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Yes, it's true! We spent three days last week at the screening site. Not only did we hand screen Pile 11



.... We also had a mechanical screener at the site tackling Pile 10. It worked GREAT!



Artifacts from Pile 10 including small arrow points, pottery and turtle shell dating to the late Archaic.



Artifacts recovered from Pile 11. These artifacts including deer bones and atlatl dart points date to an earlier occupation. Check out what could be a pearl in the middle of the oyster shell!

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When we recover the artifacts from the piles at the screening site we give them a quick field wash so everyone can see what was recovered that day. Then we take them to our Lab for cleaning and closer examination. All of these artifacts were recovered from Pile 10 last weekend.



Here we are giving the artifacts a more thorough cleaning. Dr. Carolyn Boyd, a visiting archeologist from SHUMLA in west Texas, looks on along with a photographer from the Houston Chronicle who is taking photos for a story that will be published shortly about the Houston Archeological Society!



Dr. Jason Barrett and Bob Sewell examine one of the points we recovered recently.



Our MVP Tom Williams. We've been screening dirt since February 2 – and he has kept our screens repaired during the entire project!



Two of our happy screeners, Jim Horner, left, and Carlos Soto, right, after recovering an artifact – a dart point – from Pile 11.

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If you love animals, you will love our screening site! Not a weekend goes by that we don't have some drama with our resident herd. They usually gather around during our lunch break because they think they are going to get food.



Carlos Soto and horse.



Dr. Jason and Jack the donkey converse



Remember the momma longhorn we herded last week because she wouldn't bond with her calf? Check them out now!



Charlie Aulbach tells the bull who is boss!



Linda, the horse whisperer.