

Four Corners Construction Office Receives first ever Regional Directors Facility Safety Recognition Medal



Pat Page, Deputy Construction Engineer, Four Corners Construction Office and Dan Mitchell UC Regional Safety Manager

By Mark Watkins
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On June 21, 2012, Mr. Dan Mitchell UC Regional Safety Manager presented Mr. Pat Page, Deputy Construction Engineer, Four Corners Construction Office, with the first ever Regional Directors Safety Recognition medal as outlined in UC-1010-12-03 letter. Pat accepted the award on behalf of Project Construction Engineer Barry Longwell and all the Four Corners Construction Office employees.

In a note to the Four Corners Construction Office, Regional Director Larry Walkoviak stated "I am honored to present Four Corners Construction Office the Regional Director's 2012 Silver Safety Medal. This achievement reflects your dedication and employee's diligence implementing safe work practices and consistently watching out for each other. I commend Four Corners Construction Office's ongoing team effort in complying with existing laws and regulations; conforming to policy; and systematically identifying ways we can potentially improve. The assessment identified many safety management practices that will continue to enhance Four Comer's safety achievements and will also be of value to others. Please take time to celebrate the facility's accomplishment."



1. Background: Historically, recognition of safety performance has been based on the absence of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable incidents. This program changed the methodology to one that establishes processes to recognize facilities conforming to Reclamation policy and demonstrating continual improvement through implementation of nationally-recognized safety management processes as delineated in ANSI Z10-2005 – Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems.

2. Policy: The Regional Director will seek to consistently recognize facilities that demonstrate compliance with safety regulations, conformance with Reclamation standards and seek continual improvement in their safety performance.

3. Procedure:

a. Assessment: At least annually Safety Group personnel, in conjunction with each facility's assigned Collateral Duty Safety Representatives (CDSR), will evaluate facilities.

b. Recognition: Annually, the Safety Group will nominate facilities for recognition. For each nominated facility an appropriate achievement level of gold, silver, or bronze will be assigned using criteria listed below and documented on the Facility Safety Recognition

- Gold: During the assessment period only minor compliance issues were identified; receive a score of greater than 90 percent on compliance emphasis, demonstrates consistent improvement through systematic hazard identification and corrective action by obtaining a score of greater than 90 percent of the program elements of the assessment, lessons learned are captured in appropriate policies, safe operating procedures, and/or Job Hazard Analyses (JHAs).
- Silver: During the assessment period only a few compliance issues that have a low rate of occurrence were identified and have been corrected in a timely manner; obtain a score of greater than 90 percent on the compliance emphasis, most of the safety management systems are effectively implemented, lessons learned are captured in appropriate policies, safe operating procedures and/or JHAs, can demonstrate improved safety performance over the assessment period by obtaining a score of greater than 80 percent on program elements of the assessment.
- Bronze: During the assessment period, several compliance issues have been identified, however, the severity of associated risks are reduced based on previous experience; obtain a score of greater than 85 percent in the compliance emphasis; can demonstrate their commitment to be compliant with Reclamation safety requirements and have made improvement using effective inspection processes and consistent corrective action by obtaining a score of greater than 70 percent on the assessment's program elements.

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Michael Draper receives Regional Director's Honor Award



Michael Draper, shown receiving the Regional Director's Honor Award, at a Provo Area Office all-employees meeting. The Award recognized Mike's heroic actions in September 2011. While on a scenic drive, Mike helped rescue fishermen whose boat had capsized. Mike was able to keep one man on shore, convincing him that he could not swim back to the boat. Of the two remaining boaters, one – although in a state of shock- recovered; however the third succumbed to shock, even though Mike performed CPR until emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

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Thoughts from the Front Office

I recently attended the Reclamation Leadership Team Meeting for Larry and wanted to share with you some of the information from that meeting, particularly what our Commissioner sees as Reclamation's focus for the next 6 months or so.

The Commissioner indicated that there are a lot of things going on but he wanted us to stay the course on issues that we have outstanding, including finalizing some of the Directives and Standards that are currently out in draft, i.e., Lease of Power Privilege.

One of his main focuses has been, and will continue to be, on U.S./Mexico discussions related to the Colorado River and several California issues such as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The Commissioner believes that our FY 2014 Budget is going to be critical, and we need to make a strong case as it goes forward to the Department and OMB and eventually to Congress so critical programs/issues get appropriate funding.

He also asked us to continue to work on institutionalizing good government issues such as renewable energy, and focus on our administrative cost reduction targets.

He believes that Reclamation has had a lot of successes on the ground and working with our partners, which he will highlight as we move forward through the next several months.

He thanked everyone for their efforts.

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“Just another Review C”

By Tom Roe
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Four Corners Construction Office

For those that don't know what a “Review C” is, it's a group of designers and project participants coming together for a final review of draft plans and specifications. Kind of dry stuff huh? This Review C was set up for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project's contract that will modify 4 pumping plants so that they operate better in automatic mode.

Well, this process required a Four Corners Construction Office designer, a contract administrator, the field office chief, a Bureau of Indian Affairs program manager, and some Navajo Agricultural Products Industry personnel to attend the Denver Technical Service Center (TSC) so that minds could meet. It always feels good to clear airport security and board the jet. The scream of the turbine engines, the pressure of the seat against your back as you are thrust into subspace. On the jet I review meeting notes and relax for a while. I've always thought half of any learning experience was the getting to the place you needed to be, on time, ready to go. With 6 project personnel going to this meeting, the total project tab is about \$5,000 for the three day stay. But wait! Scratch that. We had a video conference instead.

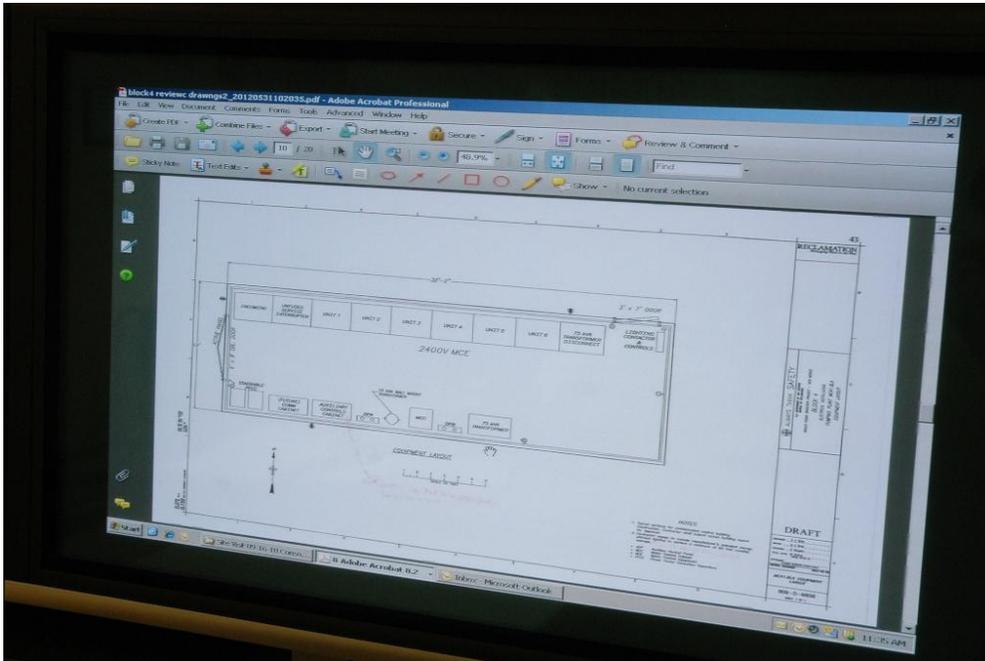
Our new double screen, motion sensor activated video camera, and speaker dotted tables allowed project participants to interact with TSC personnel through each topic of the specifications. We were able to schedule specialized design personnel into our agenda that best suited their work load and no one had to leave their families for the week. Travel savings will compound as the system is used. The companion camera in the TSC conference room allowed specification pages to be reviewed on one screen while actives in their conference room were viewed on the other screen, right down to the exercise balance ball chair that was used by some of the design team personnel. In this day and age where Government excesses are scrutinized, our new video conference equipment will most certainly allow project personnel to attend many meetings throughout the world in a climate that demands the best value for the Government. With the use of this new equipment, it begs the question: Can the Four Corners Construction Office requisition an exercise balance ball chair?

Photos below





From the top left front of table moving counter clock wise , Bob Brown FCCO EE, Tom Roe FCCO CE, Michael Howe BIA CE, Paul Dempsey NAPI O&M Electrical Manager, Paul Thompson BIA Surveyor, Robert Williams NAPI IT, Lionel Haskie NAPI O&M Manager, Art Thomas NAPI Mechanical Supervisor.



The screen shot is of the 41.6L-A pumping plant equipment room layout presented by the Technical Service Center video equipment as it appeared in the Four Corners Construction Office conference room.





From left to right Denver TSC, Nancy Arthur, Eric Vaughn, Andrew Katers, Via teleconference.

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Pakistani Tour Stops in Grand Junction

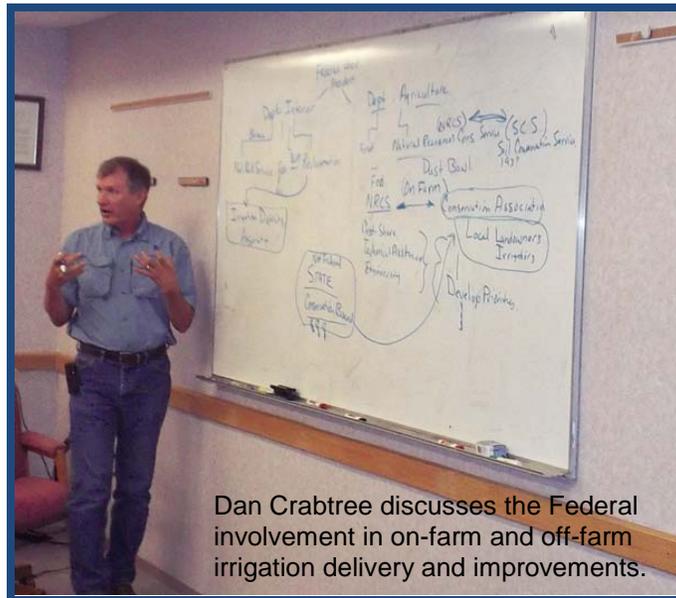


On Monday, June 25, 2012, a group of ten Pakistani agriculture and irrigation specialists met with Western Colorado Area Office representatives. The group was part of a USAID (www.usaid.gov) tour group that was in Colorado to learn how to increase farm productivity, marketing, and employment in Pakistan. They toured parts of the Uncompahgre and Grand Valley Projects on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Dan Crabtree, Water Management Group Chief and Brent Uilenberg, Technical Service Division Manager from the Western Colorado Area Office presented information to the group about what Reclamation does; how we partner with other federal entities, the state, water districts, and individuals; and how irrigation and agriculture works on the Western Slope of Colorado and the United States.

Mohammad Ghani Khuan, Agriculture Specialist for USAID, Pakistan said, “We are excited to learn about modern forms of irrigation systems. Pakistani farmers currently waste a lot of water on flood irrigation; we could be much more efficient with our water if farmers would switch to furrow irrigation. We are visiting the United States to learn how to increase our produce yield, increase our product variety, improve our drainage systems, and learn new ways to irrigate.”





Dan Crabtree discusses the Federal involvement in on-farm and off-farm irrigation delivery and improvements.



Dick Proctor, manager of the Grand Valley Water Users Association, discusses the structure of his board of directors and relationship with Reclamation.

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The AAO is 2,000 Pounds Lighter!



The Albuquerque Area Office is excited to report that the First Annual E-Cycle Week was a huge success. The effort was led by Albuquerque Supply Specialist Pete Sheridan, Socorro Field Division Supply Technician Beverly Junger and Elephant Butte Field Division Supply Technician Davonna Armijo.

The week was an opportunity for the offices to clean up and get rid of outdated and non-working electronics that could not be placed in the local landfill. Improper disposal of such items could potentially cause harm to the environment and local drinking water. Employees were also given the opportunity to bring in electronics from home. The AAO responded with flying colors gathering about 2,000 pounds of items!



Even better, since we had accumulated so many items, UNICOR sent an 18-wheeler, at no cost to us, to pick up and recycle all of the “junk”.



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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) November 4, 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 held the official D8 Kickoff Workshop June 19-21, 2012. This workshop was hosted by the Denver PMT and involved all regions within Reclamation. UC region had a great turnout and the workshop was helpful to many in prompting and answering questions about FBMS. The sessions were recorded and will be available within a couple of weeks for those who are interested. A few notes:

- Reclamation is preparing to enter the blueprinting phase, which will begin in August. Blueprinting is a business process definition and design effort to associate existing processes to FBMS functions and modules. The blueprinting sessions will span from August 13- September 12 and will be attended by the Subject Matter Experts (SME's).
- Reclamation's year end close date has been moved forward to September 26, 2012 this year.
- Data conversion and cleansing has been rolled out to all functional areas. Finance, acquisitions, and property are all engaged in data cleansing efforts to validate that our

current data is accurate. An example was given of the cost to fix 5 vendors which were converted with the wrong recipient ID. Total cost to fix= \$5,550! This underscores the important of converting the best data into FBMS.

- Role mapping will begin in December 2012 and help identify what positions will have which roles in FBMS.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FBMS? There is a permanent site set up for questions throughout FBMS deployment. Submit your questions here: <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 or (801) 524-3660.

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Meet the Western Colorado Area Office Intern



The Western Colorado Area Office is hosting Tyler Rockhill as an intern this summer. Tyler is from Seattle, WA and is studying Environmental Engineering at the University of Portland. He will spend six weeks working in the Grand Junction, Colo. office and four weeks in the Durango, Colo. office.

Tyler will be working on a wide variety of projects including water operations, water measurement, construction of endangered fish recovery facilities, irrigation district operations, reservoir water quality investigations, , and the Grand Valley Water Users Water Management Plan.

Tyler first became interested in Environmental Engineering during a high school trip to the Olympic Peninsula Institute; where they are removing dams in order to restore salmon habitat. Tyler says, “When it was time to attend college, I knew that I wanted to do more than research, I wanted to be part of implementing a solution. This is why I chose to study engineering.”

Tyler applied to intern with the Bureau of Reclamation because he wanted to learn from like minded engineers and hydrologist who are working on projects similar to what he hopes to work on in the future.

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June BOREA Activity “The Thirsty Games”



By Robert Radtke
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In an activity similarly reminiscent to the popular book and movie “The Hunger Games”, this month’s BOREA activity was put on by the TSD and was called the “The Thirsty Games”. One participant from each division was selected, for their skills and cunning or maybe just being at the wrong place at the wrong time, to represent their whole group. Each participant had to compete against 2 other participants to see who would be eliminated and who would move on. The winner was the one who filled a container with the most water in 2 minutes using water soakers.

The first round was won by the skills of the TSD representative, that being Robert Radtke. The second round was won by luck, by Sterling Acree representing FMD. Paul Davidson took command of the 3rd elimination cycle for RMD. The final showdown between these three survivors brought anticipation and some anxiety among the disquieted spectators, who enjoyed eating ice cream or popsicles in the sweltering heat. Once the water started to flow into the containers for the final showdown, it looked as if any one of these gladiator type competitors could be the final winner. At the end of the 2 minute time period, the one left standing and walking away with a swagger and a smile on his face was Sterling Acree who won by a mere 5 ml (give or take a drop). This was devastating to the audience, could it have been that there was some underhanded deviousness which occurred?

Photos below



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Hatch Act Unit Advisory
Hatch Act Unit, Departmental Ethics Office

June 27, 2012

Important Guidance for DOI Employees on Political Activities and the Hatch Act

The Department of the Interior Hatch Act Unit, located within the Departmental Ethics Office, will be periodically sending out information to assist employees with compliance with the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act governs the political activity of government employees. It prohibits government employees from engaging in any political activity while on duty and, in some cases, even while not on duty.* Under the Act's implementing regulations, "political activity" is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or a partisan political group. 5 C.F.R. § 734.101. The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is responsible for enforcing the Hatch Act provisions. Violations of the Act are adjudicated by the Merit Systems Protection Board.

One prohibition of the Hatch Act is that pictures of candidates for partisan political office may not be displayed in the Federal workplace with a couple of exceptions. Official photos of the President may be displayed. Employees and supervisors need to examine workspaces and remove any unofficial photos and paraphernalia (e.g., political buttons, t-shirts, bags, coffee mugs, mouse pads, posters, screen savers etc.) depicting the President, Vice President or any other candidate of a partisan campaign that would be considered by the Office of Special Counsel to be in violation of the Hatch Act.

Employees *may not*:

- Be candidates for public office in partisan elections (with some exceptions)
- Engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- Engage in political activity in any Government office
- Engage in political activity while on duty
- Wear or display political buttons while on duty in a Government building
- Use your official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- Knowingly solicit, accept, or receive political contributions
- Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the Department of the Interior

For more information about what is considered allowable and prohibited political activity under the Hatch Act, view the [Hatch Act Frequently Asked Questions](#), the [OSC Guidance Memo](#) on government employees' display of unofficial photos of President Obama as well as other



candidates in the federal workplace, and the lists of [permitted and prohibited activities](#). If you have any questions, please call the Hatch Act Unit at (202)208-7960.

*Note: Employees appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (such as the Secretary) may engage in certain political activity while on duty, if the costs associated with the political activity are not paid for by money derived from the treasury of the United States.

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Slow Your Life Down



In my 24 years in the army, I had the opportunity to visit many countries throughout the Orient and Europe. I still remember the Alps, the forests of Germany, the sound of car horns during the day, and, how many towns close down for an hour at lunch, then, at 5:00pm, until the next day. I remember farmer families cutting grass hay on the side of a mountain with a scythe, then stacking it by hand. Much of the beauty of these countries besides the obvious is the laid back nostalgia of a life we read about in history books.

By way of contrast, many of us routinely work extended work days. If we are working out of town, we have worked 18 hours at a time, only to do it again the next day...because we take great pride in our work. Yes, the American worker is probably the hardest and most efficient worker in the world!

We work hard, we play hard, we go home and work harder as we accomplish additional tasks associated with our residence, church, civic duty, family, neighbors, etc. Does our extremely busy life come at a price?

In the past few weeks, we witnessed many graduation ceremonies; college, high school, and, even pre-school going on every day. Unfortunately, in the celebration, we have seen and/or heard of young lives being cut short. Only yesterday some of these young people were so tired, they fell asleep at the wheel, ran off the road and hit a large tree, and were killed. Over the Memorial Day holiday, there were people



that fell asleep at the wheel, and, ended up crashing their vehicles, trailers, boats and RV's, which resulted in the death of innocent individuals.

With school recently getting out, and all of the fun activities, e.g. baseball, lacrosse, biking, running, children don't use the best judgment as they chase that ball into the street, or, jump in and out of traffic on a bicycle. Teenagers will now have more time to drive the family car, and when they do, and make mistakes, there will be an increase in "road rage."

Maybe this summer, we can adopt some of the customs of our Oriental and European friends. Lets slow down and enjoy the beautiful mountains. Lets make sure that we are rested so we can enjoy the time we have with our family. Lets create a space in front of our vehicle to let others in. When someone lets us in, lets give them a "thank you" wave. Lets go fishing or, to a ball game with a child or grandchild. Lets show the politician's who is the boss, and, live to collect Social Security. ☺

We have so much to live for. We are so fortunate. By slowing down and enjoying life, we can also take the time to be safe. Lets take the time to teach safety to those we care about...because you care!!!

On behalf of YOUR Safety Advisory Committee, we wish you and your family safety. Yes, even a lifetime of safety!

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Friends reel from shooting of teen lesbian couple in Texas

By Miranda Leitsinger, msnbc.com
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Courtesy of Jillian Manuel Rainbow ribbons, messages, flowers and cut-out hearts were left near the site in Portland, Tex., where a couple found Mollie Judith Olgin, 19, and Mary Kristene Chapa, 18, after they were shot.

Friends and family of two teenage girls in a same-sex relationship who were shot in the head in a South Texas park expressed shock and grief Tuesday over the incident in which one of the young women was killed and the other severely injured.

Mollie Judith Olgin, 19, and Mary Kristene Chapa, 18, were found in knee-deep grass in a nature area in Portland by a couple Saturday morning, said Portland Police Chief Randy Wright, who confirmed to msnbc.com details first reported by the Corpus Christi Caller Times.

Rainbow ribbons, goodbye messages, flowers and cut-out hearts were posted around the site where they were found. On Friday, a candlelight vigil and walk will be held for Chapa and Olgin.

“It’s something that I think all of us are going to carry with us for a while,” Frank Reyna, a friend of both girls, told msnbc.com. “It’s going to take a while to get past this, the idea that there is somebody still out there that did this to these two amazing, beautiful people, and that they’re walking free right now.”

Olgin, originally from Ingleside but recently living in Corpus Christi, died; Chapa, of Sinton, was rushed to an area hospital where she was in stable condition, Wright said Tuesday in a statement.

Wright said police had recovered a bullet casing from a large-caliber gun at the scene -- leading investigators to believe the shootings

occurred where the pair was found -- but they haven’t found the weapon. Two witnesses said they heard what could have been gunshots or firecrackers just before midnight last Friday but did not report it, he said.

“If we had a name, you know, we’d be having a different conversation right now. But we have not been able to gather enough information to identify a suspect yet,” Wright told msnbc.com on Monday. “It appears as if ... this was not just a random attack but that’s something that we really have to develop over time.”

A motive had not been established, he said in the statement.

"Information from family and friends indicates that Mollie and Mary were engaged in a same-sex relationship. However, there is no current



Courtesy of Jillian Manuel A makeshift memorial was set up near the site in Portland, Tex., where a couple found Mollie Judith Olgin, 19, and Mary Kristene Chapa, 18, after they were shot last week.

evidence to indicate the attacks were motivated by that relationship," he said.

Teen lesbian couple found shot in Texas park

Chandler Nunez, who noted that Olgin was one of her best friends in high school, said she was in shock.

"... I cannot imagine anyone who would want to hurt such a loving and caring person," she wrote to msnbc.com. "This was incredibly unexpected and the lack of answers makes this tragedy all the more frustrating."

Friends said the pair had been together since mid-February.

Reyna, a 19-year-old university student, said he grew up with Chapa, and met Olgin his sophomore year of high school. He described Chapa as an athlete who played softball, and said Olgin, a student at a nearby university, was focused on academics but also was a big joker. He last saw them together at a local coffee shop in May, which was the first time he saw them out as a couple.

"I'm glad that that was the last time that I saw Mollie in person, that that's the memory that I can live with for the rest of my life, knowing that I saw her happy," he said.

The couple's relationship "was a readily accepted thing," he added, and was not what their friends focused on.

"We focused on their personalities and how they got along with everybody else ... their kindheartedness and their ability to just make other people smile and make each other smile," he said. "We didn't care ... what they were, it's who they were."

Wright said Monday that all indications were that "third parties" were involved in the assault. Because of her medical condition, Chapa has not been formally interviewed about what happened, he said.

The park, more of a nature area with some parts overgrown and no lights, was often frequented by visitors during the day, but not at night. It is located along a bluff overlooking a bay, Wright said, with some homes situated nearby.

"We're not really sure how they got to the point that they were found," he said. "It is a scenic overlook with a wooden deck and there is a place at the edge of the deck where you can actually go down a very steep incline into a grassy area that leads down to the shoreline, and that's where they were found."

The crime rate is low in Portland, north of Corpus Christi on the Gulf of Mexico, Wright said. The last homicide occurred two years ago.

While people in the South Texas community prepare for their memorial service, another candlelight vigil for the pair has been organized by Cleve Jones, a gay civil rights activist who conceived the AIDS Memorial Quilt, for Wednesday evening in



Courtesy of Kristen Veit Charlene Camp, Hilary Avila, Myracle Taylor, Bailey Sanders, Jillian Manuel, Tim Robinson (behind Manuel), Kristen Veit, LuAnn Garza, Valerie Tanon and Franceska Hiracheta were some of the couple's friends and well-wishers who created a memorial at the site around where the young women were found in Portland, Tex., last week after they were shot.

San Francisco. On Facebook, people noted they would hold vigils in other cities, too.

"You were taken too soon," Megan Olgin, who identified herself as Olgin's sister on Facebook, wrote in a post. "I love you and always will. You're my guardian angel. I love you little sister. Forever and always"

Editor's note: The Portland Police had initially spelled Chapa's name as Christine, though her friends spelled it Kristene. The police department's latest press release Tuesday evening has changed the spelling to Kristene.

More content from msnbc.com and NBC News:

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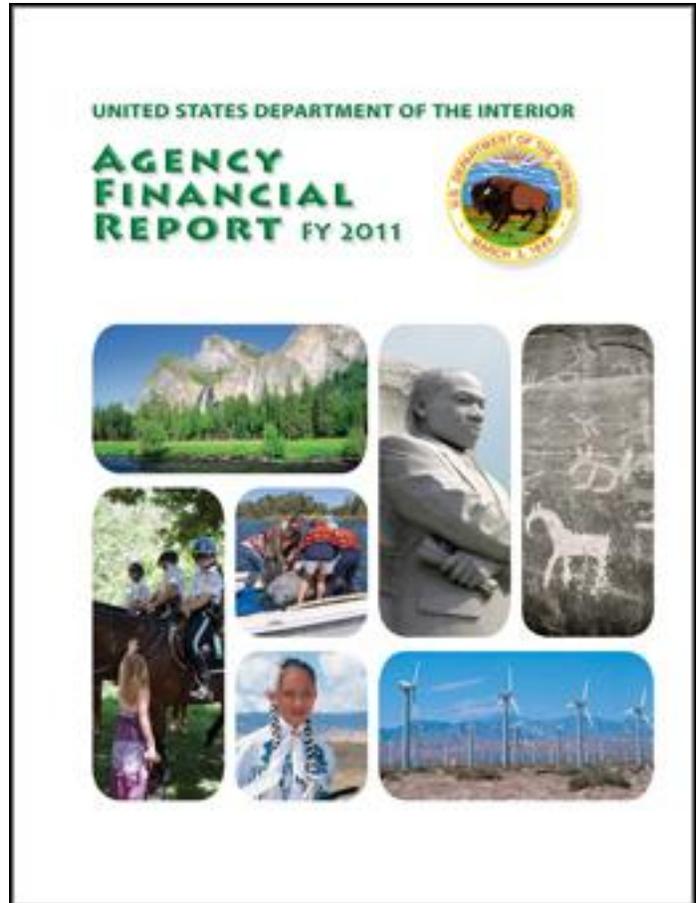
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Reclamation plays a big role in the Department’s success because Reclamation owns 80% of the assets which is the largest part of the financial statements. If you are interested in reading the entire [article, click here](#).

Thank you for all that you do. It’s a pleasure working with each of you.

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Sharing Our Diversity by Sharing Your Recipes

From the kitchen of Annette Perez – **Tembleque**



(Puerto Rican Style Coconut Pudding)

Also Known As: Coconut Custard

Ethnic influence: Puerto Rican

Ingredients:

- 4 cups coconut milk
- 1/2 cup of cornstarch
- 2/3 cup of sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon of salt
- 1 tablespoon orange blossom water (if available)
- dash of ground cinnamon or nutmeg

Preparation:

- In a saucepan dissolve cornstarch in 1/4 cup coconut milk.
- Once dissolved add the rest of the coconut milk, sugar, and salt.
- Cook at medium-high heat stirring constantly! As it thickens, lower heat until it boils thick.
- Pour right away into wet molds, pans or cups.
- Cool and then cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
- Carefully separate the tembleque from the mold using a knife.
- Turn it over unto a dish.
- Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Makes about 12 servings. Enjoy.

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Reclamation Trivia

Here's this week's set of questions:

- (1) According to the Hatch Act, employees may Engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform. **True or False**
- (2) By slowing down and enjoying life, we can also take the time to _____.
- (3) The Albuquerque Area Office is _____ Pounds Lighter! "The week was an opportunity for the offices to clean up and get rid of _____ and _____ that could not be placed in the local landfill."

Last week, We asked,

- (1) The average residence in the United State uses how many gallons of water each year? **107,000.**
- (2) How many gallons of water does it take to produce one ton of steel? **62,600**
- (3) How much does one gallon of water weigh? **8.34 pounds**

Last winner was – **Jeff Rice - Farmington Construction Officece**

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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Managing Water in the West

June 2012
Upper Colorado Region



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