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*"Have fun. Enjoy what you do and be proud of the service you  
and this District and USACE provide to the nation".*



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## Happy trails to you ...

### *New equestrian trail opens at East Fork Park, Lavon Lake*

**By: Melanie Ellis**

Staff from Lavon Lake gathered with members of the Trinity Trail Preservation Association and the Collin County Parks and Open Space to open a new equestrian campground at East Fork Park, March 14.

The new campground features a circular drive and 11 pull through horse trailer spaces. It also features electricity, water, covered picnic tables, a shower bathhouse, two horse pens, and access to the 12-mile equestrian trail.

"The area is perfect, not only for riding but also for bird watching or hiking the nature trails," said Tracy Matern, president of TTPA.

The trail runs from East Fork Park in Wylie through Collin Park in St. Paul and Brockdale Park in Lucas. The TTPA is a volunteer equestrian organization whose purpose is to maintain horse trails. The group also sponsors trail rides and cookouts.



*Not sure what to think of the camera, these two horses posed for a picture and patiently waited for their owners to saddle up and take them on the equestrian trail at East Fork Park.*



*James Murphy, Lavon Lake manager, presents Charlie Gaines, Trinity Trail Preservation Association, with an Excellence Through Safety Award for his work and leadership during the construction of the new equestrian campground at East Fork Park, Lavon Lake.*



*A camper utilizes the circular drive at the new equestrian campground at East Fork Park.*



*It's raining, it's snowing ...*

## Record snowfall blankets North Texas

March 6 and 7 will be recorded in Texas history as the second snowiest March in 61 years and the seventh snowiest on record according to the National Weather Service. Some areas saw as little as two inches per hour while other areas, such as Denton and Cooke Counties, saw as much as 7 inches per hour reported the NWS. The all-time record for snowfall was 6.1 inches in March 1942. Here are some pictures sent in from some of the lake offices showing the wintery mix.



# Roll Call!

*"There's always room for improvement, you know -- it's the biggest room in the house."-- Louise Heath Leber*

**W**e are always looking for new ideas and ways to feature the folks of the Fort Worth District. Recently we received a suggestion for a "Roll Call" section. This section will showcase what's happening with projects in the District, whether it's at a military installation, lake office, or within the walls of the federal building. This is a great way to share photos and information that may not be published in other publications. All you have to do is e-mail pictures and a brief description of the project/accomplishment to [Melanie.J.Ellis@usace.army.mil](mailto:Melanie.J.Ellis@usace.army.mil) and look for it in the next issue of the Supplement.



John Moreno, Biggs Area Engineer, and Troy Collins, Fort Bliss Project Manager, gave Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) and Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) a tour of Fort Bliss and briefed them on the progress that is being made at Bliss.



*(l-r) John Moreno, Biggs Area Engineer, Congressman John Murtha (D-PA), Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), and Troy Collins, Fort Bliss Project Manager, toured Fort Bliss to see the progress that is being made.*



*Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) and Troy Collins, Fort Bliss Project Manager, listen to an update.*



Spring is in the air ... time to clean

## *Students from Lovejoy ISD participate in volunteer day at Lavon Lake*

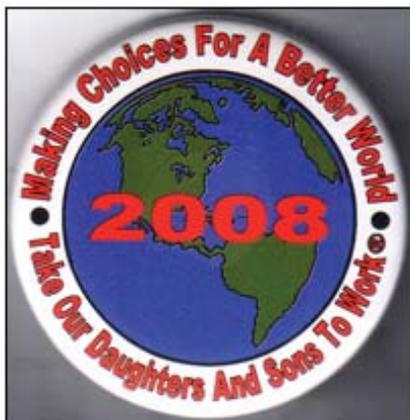
Students from Lovejoy Independent School District gathered at Lavon Lake to participate in their annual Volunteer Day. Lavon Lake staff spoke to the students about the importance of maintaining outdoor environments and organized activities for them to participate in to learn more about the outdoors. Students collected trash, released fish, learned about endangered animals, identified insects, and planted seeds.



**Lavon Lake Manager James Murphy talks to students from Lovejoy Independent School District about preserving outdoor environments. Inset: Students from Lovejoy ISD look for insects to identify under a pile of wood.**

*Don't forget the kids ...*

## April 24 is Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day



Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day is April 24. The theme for 2008 is Making Choices for a Better World. Girls and boys from 8 to 18 are encouraged to attend.

Designed to be more than a career day, this program goes beyond the average "shadow" an adult. It exposes youth to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day, and shows them the value of education. It also helps them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, provides them an opportunity to share how they envision their future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment that is key to their success. Each year, development of new interactive activities and partnerships will assist us in taking these children to the future they dream of.

## The wave of the future



(l-r): Ellie Eberts, Jimmy Lisk and Cheyenne Rivera of Flathead Valley Montessori Academy, Mont. won 2nd Place in the Washington State Future City Regional Competition, Jan. 26. The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for seventh and eighth-grade students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future. Cheyenne (far right) is the daughter of Edward Rivera of the Public Affairs Office.

## ATTENTION - Big D Young Marines report to Dallas

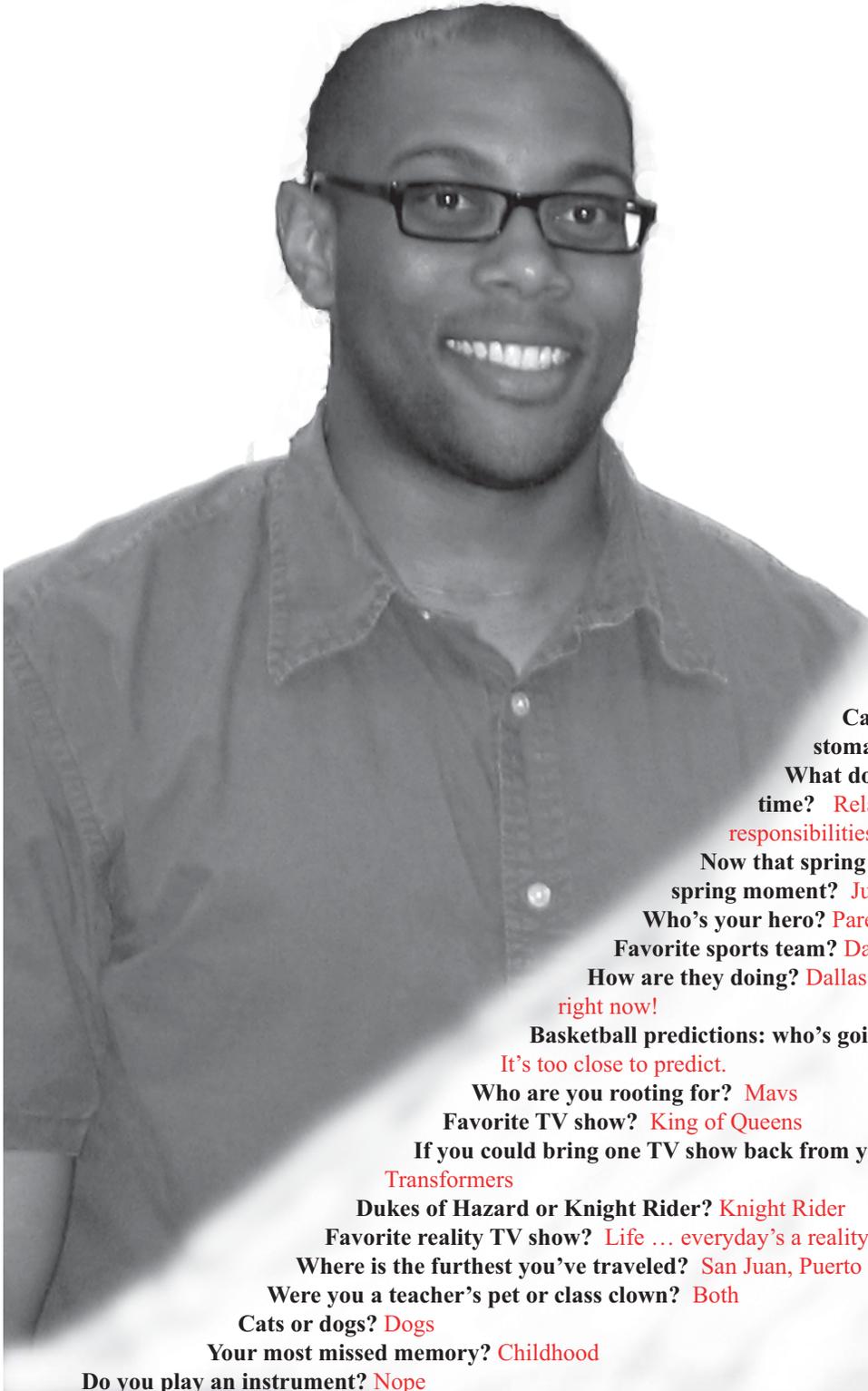
Stephanie Patterson, daughter of Rebecca Patterson, Lavon Lake, is a current recruit for the Big D Young Marines in Dallas. The Big D Young Marines is a youth organization for young males and females, ages 8-18. The program focuses on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The program emphasizes academic excellence, physical fitness, discipline, respect and personal responsibility. Young Marines learn new skills and ribbons in subjects like cardio pulmonary resuscitation, swimming, map reading, first aid, drug prevention, academic achievement, music, conservation, community service, physical fitness, military drill and much more. Young Marines also earn rank based on their level of maturity and experience in the program increases. As their rank increases, their level of responsibility increases. For more information about the Young Marines Organization, visit <http://www.bigdym.org>



Stephanie Patterson, front row third from the right, attended her first training day with the Big D Young Marines in Dallas on Feb. 23. She is a member of Recruit Class 011 and will graduate in May.

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**Date of birth:** 9/30/77  
**Place of birth:** Arlington, TX  
**Zodiac sign:** Libra  
**High school:** Arlington Martin High School  
**College:** Sam Houston State University  
**Degree:** Advertising/Graphic Design  
**Are you using it?** Yes

**CLASSIFIED**

**First job out of school:** Advertising Agency in Dallas  
**Most interesting job:** Roofing houses as a teen in my neighborhood during the summer.  
**When did you start working for the Corps?** In 1997 as a stay in school.  
**Most memorable Corps moment to date?** The Training Courses in Washington  
**Most challenging Corps moment to date?** Transitioning from IMO to ACE-IT  
**Right or left handed?** Right-handed  
**Can you pat your head and rub your stomach at the same time?** Yeah  
**What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?** Relaxing with my fiancé and not having any responsibilities for that period of time.  
**Now that spring is here, what's your most memorable spring moment?** Just having a Spring Break was memorable!  
**Who's your hero?** Parents  
**Favorite sports team?** Dallas Cowboys  
**How are they doing?** Dallas sports scene as a whole is embarrassing right now!  
**Basketball predictions: who's going to take the NBA Championship?** It's too close to predict.  
**Who are you rooting for?** Mavs  
**Favorite TV show?** King of Queens  
**If you could bring one TV show back from your childhood what would it be?** Transformers  
**Dukes of Hazard or Knight Rider?** Knight Rider  
**Favorite reality TV show?** Life ... everyday's a reality  
**Where is the furthest you've traveled?** San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Were you a teacher's pet or class clown?** Both  
**Cats or dogs?** Dogs  
**Your most missed memory?** Childhood  
**Do you play an instrument?** Nope



What would have been your alternate career? **Architect**

Do you have siblings? **Sister**

What's the worst thing you did as a child? **Cut my sister's pigtails off**

Can you still do the monkey bars? **Yeah**

Years of service? **6**

Hobbies? **Drawing and painting**

Favorite city? **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Song you listened to on the way to work today? **"A Change Is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke**

What are you thinking at this very moment? **When will they release Transformers II.**

Favorite meal? **Pizza**

Favorite colors? **Blue and Brown**

What's your favorite movie and why? **Coming to America, it's one of those creative fairytales that happened to be a classic comedy.**

Do you sing in the shower? **No**

Can you still hop on one foot? **Yeah**

Dodge ball or kick ball? **Kick Ball**

Competitive alert: When you were asked to pick teams in school, did you pick to win or pick to be nice? **"You play to win the game." – Herm Edwards, Kansas City Chiefs Coach**

What is your ultimate vacation? **Leaving the country is always fun.**

What song best describes you? **Shining Star – Earth, Wind and Fire**

If you could trade places with one person for one day who would it be and why? **God, just to see what He sees, hears and thinks about our world right now.**

What are your plans after leaving the government? **Continue to do art and pass along experiences and knowledge to youth.**

What have you learned in life that you would share with others? **Enjoy the short period in history you have on earth, because wasting your time on less than life threatening situations only shortens your chapters.**

## Condolences

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Clarence Franklin Love, 88, died March 27. Clarence was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Texas A&M and had a lifelong career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Randall Mayne, Engineering and Construction Support Office, passed away Feb. 19, after a long battle with cancer. Randall was 54 and began his career with the Fort Worth District in 1988 in the Operations Division. Donations may be made in Randall's memory to Cancer Care Services, 623 S. Henderson, Fort Worth, TX 76104.



Carl C. Schneider, 90, passed away March 29. He was a World War II veteran. After his service, he became an aeronautical engineer at what is now Lockheed Martin. Carl was a member of the American Public Works Association and a lifetime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He retired from the Fort Worth District at age 65. After a short retirement and at the request of the Corps, Carl returned to work for several more years.

## Congratulations



Bart Dearborn, Sam Rayburn Lake, and his wife, Monica, welcomed a baby boy, Garrett Jan, March 18, at 10:06 a.m. in Nacogdoches, Texas. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce and was 20 inches long.

## Retirements



Betty McNeill, Logistics Office, retired Jan. 31, with 25 years of federal service.



Joe Milliorn, Engineering and Construction Division, retired Feb. 1, with 36 years of federal service.



Tom Morris, Fort Sam Resident Office, retired March 31, with 33 years federal service.



Jimmy Rawlings, Engineering and Construction Division, retired Feb. 1 with 31 years of federal service.



Tom Vogt, Planning and Project Management Division, retired Jan. 3, with 39 years federal service.



## SPRING WEATHER SEARCH

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| BUTTERFLIES | FLOWERS   | GARDENING |
| GRASS       | LIGHTNING | PUDDLES   |
| RAIN        | RAINBOW   | ROBINS    |
| SHOWERS     | SUNNY     | UMBRELLA  |

# TOP 10

did you know about texas?

- The King Ranch in Texas is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.
- Texas boasts the nation's largest herd of whitetail deer.
- Austin is considered the live music capital of the world.
- El Paso is closer to Needles, California than it is to Dallas.
- More species of bats live in Texas than in any other part of the United States.
- The world's first rodeo was held in Pecos on July 4, 1883.
- The first word spoken from the moon on July 20, 1969 was Houston.
- Texas includes 267,339 square miles, or 7.4% of the nation's total area.
- More land is farmed in Texas than in any other state.
- Laredo is the world's largest inland port.

## NSPS IMPACT

