

## Police official investigated

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A top administrator in the Houston Police Department is being investigated by the city's personnel department after apparently violating a city overtime compensation policy, according to a report published Wednesday.

The Houston Post reported that Robert Wasserman, a \$56,000-a-year police administrator, took 31 days off as overtime compensation in the last 13 months so he could help run his security consulting firm, based in Boston. In addition, personnel records indicate he was absent without pay for another 17 days during the same 13 months.

The city policy in question forbids high ranking officials from taking days off as compensation for overtime work.

Wasserman, a police administrative assistant in charge of studying

the department's manpower needs and the realignment of districts patrolled by officers, took the Houston job in November 1982.

At that time, he announced that he had resigned from a \$90,000-a-year job as president of Wasserman and Associates of Boston, a company that helps government agencies to streamline their operations. The Post asserts that he remains president of the company.

Wasserman could not be reached for comment but two police department spokesmen contacted by The Post said they believed he was in Boston this week.

City Personnel Director Barbara Litchfield said Wasserman could be suspended or given a written warning if he broke rules on compensatory time off.

The rule prohibits administrators who make more than \$40,000 an-

nually from taking days off in compensation for overtime work.

"The minimum penalty would be telling him that he can't do it in the future," Litchfield said.

Police Chief Lee Brown, who approves Wasserman's work schedule, said he's aware of the rule but was not aware that policies were being violated.

Last week, Wasserman said his job with the city requires that he give the city a certain number of hours each week and that he does just that.

"I give them more than that," he said. "I fly home about once a month for about four or five days, and I'll probably continue to do that."

Wasserman said he works 10 to 20 hours a month for his Boston company, which he described as a "one-person office" staffed by his wife.

## Bill proposes container deposits

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Rep. Lena Guerrero, D-Austin, said Tuesday she has introduced a bill requiring a 5-cent deposit on all glass, metal and plastic containers.

"This deposit will provide the economic incentive to ensure that these containers are returned for recycling and re-use," she said in a statement.

The bill, similar to ones now in effect in nine other states, also requires non-detachable pull tabs on aluminum cans and biodegradable carrying cases for can packages.

## New experts hired at nuclear plant

Associated Press

DALLAS — Because of federal criticism about the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant's safety program, Texas Utilities Electric Co. has hired three experts to replace the facility's top two quality-control managers, a spokesman says.

Dick Ramsey says the personnel changes stemmed from a report by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and were necessary to respond to the NRC's concerns. The report, issued earlier this month, said that TUE's quality control program lacked the commitment to implement an effective quality control program.

The newly hired experts include the former head of quality control at Duke Power Co., Ramsey says. The company is viewed as having one of the most successful nuclear programs in the country.

According to another NRC report, serious, widespread quality control problems "cast doubt on the adequacy and quality of construction and operation of the plant. Last month, top NRC officials said management changes were needed to correct the problems.

David N. Chapman, quality assurance manager, and Tony Vega, control manager, will be reassigned to positions outside the plant's clear operations, Ramsey says.

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