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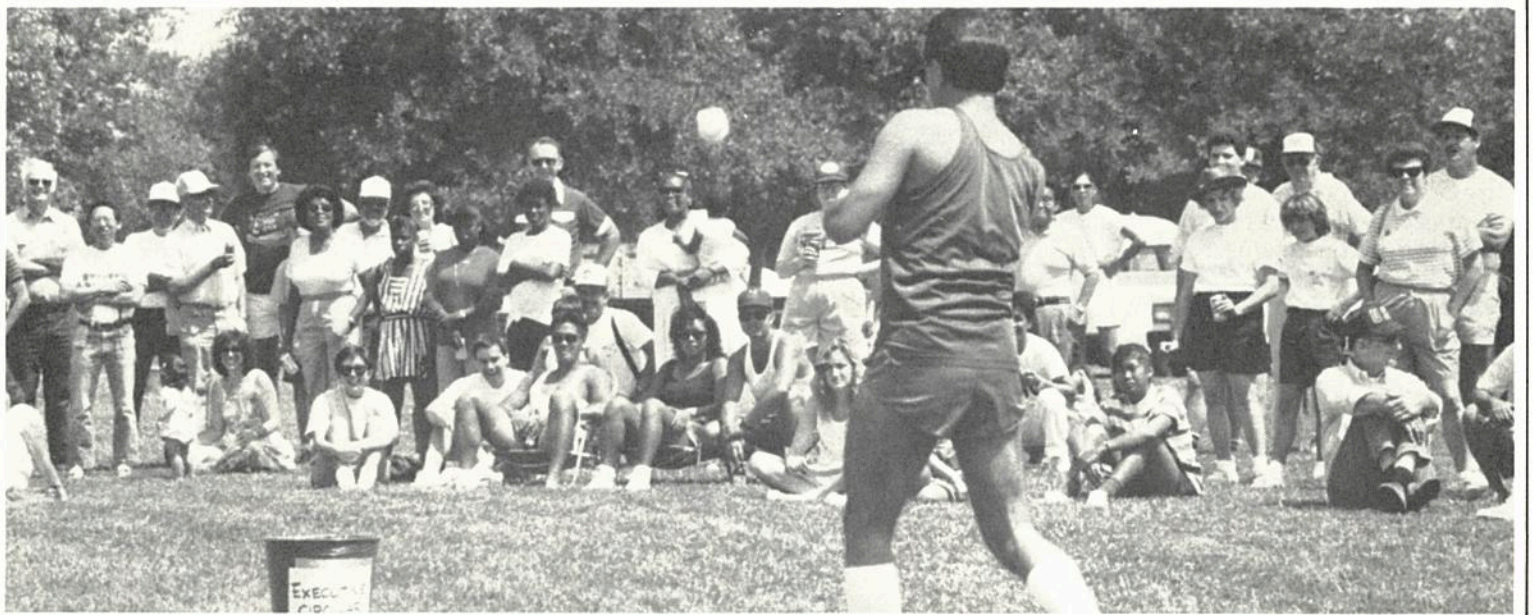
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(Photo by Charles Frank)

*Getting a good crowd shot at the 213th Engineer Day picnic at Santa Fe was made difficult by the widely scattered picnic areas represented by the facility's immovable ramadas. This shot of an activity at the Executive Obstacle Course came closest to what Newcastle had wanted for a Page 1 centerfold lead-in. By the way, man facing the crowd is believed to be the same person who did a creditable impersonation of Tyrone Power.*

(More picnic photos in centerfold)



## One SPD watch ends and another begins

The July 6 South Pacific Division command transfer from one individual to another was aptly described by Lt. Gen. Henry J. Hatch, the new Army Corps of Engineers commander, as "... an official public notice that one watch has ended and another begins."

In the outdoor ceremony officiated by Gen. Hatch at the Bay Model Visitors' Center in Sausalito, 5 miles north of San Francisco, Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly relinquished his SPD duties and responsibilities to Brig. Gen. John F. Sobke.

Sobke comes to SPD from a tour of duty as Engineer, U.S. Forces Command headquartered at Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Kelly, on the other hand, is now with HQUSACE, Washington, D.C., as Director of Civil Works, the position recently vacated by Hatch when President Reagan chose him for the Corps' top portfolio.

In his valedictory remarks, Kelly talked about SPD's past and its future.

"Our civil works mission is absolutely bursting at the seams. As I foresee it, this Division will become the largest civil works organization, at least workload-wise, in the Corps of Engineers.

"During all of this large growth we've experienced here in the past two years, it's been kind of fun for me to be the point commander as we

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SPD PAO photos



BG Kelly



BG Sobke

Text &  
Photos  
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John  
Rasco



The Corps displays its patriotic contribution at the Wilshire Blvd. Federal Building presentation. Lt. Col. Jeff Weien talks with Stephen Knott of the Buena Park Berry Farm amusement park, prior to presenting LAD's facsimile of the Constitution (inset).

## Weien at dedication of original states' flags

The latest L.A. area bicentennial celebration in 1988 was the raising and dedication of the flags of the original nine states to ratify the Constitution.

Lt. Col. Jeff Weien represented the Corps, the District Engineer, and the L.A. District at the June 23 ceremony on the north lawn of the West L.A. Federal Building. Representatives of several federal agencies and Stephen Knott, from the Berry Farm recreation facility, took part in the noontime ceremony.

Weien presented a framed and titled copy of the Constitution at the fete. The copy is an enlarged version of what LAD afforded each of the 100 new citizens at last year's Sept. 17 swearing-in ceremony as part of the FEB-sponsored bicentennial celebration at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park (Newcastle, October 1987).

The replica, signed by all 100 new citizens and a host of dignitaries, has been given a permanent place in Constitution Hall at Knott's.

In his remarks to the June 23 assemblage, Weien said: "My pride in participating in the honoring of the founding document is akin to that of the original signers."

(Photo by Carol A. Wolff)

Construction of the \$43.6 million San Luis Rey River flood control project starts next month. Signing the local cost-sharing agreement are John S. Doyle Jr. (left), principal deputy assistant to the Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and Larry Bagley, Oceanside city mayor. Watching (from left) are Councilman Ben Ramsey; Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, then SPD commander; Councilmembers Lucy Chavez and Walt Gilbert; Deputy Mayor Sam Williamson, and Col. Tad Ono, District commander.

(Story & more photos on Page 11)



# Perspective

## Commander's Column....by Colonel Tad Ono

*Life Cycle  
Project Management*

I'd like to take this opportunity to alert you to some changes that are in store for the Corps of Engineers and the way we do project management. These changes will affect the Los Angeles District — for the better — and I hope you will be as excited about them as I am.

Many of you may have heard of a major emphasis in the Corps called Initiative '88. This is an effort coming down from the highest levels of the Corps to create a more effective and efficient management process for developing and implementing water resources projects. It involves a number of different thrusts, but the one that I want to discuss with you now is the *Life Cycle Project Management (LCPM)* concept.

LCPM involves improving the Corps' present management system to provide a stronger project orientation which will improve project continuity, accountability for cost, schedule, manpower, and quality. It will also more effectively reconcile Corps performance with the concerns of the local sponsor. That sounds complicated, but the new project management system is actually very simple in concept.

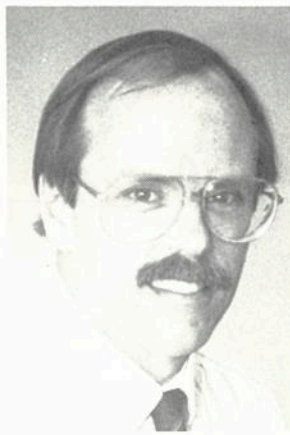
The LCPM system calls for a new position to be located in my office and to function as my deputy for project management. The position is to be formally called the Deputy District Engineer for Project Management (DDEPM). I have already filled it temporarily with Brian Moore who normally fills the position of Assistant Chief of Planning Division.

Working directly for the DDE(PM) will be a number of independent project managers (IPM). They will be assigned to a project from the very beginning of the feasibility study stage, through the engineering and design stage, the construction stage, and even into the first period of the operation stage. Projects not quite large enough to warrant a full time IPM will be managed by a team project manager (TPM). The TPM will change as a project progresses from stage to stage.

All civil works projects having a construction cost of more than \$3 million (excluding projects under the Continuing Authority Program) will come under either IPM or TPM management. At the present time, the program is being imple-

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**Col. Tad Ono**  
LAD Commander



*Quoting Col. Ono, "Positions are being filled on a temporary basis with excellent people. Eventually, job descriptions will be prepared and positions will be filled on a permanent basis."*

**Brian Moore**  
Deputy DE(PM)

mented by phases.

Phase I is underway. Already, we have identified Dee Gonzales as the IPM for Santa Ana River Mainstem; Stan Lutz as the IPM for Phoenix and Vicinity; Pete Reyna as the IPM for San Luis Rey River and Oceanside Sand Bypass; and Jim Crum as the IPM for Los



*Brian Moore (right), deputy District engineer for project management, in a working meeting with his staff. Clockwise from Pete Reyna (with back to camera) are Jim Crum, Dee Gonzales, and Capt. Michele Jackson, standing in for Stan Lutz, who is on an Ireland vacation.*

Angeles County Drainage Area Review and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors. These folks are temporarily appointed to get the system up and working and have a tough but exciting job ahead of them.

Phase II will be underway in December and more projects and IPMs will be appointed. The entire system will be fully operational in July 1989.

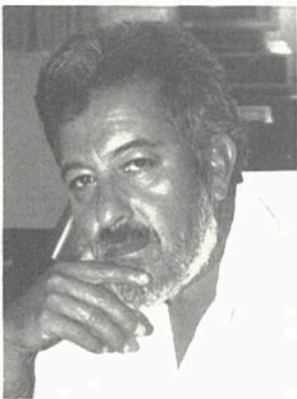
There is much more to *Life Cycle Project Management*. A Project Review Board (PRB) has been established, chaired by the DDE(PM) and composed of those Division or office chiefs most involved in project management. This board will meet once a month to hear status reports from the IPMs and resolve issues. The Programs Management Office under Pat Grablin will take on a significant role in assisting in information needs and reporting to make the system work.

Everything is to come together in August for the first time as we will hold the first PRB meeting, hear the IPM status reports, and provide our first reports up the chain of command on the successes and problems with our projects. A lot of work will be done by a lot of dedicated people to make that happen.

Any new organization change is always difficult and will result in many questions and concerns from you. I just want now to inform you that this is happening. Right now positions are being filled on a temporary basis with excellent people. Eventually, job descriptions will be prepared, roles will become clear, office space will be set up, and positions will be filled on a permanent basis.

I will keep you informed as we make progress. In the meantime, there is undoubtedly someone in your Division or office that has attended meetings or conferences where this subject has been discussed. Please ask around your office if you have any immediate questions that this column may have raised in your mind. I am sure most of your questions can be answered.

Remember, we are now just starting to implement the new system, so there are probably a lot of questions that we just don't have the answer to yet, but don't worry, the talented group of people involved in Phase I will eventually provide all the answers.



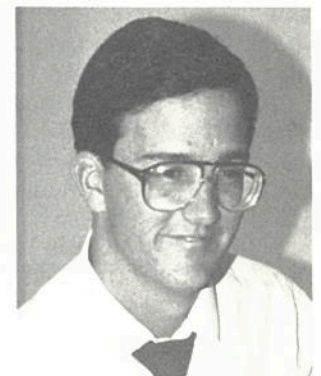
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### The Newcastle

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Leroy King (standing), EEO chief, makes a point to new EEO counselors at their installation. Counselors in photo above are RED's Reva Waldron, Management & Disposal Branch, and Richard Nagle, Cadastral Section. Attending the installation are John Evans and Nefertiti Sadat, and Claudia Van Blake (foreground, right photo), all EEO specialists.

EEO  
specialists



New counselors interspersed among their more experienced counterparts are (from left) Pat Holmes, IMO; Petra Castillo, IMO; Joe Mantey, Planning Division; Jewel Brazier, Real Estate Division; Medy Icarangal, RED; and Shane Brady, also of RED. New counselors not in photo are Attru Chowdiah, Engineering Division; Pat Lavender, Planning Division; and Tina Davis, Contract Branch.

## New EEO counselors installed

New counselors have been installed to support an ongoing EEO effort in LAD. An EEO counselor is a person designated to function in an area as initial contact for EEO business. If you work in one of the Divisions or in an administrative office in LAD, there is someone who will listen, explain, and initiate further action when warranted concerning EEO. These people have been indoctrinated and chosen for their understanding and interest in EEO affairs. The new counselors are Attru Chowdiah, Engineering Division, ext. 3760; Medy B. Icarangal, Real Estate, ext. 2702; Pat Lavender, Planning Division, ext. 7915; Richard Nagle, Real Estate, ext. 5579; Jewel Brazier, Real Estate, ext. 3193; Petra Castillo, IMO, ext. 5806; and Tina Davis, Contract Branch, ext. 5826. If these counselors can't solve a complaint, they can advise you who can and the proper procedure to follow.

## Smoking in government vehicles is negotiable

The Los Angeles District operates a fleet of government vehicles used mostly by members of study teams, projects personnel, and inspectors visiting field offices/project sites around the District.

A few days ago, *Newcastle* took a call asking for any federal policy on smoking in government-owned vehicles.

A year ago, the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) ruled that federal unions may bargain over smoking in government autos. Negotiations over smoking in military vehicles were okayed under the FLRA ruling over Army objection that ventilation in them was not good enough to satisfy non-smokers.

The Army also argued that smoking in vehicles by bargaining unit employees could harm non-bargaining unit workers, such as military personnel and people visiting Army installations.

The FLRA ruling claimed that the Army did not prove its case, adding that its determination did not mean automatic approval of the union's proposal but it just made the matter of smoking in government vehicles negotiable.

## Her goal is to be a Corps geographer

A secretary who works in Specifications and Estimating Section does it all. She is a tireless worker, and every time you see her she's smiling and happy to be where she is. Fawn Hall, eat your heart out. This jewel is Stephanie Hall.

This one core of the Corps has been in LAD for eight years, with a brief stint in private industry. Her job in the private sector, Stephanie said, was a super stress situation that had no outlet for her interest in geography and history, and no future. She returned to LAD where "it's like family here."

Stephanie is single and says, "this give me a chance to pursue my education without feeling guilty about neglecting a family."

She has been attending night school and has one more year to go at CSULA to get her dual degree in geography and history. Her goal is to be a geographer for the Corps. Her secretarial duties at Specs & Estimating stretch out to the Reports Center, and she is the timekeeper, blood bank representative, CFC representative and performs a host of ancillary duties for both offices.

"I get volunteered for lots of things," Ste-

phanie says, "and I find out about it after the fact and then have to find time to do a good job. I guess I'm just a patsy." On the extracurricular side, Stephanie also sold more than 42 books of picnic raffle tickets.

Hall

Stephanie Hall says she has a family on the East Coast and no relatives out here. She likes L.A. "a lot" and says, "it is the center of a lot of activity. I like my situation in Specs and Estimating. It's all very exciting. The Corps showed me a way to make a living with the discipline without teaching," she said. Her goal is to be a geographer for the Corps.

Once she said, "I was on my way to work when I was badly shaken. October 1st, 1987. I came into work to be with my work family so I could talk to others and not be so frightened."

All through the interview, Stephanie would place a paper here or stack something there, making use of her time. People wander in and out of her office asking for advice, favors and just to say hello. Without flash, fanfare or frown, Stephanie contributes to her Section, herself, the District, and the Corps. — John Rasco



## Nuanes, active supporter of Corps activities and other causes, dies

Abel Nuanes, who suffered a massive heart attack on April 27, died 39 days later. Memorial services were held at St. Mary's Assumption Church in Whittier, Calif., and interment was at Calvary Cemetery in East Los Angeles on June 9.

Abel is survived by his wife Martha and daughter Monica and three grandchildren. He was chairman of St. Mary's building committee when he died. This committee was involved in raising funds for the repair of damage sustained by the church from the Oct. 1 earthquake last year. He also was president of the "Golden Years" Senior Citizens Club of Whittier and served as guide during club trips and outings he himself planned and organized. Another outreach activity that occupied his time was Cal State's MESA program which encourages minority students to enter the engineering and scientific fields.

A 1974 Corps retiree, Nuanes spent 37 years with the Los Angeles Engineer District. He also served three of the World War II years with the



Abel  
Nuanes  
1917-1988

Army Engineer Corps in the Aleutian Islands.

His Corps years started in 1937 when he was hired as a mailroom clerk. He was later transferred to the Engineering Division's Rivers & Harbors Branch then headed by the Corps' venerable Engr. Eugene LaRue.

Following his war service in the Aleutians, Nuanes rejoined the L.A. District as an engineering technician until he obtained civil engineer status while with Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch from which he retired.

Prior to retirement, he spent weekends in Tecate, Mexico, with other volunteers engaged in the construction of an orphanage for homeless children. He also assisted a Catholic priest in the distribution of food and clothing to the needy of Baja California.

Ed King and Bob Hall recall the various projects Abel Nuanes had worked on, notable of which was his pioneering involvement with the Indian Bend Wash project in Scottsdale, Ariz. The IBW was dedicated a decade after Abel's retirement. — Ely U. Orias

(Photo by Dave Barela)



In this 1986 Engineer Day picnic photo at Whittier Narrows, Abel Nuanes is flanked by Corps retirees Doris Hollister and Roy Shiraga. An active supporter of Corps activities, Nuanes' most recent participation was in the January 1988 Retirees' Day Luncheon at Luminarias where he was asked to lead a battery of speakers with tales of their own individual endeavors and travels.

*In the Constitution*

# 'Governments derive their powers from the consent of the people'

by Anthony F. Turhollow

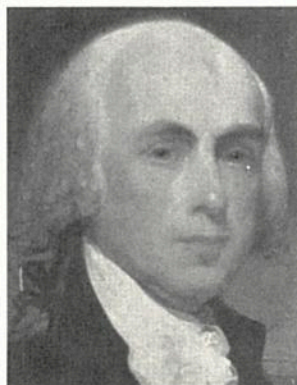
As significant, perhaps more significant, as the fashioning of the new constitution to replace the Articles of Confederation is the approval of the special state ratifying conventions as specified by Article VII.

Under Article VII the convention astutely bypassed the state legislatures by vesting the approval process in the hands of citizens meeting in special conventions specifically for that purpose. This procedure reinforced the revolutionary principle embodied in the preamble that governments derived their powers from the consent of the people. It also set the stage for a political contest that reiterated the exchanges of views at the Constitutional Convention.

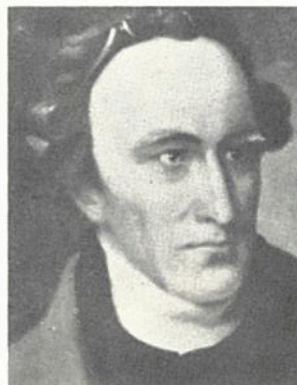
New attention was focused on the struggle in the states between those favoring the new constitution (the Federalists) and those opposed to it (the Antifederalists). The ratification struggle of 1787-1788 in spite of its importance was typically an American political campaign characterized by partisan exaggerations for neither side gave to the other any credit for unselfish convictions or sincerity of purpose.

The Federalists had the initiative by incorporating into the Constitution a century and a half of colonial experience and lessons learned since 1775 to create an effective central government without endangering personal liberties.

The Antifederalists were at a disadvantage as a loosely organized opposition with no viable alternative for the existing economic and political crisis. Moreover, their leadership consisted of just a handful of convention delegates. Suspicious of a strong national government they sought to preserve, a confederation of 13 separate republics under a modified Articles of the Confederation, and opposed the creation of a



**James Madison, father of the Constitution.**



**Patrick Henry, against Constitution's ratification.**

peacetime army, preferring reliance on state controlled militia. Nevertheless, they were talented men as patriotic as the Federalists, for they also played important roles in the American Revolution and were politically important in key states, a formidable political opposition. The latter included Patrick Henry, convention

delegate, George Mason, and Richard Henry Lee in Virginia, Gov. George Clinton, convention delegates Robert Yates and John Lansing, in New York, convention delegate Elbridge Gerry, in Massachusetts, convention delegate Luther Martin, and Samuel Chase in Maryland.

Knowing the caliber of the Antifederalists, the Federalists under the leadership of the signers of the constitution organized a nationwide political machine to win the ratification contest. They had a tremendous advantage, for George Washington, a highly respected and influential hero of the American Revolution, played an active role for the Federalists.

He also was the obvious choice for president if the new constitution went into effect. Signers Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, with John Jay, authored the Federalist Papers which was distributed throughout the states. The Papers were not only a major propaganda effort but also an excellent explanation of how the Constitution would work in practice. In addition, the Federalists wrote other pamphlets, and made speeches that focused on favorable issues and ignored unfavorable ones. They emphasized mainly three themes: economic problems, national security, and national pride. Because of their size, population, and wealth, the states of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts, and New York were deemed essential to the success of the new nation for without them it would flounder.

In turn, the Antifederalists deemphasized the national issues by concentrating on possible abuse of power, threats to individual rights, and ignoring of local issues under the new constitution. Both sides now girded for the titanic struggle to win the American public to their cause. In the next article an examination of the three phases of the ratification struggle in the state conventions will undergo further scrutiny.

## 'Santa Ana' video in 3rd place

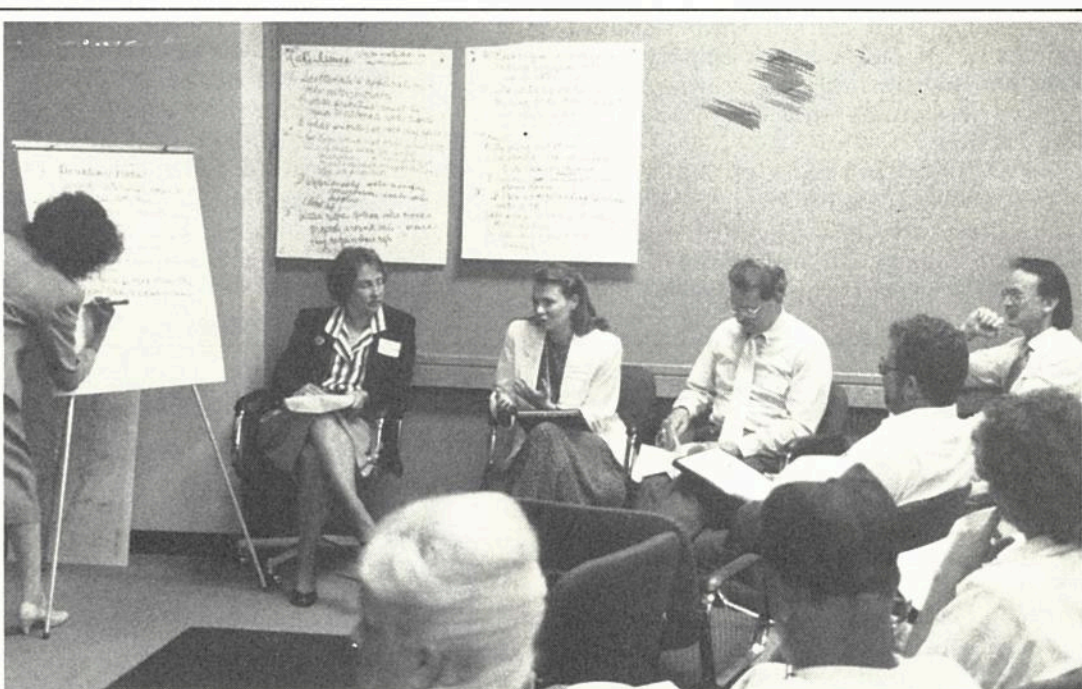
"Santa Ana River Project," a 13-minute LAD video, was declared 3rd-place winner at the recent JVC Professional Products Co.-sponsored 8th annual Pro Awards in Elmwood Park, N.J.

Written, directed, and produced by PAO's Susan Kranzler, the video vied for honors under *communications*, one of five contest categories. Executive producer of the LAD entry was Carl Enson, Engineering Division chief; Charles Frank of Graphics Section did the photography.

The New Jersey firm sponsors the yearly awards "... to promote excellence in video production." JVC manufactures video and other mopix products.



**Nancy Art, public involvement specialist for Ragan & Associates, addresses the public at the Arizona meetings. LAD study team members Bob Brambaugh (holding binder) and Rick Leifield (with back to camera at far right) listen intently. In photo at right, Carol Henderson (seated, 2nd from left) explains a point to the public meetings. Dan Young (far right), Water Resources Branch chief, observes. The Ragan group, a consulting firm, puts on the meetings for the Alamo Lake rehab project, with Corps expertise available for input.**



## LAD Alamo Dam study team takes another look at facility, recreation lake

The Los Angeles District study team assigned to Alamo Dam is taking another look at the facility and the recreation lake created by its construction.

Carol Henderson, community planner in Planning Section A, Planning Division, explained that when Alamo Dam was built allowance was made for a fluctuating water level of about 50 ft. The water level rose, recreation facilities were built, bass spawning

increased, and the endangered bald eagle now inhabits and forages the lake.

The dam, built in 1968, and the lake are located on the Bill Williams River, 39 miles north of Lake Havasu on the Colorado River.

A section of the 1970 Flood Control Act permits studying of completed projects — like the Alamo Dam — when it is warranted.

There has been a move toward water conservation amid concern over the bald eagle in the

Alamo Dam area. These factors have prompted LAD to send a study team to the area.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources, local sponsor, is cooperating with the District in the workshops involving the public.

Henderson and her teammates have promised to keep an eagle eye on the study area — including bass fishing therein — until the study project is finished sometime next year.

## Maricopa Resident Office wins 1987 SPD Safety Award

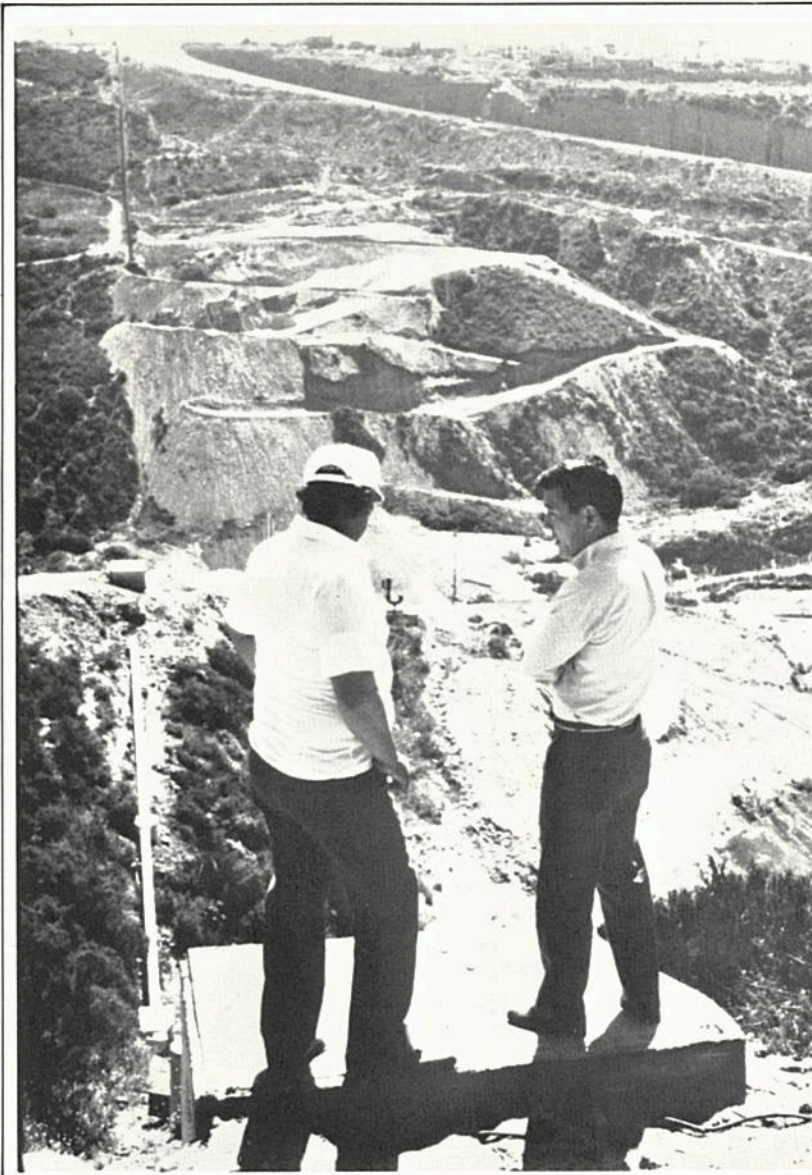
Brig.Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, while still SPD commander, awarded the 1987 South Pacific Division Construction Resident/Project Office Safety Award to the Maricopa County Civil Works Resident Office (MCCWRO) during the Division Engineer's Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nominated by the Los Angeles District for best exemplifying effectiveness and improvement in construction safety, the Phoenix-based MCCWRO has been under the leadership of Neil Erwin, resident engineer.

Receiving safety certificates for their contributions were Jenny Baker, Satsuki Carrington, Neil Erwin, Joseph Robertucci, Kelly Ryan, Joseph Salinaz, Ruth Tegeler, Brayton Willis, and Andy Worthington.

Over the past year, the civil works program completed \$8 million in construction involving more than 120,000 manhours without a single lost time accident.

At the same Salt Lake City conference, Joseph Salinaz, senior construction rep from MCCWRO and recent recipient of the Hard Hat of the Year Award, received a high dollar cash award from Brig.Gen. Kelly. "This award recognized his achievements in the improvement of critical flood control service to Maricopa County and Phoenix, and for his career contributions to the efficiency and success of Corps operations in the civil works program," the citation read. — by Capt. Michele Jackson



## Ono in Mexico

Col. Tadahiko Ono has taken the Los Angeles District international. The District Commander and Planning Division chief Bob Joe, along with Engineering Division chief Carl Enson and coordinator William Lewis, met with the Commission on International Boundary & Water in Tijuana, Mexico. The group toured the sewage treatment facilities in and around the border town. They later returned to the U.S. side of the border where Ono briefed all on the Corps projects and studies in the area of the border. After receiving feedback from the IBWC, Ono said: "This was a very successful day and should do this again every six months."

Col. Ono (right) and Commission member Reinaldo Martinez (U.S. Section) inspecting the Tijuana sewage plant.

(Photo by William Lewis)

## Corps-Saudi construction program ends; Kingdom officials visit SAD

A joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Saudi Arabia construction program spanning 23 years and costing \$14 billion ended last month as U.S. and Saudi officials exchanged gifts in the Saudi kingdom.

Lt. Gen. E.R. Heiberg III, Chief of Engineers, and Saudi Col. Abulaziz Al-Otaishan swapped gifts and lauded the contributions that each country has made to the other during the past two decades.

For the closeout ceremonies, the Saudis flew into the Kingdom 30 Corps employees, retirees, and officials.

Heiberg presented a cast bronze castle and plaque to the Saudi Arabian government to "... symbolize the strong, enduring relationship that has been forged between the Corps and Saudi Arabia." The general also installed Otaishan as an honorary member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regiment, the first time anyone outside the U.S. has received it.

The ceremony also included tours for the visiting U.S. delegation of King Abdulaziz Military Academy north of Riyadh and the King Khalid Military City at Al Batin, two of the many facilities constructed by the Corps.

It was noted during the ceremony that all construction in Saudi was contracted by the Corps with all costs paid by Saudi Arabia, including personnel costs.

Meanwhile, at the invitation of Maj.Gen. C.E. Edgar III, South Atlantic Division commander, four Saudi Military Works officials visited SAD Headquarters at Ft. McPherson, Ga., last month.

The Saudi group included Col. Abdulaziz T. Al-Otaishan, director general of military works for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Lt.Col.

Mohammed Al-Nafisah, chief of the Saudi Engineering Department; Mr. Ahmed Al-Sedairy, comptroller for Corps work in Saudi; and Mr. Saud Al-Hellal, an official of the Saudi Engineering Department's funds management section.

Gen. Edgar and certain members of his staff played hosts to the Saudis at a luncheon and dinner at the Fort's Officers' Club, gave them a tour of the new Command and Control Building constructed by the Corps at McPherson, and

briefed them on SAD's construction work worldwide. The visiting Saudis also were special guests at the Atlanta Armed Forces Day luncheon.

For years Corps activities in Saudi Arabia came under the Middle East Division and when MED was disestablished, SAD's MEAPO (Middle East Area Project Office) came into being to take up Corps construction commitments in the Middle East and finish up Corps work in Saudi Arabia.

## SAME L.A. Post installs new slate of officers

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) installed new officers at their June meeting. Past president Robert Jensen is now a



Col. Tom Wittman, USAF (ret), congratulates Robert N. Simpson (left), the newly installed president of the L.A. Post. New board member and past president of SAME, Robert Jensen, looks on.

member of the board of directors.

New SAME L.A. Post president is Robert N. Simpson, who is president of Allied Engineering in South Gate. The 1st vice president is LAD Commander Col. Tadahiko Ono. The 2nd vice president is Col. William Leonhard, USAF. Jim Edinger, chief of Construction Operations Division, installed as treasurer. The new secretary is Peter Hardy, Boyle Engineering in Newport Beach.

Installing the new officers was Col. Tom Wittman USAF (ret). Wittman now works for Jay Kim Engineers and is South West regional vice president of SAME.

The July meeting of SAME is scheduled at Dodger Stadium, during the game with San Francisco. This is an annual tradition, not a space requirement.

Also elevated to the board of directors of SAME is Ron Weiss, Specs and Estimating Section. Weiss also received a plaque and pin from national headquarters for recruiting 50 new members into the organization.



Ted, is this some kind of a fashion statement?

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## Engineer Day hilites

The "physical" introduction of the Army's "Fit to Win" program at the 1988 LAD Engineer Day picnic drew a 100% endorsement, judging from the picnickers' enthusiasm over (and degree of participation in) the various sporting events conducted at the Santa Fe Dam.

Employees' desire to improve their physical integrity no doubt was the basic reason behind their remarkable response to the program. On the other hand, it is fair to say that Col. Ono's official and personal commitment to the "Fit to Win" idea has not been less than infectious, to say the least.

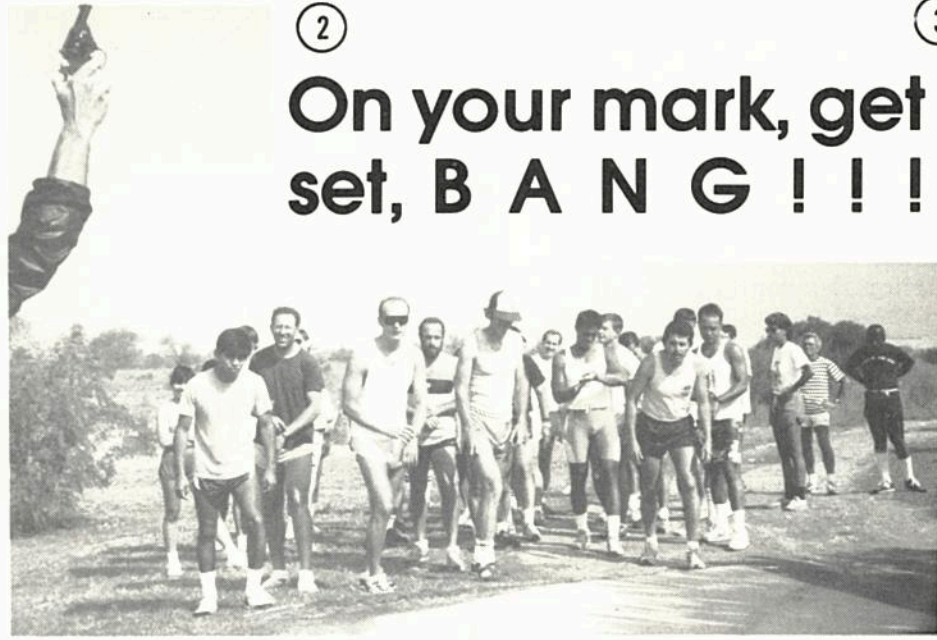
The Colonel leads by example and practices what he preaches. At the picnic, he did sit-ups, push-ups, and took part in the 5K run. He also went through the executive obstacle course and paddled his canoe in the "kayak" race. A ubiquitous "Fit to Win" participant, Col. Ono was here one minute and there the next. He also went through a lengthy "manual exercise" — the art of handshaking — as he presented each of the 126 honorees with service pins and certificates.

We salute Col. Ono for his leadership along with the Rich Metzingers, the Ed Louies, the Rich Macias, the Ruth Villaloboses, the Ron Lockmanns, the Diane Knudsens, the Keith Millers, the Oscar Lopezes, the Natalie Carpenters, the Joe Shockleys, the Jeff Weiens, the Gary Sanchezes, the Mark Williamses, the Ken Steeles, and the many other LAD employees who responded positively to the LAD-sponsored Army wellness program. — The Editor

*Picnic Committee, a job well done!!!*

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Chris Rodriguez crosses the finish line ahead of the pack in the 5K run. Rodriguez (inset) is flanked by Rick Garrison (left) and Lex Kamstra, 2nd and 3rd finishers, respectively.

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General Engineering personnel made full facilities. Early arri Frank Garcia, Rick R Manios, Dale Bulick,

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What's an Engineer Day picnic without volleyball, unquestionably the Corps' most popular sport.



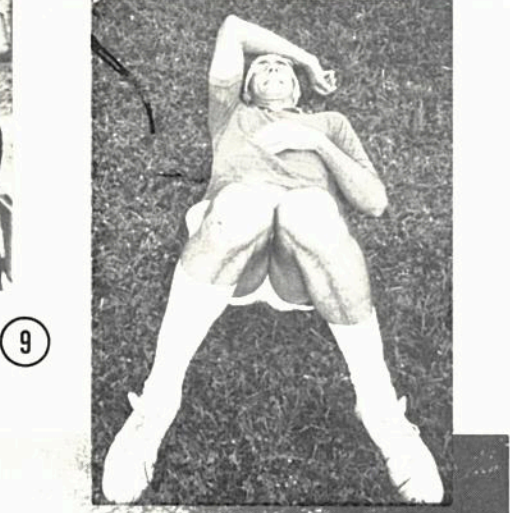
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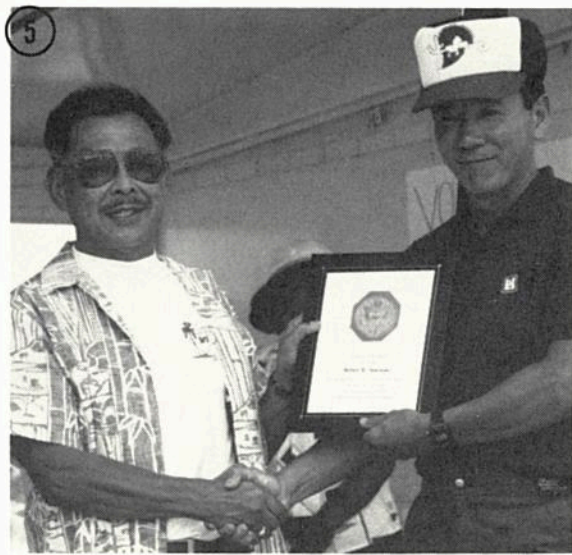
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, the L.A. District's No. 1 "Fit to Win" exponent, leads by example i.e.  
, sit up, canoe race, executive obstacle course, and 5K run



Bob Yamazaki (left) is honored with a 45-year pin and certificate of service by Col. Ono.



John Yokoyama, LADO's impres fund custodian, records his picnic impressions on film.



Natalie Carpenter lip-singing "Private Dancer" by Tina Turner who physically resembles her. A few minutes after her "vocal" performance, Natalie signed with Col. Ono the District's new "alternative work schedule" in her capacity as Local NFFE 777 president.



# District Shorts

## LADO's own MTM

Text & Photos by Ely U. Orias

Actress Mary Tyler Moore's monogram has been "embroidered" on a LADO secretary's consciousness for as long as she can remember.

There's no denying that MTM ranks right up there with this nation's easily decodable initials — FDR, JFK, LBJ, HST, RMN, MGM — but the Hollywood star and TV entrepreneur has no exclusive rights over the MTM monogram. Con-Ops' Mary Theresa Moore has as much rights.

DFs, buckslips, and other Con-Ops documents her boss, James Edinger, originates generally bear Mary's secretarial initials.

"When I was younger, I used to get teased by classmates and friends for my initials," said LADO's MTM. "For example, they would say: 'Oh, we have a celebrity among us.'"

Just a few weeks ago, she was pulled over by a traffic cop on her way to work. As the cop checked "Theresa's" driver's license, the officer muttered, "Your name is easy to remember," recalled Mary Moore.

M-Theresa-M says that as M-Tyler-M gets older and becomes gradually inactive on the TV screen, the teasing gets less and less. "Yes, the teasing does not bother me; what bothers me — facetiously, of course — is that I don't have (the star's) wealth."

LADO's MTM appeared once on Bob Barker's "Truth or Consequences" TV show as a recruit of one of Barker's guests whose "consequence" was to produce at a later Barker show as many persons with famous names. "She got my name in the L.A. phone book with 59 others, including guys with names like Ben Franklin, Patrick Henry, Henry Ford, etc.," Mary said. "My 'recruiter' won the grand prize con-



Mary T. Moore

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## Lauter's skaters club wins Reno Nationals

"The nationals were held in Reno in April and we won!" Gloria Lauter exclaimed.

Of all the competition in "The biggest little city in the world," the Adult National Precision Figure Skating Championships reflected Lauter's crowning achievements. An archaeologist in the Planning Division, Lauter is a member of the "Fabulous Forties," a club made up of skaters from the Greater Los Angeles area. They have been named champions for the 2nd year in a row.

The Fabulous Forties, with Lauter along, went to Tulsa, Okla. in 1987 and took top national honors. This year they did the same thing in Reno.

There are 21 members in the "Forties," all

## Heiberg takes a job with environmental firm

Retired Army Lt.Gen. E.R. Heiberg III, 56, has been named chairman and chief executive officer of Rollins Field Services, a subsidiary of Rollins Environmental Services, a Wilmington, Del.-based environmental management firm.

Heiberg was Chief of Engineers from September 1984 until his retirement 2-1/2 months ago from 37 years of active military service.

Darrell M. Trent, chairman and CEO of the parent firm, says Heiberg's "... years of experience, management style, and immense know-

ledge of our industry" is being counted on to "broaden our base and expertise in service to our clients, especially in our remediation activities."

Rollins Environmental Services, considered one of the nation's largest hazardous-waste management companies, reported in 1987 \$173.6 million in gross revenues.

As Chief of Engineers, Heiberg administered an annual budget of \$12 billion for Army and Air Force construction at home and at places abroad.

*Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly (right) pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Maj. Randall J. Butler, Deputy resident engineer at the Ft. Irwin Resident Office, in ceremonies at the Fort's headquarters during a quarterly review briefing for the post commander. On hand for the occasion were Butler's wife Debbie and their infant daughter Kimberly, and Col. Tad Ono, District commander, seen here preparing to hand the Butler citation to Kelly, then SPD commander. Butler was cited for his "... personal leadership and professional expertise immensely contributed to the Resident Engineer Office's mission." Butler left Ft. Irwin last month for new duties as student at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.*



(Photo by Matt Callan)

## Job satisfaction found?

For Here (at LADO) or To Go (somewhere else for another job?)

Chances are that Zayda M. Basco — a job hopper of sorts and currently a programs clerk in IMO's Computer Operations Section — will stay in LAD for a while. Her employment history listed below will bear this claim out:

She started federal service in June 1980 when she joined the Glendale Office of the Labor Department. Five months later, she was off to a new job at IRS in the L.A. Federal Building. And in August 1981, Zayda scooted over to INS only to bounce back to IRS in April 1982. In 1983 she took another job — this time with the Bankruptcy Division, **Basco** Justice Department in the building. Never bankrupt of job-hopping energy, Zayda left Justice for a job with MTMC Management in San Pedro.

Away from old friends and familiar faces, she moved back to 300 N. Los Angeles St. for a job with the Corps' L.A. District, where she seems to have found "job satisfaction" since June 1984. Will she stay in LADO for good? Only time will tell. — by A. Kabayan



## The PENTAGON

The Pentagon, this country's national military headquarters rocked by an ongoing probe into alleged defense contract fraud by (and bribery of) certain Defense Department officials, has been scheduled for complete renovation.

"There has been no master renovation since the Pentagon was constructed," GSA spokesman Dale Bruce was quoted by the AP as saying. "Renovation has just become an absolute necessity."

The aging structure now requires up to \$500 million worth of improvements. In addition to the planned renovation, GSA is considering building a new DoD office building behind the Pentagon that would cost up to \$450 million.

The 5-sided, 5-story building was built in just 16 months during World War II to enable consolidation of defense activities then conducted from 17 "temporary" buildings in and around the nation's capital. With round-the-clock shifts from August 1941 to January 1943, more than 40,000 persons worked on the Pentagon project that cost \$83 million.

## Mitch Brice joins Army

Mitchell "Mitch" Brice, Civil Works Accounting Section, has left LADO for a 5-year enlistment in the U.S. Army. He will undergo basic training at Ft. Dix, N.J., and additional training at Ft. Eustis, Va.

His wife Lynn, formerly with LADO as Office of Counsel clerk, will join her husband soon after he completes his initial training.

Mitch and Lynn celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on May 24. Their courtship, which lasted two months, started here at LADO during the 1986 spring break.

"Ah, the thrill of victory," John Rasco chimed in. "Congratulations Fabulous Forties, and to Gloria Lauter, definitely not a cheapskate."

women. They range in age from 23 to 55 years of age. Lauter denies being the 23-year-old.

The nation is divided into four sections for championship competition. Elimination skates are held and the winners advance to national "skate offs." The Fabulous Forties won out over all female teams and coed teams as well.

Gloria Lauter said, "We arrived on the scene four years ago. The competition was dominated by Eastern and Mid West teams back then. We are now showier, skate well, and put more into the sport. We have set a new standard."



Lauter

## Around the Corner . . . by Jessica Jacobs



Jim Kohatsu, most recently an estimator for Specs & Estimating Section, Design Branch, Engineering Division, has retired with 30 years of federal service, including two years in the military.

Jim started work in LAD's Channels Section, Design Branch, then transferred to Environmental Resources Branch, followed by yet another transfer — this time to Specs & Estimating the last nine years prior to retirement preparing estimates for various projects in flood control, recreation, navigation, and military.

Challenging and interesting special assignment for Jim Kohatsu while in Specs & Estimating was preparing damage survey reports

of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) during coastal and flood emergencies.

His military service with the Army-Air Force took him to assignments in Japan and Hawaii.

He is currently painting his Gardena home and hopes to travel soon.

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In the May *Newcastle*, this column noted that Elva Wells was now living with her daughter in Los Alamitos and recovering from a fall.

Those wishing to cheer her up during her recuperation can reach her by calling (213) 430-7993.

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This column notes with sadness the recent

death of Abel Nuanes, a Corps retiree who was very active in Corps activities such as picnics and retirement luncheons. He was one retiree who always looked forward to attending the Los Angeles District's annual Retirees' Day festivities.

To Abel's wife Martha and daughter Monica we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Margot Zotter hasn't been well for several weeks and she is undergoing tests and has to stay home now. "All you friends" drop her a line or call her. I know she would appreciate hearing from you.

**BULLETIN** — Bill Bass, Appraisal Branch, Real Estate Division, has died. Sometime in October last year, Bill underwent a liver transplant procedure. More on his passing in the August issue.

### Corps retiree's Russian report

## Train station 'babushka' sells ice cream in 20-degree weather

by Leonard Brahm

2nd of 5 Installments



### The Journey

Day and night, the train rolled smoothly — and almost silently — through mile after mile of forest, river and hill. Hours passed when we saw only a never-ending parade of Tolstoy's "white birches" or Dostoevsky's "larches;" the forests enclosed us on all sides. The chimneys of peasant huts smoked in the cold and, in the distance, the onion-shaped domes of old, abandoned churches stood against the gray sky. The train made many stops along the way; unfortunately they were generally brief, not over 20 or 30 minutes, which did not afford opportunity to wander too far from the station. We bypassed Gorky, made a stop at Kazan in the Tatarskaya SSR, and another at Sverdlovsk, named Ekaterinburg before the Revolution. It was at Ekaterinburg that the last Tsar, Nicholas II, and his family were murdered in the cellar of the house in which they were held prisoners. The assassination squad was commanded by one Sverdloff, for whom the city was re-named.

We had a long stop at Omak, at which station a "babushka" (old woman) did a thriving business selling ice cream — in 20° weather! To NovoSibersk, capital of Siberia, whose population of 1-1/2 million nearly all receive bonuses and extra pay for working through the bitter Siberian winters. On long stretches between railroad stations, we rolled through still more forests, saw elk, red fox and once, I

think, a timber wolf, although Misha said it was probably just a large dog. At Krasnoyarsk (which means both "red" and "beautiful"), we saw snow falling for the first time. The Siberian plain suddenly became transformed into a white, magic carpet; trees, lakes, streams and hills all lay under a blanket of white. At one long, open stretch, I was reminded of the famous scene in the movie, "Dr. Zhivago," where the train, almost lost in an immensity of space and snow is silhouetted against the dusk while flickering lights gleam from peasant huts in the distance. It was a magical and unique experience; I'll probably never see anything like it again.

### Irkutsk

We left the train at Irkutsk, 300-year-old capital of Irkutsk Territory, which has an area larger than France, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark combined. Irkutsk, now a modern, busy city, was the final goal of Jules Verne's "Michael Strogoff" and, despite its humming factories and University founded in 1918, still somehow retains the air of a frontier town. Many of the old-style wooden houses are still inhabited, others are preserved as miniature museums. They are chocolate-brown in color, with richly-carved, multi-paned window frames, portals and gables. Two of the city's old churches still remain open as places of worship. We visited the Church of the Holy Savior and saw the grave of Gregory Shelekov, a Siberian merchant who founded Russia's first colony in Alaska in 1784. Near him are the graves of 19th century exiles, sent to Siberia

(Photo by Leonard Brahm)



**Railroad work crew at Krasnoyarsk Station. Russian soldiers are used as laborers, in this instance.**

by the Tsar's police to labor and die in the snows of a forbidding land. The great Siberian hydro-electric plant, Angarsk, is also at Irkutsk; from here the Soviets expect to supply themselves — and their satellites — with energy throughout the next century.

Hard by the 18th century Church of the Holy Cross, we visited the Memorial to the Heroes of the Great Patriotic War, commonplace statuary in a country where every city, town, and hamlet has erected a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a

Memorial of the Partisan Heroes, a statue of Lenin, whatever. Also a common sight is the bridal party we saw at the Memorial, just come from reciting their marriage vows, the bride, bridesmaids and groom still in their wedding finery, come to lay flowers at the Tomb or Memorial. This is *de rigueur* after practically every wedding in Russia: immediately after the ceremony, before the festivities begin and the vodka flows, flowers are laid at the grave, tomb, or memorial of your choice. (To be continued)

**The EEO Policy Statement and Sexual Harassment Policy Statement have been signed by the District Commander and posted on all Office and Division bulletin boards. — (See related item on Page 3)**

### Whodunit Jacket disappears from workplace

Christine Russman, a new LADO employee, lost a jacket recently and would like to have it back. The loss, she said, occurred on the last day of her 2-1/2 month temporary assignment in Rm. 5437. The jacket disappeared from the office clothes rack. Christine has since been transferred to new duties with the Design Branch.

In a May 6 DF, LMO chief Rosemarie Sandoval reminded all LAD personnel of the potential for theft of property (of any kind) at all times.

Sid Chriqui, LAD security chief, recommends that all employees be particularly careful about the vulnerable areas within their offices where cash, checks and/or other negotiable instruments could easily be removed.

Back to the lost Russman jacket. Christine can be reached at ext. 5466.



(Photos by Ely U. Orias)

Regulatory Branch's Liz Varnhagen playing "Etude Caprice" on the cello, bested 13 other contestants in the "pose" department.



Lt. Col. Jeff Weien is about to "gong" a contestant out, as fellow judges, Col. Tad Ono (right) and Lt. Col. Ken Steele, look on amused.

## The Gong Show, L.A. District style

How do they get all that money to put on a Command picnic like they do every year? Who are THEY? The Gong Show is one gimmick. It's a subgroup appointed by the picnic committee chairman.

This year the Gong Show sported some of the best of District talent and top-of-the-line green suit judges. The "gongers" were Col. Tad Ono, District commander; Lt. Col. Jeff Weien, civil works deputy; and Lt. Col. Ken Steele, military deputy. The hour-long show was consummated in Rm. 7412 one day before the Santa Fe Dam picnic.

The \$50 1st prize went to Anna Davis' five grandchildren, The Singing Cherries. IRO's Grecia Lowe garnered 2nd prize with a reading from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. Third prize went to Juliet Valdez, Q&A Section of RMO, who sang Dulce Skertzsa in Italian.

Steele was an added attraction with wry and then droll comments justifying his point award to the contestants. Weien and Ono played well

to the enthusiastic Corps crowd.

In charge of the event was Dianne Knudsen of RMO. She was assisted by Jose Calderon, Military Accounting, who emceed the show. Knudsen said the show netted \$45, after expenses.

The Army set the mood for the next day doings at Santa Fe. That's how they do it and that's who THEY are. — John Rasco

Col. Tadahiko Ono (standing, left), District commander, in a Personnel Management Review meeting with SPD Personnel Office managers (from left) Michael Adams, Training & Development; Richard Maldonado, Employee Relations; Mitsuo Matsunaga, Position Management & Classification; and Nava Abbott, staffing specialist.



Photo by John Rasco

## An 'elegant' party

Charles E. Mendenhall, a 1972 Corps retiree, and his wife told *Newscastle* about an elegant gathering of approximately 100 persons who helped Neil McDougall, also a Corps retiree, and his wife Gertrude celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The affair, according to the Mendenhalls, was primarily a catered luncheon at Almanson Court in Alhambra, Calif., with beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers gracing each table and an organist playing music of "our" era.

"Several friends recalled incidents of early years of friendship with the McDougalls," said the Mendenhalls. "Roger Lillcrop, for example, told of early days with Neil in the CCC in the Dakotas and how he and his wife were instrumental in bringing Gert and Neil together."

McDougall retired from the L.A. District in 1969 as chief of the Engineering Division's Service Branch.

Mendenhall, who was mustered out as an Army major following World War II, ended his 38-1/2-year Corps career with a tour of LADO duty as executive assistant.

## LADO's own MTM

(From Page 8) sisting of a year's supply of cosmetics."

Maybe it's just a coincidence or ESP, but on July 7 Mary Tyler Moore announced the sale of MTM Productions to a British firm for \$320 million. Six days prior to the announcement, *Newscastle* was in MTM's Con-Ops office on a photo session with her for this story.

Before she joined LADO in June 1975, Mary worked for the Office of Naval Research in Pasadena, the Defense Supply Agency in L.A., and the Army Procurement Office in Pasadena. All in all she has 19 years of federal service thus far.

Although Mary Theresa is a fan of Mary Tyler's, she sometimes bemoans people who put more emphasis on the famous monogram than the subject at hand — like the traffic cop who said her name was easy to remember. "A veiled warning," MTM said.

## Temmel now a GM-15

Steve Temmel, L.A. District counsel, has been promoted to GM-15 — a "personnel" action that makes him one of four in LAD and one of six executive counsels in as many Corps District Commands.



Temmel

In a brief ceremony recently, Col. Tadahiko Ono, District commander, offered LAD's and his own personal congratulations to Temmel.

Lester Edelman, the Corps' chief counsel, also congratulated Temmel in a July 6 letter. "I am extremely pleased that your outstanding record in the Corps has been recognized with (your) promotion," Edelman wrote. "Your performance and leadership are model standards of excellence for every legal manager and attorney in the Corps, the Army, and the government."

An ex-Army captain, Temmel joined LAD as a staff attorney in 1972, becoming District counsel in 1974.



(Photo by Steve Weiss)

Ron Weiss (right), Specs and Estimating Section, holds the jackpot fish he won during a deep sea fishing trip he organized for LADO coworkers last month. The other person in the photo was a deckhand aboard the boat Weiss and his companions chartered out of Port Hueneme for the waters 6 miles out between Point Dume and Point Mugu.

## Volcker urges better pay for federal workers

In a recently published pamphlet entitled *Public Service: The Quiet Crisis*, former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker urges improved pay for civil service workers as one of the ways to make federal employment more competitive with the private sector for top talent.

Now the chairman of the National Commission on the Public Service, Volcker also asks for more flexibility in the hiring and firing of employees, improved public administration programs at universities and a commitment by federal employees to competence and integrity.

Volcker was quoted in the *Federal Employees' News Digest* as saying that the government "... is increasingly unable to attract, retain, and motivate the kinds of people it will need to do the essential work of the republic in the years and decades ahead."

"The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to save all the parts." — Paul Ehrlich, American scientist

## Personnel Notes from Sacramento

Who do you turn to when you are "stumped" by a training question? Ann Landers? Mr. Fixit?

Sooner or later, all of us stumble on a training question. So, where to go?

First off, try your immediate supervisor. If he or she is stumped as well, see your training coordinator who has been given the collateral duty of summarizing, tracking, and reporting all training-related information for your Division.

The Training & Development Branch works most closely with the network of training coordinators, keeping them aware of upcoming classes, nomination/finance procedures, and course allocations and supplied with forms, SOPs, and other training information.

Find out who is your training coordinator. Training coordinators are like your muscles — the more you use them, the stronger they get!

## OPFs

The Technical Services Office receives a large volume of items for filing in employees' Official Personnel Folders (OPFs). Oftentimes, the material submitted must be returned, either because the item is prohibited by federal regs, or the material is a duplicate of info already contained in the OPF.

According to federal regs, letters of appreciation cannot be made part of an employee's official records, and therefore cannot be filed in OPFs. Since these letters are mostly beneficial when applying for career advancement, it is suggested that the letters be copied and placed in applications for selecting officials to review.

# Report From the Field

## Flood control

### LCA signed for San Luis Rey River job

Story & Photos by Carol A. Wolff

After three decades of lobbying Congress and struggling with designs and redesigns, the long-awaited \$43.6 million San Luis Rey River flood control project in Oceanside is poised for a construction start next month.

Representatives from the U.S. Army and the City of Oceanside formally signed a local cooperation agreement in mid-May, spelling out cost-sharing arrangements for the public works project.

In an early morning ceremony at Harbor Beach, on the bank of the San Luis Rey River, John S. Doyle Jr., principal deputy assistant to the secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Larry Bagley, Oceanside mayor, penned the agreement, allowing the Army Corps of Engineers and the city to move ahead with plans to launch construction.

Uniformed officers representing the Corps at the ceremony were Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, then SPD commander, and Col. Tadahiko Ono, LAD commander.

Congress late last year approved spending \$5.5 million to begin the 7-mile-long project that will realign portions of the river and build levees, channels, holding ponds, and bird habitat. Under the 4-phase timetable, initial work would begin shortly after the contract award, expected at the end of this month, said project manager Dave Weaver, LAD Engineering Division.

When completed in 1991, the project would protect some 4,000 homes and industries now standing in the path of a potential flood.

First phase construction would bolster levees between the beachfront and Interstate 5. Subsequent phases would focus on the most critical stretch of the river, a section winding past hundreds of houses, condominiums, apartments,



City officials fought for more than 20 years to gain funding for the project. Among the supporters who attended the signing ceremony are (from left) Byron Nordberg, transportation consultant; Ronald E. Bradley, city manager; and Marva Chriss (cq), Chamber of Commerce president.

and businesses that were built in the flood plain. Phase two would complete the north levee and ponds in that reach; phase three would take the project to Murray bridge, and the final phase would finish the grading and levees.

The need for a flood control project to tame this stretch of treacherous river surfaced more than 30 years ago, Mayor Bagley noted. He cited the 1916 flood that claimed three lives when it struck a sparsely populated river valley. Today, experts say that a 1916 size flood would cause more than \$80 million in damage to businesses, homes, roads and bridges between San Luis Rey Valley and the harbor, where the river empties into the ocean.

Bagley said he has been "ready since 1968" to sign the pact with the federal government for cost-sharing on the project.

Doyle, who signed for the government, said: "We are happy to finally make this project go forward." He added that the flood control work is one of 111 new projects that the Corps is launching after a 16-year hiatus that was broken in 1986.

That year, Congress approved landmark legislation that for the first time prescribed the responsibility of local government to pay part of the cost on a federal project. Legislators and the Administration had debated the issue since 1970, stalling new starts on water projects.

The San Luis Rey River flood control project, first proposed in 1936, was sidetracked several times for seemingly insurmountable engineering and environmental problems and lack of congressional appropriations.

Delays resulted from environmental concerns; lengthy arguments over single levees versus double levees, and strong opposition from landowners who stood to lose hundreds of acres for flood control purposes and riverside habitat to support wildlife.

Although local residents and officials campaigned for flood control in the rapidly-developing valley for three decades, and projects were authorized in 1951 and 1978, no money was allocated for detailed design work until 1976. By then, several sweeping environmental regulations had arisen, placing new roadblocks in front of the project.

The project has been redesigned twice, most recently to protect the habitat of the least Bell's vireo, a grey songbird placed on the endangered species list two years ago. The vireo nest in mature willow thatch along the banks of the San Luis Rey River.

The Corps' revised design, approved by the city council last February, accommodates all the new endangered species habitat and cost-sharing laws that have changed over the years.

Provisions now have been made to protect the endangered least Bell's vireo, and the long-standing single-levee versus double-levee dispute has been worked out through a compromise "modified single-levee" design.

The city is raising its \$6.4 million share of the project costs from the sale of certificates backed by drainage fees collected from developers. The federal government is expected to pay for \$32.6 million of the project cost, with the state contributing \$4.6 million.



The project is now just a step away from reality, project manager, Dave Weaver (left), tells Deputy Mayor Sam Williamson.

In commemoration of Oceanside's 100th anniversary, some city officials came to the ceremony in turn-of-the-century costumes. From left are Pat Hightman, Redevelopment Director; Mayor Bagley's wife Margene; Mrs. Marcia Williamson and her husband, Sam, the Deputy Mayor; and Marva Chriss (cq), Chamber of Commerce president.



City special projects director Dana Whitson and Col. Tad Ono, District commander, express delight over the joint costsharing agreement.



Looking forward to an August construction start are (from left) Joe Dixon, Arizona-Nevada Area Office; Col. Tad Ono, LAD commander; Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly, then SPD commander, and John S. Doyle Jr., principal deputy assistant to the Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

### Hatch confirmed, promoted

*Maj. Gen. Henry J. Hatch has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has also been promoted to lieutenant general, a 3-star rank.*

*Hatch, the 47th Army officer to head the 213-year-old Corps of Engineers, succeeds Lt. Gen. E.R. Heiberg III who has retired from active military service.*

### Command change . . .

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underwent that transition from a relatively small division to a great and large division with its current workload.

"I want to thank the staff and the very dedicated civilian personnel who made that happen with me in San Francisco."

In accepting command of SPD, Sobke invoked the Corps motto, "Essayons," to be the cornerstone of his tenure.

"It is with deep pride and humility that I accept the challenge of becoming the 41st Commander of the South Pacific Division and

look forward to working with each of you," Sobke said.

"As it has been said, the civil works and military programs will require all of our energies to continue the very professional manner that is the hallmark of this Division.

"The Corps of Engineers has as its motto, 'Essayons,' or 'Let Us Try.' This will be my approach to the many challenges as they arise. I will only add the single word 'together' in making these my watchwords.

"My family and I are delighted at the prospect of living and working in this beautiful area, and I look forward to serving you as your Division Commander." — Ely U. Orias

Photo by Frank Rezac



SFC Tony McAlister (2nd from right) presents the Corps flag to BG Kelly, who in turn will pass it on to LG Hatch (left) for presentation to BG Sobke (center), the new SPD commander. Sobke will then pass the flag to Dave Fulton (right), SPD Con-Ops chief, who will hand it back to McAlister — thus completing the command transfer rite. Officer at Podium is Col. Ron Trauner, SPD deputy commander and the ceremony narrator.

### Orias writes '30'

## Newcastle editor retiring from federal service Aug. 12

Story & Photos by Vanessa Opanubi

In print or electronic journalism, the "30" symbol written immediately below the last line of every newscopy means "the end" or "nothing to follow."

Ely U. Orias, *Newcastle* editor for the past three years and former editor of six military newspapers during a 20-year USN career as a journalist, has written "30" on innumerable news articles on almost any subject imaginable.

On Aug. 12, Orias will write a nostalgic "30" — this time not to end a story but to mark the end of his 10-year service with the federal government.

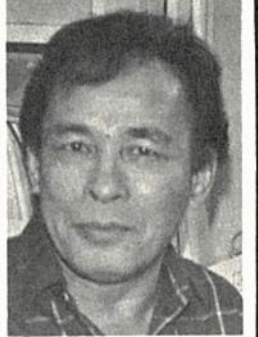
*Marilyn A. Guelden, an information specialist with the Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service at Davis, Calif., will succeed Orias in time to prepare the August issue. A journalism graduate from CalState U at Sacramento, Marilyn previously worked in the Governor's Office of Planning & Research as editorial assistant.*

Orias — a dedicated LADO worker who not only was "happy to be here" but also did a bang-up job in fashioning the *Newcastle* into an attractive and readable mouthpiece — is leaving federal service happy in the thought that his hardwork here and elsewhere had not remained unrecognized.

Under his editorial guidance, the *Newcastle* won the 1987 Corps Quill Award for "excellence in design and news content." Also, three of the Navy newspapers he had edited won "best" honors. And for his work in other aspects of public affairs while on active military duty, the Secretary of the Navy in a Pentagon ceremony awarded him the Navy Achievement Medal for "...demonstrating outstanding professional dexterity in the fields of journalism, photography, and media relations."

For a 3rd and 4th career following his Aug. 12 retirement, Orias will respectively write for a Manila daily and pursue as well a lifelong dream of forming a band "that must be attuned to the exciting and rollicking tempo of 'salsa' music." He plays percussion instruments but not in the "drumbeating" manner he's been accustomed to over the years.

Good luck Ely, we'll miss you an awful lot.



Orias



Ely U. Orias (in golf cap), soon-to-retire *Newcastle* editor, received from Col. Ono at the picnic his service pin & certificate plus the newspaper's 1987 Corps Quill Award for excellence.

## Moore named deputy District engineer for project management

LAD is taking "route" I-88 with six of its projects. The District may need new arteries for commuters but the Corps is streamlining the process of project management at freeway pace.

Initiative '88 (I-88) is being installed in the District with the appointment of Planning Division's Brian Moore as acting deputy District Engineer for project management.

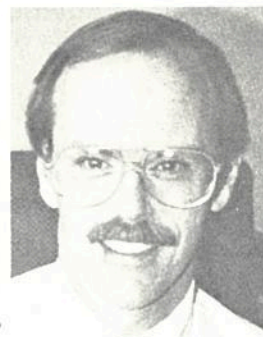
The concept, called Life Cycle Project Management instituted by HQUSACE, is an attempt to improve efficiency in the flow of projects through the system. Most projects valued at over a minimum \$3 million will be included, excepting projects in the continuing authorities program.

The operative facet of the concept is the "Life Cycle" tenure of a project under the same manager, from its inception through operational status. In addition to in-house coordination,

communication with the customer will be better served when the program succeeds as planned.

The new method of management will be completely phased in by July 1989, if all goes accord-

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ing to schedule. Training in the concept started two weeks ago with the first report to the Project Review Board set for next month.

There's a plethora of tasks to be accomplished, according to Moore. Job descriptions need to be written, budgets need to be established and many other details completed, large and small.

"It is exciting, demanding work, and for the first time it will put the project manager truly in charge of the destiny of the project from inception to completion," Moore said. — John Rasco.

*"A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece." — Dr. Ludwig Erhard, West German politician*



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