





Warped

by Scott McCullar

<p><b>THE SWORD AND SORCERY TALE</b> THE YOUNG PRINCE WAS ORPHANED BY THE MYSTIC SORCERER IN A BATTLE, WHICH THE SORCERER WON AND TOOK POWER OVER THE PRINCE'S KINGDOM.</p> 	<p>THE YOUNG PRINCE WAS CAST OUT, BUT GREW TO MANHOOD WITH AN INTENSE HATRED AND LUST FOR REVENGE UPON THE ONE THAT HAD SO CRUELLY STOLEN HIS ROYAL PARENTS AND HERITAGE FROM HIM. THERE WOULD BE A DAY, HE SWORE IT...</p> 	<p>THE BARBARIAN PRINCE, TRAINED HIMSELF INTO AN INCREDIBLY SAVAGE FIGHTER, AND ALONE TRAVELLED MANY LANDS, KILLING WITH HIS HUGE BROADSWORD, PREPARING TO FACE THE SORCERER FINALLY, THE PRINCE RETURNED AND ENTERED THE SORCERER'S CASTLE, CAREFULLY SEARCHING...</p> 	<p>...AND WAS EATEN IN THREE SEPARATE CHUNKS BY ONE OF THE SORCERER'S MEDIUM-SIZED MOAT MONSTERS. THUS, THE MYSTIC SORCERER LIVED AN UNWORRIED LIFE THEREAFTER.</p>  <p>MORAL: THE PRINCE WAS A SWORD LOSER. (NOT TO BE CONTINUED...)</p>
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Corpus asks for squadron

**United Press International**  
CORPUS CHRISTI — A study group is recommending that Corpus Christi make an all-out effort to become the homeport for a six-ship squadron that the U.S. Navy is considering stationing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, said the Navy this month began a formal investigation into the feasibility of homeporting a "Battleship Surface Action Group" in the Gulf and that Corpus Christi, Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Biloxi, and Pensacola so far have expressed interest.

"This is great news for the South Texas coast area, which has a number of positive qualities to offer, including a fine working relationship with the Navy already in place," Ortiz said, referring to the Naval Air Stations at Corpus Christi, Beeville and Kingsville.

The Corpus Christi '90 Task Force Committee reports it is sending a letter to city officials this week urging them to convince the Navy to locate the ships — consisting of a battleship, a cruiser, a guided missile destroyer, and three guided missile frigates — here.

Secretary of the Navy John Lehman told the Corpus Christi congressman in a recent letter that the Navy would receive proposals from the various communities trying to attract the ships between August 1984 and January 1985.

Delivery of the ships would begin about 1990, Ortiz said.

"According to Secretary Lehman, the investigation is consistent with the Navy's intent to disperse its forces, improve the utilization of the nation's ship repair industrial capacity, develop ports suitable for use by Navy ships, and use the geography of the country to broaden Navy operating experience and reduce transit times to areas of potential crisis," Ortiz said.

Corpus Christi '90 termed the possibility of getting the ships — along with a \$100 million construction project and a \$50 to \$60 million yearly payroll — "one of the most important tasks currently facing this community."

One committee member also suggested that the presence of the Navy blue jackets and ships would enhance tourism in the Corpus Christi area.

Ortiz said the Navy is expected to select the homeport site next April after viewing presentations from the six cities.

Nuke dump sites considered

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — State engineers are reviewing water and geology maps of two plots of land in North Texas to determine their suitability for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, officials said Tuesday.

Tom Blackburn, spokesman for the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, said the state should decide later this week about the viability of the privately-owned sites in Archer and Wilbarger counties.

Agency officials flew over the sites Monday and will review available data on the land before deciding whether to pursue the property, he said. The land is now used for grazing.

Blackburn said the state found the property by advertising in local newspapers.

"We met with the landowners and looked over the land very quickly,"

he said. "It's mostly clay soil, which is what we're looking for."

Blackburn said, however, there may be a problem with the mineral rights on the Archer County property. Both tracts are about 300 acres.

Meanwhile, Blackburn said the agency's board of directors has instructed the staff to seek a three-month extension of an option to purchase a 456-acre site in South Texas. The \$903-an-acre option on the privately-owned site in Dimmit County is scheduled to expire Aug. 31.

The Dimmit site near Asherton has been identified as geologically acceptable, but it has been vigorously opposed by the Catholic Diocese of San Antonio and nearby landowners, including former Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

The state is also considering sites in Webb and McMullen counties in South Texas, said Blackburn.

The agency has \$743,000 in its current budget to buy land and perform engineering work on a site. The facility is expected to cost about \$10 million.

The authority does not have a firm timetable for selecting a site, but Texas faces a Jan. 1, 1986, federal deadline in building a storage facility for low-level nuclear wastes produced by its hospitals, universities and industry.

Texas' wastes are now shipped to dumps in South Carolina, Nevada and Washington, but after 1986 those facilities will not be legally obligated to accept wastes from other states.

Texas produced 27,000 cubic feet of low-level radioactive wastes in 1983.

No oil to be produced

UT drills well in building

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Most oil wells are drilled in the wide open spaces, but the University of Texas has drilled one smack-dab in the middle of the basement of its new petroleum and chemical engineering building.

"This is really a test well," quipped Dr. Myron Dorfman, chairman of the UT Department of Petroleum Engineering. "We don't expect it to produce."

While the 550-foot well may not produce oil or gas, it is expected to produce research data that could lead to computer-operated oil and gas fields in the future, said Dorfman.

Researchers hope to use the well to develop computer applications to improve efficiency and reduce manual labor in oil field operations.

"We think this (oil and gas) industry can become automated just like every other industry is going," said Dorfman.

The \$250,000 well was drilled as part of the construction of the new five-story petroleum and engineering building that is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 1985.

Dorfman said as far as he knows it is the first such well to be drilled.

"A facility of this sort is unique in that we will be doing a form of work no one is doing," he said.

The full-size well, part of the building's automated production laboratory, has a 13-inch diameter hole and a 9 3/4-inch casing. It has been logged and documented like a producing well, Dorfman said.

"This well will give us the capability of using the well to simulate actual conditions in the field," he said. "We can fill it with water, oil, gas or mixtures, and then within the lab it-

self we'll have all sorts of digital meters and we'll be able to develop our own programs on microcomputers.

"The idea is to develop computer-operated oil fields," Dorfman said. "We'll be able to punch a button and get a well to flow into a test tank rather than a regular tank, or change the opening through the flows or the pressures."

Computer-operated oil wells would require less manpower, provide more sophisticated monitors and better safety, he said.


"It could cut down on the need for non-technical types and allow you to operate a field with several old wells with a minimum number of people," Dorfman added. "We'll use to work on new logging techniques and enhance the recovery of old fields and train production engineers."

Right now, all that is visible in the building's basement is a hole in the ground.

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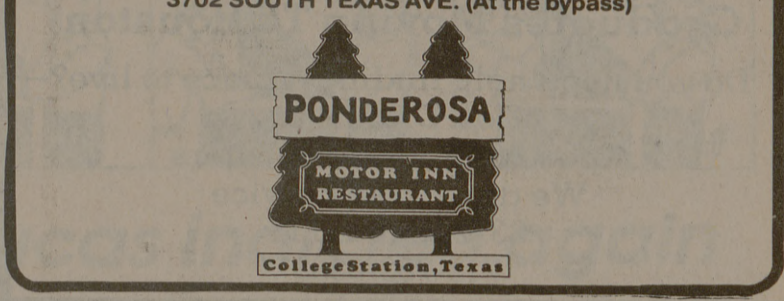
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