



LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Thank you Hanford Patrol

I would like to express my gratitude to the Hanford Patrol officers who came to my rescue on Tuesday, Jan. 27. As I was driving toward 200E my pickup truck started making a strange noise. I thought perhaps a tire was going flat.

I pulled over to the side of the road, got out and looked at the tires. Everything seemed all right. I continued to drive a short distance and the noise got louder. Then I decided to turn around and go back home as something was definitely wrong.

After only a few hundred yards I pulled off the road again and along came Hanford Patrol Officer Lauren Buck. He pulled in behind my truck and observed that I had lost half of the tread off the tire and it was about to blow out. As a safety precaution he immediately had me move away from the side of the truck, and then offered to change the tire for me. About this time another Hanford Patrol officer, Darryl Sybouts, came along, and his first comments were also regarding my safety. He then helped change the tire.

I am impressed by the courtesy, kindness and the safe handling of my predicament by these fine gentlemen. Thank you!

Virginia McDevitt
CH2M HILL

Error

The front-page article of the Jan. 27 issue of the *Hanford Reach* ("DOE has led Hanford Site through Cold War, environmental cleanup") indicated that Hanford was under the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission when President Carter proposed the Department of Energy in 1977. That is incorrect.

The AEC was abolished on Jan. 20, 1975. In 1977 Hanford was under the Energy Research and Development Administration.

Frank Panisko
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Editors' note: Thanks to Frank Panisko for helping to set the record straight. We referred to *History of the Plutonium Production Facilities at the Hanford Site Historic District 1943-1990* (DOE/RL-97-1047, available online at <http://www.hanford.gov/docs/rl-97-1047/index.pdf>).

According to the Key Dates section of the document, on Oct. 11, 1974, President Gerald Ford signed the Energy Reorganization Act, which abolished the Atomic Energy Commission and established the Energy Research and Development Administration. Hanford was administered by ERDA until the Department of Energy replaced ERDA on Oct. 1, 1977.

Commentary controversy

I take exception to the commentary by Jennifer Curtis in the Jan. 20 issue of the *Hanford Reach* ("Dr. King committed a crime of passion"). The word "executed" implies legal or at least government-sanctioned death.

Since this theory of Mr. King's murder is unsubstantiated and politically inflammatory, the company newsletter of a government contractor is not the correct place to be expressing it.

While I realize that it is considered poor judgment to criticize anyone on the topic of Mr. King, the *Reach* should be more careful in ensuring that articles printed are accurate and appropriate.

Kevin Russell
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: In her commentary, Curtis' use of the word "executed" did not in any way imply government or any other sanction of Dr. King's death.

Photos taken without permission

The photos of the accidents on page three ("Winter Isn't Over," *Hanford Reach*, Feb. 3) were taken without the permission of the victims.

I was one of those victims. Both the officer in the photo, who happens to have been a Hanford Patrol officer for more than 17 years, and I were wondering what the heck the guy was doing when he was taking the photos. It was traumatic enough being in the accident, and now to deal with it being in the paper is a whole different situation. The accidents and road conditions could have been mentioned without publishing the photos without a victim's permission.

Rene Teague
Fluor Hanford

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Editors' note: Publishing news photos taken on public roadways or in other public places where no expectation of privacy exists does not require permission. This is especially so if the photos do not single out any individuals. In this case, there were no people at all who were visible in either photo, and we did not know the identities of any of the victims until we received the letter from Teague. We sympathize with Teague and all accident victims, but we think the photo communicates more about the dangers of winter driving than any words could.

Veterans thank Hanford for support

Each November the Hanford Community Diversity Council participates in a recognition program designed to pay tribute to veterans from all service branches and all campaigns. HCDC members are representatives of their respective companies that assist in coordination and planning of events, such as the Veterans' Day recognition program. This year the focus was on local area veterans.

Recently, on behalf of the HCDC, I received a personal letter of thanks from the local veterans organizations that took the financial donations from HCDC member companies and distributed food and clothing to local veterans in need.

The following excerpt is from that letter. I hope these words will give you some idea of the generosity and caring that was expressed this past November, and open all our eyes to the ongoing need here in our own communities. Mary Ellen Morris of the American Legion Post 34 in Pasco wrote:

"The Veterans organizations want to express their appreciation for the most generous contributions each of your companies made toward the Veterans' Christmas Basket Project. The money was shared by the two local American Legion Posts and three Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

"We thought you might be interested to know how your donations were distributed:

HCDC contribution	\$3,000
Posts funds	\$825
Food donations	\$100
Other donations	\$180
Total	\$4,105

Sixty-seven baskets were distributed and approximately 265 family members were covered.

"Each basket contained staples for two weeks and a full Christmas dinner. One post had some funds left over and contacted the rest home at the Walla Walla Veterans Medical Center. Eighteen patients there were in need of gloves and jackets, and had requested some fruit. Jackets were donated and gloves and fruit were purchased with this money.

"We thank you for enabling us to serve so many more needy veterans with these extra donations."

I want to add my thanks to these HCDC member companies for their continuing support of this very worthwhile project: Battelle Pacific Northwest Division, Bechtel National, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, COGEMA Engineering Corporation, Department of Energy Office of River Protection, Eberline Services Hanford, Fluor Global Services, Fluor Hanford and Numatec Hanford Corporation.

Greg Mitchell
Fluor Hanford

NEWSBRIEFS



Columbia River Young Marines seeks adult staff members

The Columbia River Young Marines is looking for adults who are reserve or retired members of the U.S. Marine Corps or other branches of the military to volunteer as staff members. Contact Joe Lusignan, commanding officer of the Columbia River Young Marines, at MrClean62@aol.com for more information. ♦

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CLASSES



Class on constructing the technical document offered
Constructing the Technical Document: Essential Strategies and Skills will be offered Feb. 26-27, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in the Snoqualmie Room of NSB on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. The class will show you how to achieve benefits associated with effectively sharing research or products and how to address and affect readers, advance careers and fine-tune technical writing skills. Register early; space is limited. Visit <http://workshops.pnl.gov> for more information or contact Mary Wagner at 372-4259 or at mary.wagner@pnl.gov. To register, contact Cory Rhoads at cory.rhoads@pnl.gov or at 376-7157. ♦



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Black History Month Lecture at CBC tonight

Robert Hill, professor of African-American History at UCLA, will lecture on the topic "Origins of the Harlem Renaissance," at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Byron Gjerde Center at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. The lecture, part of CBC's Black History Month observance, is open to the public and admission is free.

Today is the deadline to order doughnuts

The Fluor Hanford Community Programs Junior Achievement bowling team is accepting orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts until noon Monday, Feb. 10. The price is \$6.50 per dozen. Contact Lynn Tegeler at 376-4625 or at lynn_e_tegeler@rl.gov, or at ^Community Programs, to get an order form. Send your completed order form and your check payable to "Junior Achievement/Krispy Kreme Fund-Raiser" to Lynn Tegeler, c/o Fluor Hanford, mailstop H8-65, P.O. Box 1000, Richland, WA 99352. Pick up your order between 6 and 8 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the lobby of 2420 Stevens Center.

AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

PMI Feb. 11 meeting discusses River Corridor

Projectizing the Richland River Corridor Project is the topic of the Feb. 11 meeting of the Project Management Institute, Columbia River Basin Chapter, which will be held at the Richland Shilo Inn. The presenter is Beth Bilson, assistant manager for the River Corridor, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6:30 and the program is at 7. The cost is \$17 for members and \$20 for guests. Make your reservation by noon on Feb. 10 by calling Terri Witherspoon 376-4925.

Donate blood Feb. 11 and 18

The bi-monthly American Red Cross blood drawing in the Federal Building will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration will take place in the Federal Building lobby. Blood will be drawn in the bloodmobile located in the parking lot on the north side of the building. To make an appointment, contact Carolyn McCain at carolyn_s_mccain@rl.gov or at 372-3580.

The American Red Cross will be conducting another blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m. in the 300 Area. The bloodmobile will be on the east side of the 3763 Building. Although an appointment is not necessary, it is highly recommended. To schedule a time, please call Diane Coleman at 376-9170.

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'How to Survive Challenges' is NMA meeting theme

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Feb. 12 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Dan Miller, author and motivational speaker from Yakima, will present "Living, Laughing and Loving Life!" The social hour begins at 5 p.m. A mini-seminar examining personal ability to deal with adversity also begins at 5 p.m. The business meeting begins at 6, and dinner will be at 6:30. There is no charge for chapter members, and the cost for guests is \$20. Make a reservation by calling Lisa Hart at 376-3484.

Library staff holds Internet seminar Feb. 13

Join Hanford Technical Library staff members on Thursday, Feb. 13, from noon to 1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus to learn how to tunnel through mountains of information and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work. Contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov for more information.

Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Day to be held

The public is invited to the Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day observance on Feb. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hampton Inn at 486 Bradley Blvd. in Richland. Activities include the presentation of Washington State's CHD day proclamation signed by Governor Gary Locke; a celebration and memorial to honor and remember children affected by CHDs and the health professionals that care for them; a silent auction and fund-raiser to benefit Cardiac Kids, a local support group for families with children born with heart defects, and Congenital Heart Information Network, a national support group; juggling by Tapteal Elementary School's Circus Club members; and fun activities for children. Contact Cathy Manderbach, Washington's CHD Day coordinator, at 967-5738 or 531-0864, or at Cienna88@aol.com for more information.

Volunteers needed for engineering, science demos

The Hanford Engineers Week Committee is looking for volunteers to present classroom engineering and science demonstrations at all Tri-Cities middle schools. Presentations in elementary or high school can also be arranged. This committee organizes annually to inspire interest in children for science and engineering careers. More than 7,000 students came in contact with engineering and science professionals during the 2002 celebration. Presentations are ongoing now and will continue throughout the month of February. Contact Andrew Templeton at 373-5589, or via e-mail to andrew_m_templeton@rl.gov if you would like to volunteer. The National Engineers Week celebration will be observed Feb. 16-22.

National Engineers' Week Friendly Competition

To commemorate National Engineers Week, Feb. 16-22, the Hanford Site will hold its "Friendly Competition" on Feb. 19 at 1200 Jadwin in Richland. Start forming your team of two-to-four people for the competition, which will be Junkyard Wars-style with the theme "Hold Your Water." Rules and supplies will be handed out at the start of the competition. Teams will build a small device out of office supplies. Scoring is based on cost, schedule, safety and function. The competition is open to all Hanford Site personnel. For more information, contact Lori Weidner at 376-4585.

Health fair for in-town FH employees set for Feb. 20

Fluor Hanford Safety and Hanford Environmental Health Foundation added another date to the schedule of health fairs for Fluor Hanford employees. This new health-fair session will be Feb. 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 noon at 2420 Stevens Center, Room 153. The health fairs will offer information on preventing heart disease and include a presentation titled "Heart Smart: Risk Factors for Heart Disease" as well as blood- pressure checks and body-fat testing.

You can meet the requirement for attending a monthly safety meeting by attending one of the 15-minute "Heart Smart" presentations at the health fair. In addition to the Feb. 20 session, the health-fair sessions are from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon

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at the following locations: Thursday, Feb. 13, 200W, MO-278; Wednesday, Feb. 19, 100K, MO-293; Tuesday, Feb. 25, 400, 4706; and Wednesday, Feb. 26, 200E, 2751-E. Contact Carol Powe of Fluor Hanford Safety at 376-8886 or Judi Staley of HEHF at 372-0097 for further information.

Recycling Roundtable meeting to be held Feb. 21

The Washington State Recycling Association, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Richland will sponsor a Business Recycling Roundtable meeting to be held on Feb. 21 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Richland Community Center at 500 Amon Park Dr. The purpose of the roundtable is to hear from area businesses about their experiences, challenges and successes with recycling services. Through this sharing and exchange, Washington State Recycling Association hopes to open up increased recycling opportunities for area businesses. A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided. Participants must pre-register for this free roundtable by Feb. 17. To register, call (425) 454-1267 or send an e-mail message to ecochica@hotmail.com.

Fund-raiser for Catholic Family and Child Services

Catholic Family and Child Services, a local United Way agency, will host the 16th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction, "Families: Bridges to our Future," on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at Tri-Cities Prep, 9612 St. Thomas Dr. in Pasco. Proceeds from this event will support all ongoing programs. Call Catholic Family and Child Services at 946-4645 to make your dinner reservation or donate an auction item. Tickets are \$50 each. ♦



VAN POOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

KENNEWICK

Riders needed for Van No. 112 with direct service from Kennewick Albertson's store on Clearwater to the 200E. 8x9 schedule. Current stops in 200E include 2750, Teamster Area/Carpenter shop, Waste Encapsulation, LEF and the HELO pad area. Good Rates. Contact **Scott Davis** at 372-0473 or **Max Towne** at 373-9161. 2/10

Van No. 205 has an opening for a rider on 8x9s. Leaves Albertson's on Edison at Clearwater with a stop at the Richland airport. Drops off at 222-S Lab, 242-WA and WRAP. Contact **Abe Garza** or **Dave Winstead** at 373-2898. 2/3

RICHLAND

Van No. 117 has openings for 8x9 riders within the 200W Area. Departs 6 a.m. and returns about 5:10 p.m. on Mondays-Thursdays and 4:10 on Fridays just north of Densow's Drugstore (1019 Wright in Richland). Drops off and picks up riders at ERDF trailers, Fab Shop, MO-278, MO-556, 272-WA and MO-437. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531, (MO-437). 2/3

Van No. 216 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. This is a door-to-door van pool that starts in South Richland on Jadwin, travels to Williams, then to Stevens, to Howell, back to Jadwin, and out to the 2750-E and 2101-M neighborhood. If you are near these streets, and interested in a vanpool, call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400. 2/10

Van No. 116 to 200E has two openings, 8x9. Picks up at Joe's Chevron on Jadwin and McMurray. Drops off at 2750, MO-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Call **Nester Wise** at 373-9599 or **Colleen Federico** at 376-3623. 2/10

WEST RICHLAND

Are you looking for comfort to and from work? Join our vanpool to 200E. 8x9 schedule, looking for two riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. and drops off at 2750, WESF and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. 2/10 ♦