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## Final Report on 2012 is Now Available

*Lt. Gen. Flowers sends message that USACE 2012 will provide better service*



*Lt. Gen Flowers*

[www.hq.usace.army.mil/stakeholders](http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/stakeholders).

At the Division level, we have added District Support teams and made several improvements to enhance the Regional Business Center's ability to support the Districts. We also eliminated two civil

I'm pleased to announce that the final report for USACE 2012 is now available on our web site at

works recommendations that would have required legislation to change. It has taken a lot of time and energy to get to this point. Now it's time to begin implementation.

Your Division and District Commanders will play a significant role in how the plan is implemented. Over the next few days and weeks, your commanders will discuss the plan and how it affects you. I have also produced a video that explains some of the concepts. I encourage you to study the report and have small group

discussions.

A thorough understanding of the concepts will help the implementation proceed more smoothly. The concepts require a paradigm shift from the way the Corps worked in the past to one of mutual interdependence.

We will continue to keep you updated with periodic emails and new postings on the web site. By implementing USACE 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide even better service to the American people.

*Lt. Gen Bob Flowers*

## Blowin' in the wind

*Corps discusses plans on minimizing the blowing dust near ship channels*

Plans for minimizing the blowing silt from Corps placement areas near the east and west wyes of the Port Isabel and Brownsville Ship Channels, are underway by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. Rhonda Brown, operations manager for the Corps, said that the contractor is on site but that work on the project has been delayed due to the recent rains in the area.

For years, homeowners in the area, during the dry seasons, have been pestered with blowing dust, some of which came from the Corps placement areas.

The contractor, RLB, out of Port Lavaca, was selected to do the work, which in addition to the dust control, will raise the levees on Placement Area 4 that is used in conjunction with the dredging of the Brownsville Ship Channel.

A combination of trenching rows, hay bale rows and mulch rows will be used to control the blowing sediment.

“This project will use several different techniques to minimize the blowing silt problem. We used silt fencing in the Mansfield area but we are trying to find ways more economical and more environmentally sustainable,” said Brown. The Corps also used a different

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*Luis Tejeda christens the new M/V Tejeda, named after his father, Corps employee, Anselmo L. "Joe" Tejeda, Jr.*

## M/V "Tejeda" is christened

**New surveying vessel will be used for SAO**

The newest acquisition to the Galveston District's fleet was christened during ceremonies held Sept. 29 in Corpus Christi. The newly named "Tejeda" will be docked at Corpus Christi and used by the Southern Area Office as a survey boat.

The state-of-the-art boat will be used in waters from Port Mansfield to Brownsville. Designed for shallow water, the boat has a 2-foot 9-inch draft. It is 44 feet long with a 14-foot beam. With two twin disc TDJ140 water jets, it reaches 29 knots and will, according to Elijo Garza, Jr., area engineer, cut the time for it to get from Corpus to Brownsville almost in half.

The boat was named for Anselmo L. "Joe" Tejeda, Jr., a long time employee of the Southern Office. His career as a surveyor began in 1967. He

retired from the Corpus Christi office in 1997. Tejeda was called the crux of the surveying group by some of his fellow workers. He was meticulous in his calculations and he was a leader in establishing survey control points, both horizontal and vertical, for a number of navigation channels for the mid-Texas coastline from Palacios to the Mud Flats of the Laguna Madre.

The Corps and its contractor surveyors as references for current dredging activities and associated work are still utilizing his work.

Elijo Garza, Jr., area engineer, served as master of ceremonies at the services. The Tejeda family, including his son, Luis Tejeda was present for the ceremony. The Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Howell

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The Recreation Committee sent out a survey recently to employees and retirees seeking your preference for the upcoming holiday party. Based on the results we have planned our holiday party for December 12th, in the Knights of Columbus hall on Winnie Street in Galveston. A catered dinner and live band will be part of the festivities held that day. More information will be forthcoming. We just wanted to get the results of the survey to you and make sure you will have plenty of time to mark your calendars for the event. We appreciate the huge response we received. It is an indication of your interest.

Phyllis Bledsoe,  
Rec Chairperson

# Commander's Column



Col. Leonard Waterworth



## The Sand Castle

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*A newsletter for and by  
the employees of the Galveston  
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Galveston District should be extremely proud of all the achievements accomplished during FY 03. You set your goals high and you more than met those goals. I requested the impossible of you by asking that we execute weeks ahead of schedule and you did that willingly and successfully. We need to celebrate your accomplishments and publicly recognize those that have STEPPED UP to the challenge. We will also continue to recognize people and organizations that stepped up to accomplish the mission.

I had a great opportunity last month to visit and talk with the new ASA, John Woodley Jr. and Gen. Carl Strock and tell them all the great things that the Galveston District is doing at the Inland Waterway User Board meeting and National Waterways conferences.

September was a busy month for the district, we held five conferences in two weeks! From the Texas General Land Office to our district's annual dredging conference, we were busy!

Some of you might notice, that we have new district coins to hand out. Kim Crawford and team put together two great coins and right now I want to talk about one of them. One of the coins that will be given out will be given to employees who have gone passed the call of duty, such as going overseas and/or serving in one of our FEST teams. These are the type of people that need to be recongized and reminded that we appreciate all their hard work. HOOAH!

## A note from Maj. Hanus's desk

by Maj. Hanus

The calendar on my desk in the Deputy District Engineer office back on Galveston Island still reads Sunday, 12 January 2003. I have not had time to change the date. The next day I became part of the mission known now as Task Force Restore Iraqi Oil (TF RIO). The US Army Corps of Engineers, Southwestern Division, was assigned the task to develop a plan, and eventually execute, for the restoration of the Iraqi oil and gas infrastructure following combat operations to liberate Iraq. I volunteered to help with the mission planning and eventually became the Deputy Project Manger, North Area Office, based in Kirkuk, Iraq. Kirkuk is centered on nearly 40% of Iraq's oil, stored deep in domes under the rolling hills of north Iraq. This oil and the associated gas would become critical to the future of the Iraqi people.

Sitting at our kitchen table late one night in February, I told my wife Denise that I would be heading to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since joining the military in 1984 I had deployed around the world to many dangerous places, but Iraq would be different and we knew it. I spent the next few weeks transitioning out of my Galveston position, working as a liaison with TF RIO's primary contractor (Kellogg, Brown and Root, KBR) in Houston and preparing Denise and my daughters (Anna, 4yrs old and Allison, 2yrs old) for the eventual separation. In the early morning on March 29<sup>th</sup>, I kissed Anna and Allison good-bye, hugged Denise as a friend and husband and headed out the door to begin my deployment with TF RIO.

My deployment to Iraq included a week through Fort Benning, Georgia and two weeks in preparation in Kuwait. Because of the importance of TF RIO's mission, I deployed to Kirkuk shortly after the city was liberated in April. I arrived on the second US Air Force plane to land at the Kirkuk airfield. Arriving Easter morning on a dark runway, I linked up with the USACE advance team that had successfully shutdown the oil system to prevent internal failure. It was now TF RIO's mission to restore and restart the north oil and gas infrastructure to pre-war production levels to secure the future for Iraq.

What was my job as the Deputy Project Manger, North Area Office? My primary responsibility was to provide military leadership to more than 60 DoD civilians and US Government contractors. Our area of responsibility spanned across north Iraq, from Baghdad to the border with Turkey. We worked with a multitude of Iraqi oil and gas companies under the Iraqi Ministry of Oil. Our office was responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing over sixty projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars to affect the restoration of the north oil and gas infrastructure to pre-war production levels. I attended countless meetings, helped developed numerous engineering solutions, drove thousands of miles to assess nearly a hundred facilities, and ate cases of MREs (not all at once!). But what did I really do? Simply put. I helped build relationships as the foundation for TF RIO's success. These relationships were built slowly over time as trust and confidence grew between the North Area Officer personnel, Coalition forces and the Iraqi people. I believe I was successful for simple reasons. For example, on Fridays we would routinely attend a luncheon with the leadership of the North Oil Company, a group of newly appointed Arabs, Kurds and Turkaman. This multi-ethnic group shared a meal that was an example of their commitment to face challenges and celebrate triumphs, together. We formed the Joint Engineering Restoration Committee. The JERCs, with a bit of humor in their title, was a group of engineers, Americans and Iraqis, that effectively developed a comprehensive program to restore the north oil and gas infrastructure. We laughed together and the Iraqi's claimed, "We are all team RIO, Iraqis and Americans!" Everyday I smiled, I shook hands, and I waved at everyone I drove by. In the end, they hugged me, they kissed me, they called me "Brother", and I felt I left a little bit behind with them. I did all I could to help them, every hour, every day.

I was extremely privileged and honored to have served with the individuals that made up TF RIO, both Americans and Iraqis. Their efforts have been extraordinary and history making. In September I will return to the Galveston District and next summer I will return to school to earn a PhD to return to teaching at West Point. I look forward to sharing my TF RIO's experiences and stories. I have served proudly on Freedom's frontier in Germany, Korea and now Iraq. I joined the Army to defend freedom and I can live my life contently because I know that I have helped the Iraqi people move forward towards the freedom and quality of life they deserve.



MAJ Joe Hanus with Dr. Basil and Mr. Walid, "Wally"  
(Proud JERC Members!)

# Cleanup efforts continue to grow at Wallisville Lake



Volunteers from the clean-up haul in a boat from Wallisville Lake. This year over 125 volunteers participated in National Public Land's Day.

On September 20, 2003, volunteers took to the waters and lands of the Wallisville Lake Project and the lower Trinity River to make a difference – to remove trash and debris discarded by others from our valuable public lands and waters.

This year over 125 volunteers participated in the 4th annual National Public Lands Day event and each year the event has attracted more participants and removed more trash and debris from the Wallisville Lake Project and the lower Trinity River.

The annual event is organized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wallisville Lake Project and the Upper Texas Coast Water Borne Education Center with support from local business and public agencies.

This year Bayer Polymers Americas of Baytown joined the effort by becoming the events first corporate sponsor.

National Public Lands Day first originated 10 years ago to instill an awareness and appreciation for public lands across the United States.

This years events took place not only at the Wallisville Lake Project and on the Trinity River, but also at public lands across the country and involved as many as 100,000 volunteers.

“The number of participants and the amount of trash being removed has continued to grow over the years,” said Richard K. Long, Park Manager for the Wallisville Lake Project. “It will be nice if some day our volunteers come out and there is no trash to remove.”

This years “haul” consisted of over 20 tires, 8 appliances, mattresses, an old pleasure boat and a 20 yard dumpster full of miscellaneous trash.

“The health of Trinity Bay, Galveston Bay and even the Gulf of Mexico is dependent on the health of the many streams and rivers that flow into them, including the Trinity River,” said Joan Walker, Executive Director of the Upper Texas Coast Water Borne Education Center. “Events like the river cleanup helps heightens the publics awareness of the importance of these resources.”

Volunteers at this year’s event included Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts from the Baytown, Dayton and Beaumont Areas, private citizens from the surrounding area and even students from a private school in Northwest Houston.

Additional support was provided by the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Anahuac EMS and Trinity River Canoe Rentals of Anahuac.

Volunteers were treated to a light lunch after the event provided by the local business community.

Sponsors of the lunch included Hill’s Grocery, Denna’s Donuts, Dollar General Store, Abernathy’s Meat Market and Bi-Rite all of Anahuac, Youngblood’s Supply of Liberty and Blimpie’s of Wallisville.

Additional monetary support was provided by Edward Jones Investments of Anahuac and Bayer Polymers Americas of Baytown.



Richard Long gives instructions to volunteers.



Along the way, a “family” of volunteers find a spike-heel boot.

## Kiss-A-Pig Contest, and the winner is . . . Charlotte Stockwell



Chief of Resource Management, Charlotte Stockwell entices Wilbur the pig with a piece of apple before their big smooch!

Kiss-a-pig was a huge success! The Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the nominees once again for participating and for being such great sports!

The Rec committee was able to raise over \$300 dollars to go toward upcoming holiday

parties. The winner was Charlotte Stockwell, Chief of Resource Management, whom reved up the crowd by doing her best champions dance!

The contest winner was announced during thr Sept. 30, 2003 district townhall meeting. For list of awards, go to page 4.

# Col. Waterworth tells district "job well done" at townhall

On Sept. 30, 2003, the Galveston District held its quarterly townhall meeting in the Jadwin building. Col. Waterworth opened the meeting thanking the district for a job well done for FY2003.

"Galveston is a first class district full of highly professional and dedicated people, and I am proud to be the District Engineer," said Col. Waterworth.

The meeting kicked-off with the commander announcing the winner of the Kiss-A-Pig contest, who was Charolette Stockwell. Afterwards, Col. Waterworth took a more serious look on things when discussing the USACE 2012 plan, the hard work of the district and what the future holds for the Corps.

"You have met my expectations 100%, now give me 110%," said Col. Waterworth.



Scott and Sharon Jorda both receive the Certification of Appreciation & Commander's Coin from Col Waterworth at the Incentive Awards.

## Incentive Award Winners

### Guam Awards Certificate of Achievement

Larry Dunaway

### Certificate of Recognitions *Pacific Ocean Division*

Larry Dunaway

Gus Marinos

Norma Garcia

Reginald Thomas

### Certificate of Appreciation Federal & State Coordinating Officers

Larry Dunaway

Gus Marinos

Michelle Clark

Norma Garcia

Reginald Thomas

### Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

*Honolulu District*

Larry Dunaway

Michelle Clark

### Honolulu District Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Norma Garcia

### Texas Flooding SWG Commanders Award for Civilian Service

*Central Texas Flooding July 2002*

Ralph Bledsoe

Michelle Clark

Abel Contreras

Mike deMasi

Gus Marinos

Willis Walker

### Team RIO Special Achievement Award

Larry Dunaway  
Major Joseph Hanus  
Linda Fredendall  
Captain Sean Jones

Ed Mason  
Lt. Col. Michael Flynn  
Pat Lingo  
Johnny Rozsypal



Members of Team RIO that were deployed and returned safely back to the district were presented plaques and coins for going above their call of duty.

## PMBP Awards

Carl Anderson  
Sal Arcidiacono  
Tom Benero  
Bruce Bennett  
Rose Caballero  
David Campbell  
Terri Carlson  
Andrea Catanzaro  
Jack Compton  
Kim Crawford  
Richard Curphy  
Darrell Davis  
Larry Dunaway  
Mario Flores

Robert George  
Ana Gordon  
Maj Joe Hanus  
Joe Hrametz  
Jayson Hudson  
Jenny Hymel  
Suhail Idriss  
David Janda  
Art Janecka  
Cheryl Jaynes  
Demetrice Jones  
John Machol  
Baldez Mann

Rick Medina  
Sandra Morrison  
Erik Nelson  
Johnny Rozsypal  
Gail Stewart  
Gary Strangeland  
Harrison Sutcliffe  
Janet Thomas-Botello  
Marilyn Uhrich  
Ricky Villagomez  
Betty Voelkel  
Sam Watson  
Bill Wise  
Paula Wise

## District Awards

### "ZEE" Award

Salvatore Arcidiacono

### Certificate of Appreciation & Commander's Coin

Nicolle Dailey  
Shane Hunt  
Scott Jorda  
Sharon Jorda  
Carolyn Murphy  
Janelle Stokes  
Jeff Waters

### Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Mike Castelline

### Commander's Coin

*Sabine Neches Waterway*  
Gloria Appell  
Jan Stokes  
Michele C. Thomas  
Paula Wise  
Nancy Young

### First Responders Team

Brian Bader  
Terri Carlson  
Felicity Dodson  
Ana Gordon  
Lisa Kendrick  
Glenn Reiner  
Traci Robicheaux  
Glenn Weitknecht

### SWD "Hard Hat" Award

Gary Owens

### SWD Letter of Commendation & Coin

Ana Gordon

### SWD Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Danny Wyatt

### Certificate of Achievement

Gloria Appell

# Sims Bayou project almost halfway complete

The Harris County Flood Control District (the District) is pleased to announce that many citizens residing in the Sims Bayou watershed now have a lower risk of flooding than in the past. This is because they are benefiting from the construction of the Sims Bayou Flood Control Project, spearheaded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District.

Sims Bayou has been plagued by flooding in the past. For this reason, this channel was identified by both the district and the Corps as an area in need of a flood damage reduction project. After years of planning and community input, a local cooperation agreement between the district and the Corps was signed in 1990, officially starting the project. The Sims Bayou Flood Control Project continues to receive support from our local Congressional delegation that see that the project continues to receive annual federal funding for construction.

The project consists of 19.3 miles of channel enlargements and enhancements as well as 20 bridge replacements or modifications extending from the Houston Ship Channel to Croquet Street. When complete, approximately 35,000 existing homes and approximately 2,000 existing commercial structures will no longer be in the 1% (100-year) floodplain.

The channel modifications are being done in an environmentally responsible manner, and birds and wildlife can be already be seen along completed reaches. This was accomplished by using articulated concrete block mats instead of concrete, and allowing grass and other vegetation to grow through the blocks. Fish pools are being created along some reaches of the channel and trees are being planted to further enhance the value of the habitat.

"Input from the Sims Bayou Coalition and public meetings was instrumental to the Corps and District in accomplishing design changes that provided a more environmentally sensitive, aesthetic pleasing, and publicly acceptable project," said Lizette Richardson, Corps of Engineers Project Manager for the project.

The channel design was selected based on significant input received from the Sims Bayou community. Currently, twelve bridge replacements/modifications have been constructed, with five bridges

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Sims Bayou

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of the Corpus Christi Cathedral presented the invocation and blessed the boat. The Honorable Loyd Neal, mayor of Corpus Christi, declared the 29th of September as "Tejeda Day" and presented a proclamation to the family.

Col. Leonard Waterworth, district engineer and commander of the Galveston District also spoke to the group of more than 50 who attended



Tejeda



Col. Waterworth, Luis Tejeda, and Mayor Loyd Neal pose for a photo.



Going for a boat ride.



The Veteran's band performs the National Anthem.



# District welcomes back Capt. Jones from Kuwait

Capt. Sean Jones is home from deployment, where he spent time traveling back and forth from Kuwait City, Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq. He served as the Executive Officer to Brig. Gen. Crear. His main task was to keep the general in communication with project offices and Corps employees. Capt. Jones was responsible for the general's daily schedule, preparing reports, staff update meetings in the morning and evening, and coordinating travel. Working eighteen hours a day, seven days a week was normal. He was deployed for five months from February to July.

"When we first arrived, there were sandstorms that turned the sky orange or tan; there was dust everywhere. The high was about 85 degrees. By the time I left it was 120 degrees in the day and at midnight it would get down to about 95 – 100," said Jones.

Capt. Jones accompanied Brig. Gen. Crear in his meetings with a wide array of people and

organizations such as camp generals, Czechoslovakian ambassador, Kuwait Oil minister, leaders of coalition's forces, and even Lt. Gen. Flowers.

"The local people spoke very good English, and were curious about Americans. We were working in the British sector so it was nice for them to see something different than British soldiers. They were very friendly people who just want to take care of their families. Seeing how they live made me appreciate what we have in America. We take much for granted," said Jones.

Capt. Jones was stationed in Kuwait during a time of war. One of his most memorable situations was the feeling of being under constant fire and danger from missiles. He was standing outside a building waiting for Brig. Gen. Crear as a missile detonated right outside of camp.

"We ran to the bunker and took cover. I remember the



*Capt. Sean Jones, riding in a Army helicopter, smiles for the camera while stationed in Kuwait. Capt. Jones*

trail of yellow smoke. An hour of waiting we found that it was just a highly explosive bomb. That was the first missile. After that we had three to four a day, mostly at night. It got to the point that we slept in our protective gear; it saved time," he said.

After being stationed in Saudi Arabia for one year he came to the Galveston District

and then was abruptly called away to Kuwait. One of the hardest things for him was being away from his family. He is happily married with two children, a boy and a girl.

"If I didn't have a family I would go back, but after being away from them for 18 months, you would have to force me to go back," he said.

## **LDP Corner** What is a Learning Organization?

*by Betty Voelkel, LDP member*

As I read the Galveston County Daily News front-page article about the Space Shuttle Columbia Report, the words cultural and organizational change stood out to me.

The Investigation Board, investigating the disintegration of the Space Shuttle Columbia issued 29 recommendations to NASA, six focusing on organizational change. Is NASA the next Federal agency to become a "learning organization" just like our own Corps of Engineers?

In August, I completed the Corps' Prospect Course "Leadership for Learning" where one of the learning objectives was creating a learning culture that adapts to the Corps' changing environment.

The first thing I learned was that a learning organization IS NOT about sending our employees to training courses.

Training courses are about training individuals- a learning organization is about training the organization as a whole. What this means is learning from our corporate experiences of what works and what does not work and changing our culture.

The goal of a learning organization is increased

performance. It is a non-threatening, empowering culture where leadership and the work force are focused on continually developing organization competence.

The word "culture" keeps coming up in trying to understand a learning organization. So the next question in my mind is "What do we mean by "culture"?" In the Prospect course, culture is defined as a 7S social system.

**Strategy** – the art of devising and employing a system of activities that mobilize all resources toward a valuable goal. An example is our goal with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to continually improve federal capability to respond to national emergencies.

**Structure** – the formalizing of relationships, roles and responsibilities in order to organize and perform work. Some examples of structures are Regional Management Boards, Command Council and Project Teams.

**Systems** – a defined process, or set of processes, that links and orders activities to enable work to be done and goals to be achieved. Some examples of systems are Project Management Business Process (PMBP), Corps of Engineers Financial Management System

(CEFMS), and Command Management Review (CMR).

**Shared Values** – an essential characteristic or attribute promoted by the organization to motivate the behavior of members of the organization. Examples of shared values are : continual learning, innovation, customer success, public service, army values, and professionalism.

**Stakeholder Values** – an essential characteristic or attribute, which is important to individuals or outside organizations systematically engaged with an organization. Examples of stakeholder values are profit (private sector companies), responsiveness to local needs (Congress), responsiveness to national needs (Administration); fair and respectful treatment at work (employees) and projects on time, within budget, meeting quality standards (clients).

**Skills** – the ability, knowledge, understanding, and judgment to accomplish a task. Some examples are: coaching, mentoring; systems thinking; group facilitation to optimizing learning; leading non-threatening, non-blaming after action reviews of projects; facilitation of meetings to optimize performance and learning; and technical, leadership, and business

management skills.

**Style** – refers to the style of leadership or relationship to the manner in which an individual uses his or her talents, values, knowledge, judgment, and attitudes to lead and relate to others. To view examples of style you must look at the leader: Abraham Lincoln – inspiring, visionary, strategic; Dwight Eisenhower – consensus-building and corporate-focused; Robert E. Lee – noble, strategic; George Patton – directive, forceful, authoritarian; Jimmy Carter – moral, detail focused.

The 7S s for shaping our culture is only a part of the Corps becoming a learning organization.

There are other elements involved such as systemic knowledge (technical, business, and leadership); and innovation in product/service, process, relationships and organization.

As you can see, there are many different components to a learning organization. It would take a book or a Prospect course to further define what we need and where we are going as a Learning Organization, changing our culture.

Thanks to our visionary leaders like General Flowers we are already on our way.

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Placement Area 240. Installed recently, it is too early to determine if this method will function as designed.

The silt and snow fencing requires more maintenance, rusts, and is labor intensive as it must be moved and then replaced when the next dredging cycle comes around.

The methods we are using here are natural and biodegradable and we hope to find them less expensive and more self-maintaining, Brown said. The purpose of silt and snow fencing is to slow down the soil particles that are blown along the ground. Before they become completely airborne, the particles fall out once their motion is slowed. Vegetation

can then start growing. These more natural measures will accomplish the same thing.

High salinity is another problem in this area, it keeps vegetation from growing. Trenching the area allows for de-watering which moves the water table down, thus lowering salinity levels at the surface. The trenching plan to be used will build a "mini dune" with the dirt removed from the trench. The dune will be farther above the salt concentration and it is hoped that vegetation will grow first on this mini dune. The hay bales have a dual purpose. They will retain moisture and provide a ready-made seed source. The techniques will be used first on



A fence placed to protect from the dust.

Placement Area 4 with Placement Area 3 soon to follow.

Though the Galveston District will be implementing blowing silt control measures on

Placement Areas 3 and 4, this will not completely solve the dust problems in the area as there are several other contributors to the problem.

## Hugo Point holds ribbon-cutting ceremony

Through the partnership between the Galveston District and Chambers County, Hugo Point, is being dedicated as a park where families can relax and enjoy that same beauty.

The county has provided a pavilion, picnic areas, restrooms and boat ramps to give area residents a recreational area to be proud of and to enjoy. The boat ramp adds an access point to nearby Trinity River along with the Old River and Lost River.

"Congratulations are due the county for the fine job they have done in the park's construction. It was just a year ago that many in this audience met here for ground-breaking ceremonies (around the third week in August, 2002). County Judge Jimmy Silva and the commissioners made good on their commitment to providing quality recreational areas for visitors to the area," Col. Waterworth said.



Col. Waterworth, local officials, and sponsors cut the ribbon.



The boat ramp at Hugo Point.

## District informs residents on Greens Bayou

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District hosted a public meeting on a proposed \$40.4 million federal flood reduction project along Greens Bayou at Klein Forest High School on Sept. 11, 2003.

The plan involves widening Greens Bayou to 60 feet along a 3.7-mile stretch between Cutten Road and Veterans Memorial. The channel will average a depth of 12-18 feet.

A second phase of the project involves the construction of a 108-acre storm water detention basin, to be located on a 138-acre site near Antoine and Beltway 8. It will be bisected by West Greens Road.

Lead project planner Kim Crawford made a 30-minute presentation outlining the project, including tell the 48 person audience that the project will be environmentally safe.

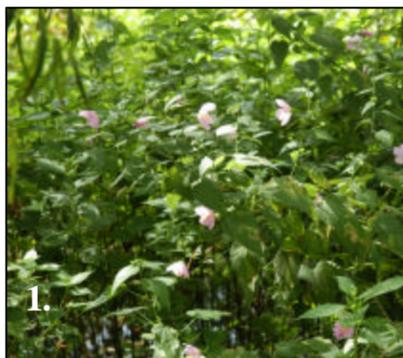
"We will try to preserve as many existing trees as possible, and we are estimating that there will be about 4,000 additional trees planted," she said. "We will also be installing wetlands plants."

A concerned citizen, Phillip Gibbons, president of Municipal Utility District 15, told the Corps (during comments) that the project would affect most of the residents in his district.

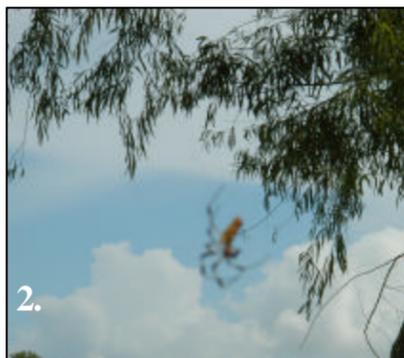
"We are very interested in this project because it will impact us quite a lot," he said. "We are looking forward to working with you."

Comments are due in by Oct. 10, 2003.

## Wallisville wildlife..can you guess what these are?



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Answers on page 8.

# Wellness: For your heart's health

by Cynthia Burke

On Thursday, September 18, the Wellness Committee and Safety Office sponsored a Brown Bag Lunch presentation entitled "For Your Heart's Health." Jami Ryan with UTMB presented warning signs and risk factors for heart attack and stroke. We print them here for your information and use.

## Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

**Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back.

**Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

**Shortness of breath.** This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur before the chest discomfort.

**Other signs:** These may include breaking out in a cold sweat,

nausea or lightheadedness

## Stroke Warning Signs

The American Stroke Association says these are the warning signs of stroke:

- 1.) Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- 2.) Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- 3.) Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- 4.) Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance
- 5.) Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

If you or someone you're with has any of these symptoms, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1... Get to a hospital right away. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. You'll get treated faster in the hospital if you come by ambulance, too. If you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away.

# Castle Comments

## Light the candles

Eric Russek	Oct 1
Gerald Voelkel Jr.	Oct 2
Bobby Perez	Oct 2
Robert Muzny Jr.	Oct 2
Arlynra Edwards	Oct 3
Bernice Rivers	Oct 4
Deloris Greenwood	Oct 4
Dennis Thomas	Oct 5
Baldev Mann	Oct 5
Thomas Hunt	Oct 6
Thomas Patchimrat	Oct 7
Armido Filidei III	Oct 8
Earnestine B-Roach	Oct 8
Jerry Sonnier	Oct 8
Jonathan Parker	Oct 9
Jody Stephens	Oct 11
Michael Nelson	Oct 13
Shane Hunt	Oct 13
Paul Cox	Oct 14
Adolfo Sandoval	Oct 14
Bryan Herczeg	Oct 16
Delia Deckard	Oct 17
Mitch Mayo	Oct 18
Christy Sorrels	Oct 19
Volker Schmidt	Oct 22
Lawrence Redd	Oct 23
Sandra Blackwell	Oct 23
Dwayne Johnson	Oct 24
Andrew Williams	Oct 25
Dalton Krueger	Oct 26
Michael Mosby	Oct 27
Janet Thomas-Botello	Oct 27

## Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Erben and Josie Schuldt, who celebrated 67 years on Oct. 18. Erben is the former chief of the foundations and materials branch.

## Get Well Soon

Billy Faust, retired from IMO, underwent heart catheterization at UTMB. Blockage of 3 arteries was discovered. One artery - 100% and two arteries - 90%. Billy Faust was released from UTMB 22 September and is now at home. He is doing well and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts during his stay at the hospital.

## Condolences

Luel Tresmer Watkins, 78, of Texas City passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at Gulf Health Care Center in Texas City. Mr. Watkins was a retired civil engineer for U. S. Corp of Engineers, Texas Department of Transportation, a member of First Baptist Church of La Marque and a veteran of WW II in the U. S. Army.



Office coordinators are (from left to right) Daniel Williams, Lile Henkel, Carol Nelson, Sharon Tirpak, Pat Salinas, Maria Green, Pat Lingo, Joyce Rac, Tencha Deckard, and not pictured are Ronnie Benavides and Vicky Crisp.

## District: CFC needs your donations !

It's that time of the year again, the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has begun.

For those of you that don't know about the CFC, it is the only sanctioned solicitation of federal employee donations for over 1500 non-profit agencies that range from charitable and environmental organizations, to medical research agencies and more.

A bulletin board near the cafeteria has additional information about the CFC.

The CFC booklet lists all of the organizations that are eligible to receive donations and

that meet the strict requirements of the CFC.

If you would like to help our the local community, there are 27 local agencies listed on pages 4 and 5 of the booklet. The campaign will run through mid-November.

However, if you are going to participate please return your donation forms to your office coordinator as soon as possible. Our goal this year is \$26,000.00.

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currently under design, leaving just 3 bridges remaining. The project is over half completed with 10.3 miles of the channel improvements completed from the Mouth of Sims Bayou up to Cullen Blvd. The reach from Cullen Blvd. to State Highway 288 is currently under construction. When the project is completed, channel modifications will extend as far west as Croquet Street (west of Post Oak). Channel construction is expected to be completed by 2009.

In addition to the federal project, the District will construct three regional detention basins within the Sims Bayou watershed.

Initial construction of two of the basins was completed, allowing partial reduction in flood risks to structures along the upstream project reaches prior to the channel modifications reaching them.

The third basin, named the Hill at Sims Greenway, planned to begin construction early next year, is being designed with recreational amenities. Upon completion of both the federal project and these three detention basins, the 1% floodplain will remain within banks.

One of our former employees, Tony Temple, passed away yesterday here in Galveston. Funeral services for Tony were held Saturday, September 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Spritual True Church.

Tony Temple's wife, Reba, gives her heartfelt thanks for the card, easel spray sent to the funeral home & monetary memorial. She stated that she and her family are very grateful that Tony worked with such a great group of folks, and all appreciate being kept in everyone's thoughts & prayers.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with Glenn Roberts, whose brother passed away in Arkansas on Sept. 23.

## Answers to photos

1. Saltmarsh mallow
2. Banana Spider
3. Cattail
4. Great Egrets
5. American Alligator
6. Gulf Fritelarri Butterfly