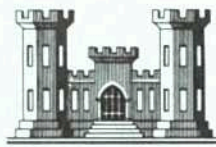




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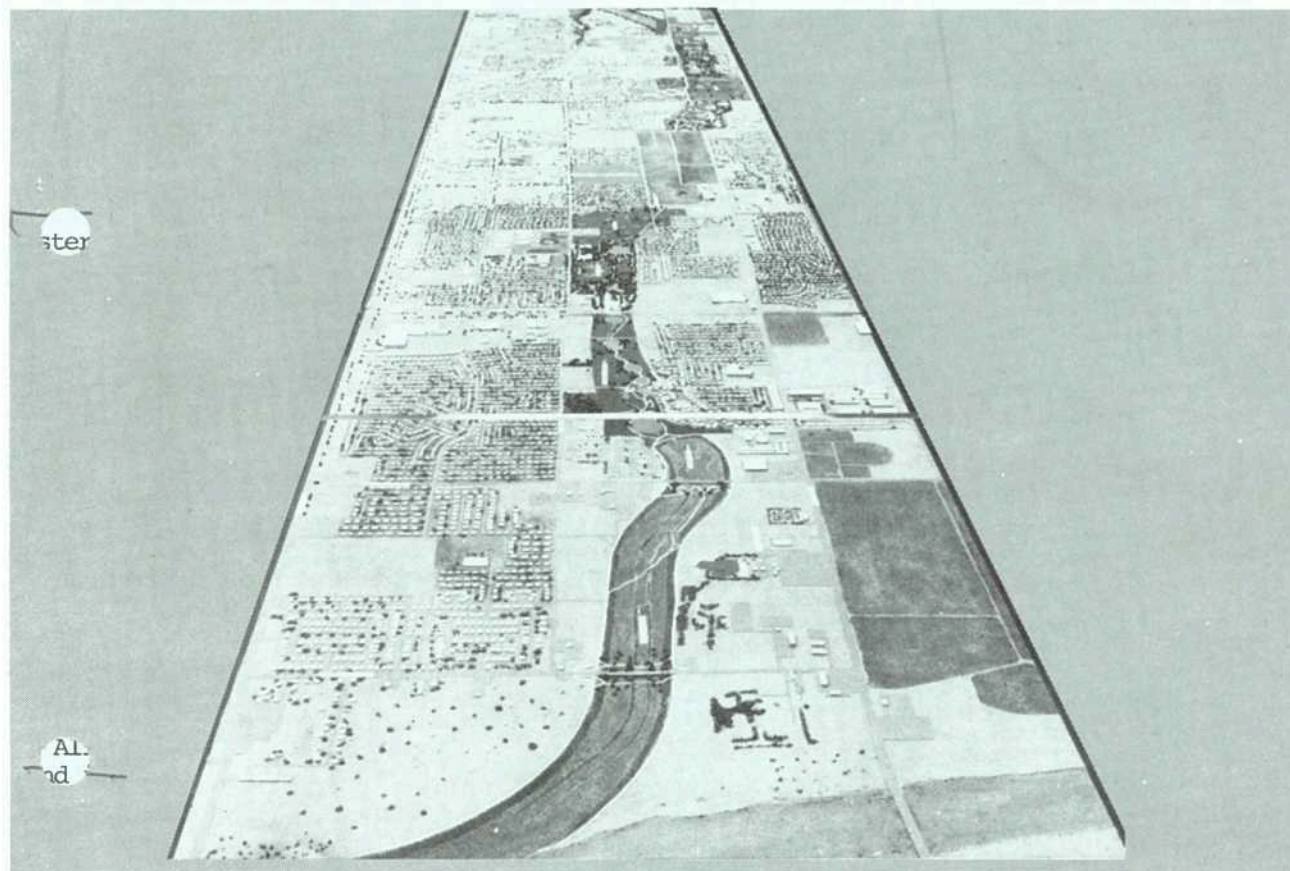


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Indian Bend Wash - A MODEL

A model of the Indian Bend Wash project in Arizona is on display in Room 7412 during the week of July 11 through 15 and all District members are invited to take a jaunt upstairs and take a look at the 17 foot-long three-foot wide model.

The model depicts the entire Indian Bend Wash project including both the inlet and outlet works. Several Scottsdale municipal buildings and prominent private developments are identified in addition to development within the wash designed and developed by LADO in cooperation with the Maricopa County Flood Control District and the cities of Scottsdale and Tempe. Among the developments within the wash are a nature area, Indian School Park, Scottsdale Bike Stop, McDowell Exhibit Plaza, McKellips Lake and the outlet channel.

The McDowell Exhibit Plaza model depicts accommodations for shows, exhibits and festivals for the City of Scottsdale on a year-round basis. Its features include a central festival plaza, stage, amphitheater, a stream, and bike trails along with other features. Presently under construction, the plaza, or the majority of it, will be lighted for night use.

Frank Aleshire, Scottsdale City Manager, will visit the District on July 15 to view the Indian Bend Wash project model after which it will be transported to Scottsdale for presentation by Colonel Hugh G. Robinson, District Engineer, to the City Council on July 19.

efficient energy driving practices

USING THE FAMILY CAR

According to Sid Chriqui, District Energy Conservation Coordinator, the 1977 California Gas Mileage Guides have been distributed to all District employees. The purpose of these guides is to give you fuel economy and other information that can help you select a vehicle to meet your transportation needs and be fuel efficient.

The driving technique of the individual behind the wheel is the most important single element in determining the fuel economy of any car. One authority insists a careful driver can get at least 30 per cent more mileage than the average driver, and 50 per cent more than the wasteful one.

- Drive at moderate speeds. Most automobiles get about 21 per cent more miles per gallon on the highway at 55 miles per hour than they do at 70 mph.
- Accelerate smoothly - save engines, tires, and gasoline.
- Drive at a steady pace - avoid stop and go traffic.
- Minimize braking - anticipate speed changes. Take your foot off the accelerator as soon as you see a red light ahead.
- Do not let the motor idle for more than a minute. Turn off the engine. It takes less gasoline to restart the car than it takes to let it idle. Generally, there is no need to press the accelerator down to restart a warm engine.
- Do not let the gas station attendant overfill your tank. Tell him to remove the hose when the automatic valve closes. This will eliminate any chance of spillage.

watch it!

Our sixth floor employees and visitors got a surprise recently when the corridors near the Snack Bar suddenly filled with pungent, choking, foul smelling gas which made breathing difficult and caused a burning sensation in the eyes.

Source of the gas was found to be a floor cleaning solution in which an employee had inadvertently mixed two different cleaning compound solvents. This is a dangerous practice, as most such compounds warn on the label. To be on the safe side, such materials should only be mixed in tap water.

The gas inadvertently generated on the sixth floor is believed to be phosgene and/or chlorine, both of which can be deadly in large concentrations.

Boat Christening

One of the highlights of the Engineer Day celebration was the christening of Survey Branch's new workboat, the MORRIS B. NISWONGER, named in memory of Morris B. Niswonger, former chief of the Survey Section who passed away in 1974.

The boat was officially christened by his widow, Wilma, with the traditional bottle of champagne. Stonie Baine of Hydrographic Survey, introduced Mrs. Niswonger and gave a brief summary of Morrie's career in the District.

more awards

Other Engineer Day awards were:

For most suggestions submitted and adopted: Executive Office

EEO Achievement Award: Ida Sims, Office of Counsel, Sandra East, EEO Officer, and Carmina Saggau, Real Estate Division.

Outstanding Toastmaster Award: Richard Gutschow, Foundations & Materials Branch.

Certificates of Training: Noon-timers Toastmistress club - Barbara Madison, Diane Marbury.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN

A large group of District personnel gathered at Taix Restaurant on June 22 to give a rousing send-off to Captain Charles A. Joyner who is being transferred to Karlsruhe, Germany, after a two and one-half year tour at LADO. Best wishes, Chuck.

Hurry Back!

The District extends get well wishes to Cathy McDonald, Safety Office, and Stacey Bolin, Examination Section, both recuperating at home following surgery.

Project 77/77

SUGGEST

ah fame!

What happens when LAD's leading Country and Western singer goes night-clubbing at El Monte's Number One country night club? You guessed it - instant fame!

George Lott, Dam Operator from Alamo Dam, went night clubbing at the Nashville West while TDY in LAD. As luck would have it, that was the night of the weekly talent contest. George won the contest beating out several other talented performers, and was awarded first prize of \$60.00. George spent the prize money on dinner for his companions.

As a result of his experiences, George is not sure whether his luck was good or bad. With his \$60.00 spent, he is waiting for a determination from F & A Branch concerning whether, since he was on TDY, he must reimburse the U.S. Treasury for the amount. On the other hand, he was anxious to return to Arizona to find out if any major recording companies had called.

Thanks from LADO

Many thanks to Larry Conley, Alamo Dam operator in Arizona, without whom we could not have had our Engineer Day barbeque. Mr. Conley butchered, packaged, and transported the meat to Los Angeles, and along with others from the Operations Branch, prepared a great meal for our annual picnic. Thanks again, Larry.

And thanks also for their help in the preparation and cooking to:

Est Perea	Nancy Cavanaugh
Frank McNemar	Joan & Joe Bridwell
Gary Blair	Troy Leatherwood
George Lott	Dick Young
Dick Solesbee	Ed Kohnman

WELCOME

Michael L. Halperin recently joined the Office of Counsel as a staff attorney. A native of Los Angeles, he received a B.A. degree in Psychology cum laude from UCLA in 1973 and a Juris Doctor degree in May 1976 from Southwestern University.

We are sorry to report the recent death of Lester Heacock, former Chief of the Survey Branch, who retired about 11 years ago.

**MATCHES
ARE RED
MATCHES
ARE BLUE
SMOKEY SAYS
"CAREFUL!"
THEY CAN
BURN YOU."**



TO BE OR NOT BE...

A number of employees have asked "Are we going to try flexitime in this District?" In 1975, there was some effort made to see if flexitime (flexible hours of work) would be of interest to employees of this District. The result was that flexitime was not tried because of disinterest. The Personnel Office is conducting a poll of all employees of this District to find out if they are interested in trying out flexible hours of work.

What is flexitime? The concept is simple. Fixed times of arrival and departure from work are replaced by a working day which is composed of two different types of time: core time and flexible time.

Core time is the number of hours designated during which all employees must be present for work.

Flexible time is all the time designated as part of the schedule of work hours within which the employee may choose his time of arrival and departure from the office. The two requirements of flexitime are: (1) the employee must be present during core time and, (2) he must account for the total number of required hours each day. Beyond this, the precise working hours can be selected in accordance with the wishes and individual circumstances of each organization.

Please complete the following questionnaire and return to:

PERSONNEL OFFICE
Room 6518

Please check the box below which most reflects your feeling on this subject and return it to the Personnel Office.

☐ Yes. I would like to see flexible
hours of work tested in this District.
☐ No. I would not like to see flexible
hours of work tested in this District.

INCENTIVE AWARDS

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

la Gonzales	Quality Increase
emarie Sandoval	Outstanding Performance Rating
Champion	Sustained Superior Performance
omon Speat	Sustained Superior Performance
odore Phillips	Sustained Superior Performance

INSTRUCTION-OPERATIONS DIVISION:

n Bridwell	Adopted Suggestion - \$30
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REAL ESTATE DIVISION:

mina Saggau	Outstanding Performance Rating & Quality Increase
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ENGINEERING DIVISION:

vester Williams	Sustained Superior Performance
ginia Collins	Quality Increase
liam Searcy III	Quality Increase

We regret to report the death of Georgina Hardman on June 24. Georgina retired as Chief of the Mail & Records Section in 1962.

KUDOS

On a happier note, Josephine Schutten, A-E Negotiations, proudly announces the arrival of her first grandchild, Chelsea Alexandra, born on May 25 to Jo's daughter, Maria. The newcomer weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 ounces.

wins award

WATER SPECTRUM, the magazine of the CE, has won the award of Distinguished Technical Communication from the Society of Technical Communication. The award was presented May 12 in Chicago to SAD employee Sy Reitman, former editor of WATER SPECTRUM.

federal women's program

Ms. Flo Pickett will be the guest speaker at the Federal Women's Program, "Brown Bag" session scheduled for July 13 in Room 7412, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Her topic will be "Investments and Finance" followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Pickett is a board member of the Los Angeles Feminist Federal Credit Union, a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA, and is employed at the Red Carpet Realty Co. Formerly involved in education and counseling at the secondary school level, Ms. Pickett for the last five years has been concerned with promoting women and women's causes, with emphasis on financial aspects.

All LAD employees are urged to attend this session which should prove to be interesting and informative to everyone.

SPD golf tournament

This year the South Pacific Division will host the tournament and be responsible for planning and arrangements. Fort Ord has been selected for this year's tournament and the dates of September 8-9 reserved. Both courses have been reserved for our use.

As usual, personnel who participate do so at their own expense while on leave. It's hoped that as many military and civilian personnel as possible will be able to compete in the tournament. All employees, retirees and their immediate family members, are eligible and welcome. Membership in the Corps Golf Club is not a prerequisite for participation; however, all participants must have established handicap.

For additional information, call Nancy L. Mananough, 688-5643 or Jack Hughes, 688-5350, so that your name may be placed on the mailing list.

Due to the distance involved, the consensus is that participation will be somewhat limited, so notify your representatives as soon as possible if you are or are not interested.

START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW!



THE WINNERS!

Toting home prizes won at the Engineer Day picnic were:

Charles Lindberg	Air Pot
Jim Baron	Seal-A-Meal
Ellis Dillon	Ice Chest
Sidney Chiqui	Hair Dryer
Elizabeth Jewell	Mystery Prize
Ruth Perea	Dodger Tickets (2)
Lawrence Abramson	Crock Pot
Gina Samartin	Desk Calculator
L. Wollenberg	The Wiz (2 Tickets)
Richard Gutschow	Chorus Line (2 Tickets)
Ed Kohman	Pronto Camera
Lonnie Contreras	Bar-B-Q
Jacob Young	AM-FM Portable Radio
Miriam Lim	AM-FM Clock Radio
Rey Perez	AM-FM Stereo

PROMOTIONS

congratulations to the following employees who were promoted in May 1977:

Georgianna Bell	Budget Officer
Dolencio Carrillo	Comptroller (Temporary)
Eugene Huffer	Surveying Tech
Patricia Salazar	Survey Branch
James Elder	Surveying Tech
Russell Holland	Survey Branch
Maria Gomez	Personnel Clerk
Thomas Blessent	Personnel Office
Millespie Cox	Elect Tech
John Eugino	Construction-Opns Div.
and Casteel	Supv Civil Engr
	Env.Resources Branch
	Secretary-Steno
	Engineering Div.
	Landscape Architect
	Env. Resources Branch
	Proc. Freight Asst.
	Proc. & Supply Div.
	Procurement Agent
	Proc. & Supply Div.
	Realty Clerk
	Real Estate Division

Drivers take note!

Bill Vinci, Motor Transportation Officer, submits the following:

Things that people don't like to use second:

A DIRTY coffee cup

A DIRTY dish

A DIRTY toothbrush

A DIRTY car

.. DIRTY what?

Yes, a dirty car.

When using a Corps-owned or GSA vehicle and it is dirty, or if in accomplishing your mission the car gets dirty, it's time to use the U.S. Government National Credit Card to get the car washed at any authorized service station.

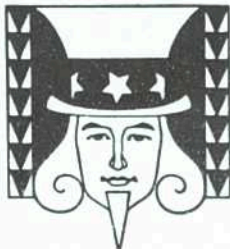
Leave the car clean for the next user.

DO YOU LIKE TO USE DIRTY SECONDS?

Farewell

JoAnne Hall, Procurement and Supply Division, will be leaving on July 11 for the Portland District to accept a new position. Jo has been with LADO since January 1959.

Best wishes for success on your new job, Jo. Happy landings!



CAREER TIPS

And here are a few tips from "What Color is Your Parachute - A Practical Manual for Job Hunters and Career Changers" written by Richard Nelson Bolles:

1. You must know what you want to do, so you inventory your achievements.
2. Pick out your strongest skills: done best and enjoyed the most by you.
3. Research different fields to identify what career uses your strongest skills the best.
4. Determine where you would most enjoy working, and begin to research.
5. After researching, you must go there and get to know the economy.
6. Visit organizations that, at a distance, looked interesting, to see if they really are.
7. You now research each organization on the (manageable) list you now have of places that interest you.
8. Focus on organizations you like that have problems you can solve and identify the top man responsible for solving that problem.
9. In each organization, you go to that man and explain how you can help him with his problems.

spanish speaking program

The Spanish Speaking Program Committee extends hearty congratulations to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) on their successful 1977 National Convention held in Los Angeles June 23-26.

Manuel Nieves, Director, Spanish Speaking Programs, Department of the Army, visited the District office prior to the convention.

Carlos Esparza, Director, Spanish Speaking Programs, Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., received the "Amigo Especial" award from the Los Angeles SSPC Council.

"Muchas Gracias" to the SSP Committee for their participation in the Job Fairs the last of which was held at Rio Hondo College.

(Submitted by Carmina Saggau, SSP Coordinator).

NO BLANKETY-BLANK!

Ernest Erickson, Chief, Radio Communications and Elect. Section, reminds employees that all profane, indecent or obscene words are unnecessary for radio communications and add to noise pollution by transmitting this excess over the air. This type of language is not permitted on our radio network and violations are subject to reprimand. Plan your reply or response before pushing the microphone switch.

E.I.T. review course

The School of Engineering, California State University, Los Angeles, has scheduled an Engineer-In-Training Review Course on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. from September 3 to October 22. Classes will be held on September 3, 10, 17 and 24, and October 1, 8, 15 and 22.

The course is intended for candidates for the Engineer-In-Training (E.I.T.) Examination, scheduled by the California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. The \$90.00 fee includes instruction but does not include two required text books.

Prerequisite for admission to the course is a minimum of three years of formal education toward a B.S. degree in Engineering. Professional experience may be substituted for a portion of the formal education.

Enrollment form with fee or billing instructions should be submitted as soon as possible. Enrollment is limited to 40.

For further information, write or call the Office of Community Services, California State University, Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, California 90032. Telephone (213) 224-3503, or (213) 224-2660.

retirement

Eileen McCabe, Accounting Technician, Office of Comptroller, retired on July 8 with over 30 years of Federal service. Eileen spent 24 years with various Corps offices including service with CEBMCO. Her last nine years with the District included assistance in finalizing the financial affairs of CEBMCO.

The District extends best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement, Eileen.

in sympathy


Condolences to Diane Marbury, Finance and Accounting Branch, on the recent death of her father.

And to Alice Leonard, Engineering Division, on the death of her sister, Louise, on July 7.

NEWSCASTLE

An information exchange bulletin published by the Public Affairs Office, Los Angeles District.

Perry Hume Davis II	Chief
Eleanor McCarthy	Editor


HUGH G. ROBINSON
COL, CE
District Engineer

Felicitaciones, Lonnie

Farewells were said to Alfonso (Lonnie) Contreras at a retirement luncheon in his honor held at Luminaria's restaurant on June 29.

Lonnie had a varied career during his 23 and one-half years of government service - cabinet maker, carpenter, model maker, and finally as a Construction Inspector for the Construction-Operations Division. The Public Affairs Office especially benefited by his knowledge and helpfulness in planning and executing many Corps-sponsored exhibits which, over the years, were displayed, not only in the Los Angeles area, but in many states throughout the District. It will be hard to match his cheerful "Can do" in answer to a seemingly impossible job assignment.

Buena suerte, amigo. We will miss you.

MAKE A NOTE

A reminder that the Resources Management Project Office is located at the Base Yard with Frank Qual as Acting Project Engineer in charge of Code 710 recreational development in Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

The West Los Angeles USA Reserve Center will start soon and a separate project office has been established with Bob Primera as Project Engineer.

"missile" from vandenberg

Bill Stordahl, former CE employee, attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Mary Hamilton on July 2. A District retiree, Jim now lives in Santa Maria. Among those attending were Bill's wife, Peggy, Bob Weber, Carl Yokers and his wife, Bob Pluss and many relatives and friends of the Hamiltons. We wish them many more happy anniversaries.

Brand New

Speaking of the once-in-a-century date of 7/7/77, Allen Tom and his wife, Adele, welcomed daughter Kelli who weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 ounces, on that momentous day.

Credit Union

REMEMBER: Your Credit Union is open to serve you Monday - Fridays from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

ROOM 6541 - Telephone:

688-5345