



## Hurricanes

# DPMC is ready if one should call

This is the time of the year when most employees are thinking about taking advantage of the last days of summer or getting youngsters back in school.

But August also brings something else—more potential danger from hurricanes. Although the hurricane season usually lasts from June 1 through at least the end of October, August and September are the peak months for hurricanes.

Long-time residents of this area can attest to the fact that the force of a hurricane should never be underestimated. That's because every hurricane generates winds of speeds up to 200 miles per hour. The storms also can produce 10 to 20 billion tons of water per day.

Carla was the last hurricane to strike here

Many veteran employees don't need to be reminded of what a hurricane can do because they were here when Hurricane Carla struck in 1961, sending tides of more than 12 feet up the ship channel and toward the Complex. While the storm caused a lot of damage which stretched from Port Lavaca to Port Arthur, the only real damage done at DPMC resulted from flooding around the docks.

Subsidence has increased the potential danger from hurricanes

But the Complex could be

more vulnerable to a hurricane now than it was 20 years ago because subsidence has caused land at DPMC to be about five-six feet lower than it was in 1961.

This was caused largely by removal of subsurface water in past years, with most of it occurring between 1961 and 1971. Since then, the subsidence rate has been much less because area industries—including DPMC—and municipalities have been switching from the use of water wells to surface water supplies.

Hurricane procedures plan is prepared annually to get ready for the big storms

But if the potential danger of hurricanes has grown, the Complex's commitment to prepare for hurricanes also has grown. DPMC begins preparing a hurricane procedures plan each spring, long before the official hurricane season begins.

This plan is put into effect any time the professional meteorologists who advise the Complex inform management that a hurricane appears to be heading for the Texas Gulf Coast in the vicinity of Galveston.

Hurricane procedures were put into effect for Allen last year

Many of those hurricane preparation procedures were

activated last August when there was a strong possibility that Hurricane Allen might bring its 170 mile-an-hour winds into this area. Although Allen eventually turned on Brownsville and Corpus Christi, Jim Braus, Complex general manager, praised employees for the way they "performed their DPMC duties well in the face of possible danger." He added, "All this happened in spite of the fact Allen didn't bring any impact to this area."

The hurricane procedures plan calls for many things to be done at the Complex long before it can get very close to us. For example, emergency equipment such as generators and pumps are checked to make sure they are in good working order. In addition, sewers and drainage ditches are examined to insure there are no obstacles in them which would prevent accumulated rainfall generated by a hurricane from draining as rapidly as possible.

The plan will activate still other steps as a hurricane approaches. Among these, the passageways beneath the docks that normally provide access to the channel will be sealed with enormous metal storm doors to prevent high tides from flowing into low-lying areas. The dike, which was completed just last year,

You can learn more about hurricane preparation by obtaining one of the hurricane evacuation maps now available from Health and Safety.

was built to withstand flood tides of up to 16 feet above sea level.

In addition, emergency supplies such as enough food to feed 800 people for five days will be stored at DPMC to meet the needs of personnel who remain at the complex during a storm.

Keep tuned to these stations if a hurricane approaches

Personnel will be kept informed about work assignments in the face of a hurricane through announcements which will be released to area radio stations. Those stations will include KIKK, KMJQ, KPRC and KTRH.

If a hurricane nears, employees also are encouraged to keep up with storm developments by relying on information from professional meteorologists such as that released to the media by the National Weather Service.

Other information about what to do in the face of a hurricane is available in the hurricane evacuation maps now available from Health and Safety. These pamphlets contain information on evacuation routes and a hurricane tracking chart as well as other precautions that need to be taken to protect your families and property from the storms.

## Camping trip planned

Attention, campers. Deposits will be accepted until Sept. 10 for next month's SCORA camping trip at Wolf Creek Park on Lake Livingston.

Campers will arrive at the campground on the afternoon of Sept. 18 and return the afternoon of Sept. 20. While SCORA will furnish meat for the Saturday barbecue and drinks, each family will be responsible for bringing a

covered dish.

The camping trip will cost \$8.25 per night (\$6.25 for each campsite and \$2 per car).

Each family going on the trip will be charged a \$10 advance deposit, which will be refunded upon arrival at the campground. To turn in deposits and reservations, call Berta Hokanson, Extension 6665 or Doc Laskie, Extension 7220.

## Needed: More vacation information

We really appreciate the large number of vacation photos already sent to us by our readers. It looks like many of you have had quite a busy summer as we've seen a lot of snapshots from Europe, Australia and Canada—not to mention the U.S.

But we are just as anxious to see the many vacation pictures we know a lot of you haven't had a chance to send in yet. We're particularly short of pictures from right here in the Lone Star State.

And we would really like to have all photos and information on your vacations in by mid-September as we want to publish our special vacation feature in the early part of the fall.

Any material on the highlights of your vacation are welcome. Since we want to

show the wide variety of vacations taken by Complex employees, we would like to have material from those of you who stayed at home as well as the ones who went on trips.

We will publish material on any vacation made by any retiree or employee this year. Just remember space is limited. So, we won't be able to use every photo. But we'll use all we can.

Stick your photos and a brief description of what you did in an envelope and send them to Les Cole, Shellegram Office, Room 151, North Administration Building. We'll see you get your pictures back if you put your address on them—at home or in your department.

If you have any questions, please call Les Cole at Extension 6301.



## Behind the scenes

If you attended last Saturday's "Special Days" Picnic, you know the dunking booths were one of the main attractions. What you may not know is that the well-made booths were made in the Complex by our own carpenters, painters, welders, boiler-makers, pipefitters and other craftsmen. Shown above are some of the craftsmen involved in making the North booth who are watching Dale Cooper, hourly United Way co-chairperson, North, try out the water. They include Ron Sikora, tinner and Prince Poole, Wayne Westbrook, Randy Jones, George Griffin and Roger Landriault, all boiler-makers. Keep your eyes open for next week's Shellegram—which will feature more "Special Days" pictures.

## Provident Fund news

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund

Shell Stock Fund

July 31-\$4.207

July 16-31-\$45.754

The Shell Employee Stock Ownership Fund valuation is:

July 16-31-\$45.886



## Experience helps when you fight fires

It's a well-known fact the Complex has an excellent fire-fighting capability. This has been proven again and again — not only within the Complex but whenever we've offered a helping hand to our neighbors. Needless to say, experience has played a key role in helping develop that capability. So, the Shellegram is recognizing the fire service experience of these seven members of the South Safey Group. They have all received 20-year certificates in voluntary fire service from area communities and have amassed an amazing total of 165 years of volunteer fire service between them. They also have a cumulative total of 98 years of safety experience at Shell. Pictured on the top row are Paul A. Bond, left, (25 years, Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department — 8 years, Shell Safety); Wesley L. Neal, Jr. (21 years, Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department — 12 years, Shell Safety); Robert Nurenberg (23 years, Pasadena VFD — 5 years, Shell Safety); and Pat Manley (21 years, Deer Park VFD — 12 years, Shell Safety). The bottom row includes Jack Oliphant (25 years, LaPorte Volunteer Fire Department — 13 years, Shell Safety); Odis Chappell (27 years Deer Park VFD — 24 years, Shell Safety); and Tommy Cutrer (23 years Deer Park VFD — 24 years, Shell Safety).

# SHORT SUBJECTS

Their shirts prove they're unique

Members of the clerical support group of Resins Distribution are proud of their group. They feel that it's special.

And four members of the group got their chance to show how special their group was after Resins Distribution was split into organizational teams recently in an effort to concentrate on efficiency and other aspects of work performance.

Four members of the newly formed team composed of clerical support personnel, Donna West,

Karen McCracken and Cynthia Lusk, all clerks, and Nellwyn Petter, Distribution assistant, all wore brand new T-shirts last Thursday to set their team apart from all the others. And the slogan on the shirts made their point. It says, "I'm unique."



Showing off their new "I'm unique" T-shirts are (top row) Donna West, left, Karen McCracken and Cynthia Lusk and (sitting) Nellwyn Petter, all of the clerical support group of Resins Distribution. Members of that clerical support group who are not shown are Mary Carte, senior Distribution assistant, and Diane Hudson, secretary.

## John Maggio goes to England with new doctorate

It would be an understatement to say John Maggio has had a busy summer. While a lot of folks have been taking it easy the past three months, Maggio has been chalking up new achievements — achievements that have his father, Vince, staff engineer, Administration, beaming.

The younger Maggio started off his summer by receiving a doctorate in biochemistry at Harvard. That was the realization of a dream that began when he started his undergraduate studies at that university in 1971 after winning a Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, four-year scholarship.

He was able to receive a master's and bachelor's degree simultaneously from Harvard in 1974. Since then, he has been working on his doctorate, teaching and doing research at Harvard.

But he's still not ready to close the door on his education. As a result, he is now doing post-doctoral work at King's College, Cambridge University, in England. This work, which is focusing on neurobiochemistry, is being financed by a grant sponsored by the British government.

Maggio also found time this summer to take on a new bride, Suzanne Boyce, of Harvard, Mass. And there soon will be two doctorates in their home since she's working on one in linguistics — from Yale.



John Maggio

## Tammi Buffington places eighth in state swim meet

Tammi Buffington, daughter of Ray, operator, BD-HT, and Dawn, senior secretary, West Operations, was a member of a four-girl relay team which placed eighth in 200 meter free style competition at a state swim meet held early this month in San Antonio.

That's quite an accomplishment since the nine-year-old members of the team competed against many 10-year-olds in the 10 and under category.

In order to get the honor of attending the state meet, Tammi had to qualify by meeting rigid Amateur Athletic Union standards during a time trial elimination.

A fourth grader at College Park Elementary in Deer Park, Tammi has only been swimming competitively for the last two years. She is currently in training for individual competition in a Dallas state swim meet which will be held next April.

## Doyle Hale's photos displayed in Pasadena

If you happen to be driving by the Pasadena Public Library during September, you might want to stop in and look at the first public display of photographs taken by Doyle Hale, mechanic, Maintenance North. His work will be on exhibit at the library, 1201 Minerva, the whole month.

Hale was the winner of a "Best of Show" ribbon back in the spring in the Third Annual Amateur Photography Contest sponsored by the library. His winning photo was a view of the ship channel and Houston skyline shot at sunset. He has been an amateur photographer for about 10 years.

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY MORE VITAL TOOL TO YOUR JOB THAN YOUR HANDS? THERE ISN'T — NO MATTER WHAT YOUR JOB IS.

HAND INJURIES CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE COMPLEX. SO FAR THIS YEAR ON THE NORTH SIDE, 59 PERCENT OF ALL OSHA RECORDABLE INCIDENTS WERE HAND INJURIES. ON THE SOUTH SIDE, 47 PERCENT OF ALL OSHA RECORDABLE INCIDENTS WERE HAND INJURIES.



TAKE THE TIME TO DO YOUR WORK CAREFULLY.

DECIDE WHETHER YOU SHOULD WEAR GLOVES. BE AWARE OF CHEMICALS AROUND YOUR AREA SO YOU WON'T BE BURNED. AND DON'T GET YOUR HANDS INTO SITUATIONS WHERE THEY WON'T COME OUT WHOLE AND INTACT.

REMEMBER. WITHOUT YOUR HANDS, WHERE WOULD YOU BE?

Fourth in a series

## Holmes Award winners recognized for 30 safe years

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the fourth and last part of a series listing the names of all Complex employees who recently earned the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Award by reaching their 30th anniversary without a lost time accident. The Shellegram salutes all of these more than 200 Holmes Award winners for putting out the extra effort needed to attain this safety milestone.

The Shellegram is recognizing special employees who have worked at DPMC at least 30 years without receiving a lost time injury. Because of this distinction, these employees have merited the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Award, which consists of a silver pin and safety certificate.

Sponsored by Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, the award is designed to promote safety in mining and related industries. Founded in 1916, the association is named for Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, the first director of Bureau of the mines.

Employees who have earned 30-year Holmes Awards include:

- B.Z.O. Briant, retired, Maintenance North.
- W.E. Hall, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.
- J.B. Harrington, retired, Hydrocracking.
- C.H. Hay, pipefitter, Maintenance North.
- D.W. Hawes, cargo inspector, Dispatching-Docks.
- E.E. Heyen, senior analyst, Dispatching-Operations.
- W.L. Hill, senior lab technician, North Lab.
- W.D. Hoffman, special

tester, North Lab.

—H.C. Holcomb, engineering supervisor, Maintenance North.

—H.F. Holcomb, operator, Environmental Conservation.

—F.E. Johnson, special tester, North Lab.

—R.C. Jones, operator, Distilling.

—J.T.C. Jordy, Stores foreman, Material Control.

—I.D. Junek, Stores foreman, Material Control.

—T.F. Kent, mechanic, Maintenance North.

—N.M. King, operations foreman, Gas Recovery.

—G.J. Kuntz, transitman, Maintenance North.

—D.W. Lanning, process manager, Dispatching-Docks.

—L.R. Law, operator, Dispatching.

—J.R. Laws, inspection supervisor, Inspection.

—M.A. Lawson, special tester, North Lab.

—J.L. Lemons, engineering supervisor, Maintenance North.

—C.F. Magee, operations foreman, Utilities.

—A.L. McClain, counterman, Stores.

—D.V. McKinney, purchasing supervisor, Material Control.

—W.A. Middleton, instrumentation engineer, Process Control-Electrical.

—G.G. Miles, heavy equipment operator, Maintenance North.

—H. Miller, operations foreman, Utilities.

—W.J. Miller, operator, Environmental Conservation.

—L.B. Mills, operations

foreman, Lube C.

—H.L. Mize, engineering supervisor, Maintenance North.

—H.K. Montgomery, process chemist, North Lab.

—A.H. Moore, operations foreman, Operations West.

—T.D. Murray, special tester, North Lab.

—J.C. Muyres, engineering assistant, North Lab.

—M.W. Oakes, operations foreman, Dispatching-Operations.

—J.R. Ott, machinist, Maintenance North.

—L.W. Otterson, operator, Dispatching.

—G.W. Overturf, welder, Maintenance South.

—C.F. Pack, instrument man, Maintenance North.

—C.L. Parrish, instrument man, Maintenance North.

—C. Pate, retired, Maintenance North.

—D.S. Patterson, senior purchasing assistant, Material Control.

—J.D. Payton, training representative, Training.

—D.L. Perry, retired, Process Engineering.

—J.M. Perry, operations supervisor, Aromatics East.

—A.P. Peterson, pipefitter, Maintenance North.

—N.L. Plaehn, operator, A Department.

—J.M. Powell, craft foreman, Maintenance South.

—Y.M. Putman, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.

—H.R. Pyle, special tester, North Lab.

—H.H. Reat, special tester, North Lab.

—J.E. Rikard, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.

—L.W. Roberts, operations supervisor, BA-SR.

—C.A. Robertus, lab operations manager, North Lab.

—D.R. Robison, operator, Gas Recovery.

—T. Rocha, medium equipment operator, Maintenance North.

—G.F. Rogers, special tester, North Lab.

—W.O. Schneider, pipefitter, Maintenance North.

—R.L. Schroeder, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.

—J.C. Schumacher, retired, Dispatching-Docks.

—E.D. Seaton, operator, Aromatics West.

—S.A. Shaw, Stores foreman, Material Control.

—W.N. Shaw, Stores foreman, Material Control.

—R.M. Shellabarger, mechanic, Maintenance North.

—D.J. Slaven, zone foreman, Maintenance South.

—A. H. Smith, pipefitter, Maintenance North.

—D.R. Smith, operator, Dispatching-Operations.

—N.F. Smith, pipefitter, Maintenance South.

—V.E. Smith, retired, Maintenance North.

—B.M. Sommerfield, welder, Maintenance North.

—K. Sparks, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.

—F.G. Speer, zone foreman, Maintenance South.

—H.H. Stall, boilermaker, Maintenance North.

—B.J. Steakley, maintenance supervisor, Maintenance South.

—J.C. Stein, shift foreman, Distribution.

—W.A. Stewart, pipefitter, Maintenance South.

—A. Summerfield, truck driver, Maintenance South.

—J.A. Talley, general helper, Maintenance North.

—T.O. Talley, retired, Maintenance South.

—V.J. Talley, boilermaker, Maintenance South.

—A. Tarver, operations supervisor, Gas Recovery.

—H.M. Theiler, engineering foreman, Utilities.

—F.M. Thomas, operations foreman, Utilities.

—J.W. Thomas, heavy equipment operator, Maintenance North.

—W.C. Trammel, refinery supervisor, Maintenance North.

—R.Q. Twitty, operations foreman, Utilities.

—E.H. Walley, special tester, North Lab.

—A.H. Washburn, operator, Lube B.

—J.W. Weatherby, retired, Maintenance South.

—B.T. Weatherly, retired, Solvents and Treating.

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### Specialty Resins safety party

Those showing up for a Specialty Resins safety party at Monument Inn included Diane and Damon Buster, Helen and Ace Murphy and Kathy and Alex Salinas.



### North Warehouse safety party

Among those attending a North Warehouse safety party were H.M. and Jean La Rue, left, Charlie and Audrey Holmes, Bob Russ and Ruby and Walter Shaw.

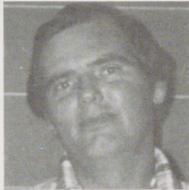
# Welcome to the Complex



Mary Escobar  
Clerk  
Services  
Hired in June



Dave Farr  
Engineer  
Plant Eng.  
Hired in June



Mike Ford  
Operator  
Aromatics West  
Hired in June



Dave Litzen  
Engineer  
Proc. Eng.  
Hired in June



Naomi Martinez  
Clerk  
Services  
Hired in June



Don Weaver  
Engineer  
Proc. Eng.  
Hired in June

## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

1978 Z-28 Camaro. 30,000 miles, air, automatic transmission, tilt steering, cruise control. \$4,200. Call 944-9245.

1980 310 Datsun. Four-speed, silver with blue interior, Pioneer speakers and Craig cassette (AM and FM). Gets 34 miles per gallon. \$5,150. Call 479-4025.

1979 MGB. Chrome trim rings, vermilion with gold stripe, 5,500 miles. \$6,000. Call 649-1002 after 6 p.m.

1979 Fiat Brava. Four doors, five-speed, air, FM cassette, dark blue with light blue interior. Needs a little work. \$3,200. Call 486-5483.

1977 Chevy Monza. Pioneer four-way stereo, four-speed, four cylinders. Great gas mileage. 48,600 miles. \$2,795. Will negotiate. Call 479-3320 or 479-3350.

1975 Hurst Olds. Black with white interior and W-30 option. Less than 50,000 miles. \$3,500. Come by 4710 Luella in Deer Park and take a look.

1975 Thunderbird. New paint, top, tires and battery. Loaded. Loan value is \$1,500, but will sell for \$1,400. Call 471-2064.

Truck-van tires. Three 8.00 X 16.5 B.F. Goodrich eight-ply nylon, 20 percent worn. \$40 each. Call 944-7343.

Two-year-old Sears auto AMC air conditioner. \$200. 1973 Gremlin included. Call 499-6325 after 5 p.m.

1979 Honda XR-80. \$350. Call 477-1355.

1980 Honda motorcycle. Twin Star CM-200-T. 2,200 miles. Clean and loaded. \$1,100 or best offer. Call 479-0956.

1979 Yamaha 80 Enduro minibike. 500 miles. \$350. Call 476-9379.

1980 Yamaha XS-850-SG Special. Electronic ignition, shaft-driven, cancelling turn signals. Black with gold specks. Like new. Only 7,100 miles. \$2,100 cash. Call 444-2005.

Large two-story house. In the Ouachita Mountains of West Arkansas. All masonry and brick, three bedrooms, two baths, big two-car garage, utility room, pantry and lots of closets, paneled, carpet and vinyl, elevator to bring wood up, central heat and air, 25 and a half acres of land, spring with storage and filter system for water, plenty of wood, pond and meadow, two masonry storage buildings. 10 percent financing after substantial down payment. Call 1-501-394-5119.

Three acres off Highway 1960 in Liberty County. Utility pole. No trees. \$7,500 and take up notes of \$83.71. Call after 5 p.m. Call 258-7832.

3-2-1 home in Pasadena. Five-eighths of an acre, fenced, new carpet. \$16,000 equity. Nine and a half percent FHA loan, monthly payments of \$522. Call 487-5972.

Sears two-door frostless refrigerator. Fourteen cubic

feet, lower freezer section. Old, but like new. \$150. Coleman double-mantel lantern. Five-years-old, but never used. Still in box. \$15. Call 481-4767.

One-year-old Sears upright vacuum cleaner. No attachments. \$75. Cannister type vacuum cleaner with attachments. \$35. Also, two Mustangs. One 1967 convertible and one 1967 coupe. Make offer. Call 477-6570.

Baldwin organ. Double keyboard. \$250. Call 479-2895.

Woodard upholstered chair. Rose color. One gray occasional chair. \$15. Call 472-6101.

Early American wingback couch and chair. Manufactured by Town and Country. \$300. Early American gold couch and chair. \$150. Orange Herculon wingback couch. \$200. Chair. \$75. Moving — must sell. Call 479-1021 or come by 806 Luella, Deer Park.

Jenny Lind crib and mattress. \$100. Playpen. \$30. High chair. \$30. Car seat. \$15. Stroller. \$25. Automatic swing. \$10. Jumper chair and walker. \$25. Call 479-5561.

Wooden porta-crib and playpen. \$20 each. Stroller car seat. \$17.50. Umbrella stroller. \$5. Children's table and two chairs. \$8.50. Call 487-0887.

Dan Wesson .357. Six-inch barrel. Never been fired. 1972 350 Buick engine. Can hear run. \$150. GM car seat. \$15. High chair. \$10. Stroller. \$5. Boy's 16-inch bike. \$10. Call 479-0655.

Remington 700 rifle. 300 mm, 3 X 9 Leopold scope. \$350. P.O. Ackley 30.06 rifle. Four-power Redfield scope. \$275. Model 12 12-gauge Winchester shotgun. Full choke. \$375. Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun. Select choke. \$75. Remington .22 rifle. Weaver scope. \$50. Remington 1100 12-gauge, three-inch magnum shotgun. Full choke. \$325. Call 944-2165.

Winchester single-shot 12-gauge goose gun. Stevens single-shot 16-gauge. S&W 9mm Model 39-Z automatic. \$150-\$300. Call 471-9340.

Fifteen-foot Coleman canoe. With paddles. One-year-old. Excellent condition. \$200.

## Service anniversary



25 Years  
Ella Mae Young  
Engineering Support

Avocado G.E. electric stove. Avocado Air-King vent hood. Both for \$50. Call 471-1898.

### WANTED

Fourth person for existing three-person car pool. From Lakewood Forest-Norchester area. 7:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. work days. Call 376-6879.

### LOST

Orange wallet in DPMC North. If you find it, please contact Donnie Hall at the North Carpentry Shop. Call him at Extension 6652.

## Award winners...

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—A.L. Weeks, retired, Maintenance South.

—C.H. Welch, special tester, North Lab.

—F. Wetuski, boilermaker, Maintenance North.

—R.C. Whitley, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.

—L.M. Wiederhold, engineering supervisor, Maintenance North.

—W.G. Wiesser, zone foreman, Maintenance South.

—G.O. Williams, operations foreman, Lube B.

—C.J. Williford, operator, Lube B.

—H.C. Wilson, counterman, Stores.

—R.H. Winters, operator, Shipping.

—J.D. Wolchik, boiler-maker, Maintenance North.

—D.E. Womack, operations supervisor, Distilling.

—P.V. Womack, operations foreman, Lube A.

—J.C. Woods, pipefitter, Maintenance North.

—W.U. Woodward, heavy equipment operator, Maintenance South.

—K.Z. Wright, maintenance supervisor, Maintenance South.

—L.E. Yelvington, special assignment, Material Control.

—E.A. Zalesak, engineering foreman, Maintenance North.



F.R. Willis

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