

### Ground Broken for Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project



Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Commissioner Michael L. Connor led the historic groundbreaking on June 2, 2012, of the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project near Gallup, New Mexico. They were joined by Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly in keynoting the event. Other speakers included Jicarilla Apache Nation President Levi Pesata, U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize, New Mexico State Engineer Scott Verhines and Gallup Mayor Jackie McKinney.

The ceremony was held on the marked centerline of Reach 12A of the project. That four-mile reach is the actual first construction of a project that will be completed by the end of 2024. Over time, a number of reaches spanning about 280 miles will be under simultaneous construction by Reclamation, the Indian Health Service, the Navajo Nation, and the city of Gallup. Additional construction will include two water treatment plants and several pumping plants. When complete, the project will provide a long-term sustainable water supply to meet the critical needs of more than 43 Navajo chapters, Gallup, and an area of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Construction will put over 400 people to work, with a construction peak several years out of over



650 workers. The overall positive economic impact of the project was lauded by every speaker.

Please follow the links below to see a video of the event; news media coverage; a photo gallery; and the news release.

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Thanks to Tami Heilemann, Dave Gates and Pat Page for the great images.



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## DeBeque Wildlife Area Wetlands Project

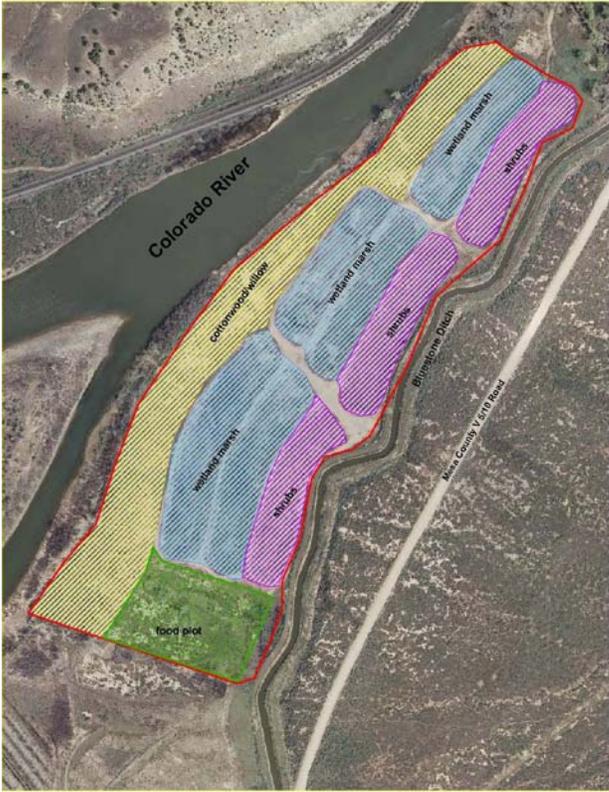


The DeBeque Wildlife Area Wetlands Project started in 2011 to convert eight endangered fish growout ponds into approximately 26.3 acres of wetland/riparian habitat. The goals of this project were to enhance and protect riparian, wetland, and associated habitats lost as a result of salinity control efforts; enhance and protect migratory and resident wildlife values; and manage public use and enjoyment of the property in a manner to maximize the wildlife values.

The project site includes: 9.2 acres of shallow wetland/marsh habitat, 4.7 acres of riparian shrubs, 2.5 acres of food plot, 7.2 acres of riparian trees and shrubs, and 2.7 acres of grasses. The new habitat will be beneficial for migratory waterfowl and other wetland species, including: mallard, gadwall, American wedgeon, green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, bald eagle, sandhill crane, red-naped sapsucker, river otter, and northern leopard frog.

The project was completed in May 2012, and it complements the overall Grand Valley Salinity Control Habitat Replacement Plan developed by Reclamation in consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Fish and Wildlife Service in the 1990's to offset impacts associated with piping and lining canals and laterals in the Grand Valley to reduce salt loading in the Colorado River. The project was funded in partnership with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife's Wetlands Program. A youth crew from the Western Colorado Conservation Corps assisted Reclamation and the Western Colorado Wildlife Habitat Association (Reclamation's managing entity) in the planting the trees, shrubs and aquatic plants.





**DeBeque Wildlife Area Wetlands Project**

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## Thoughts from the Front Office

I recently received a very nice email from an individual in another organization with whom we have not always had good relations. This person was very complimentary of the work that the individuals from Reclamation had done in a particular meeting, including how creative and knowledgeable these individuals were.

In my response back to the individual, I indicated how proud I was of our Reclamation folks and what an important role they play in getting our job done—arriving at creative solutions that work technically and legally. I believe this is true across the board.

I think one of the greatest skills we can bring to the table is an ability to work through issues in a collaborative manner with folks who typically don't see things the way that we do. Understanding the other's point of view, what they are trying to achieve and what is important to them in the end goes a long way toward arriving at solutions that work for all. It may not be the most direct approach to reaching a conclusion—collaboration seldom is. But truly seeking to understand and being willing to discuss options is a vital part of the work that we do.

It is sometimes easier to draw big black lines in the sand and stake out our position, then stick to it come what may. I propose that this won't get you very far in the long run. It is necessary to know where the boundaries are and where you can be creative (and where you cannot). Sometimes the answer has to be, "no." But often if we allow ourselves to get away from the big black lines, we can arrive at conclusions that are "wins" for all.

So continue to work hard at being creative and working through the very tough issues we have to deal with day to day with our partners and crafting solutions that get us to a viable conclusion in the end.

Thanks for all you do all the time.

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### Rachelle Vanderplas - A Five-year Certificate AND a College degree



By Jonne Hower  
Regional Office

Rachelle Vanderplas of the Provo Area Office recently was recognized with a Five Years of Federal Service certificate. The recognition came close on the heels of another major goal: receiving her BS in Geology from Utah Valley University.

Rachelle was hired in 2007 as an office automation clerk. She spoke with me recently and said she had been searching on the USAjob site (<http://www.usajobs.gov/>) and saw the “perfect” opportunity. A Springville, Utah native, she was searching for a part-time position in the Provo, Utah area that would allow her to complete her degree – which at the time was aviation. She applied on-line via USAjobs and was eventually hired. She soon realized that – although she loved flying and has her pilot’s license – that



a degree in aviation would not give her the job opportunities that she craved and changed her major to Natural Science and Mathematics earning her first BS degree.

“I discovered that I like the geology classes the most,” Rachelle said and she earned a second BS degree in Geology.

Working full-time each summer, Rachelle was able to work in the field with Provo’s drill crew.

“Reclamation has given me an awesome chance to excel in my field,” Rachelle said. “Every day is different and I have opportunities to work in the field as well as in the office – which I really appreciate when it is windy and 30 below zero!”

Although her career goals are still evolving, Rachelle indicated she may return to school – yet again – to focus on a geological specialty area.

Rachelle is married and lives in the Provo area with her husband “where they enjoy many outdoor activities such as rock climbing, mountain biking and paragliding.

(Author’s note: Rachelle is the first “new-hire” via USAjobs website employee I’ve met. It really is the digital age and us paper dinosaurs really DO need to retire soon!)

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony for the South Canal Hydropower Project



On Friday, May 25, the Delta Montrose Electric Association and Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association held a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction on a hydropower project on the South Canal near Montrose, Colo. The DMEA and UVWUA requested Reclamation initiate the “Lease of Power Privilege” process in June of 2009 and the Lease was executed in March 2012.

The eleven foot diameter penstocks will carry about 900 cfs to power houses located below two drops on the South Canal. On a yearly basis the hydropower project will produce more than 6,000 kilowatts of power, 27,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, equal to the power used by more than 3,000 homes



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## Catch A Special Thrill Navajo Event

By Dave Gates  
Photographer  
Four Corners Construction Office

Reclamation's Four Corners Construction Office hosted its 14<sup>th</sup> Catch A Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.) event at Navajo Lake State Park on Saturday May 12, 2012. The Farmington Bureau of Land Management co-sponsored the event along with New Mexico State Parks and Special Olympics.

C.A.S.T. was from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 100 disadvantage and disabled youth and adults learned the basics of fishing and spent a few hours fishing the lake. The participants also learned about outdoor ethics, boat safety and the importance of natural resources. All of the participants get to keep their poles and fishing tackle encouraging them to take up this outdoor sport as part of their lifestyle. Over 150 volunteers from the local communities, oil companies, Bass Club, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMT's and Reclamation turn out to help.

C.A.S.T. is a perfect venue to promote the "Take Pride in America" and "Let's Move Outside" initiative promoting physical fitness led by First Lady Michelle Obama. Everyone involved witness the majesty and beauty of this great country of ours. Who could possibly look across that water knowing all of the opportunities and genuine joy this day would bring and not Take Pride in America.

A sponsored Bar-B-Que and award ceremony was provided in the afternoon for all the volunteers and participants. A very special treat for the participants and volunteers was the presence of Tom Spencer, CAST Event Coordinator from Wichita, Kansas. Ms. Carrot was in attendance and talk to the participants about nutrition and exercise, making healthy changes in their lives. Ms. Carrot brought along her friend, Ms. Broccoli this year. She incorporated the "Let's Move Outside" initiative in her speech and with her actions prior to the event.

A GREAT time was had by all!





Ms. Carrot & Ms. Broccoli



Tom Spencer, CAST Event Coordinator





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## The Construction and Destruction of a New Jordanelle Reservoir



By Kerry Schwartz  
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In mid-April, Jordanelle State Park employees, along with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, worked to complete a beaver curtailment project within Jordanelle State Park. Efforts were successful to remove four small dams located on McHenry Creek (a tributary to Jordanelle Reservoir) built by the busy beavers.

As a follow-up to the work completed in April, Jordanelle State Park officials conducted a follow-up site inspection and noted that there wasn't any water flowing in McHenry Creek. Upon further investigation park officials noted that the busy beavers had built an upstream dam on the road embankment above Highway 40 (adjacent to the park). The new dam was outside of the boundaries of the Jordanelle State Park—it now was the responsibility of Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT).



UDOT and State Park officials mobilized and devised a plan to take care of the busy beavers. On May 21<sup>st</sup> officials attempted unsuccessfully to dynamite the beaver dams by crawling through a culvert placed under the road (approximately 300 feet in length) and placing a charge at the base of the newly created dam. After the first unsuccessful attempt, officials were skeptical of the ability to remove the dam. However, on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the same person who tried unsuccessfully to explode the dam with dynamite tried again—this time successfully ([see video](#)).

The effect of the second attempt being successful came at a cost to the State Park facilities. The water that was released from the beaver dam ran over its banks and caused erosion and damage to the McHenry Campground. Laurie Backus, State Park Manager for Jordanelle State Park, said, “the flood occurred on Wednesday and we had a campground that was booked solid for the entire weekend starting on Friday.” Crews from State Parks and UDOT were mobilized to fix the damage and clean up what had been done to the campground. Laurie said that “it was amazing how quickly things got done and we were able to open the campground by week’s end.”

As a follow-up—on May 26<sup>th</sup> Jordanelle State Park sustained considerable damage at the marina when a wind storm caused considerable damage to the marina docks and boats in the slips at the marina. Laurie Backus said “I hope our next nature event is not an earthquake. We have had enough!”

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## FBMS Status Update

June 2012

*Reclamation has continued to progress toward FBMS conversion, slated to "go live" with Deployment 8 (D8) in November 2013. There has been and will continue to be much work within the UC region to prepare for this conversion. Reclamation's FBMS Project Management Team (PMT) has a very useful intranet site that provides updates and helpful resources regarding the FBMS conversion process- check it out [here](#).*

*We are currently in the project preparation phase for D8, although we have had the opportunity to participate in several phases of the D6 and D7 deployments. Update highlights include:*

- Reclamation's official **D8 Kickoff Workshop** is scheduled for **June 19-21, 2012**. This workshop is hosted by the Denver PMT and will involve all regional offices via conference call and WebEx. There will be a general overview session from 9 am-noon MST on Tuesday, June 19. Managers and anyone who will be affected by FBMS are encouraged to attend. The regional office has scheduled room 8102 for the Kickoff on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-noon with an overflow in room 7103. The rest of the sessions (June 19 -June 21) will be held in room 7103. Area offices will hold these meetings in the following conference rooms:
  - Provo-Conference Room #4
  - Albuquerque-check with Dwight Crabtree
  - Durango and Four Corners Construction offices-will be held in the conference room at each location
  - Western Colorado-Conference Room A
- The final agenda is below. Workshops topics include demonstrations, user expectations and responsibilities, and impact on the following functional areas:
  - Budget
  - Finance
  - Key Systems
  - Property
  - Acquisitions- requisitioning
  - Financial Assistance
  - Charge Card
  - Fleet

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FBMS? There will be a panel composed of members from previously deployed bureaus that will answer questions during the overview session. If you have any questions please submit them through the following link: <http://intra.usbr.gov/fbms/>

If you have any questions regarding FBMS, feel free to contact Shara Hillier, FBMS Regional Coordinator at [shillier@usbr.gov](mailto:shillier@usbr.gov) or (801) 524-3660.

## D8 FBMS Kick-off Workshop Agenda

June 19 – 21, 2012

Denver Colorado, DFC / WebEx (Sessions will be recorded)

To join the online meeting:

1. Go to  
<https://fbms.webex.com/fbms/j.php?ED=138542892&UID=1131682932&PW=NZTJmNzIIYW&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Enter the meeting password: 111111.
4. Click "Join Now".

Conference Line: TBD

Pass code: TBD

### **Attendees:**

*ESC, PMT, Lead SMEs, Controlling Team, Regional FBMS Coordinator, Regional SMEs, Regional Management, Employees who are affected by FBMS*

### **Day 1**

*Overview (Target Audience: General)*

- Provide baseline understanding of the FBMS Project (goals, schedule, staffing)
- Explain why are we implementing FBMS
- Explain what to expect for the D8 FBMS Implementation
- Discuss what do we need to do to be successful

### **Day 2 and Day 3**

*Details & Demonstrations (Target Audience: Subject Matter and Technical Experts)*

- Provide demonstrations of FBMS data fields and services
- Provide expectations and responsibilities for the upcoming D8 blueprinting process and other phases of the FBMS project
- Address overall questions and concerns about FBMS

## Day One – June 19

	Start / End	Title	Presenter
1	9:00 – 9:15	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Why are we implementing FBMS What to do to be successful Search for Opportunities to Leverage</i>	<b>Elizabeth Cordova-Harrison</b> <i>Director, Management Services Office Reclamation FBMS Executive Sponsor</i>
2	9:15 – 10:15	<b>FBMS Overview</b> <i>What to expect with D8 Deployment Overview of FBMS Schedule by Project phase including key tasks, coordination, and process requirements What do we need to accomplish by the end of FY2012 and FY 2013?</i>	<b>Rayleen Cruz</b> <i>PMO – Business Process Manager</i>  <b>Ed Abreo and Yvonne Vigil</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Project Manager and Deputy Project Manager</i>
	10:15 – 10:30	<b>Break</b>	
3	10:30 – 11:30	<b>Change Management</b> <i>Adapting to change Using the Governance and Communication Process FY 2013 Regional Road Shows</i>	<b>Shelly Wiser</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
4	11:30 – 12:30	<b>Other Bureaus' Implementation Successes</b> <i>A full hour of asking questions of deployed bureaus Please submit questions ahead of time.</i>	<b>Ed Abreo – Moderator</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Project Manager</i> <b>Panel</b> <i>Brian Bloodsworth – FWS – Bureau Lead John Stabler – USGS – Bureau Lead Jackie Lynch – USGS- Change Management Lead Leslie Peabody – PMO – Transition Manager</i>
	12:30 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
5	1:30 – 2:00	<b>Master Data</b> <i>How is the 18-digit cost authority going to change? The decision papers and crosswalk</i>	<b>Shelly Wiser</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	2:00 – 2:15	<b>Break</b>	
6	2:15 – 3:45	<b>What Impact will FBMS Implementation have on Reclamation?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Budget – What are the new budget</i></li></ul>	<b>Ed Abreo – Moderator</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Project Manager</i>

Start / End	Title	Presenter
	<p><i>levels?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Finance – How will input change?</i></li> <li>• <i>Key Systems – What systems will change and how does this affect me?</i></li> <li>• <i>Property – Changes to the work order process</i></li> <li>• <i>Acquisitions – Requisitioning</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Charge Card – Will the process change?</i></li> <li>• <i>Fleet – What are the major changes?</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Panel</b>  <i>Beth Hughes-Brown – Program and Budget</i>  <i>Ella Mae Herrera – Policy and Administration</i>  <i>Deborah Nicholson – Finance and Accounting Division</i>  <i>Heidi Morrow – Business Analysis Division</i></p>
7 3:45 – 4:45	<p><b>Wrap up Questions and Answers</b></p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Cordova- Harrison and Ed Abreo</b>  <i>Director, Management Services Office and FBMS Project Manager</i></p>
4:45	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	

**Day 2 – June 20**

	<b>Start / End</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>D8 Blueprinting</b> <i>Expectations and Responsibilities</i> <i>Addressing critical issues based on your input</i>	<b>Rick Kness and Shelly Wiser</b> <i>Project Management Team Panel</i>
	<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	<b>Data Management and Conversion Strategy</b> <i>Where are we now? What have we accomplished? What are the next steps?</i>	<b>Yvonne Vigil</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Deputy Project Manager</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>11:15 – 12:15</b>	<b>Reporting</b> <i>What are the phases?</i> <i>What have we already reviewed and analyzed?</i> <i>Demonstration of FBMS Reporting Services</i>	<b>Rick Kness</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	<b>12:15 – 1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:15</b>	<b>Requisitions</b> <i>Key changes in the requisition process</i> <i>Demonstration of FBMS Requisition Services</i>	<b>Bruce Feirtag</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>2:15 – 2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>2:45 – 3:45</b>	<b>Property</b> <i>Lessons Learned and Future Challenges</i>	<b>Yvonne Vigil - Moderator</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Deputy Project Manager</i> <b>Rudy Avila</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>  <b>Panel</b> <i>FWS Representative</i> <i>BLM Representative</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>3:45 – 4:45</b>	<b>Navigating in SharePoint</b> <i>What is on SharePoint?</i> <i>What are the key areas to access?</i>	<b>Rick Kness and Shelly Wiser</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	<b>4:45</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Day 3 – June 21

	<b>Start / End</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Master Data</b> <i>FBMS Demonstration</i> <i>What does the screen look like for Functional Area, WBS, Commitment Item, Application of funds, and Fund?</i> <i>How is it going to be used?</i>	<b>Chris Walter</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>COPS</b> <i>Demonstration of FBMS COPS</i>	<b>Kim Johnson</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>11:15 – 12:15</b>	<b>Work Orders</b> <i>Demonstration of FBMS Work Order Process</i>	<b>Rudy Avila</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	<b>12:15 – 1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Stephanie Daube</b> <i>PMO – Real Estate</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:15</b>	<b>Sales and Distribution</b> <i>Demonstration of SD in FBMS</i>	<b>Kim Johnson</b> <i>Project Management Team</i>
	<b>2:15 – 2:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b> <i>Opportunity to ask the PMT questions</i>	<b>Project Management Team</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3:30 – 4:30</b>	<b>Making the Deployment a Success</b> <i>What can we do now and what can we do better?</i>	<b>Ed Abreo</b> <i>Reclamation FBMS Project Manager</i>
	<b>4:30</b>	<b>Workshop Ends</b>	

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### Sharing Our Diversity by Sharing Your Recipes

From the kitchen of Julie Richardson (Retired) – **Caramel Popcorn**



½ bag of brown sugar

1 C Karo Syrup

1 can of Eagle brand sweetened condensed milk

1 stick of butter (1/2 cup)

1 T of vanilla

A very large bowl of popped corn (about 1 ½ cups of corn popped in an air popper)

Optional: you can add nuts if you wish.

Pop your corn first. Melt the butter in a sauce pan then stir in the brown sugar and Karo syrup, bring to a boil. Add the sweetened condensed milk stirring constantly, bring to a boil again. Keep stirring the caramel and cook the caramel until it reaches the soft-ball stage (drop a little bit in a cold bowl of water. When you can form a soft, small ball of it with your fingers at the bottom of the bowl and it keeps it shape, the caramel is done.) Take the caramel off the heat and stir it until it cools down enough to pour over the popcorn. The sides of your sauce pan should be warm but not hot to the touch. Stir in the vanilla well then pour the caramel over the popcorn and stir it in. Enjoy.

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### Wishes Really Do Come True

Anyone who has had the opportunity to meet Millie Diaz in the Regional Office knows she is a very hard worker and has a “wish” list which contains the names of people she loves. One of the names on her list is Pitbull, a Cuban rapper. Millie is so “in” to Pitbull that she wrote him a letter telling him about herself and how she would love to meet him, and she included pictures of herself participating in Special Olympics events. Her package made its way to DJ Billy Rice and the rest is history. Check out how Millie spent Memorial Day weekend.....



Photos and Miami Herald Article below



## A concert, parties and celebrities help make final days of Urban Beach Week a blast

BY JACQUELINE CHARLES, KATHLEEN McGRORY AND DAVID SMILEY  
The Miami Herald

The Urban Beach Week revelers needed a rest Sunday morning. But by the time the sun went down, they were on their feet and ready to party.

The venue: the Best of the Best concert at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami.

Reggae and hip-hop enthusiasts braved late afternoon showers, cramming the aisles and lining the walls. Some carried umbrellas and wore ponchos in the colors of the Jamaican flag. When the music started, they sang along and wound their waist lines to the beat.

“Hip hop and reggae together?” said first-time concert-goer Alyssa Savery, 17. “That’s the perfect combination.”

The concert ran late. Long-awaited artist Shaggy came on at 9:20 p.m., an hour behind schedule with a scarf in his native Jamaica colors hanging out of his back pocket. He was a crowd pleaser as he introduced his hit "Mr. Bombastic" with a heavy metal guitar intro.

It was no surprise that partygoers were slow to get started Sunday. Saturday’s festivities lasted until sunrise, and in some cases, longer.

Early Sunday afternoon, couples napped on picnic blankets. Muscular men did chin-ups in Lummus Park. Guys rolled down Ocean Drive on their skateboards.

It could have been any weekend in South Beach, but for the barricades, police watch towers and mobile command centers.

Heatherine Crooks and three of her friends sunned themselves atop a rock wall in the park, margaritas in hand. They had partied at Mango’s Tropical Cafe on Ocean Drive until 4 a.m. the night before, they said.

“They played some reggae, which we appreciated,” said Crooks, who is Jamaican. “We danced our feet off.”

A half block north, Luis de Jesus and half a dozen Colombian, Cuban, Puerto Rican and Panamanian friends came out for what once used to be a weekly congregation of percussionists. They beat Afro-Cuban rhythms on congas and struck a cowbell and clave.

Mary Quintana from Hialeah and Matt Muentes from Coral Gables danced until they were out of breath.

“This is culture,” said Edwin Torres in between strikes of the congas.





Then, there was Pitbull.

The Miami music mogul met with hundreds of fans at Gulf Liquors on 17th Street and Alton Avenue.

Fans lined the block waiting for Mr. 305. One woman shouted that she had been waiting for three hours for the opportunity to hug her idol.

**Perhaps no one was happier to meet Pitbull than Millie Diaz.**

**Diaz, who was born without vocal chords, flew from Salt Lake City through a grant from the Make a Wish Foundation.**

**“She is in seventh heaven right now,” said Isabel Feliciano, Diaz’s mother.**

**But the biggest bash of the day was by far The Best of the Best concert. The concert line-up also included Shaggy, Funk Master Flex, Fat Joe and reggae singer Marcia Griffiths.**

**At one point, soca artist Iwer George led the crowd in a jump and wave. Later, the crowds rocked hard to the dancehall beats of the hip-hop DJs.**

**Then it was back to South Beach for more partying on Monday — closing day for Urban Beach Week.**

**Miami Herald writers Daniela Guzman, Kate Howard, Kristofer Rios and Luisa Yanez contributed to this report.**

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## **If you ever needed a reason to wear sunscreen....**

Please see the [attached article](#) that was kindly received from Dave Trueman. I think we can all learn something from this. Also, those of us that have driven numerous miles in a car know the pain that one can receive from the sun either beating through the window on your left arm, or, even when you lean your arm on an open window as you go down the highway for a period of time during the summer.

Another aspect is, many of us have ridden a motorcycle on the freeway or seen those who have. Oftentimes these people only wear a T-shirt and sometimes shorts. Wow, what a way to get deep fried and/or heavily cancered!!!

Finally, my wife, who is not one of the California, leather skinned sun worshipers, contacted skin cancer through "PUBA" treatments from contact with Agent Orange while she served in Viet Nam. She now has stage 3 skin cancer (in addition to other cancer's) which is not stoppable however, is somewhat containable, if she continues to get surgery approximately every 3 months. If she were to stop the surgeries, she wouldn't last for a year.

Is skin cancer real.....ABSOUTELY!!! You can die from it!!! As you recreate and/or work outside, please wear sun screen with a high rating (we use between 75 and 100) and.....have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer!

Jay G. Roundy

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### In Transition

#### Angelica's New Bundle of Joy



Angelica Rodriguez, in the Human Resources Division, welcomed her new bundle of joy, Sophie, early Saturday morning, after having worked all day Friday, enduring labor pains until about 4 pm when her mother drove her over to the hospital, and her husband Omar meet them, and she was admitted. She is a very strong and dedicated young lady.

Angelica and Omar would like to thank everyone for all you best wishes, Sophie was born on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 6:40 am. She weighed 6lb 1oz and is 19" long. They are home and both are doing well!!

The pictures below of her beautiful daughter will surely brighten your day!





Sophie Rodriguez

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## Jim Langston is Retiring



Jim Langston in New Orleans in 2005

Jim Langston is retiring on June 30, 2012 after working for Reclamation for 29 years. He started working for Reclamation on a temporary work crew in 1983 and later that year was offered a permanent position. Jim worked on many Reclamation projects including; Ridgway Dam, the Smuggler Mountain EPA super fund cleanup, and the modification of Jackson Lake Dam. In 2005, after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Jim helped clean-up New Orleans for three months.

Jim says, "Along the way I ended up making a lot of good friends and a few enemies. That seems to go with the territory when you are a construction inspector."

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## Former Grand Junction employee Carol L. Stratton dies



Carol L. "Brown" Stratton October 3, 1933 – June 3, 2012 Carol L. Stratton, better known to his family and friends as "Brown", passed away quietly at Community Hospital in Grand Junction, CO, on June 3, 2012. He was 78 years old. Brown was born in Paonia, CO, on October 3, 1933, to William and Clara (Cogdill) Stratton. His childhood was spent in Paonia, Ouray and Nucla, where he attended high school. He was in the US Army from 1954 to 1956. Brown married Hazel A. (Britton) Stratton on April 20, 1957, and they spent most of their married life in the Montrose area, where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation, until he retired. Brown enjoyed dancing, hunting, fishing, and shooting pool. He was a member of the local Moose and Elks Lodges.

Brown is preceded in death by his parents, William and Clara; wife, Hazel; daughter, Pam Palmer, and brother, Louie Stratton. He is survived by his companion, Dora Duncan of Grand Junction, CO; his son, Philip (Brenda) Stratton of Grand Junction, CO; his daughters, Patty (Stan) Wyatt of Meeker, CO, and Penny (Brian) Boyd of Colorado Springs, CO; his brothers, Clinton (Iris) Stratton of Montrose, CO, and Jerry (Denise) Stratton of Crystal Lake, IL; his sisters, Freda (Chuck) Vlcek of Lagrange Park, IL; LaVonne (Bill) Sherman and Anna Stratton of Crystal Lake, IL; 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. A Funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Martin Mortuary with Chaplain Alan Kaiser presiding. Burial will follow at Grand View Cemetery, Montrose, CO. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.MartinMortuary.com](http://www.MartinMortuary.com).

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## Reclamation Trivia

Here's this week's set of questions:

- (1) The average residence in the United State uses how many gallons of water each year?
- (2) How many gallons of water does it take to produce one ton of steel?
- (3) How much does one gallon of water weigh?

Last week, We asked,

- (1) The 2011 Administrative Professional of the Year went to [Mr. Mark Barnett](#), from the PN Region's Property Group and the Administrative Services Professional was announced as Mr. Andre Shepet, from [Denver's Human Resources Division](#).
- (2) From Volume 4 Issue 8, From the Frequently Used UCR Acronyms List, what is the acronym for Selective Level Outlet Works = [SLOW](#)
- (3) Albuquerque Area Office Archeologist [Mark Hungerford](#) was honored this Memorial Day weekend for his work on the exhumation and transfer of remains from [Fort Craig](#).

Last winner was – [N/A](#)

Please use this [link to send your answers](#). To be fair we will draw names from the winners and one person will receive a prize. We will reach into the prize bin for something suitable for the winner...as long as supplies last.

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