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Riders peddle to the Alamo City

Members of the Shell Deer Park Cycling Team and SERVE supported the American Lung Association with their participation in the Alamo Challenge Bike Tour held on Oct. 14 and 15. In recognition of their combined support, the American Lung Association awarded the Shell Deer Park cyclists and SERVE with a large trophy from the event.



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Did you know that the winter holidays are an increased risk of fire? The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) reported that in 1999, over 400 fires were started by ignition of Christmas trees in U.S. homes, causing 14 deaths, 24 injuries, and \$10.3 million in direct property damage. Here are a few tips from NFPA to help keep your family safer during the holidays.

- Be sure candles are placed in sturdy, non-combustible holders, and are kept well away from decoration and other combustible materials.
- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- When cooking, remember to keep an eye on the range. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S., so "stand by your pan!"
- Choose a fresh Christmas tree, and put it in a stand designed not to tip over. Always place the tree well away from heat sources and exits, add water to it constantly.
- If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- Always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep and don't overload electrical outlets.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

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The 25-member cycling team, which was the largest participating, departed on Saturday from Katy Mills Mall on its way to Gonzales for an overnight stay. Sunday morning, riders were up bright and early to continue on to the finish line in San Antonio. In total, the two-day ride covered approximately 200 miles.

SERVE volunteers aided cyclists along the route with two vans of support gear and two motorcycle riders who monitored traffic. Additionally, SERVE volunteers woke up very early on Saturday morning to station themselves at Break Point No. 3, located at Eagle Lake Golf Course. Workers helped with food preparation and dispensed bananas, oranges, water, Powerade and other high carbohydrate goodies needed by riders for liquid and caloric replacements. For its efforts, SERVE was voted to have provided the best Break Point on the tour.

Greg Jones, member of the Shell Deer Park Cycling Team, urges those who wish to participate in the two-day MS150 bicycle ride to Austin to begin training now for the April event. "Besides having a good time during the bike rides, charity is a good reason to peddle," Jones commented.



Maya II update

Recently, two successful events were celebrated in connection with the Maya II project. Congratulations to all those involved with the success of this project, including the start-up leadership team of Tom Meyer, Manager of Operations for Major Projects, and Todd Monnette, Start-up Manager for the Refinery Production Organization.

On Aug. 4, the Post-Fractionator of the Selective Hydrocracker Unit had its feed-in. This equipment is used to produce very low-sulfur diesel for motor vehicles, a process that has not been done at SDPRC up to this

time. Dan Burt, who is in charge of the Maya II Project, stated that on-specification production occurred on Aug. 7, just three days after feed-in. "This is outstanding performance," Burt commented.

Additionally, the new SR-8 Sulfur Plant had its feed-in on Oct. 10. According to Burt, the new 270-tons-per-day sulfur plant provides additional sulfur removal for Maya II. Burt was pleased that on-specification production in the SR-8 Sulfur Plant occurred the same day as feed-in, "another great job!"



What's next for Maya II? The Distillate Hydrotreater is scheduled for mechanical completion on Dec. 1 and the target feed-in is the second week of December. Also, the Coker and DU2 expansions and new vacuum flasher (VF-4) are scheduled for mechanical completion prior to and tie-in during the Refinery shut down on Feb. 1, 2001.

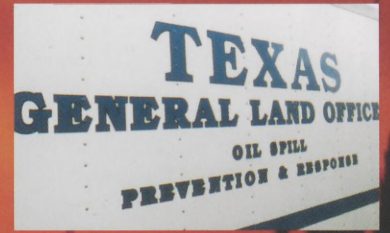
Congratulations to those involved with Maya II, which is scheduled for completion in Spring 2001 and will further enhance the Shell Deer Park Refining Company capabilities to process heavy crude.

Employees **learn** wildlife rescue **skills**

On Oct. 6, Shell Deer Park hosted a workshop on caring for injured and orphaned birds and animals. Presented by the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center and attended by local industries, the Coast Guard and other people who may be involved with rescue services, the six-hour workshop included a hands-on demonstration on cleaning the wings of an injured bird.

At the workshop, attendees learned what should be done, who should be called and what resources are available to help an injured bird or animal. The attendees were also trained what to do in an emergency situation. Lewis Brzuzy, who works in Environmental Compliance, attended the workshop and found the information very valuable, especially in the case of an oil spill. Brzuzy stated, "We were trained that our first concern should be to stabilize the animal or bird after it's captured, not just to get the oil off. Although we may think we're being good samaritans, we could end up further hurting the animal or bird." He explained that because birds are susceptible to hypothermia, the water temperature is very important, as is the wastewater disposal.

According to Brzuzy, those attempting to help an injured animal or bird must also be cautious of exposure to disease. "There are many safety issues involved with helping the creatures and rescuers should wear personal protective equipment." Brzuzy also commended the all volunteer Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center for presenting these informative workshops.



SDP promotes **family health**

The combined Prevention Awareness Team (PAT) of Shell Deer Park's Refining Company and Chemical Plant hosted the Family Health Festival 2000 on Oct. 28. The estimated 600 attendees viewed displays and demonstrations supplied by more than 20 vendors and were also treated to food, refreshments and entertainment between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The main focus of the festival, according to coordinator Bob Sherven, was to promote family health and home safety. Wellness topics included vision and glaucoma screening, breast cancer, diabetes, orthopedics, blood screening and hearing



protection, in addition to healthy eating habits. Safety topics included gun safety and home fires.

Since many children were in attendance, certain demonstrations were geared to them. For instance, the League City Fire Department provided a "smoke house," that depicted what it looks like in an actual fire. Additional fun activities for children included face painting, a moonwalk, horse carousel and other entertainment.

Several drawings were also held, and the following people won the prizes listed beside their names.

Adult Prizes

Laura McLean - Pedometer
Larry Allen - 19" computer monitor plus speakers
Erich Smith - titanium Big Bertha golf club
Rosita Johnson - Pedometer
Jesse Castanon - Pedometer
Randal Oates - Pedometer
Roger Erfurdt - Pedometer

George Boyle - 27" Sony TV
Debbie Littleaylor - Sony surround sound theater system
Jesus Caberera - Panasonic Palmcorder PV-D209
Martin Reim - Shell Houston Open tickets
Frank Gomez - Toshiba DVD Video Player
Ed Hawthorne - fishing rod and reel

Children Prizes

Joshua Fernandez - pogo stick
Cameron Manley - Zebco rod and reel
Erica Thompson - helmet and knee pads
Victoria Monette - giant frisbee
Samantha McGraw - portable CD player
Morgan Fortner - giant frisbee

Zoe Daliege - girl's bicycle
Amber Martin - helmet and knee pads
Noemi Coute - pogo stick
Will Ramsey - boy's bicycle
Matthew Schultz - sleeping bag with orange vest and hat

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the committee for coordinating such an informational and fun event!

Committee: Susie Curbello, Steve Eubanks, Alan Kinsey, Cynthia Lancaster, J.J. Malone, Sandra Needham, Bob Sherven, Ray Wilkerson, Mark Zinante

Medical Department: Martha Braxton, Sandra Brezina, Marjarie Boudreaux

Community participants examine health, safety and environmental systems

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To aid Shell Deer Park in monitoring the health, safety and environmental (HS&E) aspects of its business, the Chemical Plant and Refinery participated in a Responsible Care® Management System Verification (MSV) on Oct. 24-25.

MSV aims to assist member companies in their management and implementation of Responsible Care. The process provides participating companies with an external evaluation of the effectiveness of their management systems for carrying out Responsible Care codes and helps demonstrate the integrity of the initiative to key audiences. Companies, such as Shell, that participate in the MSV process open the doors of their corporate headquarters and selected facilities to teams of industry reviewers and members of the public. The teams review the company's HS&E systems as well as their transportation, product stewardship and outreach activities.

Vernon Mensch was a community participant who spent one day in the Chemical Plant. Mensch is a member of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) in Deer Park, so he also updates local residents and businesses on industry activities. Karen McCarroll, also a member of the CAC, was one of the participants in the Chemical Plant. This was McCarroll's fifth MSV. She participated in the Shell Chemicals corporate audit at One Shell Plaza on October 24th.

Community participants in the Refinery were Barbara Lewis and Bobby Grisham. Lewis, who had never participated in such an audit before, said she was impressed. "I think it's very good that management at Shell Deer Park encourages not only employees, but also contract people, to be conscious of HS&E issues." Lewis also commented that she thinks Shell Deer Park is trying its best to be a good neighbor by keeping the community informed.

Clean-Up 2000

A maintenance clean-up and celebration was held in early October. Thanks to Bill Baker for coordinating this event that included the Weld Shop and Garage, among other areas. This is the second clean-up for the Automotive Metals Support teams and they are already planning their third annual event in 2001. After everything was tidy, a good time was shared over burgers prepared by the food team of Walter Brumley, Tommy Keeling, Donnie Brand and chief-cook Steve Reynolds. A big "Thank You" goes out to all who participated.



MILESTONES

**Retirees*

Chemical Entrances

For October

Benjamin Crain Jr.
Business Integration

Kristi Roberts
Tech-Engineering Support

Tzung Tang
PE/CS/QA-Make Change Base Chemical

Chemical Exits

For October

Kenneth Bruben
Distribution-Site III-Operator #1
*Retired 10-31-2000

Refinery Entrances

For October

Diane Hughes
Analyst III - Finance(11)

John Knoerzer
Supv - Shift (3)

Joseph Montemayor
HR Indiv Contributor - Career (11)

Refinery Exits

For October

Troy Brown
Financial Rep
Business Services Financial Analysis

MH Hutchins
Boilermaker 1St rate
West Maintenance Logistics
*Retired 10/1/00

Carrie Thompson
Engineer
TA & TI Process Engineering

SERVE cares for elderly

As part of the National Make a Difference Day, SERVE volunteers completed minor repairs and then painted the house of an elderly, disabled Pasadena woman. Although the project took longer than anticipated due to a rain delay and the discovery of a hornets' nest, volunteers were pleased with their accomplishments.

Darrell Mayfield of the Refinery's Turnaround Planning Department coordinated the activities for SERVE. After obtaining a list of properties from the City of Pasadena "Paint the Town" program, Mayfield surveyed several homes and then presented candidates to SERVE for final selection.

"We've done this type of community project for the past several years and, believe it or not, always have a good time," Mayfield said. "This year, the elderly woman was very sweet and a real comedian. She kept us laughing during much of the time we were working."



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United Way campaign results

Employees and retirees of Shell Deer Park contributed record amounts to the United Way campaigns held in the Refinery and Chemical Plant.

The Refinery began its two-week campaign on Oct. 2. Melissa Wilson, who coordinated the campaign, reported that the Refinery had a 56% participation rate and raised \$39,100.24. Vince Sloterdijk, coordinator of the Chemical Plant campaign that was held between Sept. 20 and Oct. 6, reported a 59% participation rate and \$73,944.00 in pledges. In both areas, the contributions were up from 1999. Monies raised by the Deer Park facilities will be part of the company-wide donation from Shell, which is expected to exceed \$5.5 million.



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Editor's Note: Shell Deer Park supports these initiatives: Responsible Care, through the Chemical Manufacturer's Association, is a continuing effort to improve the industry's responsible management of chemicals; STEP, through the American Petroleum Institute, addresses public concerns by improving our industry's environmental health and safety performance.



All they want
 for **Christmas** is ...



Many children in our community would have a pretty sparse Christmas, if it weren't for the local Toys for Tots effort to make the holidays merrier for the less fortunate. For the past several years, Shell Deer Park employees and contractors have generously donated toys and/or cash to Toys for Tots. The charitable gifts are distributed to local organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Harbor in La Porte, Star of Hope Mission for Battered Women, The Bridge, the Salvation Army and two churches in Houston's Fifth Ward.

For those wishing to contribute to this year's Toys for Tots drive, collection drops are located at the main gates as well as other convenient locations throughout the Refinery and Chemical Plant. Donations for boys and/or girls, ages eight months to 18 years, will gladly be accepted through Dec. 22. Or, those who wish to donate cash can make out their tax-deductible checks payable to Toys for Tots. Mike Knott, who is coordinating the Toys for Tots effort for Shell Deer Park, is collecting the checks and will deliver them to Toys for Tots.



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