep Freeze. 21-foot-upright. \$150. Call 473-1956.

Technics 45-watt receiver. Two Pioneer XD-10 speakers. Realistic Lab 250 turntable. \$550. Sony receiver and cassette. Two Realistic Optimus-10 speakers. \$300. Call 481-1074.

Browning 22-caliber automatic rifle with 4X scope. \$225. Call 470-1425 after 5 p.m.

Maherajah 7.5 slalom water ski. With case. Used twice. \$95. Registered nine-month-old appaloosa filly. Buckskin. Gentle. \$250. Six-year-old AQHA chestnut mare. 15 hands. \$795. Call 471-1527.

FOR RENT

Two-bedroom, two-bath duplex. Near San Jacinto College, LaPorte schools. Stove, refrigerator. \$330 per month, water paid. Call 941-6241 after 5 p.m.

WANTED

Goal post for basketball backboard. Call 487-6471.

Rider. Needed for three-person car-pool in Southwest area. Working straight days. Call 778-0603.

FREE

Nine-month-old spaded and declawed kitten. Has shots. Affectionate and well-behaved. Litter box and dish included. Call 480-2837.

ANNOUNCEMENT

H.A. (Mac) McElroy, Engineering Support, retires Jan. 29. If you're interested in attending his retirement party at 4 p.m. that day, DPMC North Cafeteria, contact Ella Mae Young, Extension 6433, by Jan. 26.

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ever entered) last Thanksgiving.

It was a moment he had been waiting for since he first started restoring cars (mostly Rivieras) several years ago. "I spent hour after hour with the Grand Sport before this show—the largest car show ever held—but I continued to work with it even after I drove into the display area. After I saw the 29 other cars entered in my class and how perfect they looked, I figured I didn't stand a chance. It was quite a shock to walk out of there with a trophy."

However, Banks knew his car was special long before he entered the show. There were only 800 cars made like his, equipped with a Wildcat 465 engine, two four-barrel carburetors and over 32 options. Although it can reach 150 miles per hour, it gets good mileage for a car with that much equipment—about 15 miles per gallon.

But the features he's most proud of are the car's long, sleek lines and its classic styling. He explains, "I have a real affinity for the Grand Sport's design. Used from 1963 to 1965, this design is

recognized as one of the most beautiful ever devised and has won several American and European styling awards."

Banks has invested about \$700 into the Grand Sport since he purchased it for \$900. He thinks it has been worth it because he recently had the car appraised for \$8,000—far more than he put into it.

He feels he accomplished the restoration at a bargain price by doing the work himself. "I couldn't afford to pay somebody to do it for me because \$20,000 is not an unusual figure to pay to have a restoration done professionally."

Although the restoration makes the car look new, it isn't. Except for exterior paint, a new trunk liner and interior wood paneling, it has all-original equipment. Since he's getting ready to enter more shows, Banks points out he intends to keep it that way because judges count off points for all non-original equipment.

But he plans to do more work on the car—such as repainting it again. Why? Because, Banks has his eye on even more awards in the future.



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