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Deer Park Manufacturing Complex

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Tonight's the night

Shell Federal Credit Union's annual membership meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Gaines Y. Mason Auditorium in the Deer Park High School on Ivy Street. Credit Union members who attend are eligible to win cash door prizes totaling \$2,200.

Phenol B shutdown ends this month



J.W. Blake, left, Norma Saldana and Jim Sevier, all operators, Phenol B, prepare for the end of Phenol B's seven-month shutdown.

Phenol B is expected to be back in operation in about two weeks, marking the end of a seven-month shutdown.

According to Gerry Garcia, process manager, Phenol B, shutdown work was coordinated with repairs at Phenol A—where the cumene unit was damaged by fire last May.

This was necessary because Phenol A, which is also resuming operations this month, supplies feed (a crude phenol and acetone mixture) to Phenol B for conversion into finished phenol and acetone. Phenol B sends half of its finished product to BPA for conversion to bisphenol of acetone (BPA)—a building block for epoxy resins—while the rest is sold to other firms, which also use it primarily to make resins.

In preparation for the end of the shutdown, Phenol B operators were involved earlier this year in extensive training which included—for most of them—a trip to Texas A&M to study industrial fire prevention techniques. Since early February, the operators have been back at Phenol B, getting ready for the start-up.

But the operators aren't the only ones who have been busy during the shutdown, which began last August. Maintenance crews have been busy making improvements—such as installing a new heat recovery system to improve energy conservation at Phenol B by

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Wanted: Great chili cooks

Everybody knows Texas is the home of the world's greatest chili. But who're the best chili cooks at the Complex?

That's what we will find out at the Shell clubs' March 14 chili cookoff at Deer Park Chamber of Commerce's new building at 500 West 13th. Admission for the cookoff—which begins at noon—costs \$2 each for adults and \$1 for children under 12.



But time's running out to sign up to compete. All teams must submit entries—and a \$3 fee per team (which will each consist of four contestants)—by Friday to Barbara Bond, General Services, DPMC North Cafeteria.

Trophies go to the top three winners.

Other contests to be held along with the cookoff include a beauty pageant—and competition in jalapeno eating, beer drinking, whistling, face making, arm wrestling, belly bumping and mud wrestling. Dancing starts at 6 p.m., with a dance contest set for 7 p.m. Contest winners will receive trophies.

Entertainment will be provided by Walter Fortune and the DPMC "Square Deals," our own square dancers, and the "Cloggers," a Deer Park square dancing group. For more information, call Greg Farley, Extension 7265.

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Provident
Fund news


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The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund
 Feb. 15-\$4.070
Shell Stock Fund
 Feb. 1-15-\$46.796

\$ — \$ — \$ — \$

The Shell Employee Stock Ownership Fund valuation is:
Feb. 1-15-\$46.909

\$ — \$ — \$ — \$

By the federal government

Utilities recognized for rain records

After years of faithfully recording the Complex's rainfall for the National Weather Service, Utilities operators have received a pat on the back from the federal government.

In recognition of these efforts to gather data as Deer Park's official weather station for the last 25 years, the Complex has received a certificate of appreciation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the Department of Commerce.

But while the government's recognition program covered only the last 25 years, the Complex has actually been collecting its weather data a lot longer than that.

Bill Ursprung, power plant supervisor, Utilities North, recalled, "I came out here in 1938 and we were doing it then. We started this as a public service because the Weather Service needed rainfall data from this part of Harris County."

The data is no longer recorded at the

old North cooling water pumphouse like it was back in the 1930s—because this job was transferred to the river water reservoir near the ship channel several years ago. But operators still check a rain gauge manually—at 7 a.m. every day—just like they did when the Complex first gathered this information. At the end of each month, this data is sent to the Weather Service.

Although the rain data has been collected for years, the greatest rainfall ever recorded at the Complex occurred just about six years ago—on June 9, 1975.

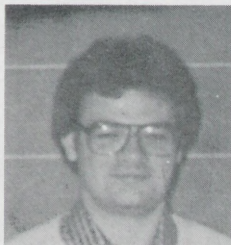
Ursprung recalled, "I've never seen a rain like that—we got 15 inches during the first six hours. You had to guess where the roads were because you couldn't see them. Nobody got to go home that night."

Undoubtedly, there will be many more rainy days in the years to come. But Utilities operators will be on the job, keeping an eye on the wet stuff for the folks in Washington.



C.O. Patterson, operator, Utilities North, checks the Complex rain gauge for the National Weather Service.

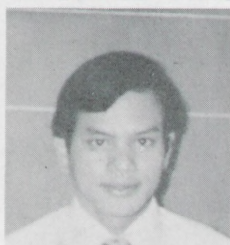
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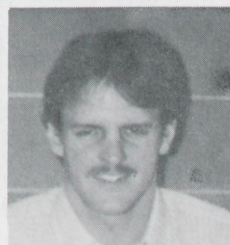
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Engineering
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Hired in Jan.



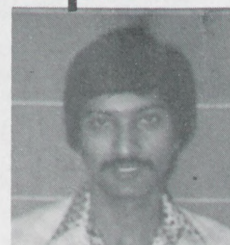
A. Muzerie
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Rick Phung
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David Ross
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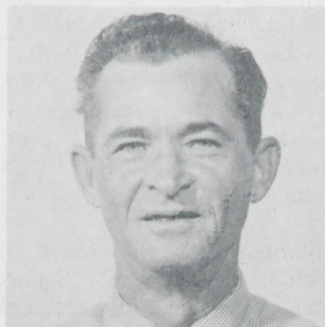


C.P. Seth
Engineer
Proc. Eng.
Hired in Jan.

One employee, one retiree die

Tom A. Skeahan, 56, operator, Aromatics East, died Feb. 25. He had 25 years of company service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Pasadena Funeral Home. He lived in LaPorte.

Barnett C. Fogleman, retired Refinery Lab manager, died Feb. 27. Funeral arrangements were handled by George H. Lewis & Sons. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, who resides in Houston.



Fogleman

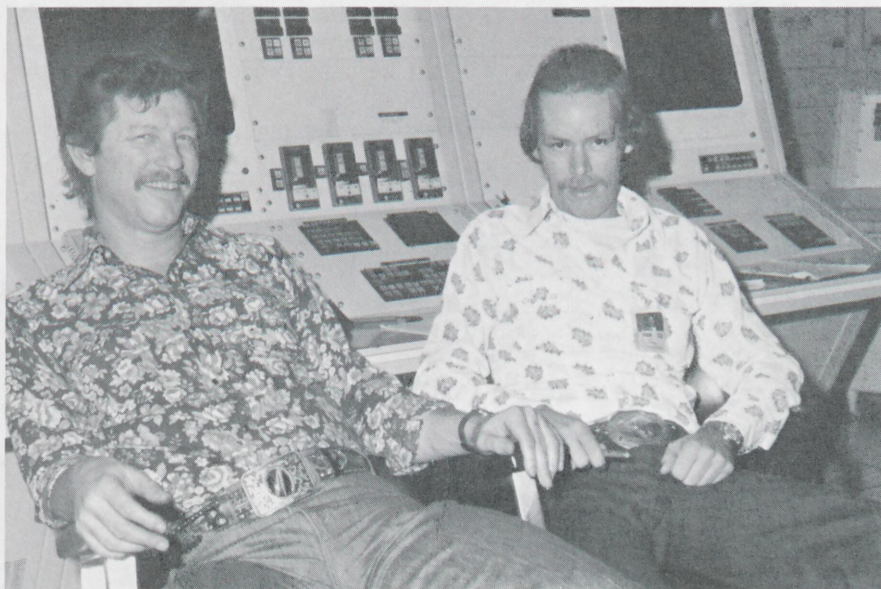
Phenol shutdown . . .

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recovering heat that otherwise would be wasted. Other improvements included rebuilding a hydrocarbon recovery column and replacing heat exchangers after inspection uncovered defects.

Pointing out that the shutdown is being completed on schedule, Garcia said, "Many people are responsible for the successful start-up preparation work. I would like to thank all the operations, technical support, maintenance and engineering personnel who have made this project a success."

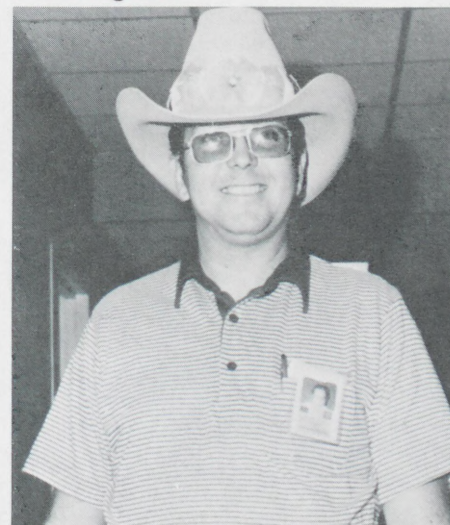
Cowboys roam DPMC on 'Go Texan Day'



Mike Parrish, left, and Don Kirkley, both operators, UCC

As a result of the annual attack of rodeo mania during "Go Texan Day" last Friday, the Complex suddenly found itself knee-deep in cowboys.

While many decked themselves out totally in western garb, there were a lot of drugstore cowboys mixed in with those who looked more authentic. We don't have enough room to run pictures of all those who were dressed for the occasion, but here are photos of a few. See how many "urban cowboys" you can recognize.



Ray Priger, manager, Purchasing and General Services



Jack Bell, senior accountant, General Accounting

Don't Miss The Houston Livestock Show RODEO



Vickie Breshears, typist, Engineering Support



Nikki Saunders, left, secretary, and Dot Honeycutt, Employee Relations assistant, both Industrial Relations, and Sandra Bradbury, Employee Relations assistant, Personnel Services

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1979 Chevy pickup. 350, automatic, air, power steering and brakes, AM-FM, cassette. \$4,500. Call 328-3715.

1972 GMC pickup. Air, automatic, power steering and brakes, camper cover. Clean. 72,000 miles. Call 487-4121.

1978 Celica. Loaded, new tires, low mileage, chrome wheels. Blue with white racing and pin strips. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 476-0203.

1976 Ford T-Bird. Runs good. Must sell. \$1,600. Four-bedroom, one-bath home. One-car garage, wood frame with cedar shake shingles, 100-foot by 80-foot lot, new central heat and air. Most of interior remodeled. \$40,000. Call 455-3409.

Camper top. For short wheel base pickup. Like new. \$150. Call 471-4476.

1976 Kawasaki KZ-900 LTD. With less

than 1,100 miles. Mulholland shocks, mag wheels, crash bars, luggage rack, fairing. Runs very good. Best offer over \$1,800. Call 495-1811 after 6 p.m.

Headlights, turn signals and assorted parts for 500 cc through 750 cc Honda road bikes. Call 930-0375.

3-2-2 brick home in Dickinson. One formal, huge den, carpet, dishwasher, disposal, built-ins, Corning Ware top stove, new roof, central heating, heated pool, greenhouse, workshop, landscaped. \$83,500 new loan or equity on 8½ percent loan with \$495 monthly payments. No flooding. Call 337-5056 after 5 p.m. for appointment.

Fairmont Park West home. 3-2-2 brick, fenced. Equity and assume 8 percent VA loan. Payments \$412 per month. Ebbtide 18-foot Deep V boat. 140 HP Evinrude, aluminum drive on trailer, less than 20 hours, one year old. \$7,500. Call 471-7866.

French Provincial bedroom furniture. No bed, seven pieces. \$500. Sleeper sofa. \$200. Will take best offer. Call 778-0764 after 5 p.m.

Sofa and loveseat. Blue and brown print with bamboo accents. \$300. King-size, all-wood headboard. \$100. Call 479-1890.

Whirlpool washer and Kenmore Dryer. Good condition. \$100 for both. Available after March 13. Call 495-1811 after 6 p.m.

Four J.C. Penny three-way bass reflex speakers. Sold new for \$200 each. Asking \$75 each. Call 471-4476.

Vivitar zoom lenses for Olympus Camera. 70-210 F-3.5 macro focusing auto zoom. \$240. 35-85 F-2.8 auto variable focusing zoom. \$260. Call 527-0886.

Spalding softball glove. Used once. \$25. Woman's three-quarter length rabbit coat. Call 944-2823.

FOR LEASE

House in College Park. 4-2-2. Trees, chain link fence. Very nice. Available April 1. \$475 per month. Glen Meadows house. Across from Fairmont Park. 3-2-2. Like new. Fenced. \$450 per month. Call 471-6576.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To whoever checked out the Safety North OSHA slide presentation: Please return it as soon as possible to H.M. Hancock, safety supervisor.



Expecting soon

Shirley Malonson, operator, Aromatics East, shows off some of the goodies and gifts she received from her co-workers at a baby shower last week. The mother of two boys, she's hoping for a girl in June. But we can't help but wonder if she's discussed her choice with her husband and papa-to-be, Ray, an operator at BPA.

DPMC service anniversary



35 Years
R.L. Boyer
BPA

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