

Regular Features



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.

Grateful for support

My family and I would like to thank all of you who helped out after my recent surgery. I cannot express my gratitude for the calls, visits and generosity shown to us. It has been my pleasure to have worked with a lot of wonderful people over the years.

I am happy to report that, to date, all the subsequent tests have shown negative results for additional cancer and I have returned to work. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Darrell LaMastus
Bechtel National

Hanford roads not public

This is a follow-up to my letter printed in the Feb. 10 issue of the *Hanford Reach* ("Photos taken without permission").

I know that a photo is worth a thousand words and that I was on a public highway. But the section of highway that I was on runs through government land and, in my opinion, is not so public when you need to have a security badge to get past the barricade.

Next time someone is taking photos of an accident that happens on a government facility, whether or not the road is public, they should consider the feelings of the people involved.

Rene Teague
Fluor Hanford

Resource center role clarified

I just pulled up the electronic version of the *Hanford Reach* to look for the article regarding our on-site office. The article, "Beryllium resource center coming to the site," appeared in the Jan. 20th issue.

I want to point out that our resource center assists more than beryllium claimants with claims. We provide assis-

tance to those who wish to file any claim under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act.

In addition to beryllium claims, the Department of Labor considers cancer claims. The Department of Energy Office of Worker Advocacy considers claims not only for beryllium and cancer but also for occupational diseases that may have been caused by toxic substances other than radiation and beryllium.

Eunice Godfrey
Kennewick (Hanford) Resource Center



CLASSES

Skills Lab offers punctuation and grammar brush-ups

If your writing suffers from chronic comma-itis, exhausted apostrophes, and a bad case of fused sentences, fear not! A few seats remain in the Painless Punctuation information session to be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 7:30-11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the Administration Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. You'll learn must-know punctuation rules to avoid common mistakes as well as tips for editing your and others' writing. Columbia Basin College faculty from the Skills Enhancement Lab will present the session.

Goof-Proofing Your Grammar, a companion presentation, will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:30-11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the Administration Building at HAMMER. If you want to avoid making grammar and usage mistakes when you write and speak, this session is for you. You'll review crucial rules to prevent common grammatical goofs in pronoun and verb agreement, mangled modifiers, easily confused words, and more.

There is no charge for either of these sessions, but they are filling quickly, so reserve space immediately by calling Kathy Dechter at 376-3250. After each session, the staff will host an open house in the Skills Lab, located inside the Learning Resource Center, room 4. To sign up for either or both sessions, call Kathy Dechter at 376-3250.

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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.

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Network Defense and Countermeasures** — March 17-21
 - **Primavera Project Planning**
P-3 604 — March 19
 - **Crystal Reports 8**
Introduction — March 10
Advanced — March 11
- Office XP classes are now available. For more information or to register, call 375-0414.

Training for administrative professionals scheduled

The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will host two training classes conducted by the American Management Association for administrative professionals in March. The training is targeted to enhance and support skill sets required by administrative professionals. Class size is limited to 25. The following classes will be conducted at HAMMER:

- **Management Skills for Administrative Professionals, Course No. 2294** — March 17, 18 and 19. The cost is \$645 and students earn 1.8 continuing education units.
- **Managing Chaos: Dynamic Time Management, Recall, Reading & Stress Management for Administrative Professionals, Course No. 002194** — March 20 and 21. The cost is \$510 and students earn 1.2 continuing education units.

Students may register by sending an e-mail message to Libby Sickler.

HAMMER sponsors RCRA seminar

Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will sponsor a three-day Resource Conservation and Recovery Act seminar from McCoy and Associates on March 18, 19 and 20 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Attendees will receive McCoy's *RCRA Reference*, 2003 edition, McCoy's *RCRA Unraveled*, 2003 edition, a three-ring course-notes binder, and RCRA remediation options and case studies. Registration will be limited to the first 200 participants. Site personnel may register for the seminar with their training schedulers or through PeopleSoft. The cost is \$550. Course agenda or additional information may be obtained by contacting your training scheduler or Don Brock via e-mail.

Course on ASME B31.3 Process Piping presented

The Columbia Basin Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will present the professional development course, ASME B31.3 Process Piping, March 24-27 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The instructor is Glynn Woods, and the cost is \$1,195 (\$1,395 after Feb. 3) for ASME members and \$1,345 (\$1,545 after Feb. 3) for nonmembers. This course demonstrates how the B31.3 Code has been correctly and incorrectly applied through examples shown by the instructor. To register, contact Matt Robinson at 371-5858 or at matt@asme.org. For more information, visit http://www.asme.org/sections/cb/B31_3course.html. ♦

Fluor Hanford offers travel training

If you travel on business for Fluor Hanford or make arrangements for business travelers, you can attend a one-hour hands-on training session on Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the Fluor Hanford Finance computer lab at 2430 Stevens Center, Room 121. You will learn how to book your flights online through Carlson Wagonlit Travel, how to keep up with travel-industry changes, how to exchange airline tickets and much more.

To attend, please make your reservation via e-mail to Linda Meigs of Fluor Hanford Travel and select one of the following one-hour sessions on Feb. 26: 9 to 10 a.m.; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; or 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Seating is limited to 12 persons per session, so please make your reservation early. Additional sessions may be scheduled. ■

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NEWS BRIEFS



PTB transfer approved for Howard

Vic Howard, a Fluor Hanford nuclear chemical operator assigned to the Nuclear Material Stabilization Project, has been approved to receive personal-time-bank-transferred hours. Howard's wife is terminally ill and requires 24-hour care. Fluor Project Hanford team employees who wish to transfer PTB hours to Howard can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807) and sending it to Don Buechler at S2-43. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments. ♦



CALENDAR

Purchase Engineers' Week banquet tickets today

The Mid-Columbia Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, along with many of the local area technical societies, are sponsoring this year's National Engineers' Week Banquet on Friday, Feb. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Retired U.S. Army Special Forces Colonel Bill Hillar will be the guest speaker. His presentation is "Homeland Security: Fact and Fiction." A highlight of the evening will be the selection of the Engineer of the Year. The ticket-sale deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 18. Tickets are \$25 per person, and \$20 per person for students and retirees). To purchase tickets or sponsor a table that seats 10, contact: Suresh Grover at 371-8253, 308-3354 or at sdgrover@bechtel.com; Jeff McCullough at 375-6317 or at jeff.mccullough@pnl.gov; or Carl Brenneise at (509) 527-7540 or Carl.B.Brenneise@usace.army.mil.

Society of Human Resource Management meets

The Society of Human Resource Management's Feb. 20 meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Richland Shilo Inn will feature motivational speaker Edgar Hargrow. The topic is "Don't make me beg to buy — How we treat our employees when they come to work for us." The cost is \$11.50 per person. Make your reservation by sending an e-mail message to tracie_lorenzen@rl.gov.

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.

Donate blood Feb. 18

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

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.

Hanford Technical Library offers demonstration

"Keeping Current" is a demonstration that will be offered on Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University campus in Richland. Find out about the resources and services the Hanford Technical Library offers and those available on the Web to assist you in keeping up-to-date in your field. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.

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Health fair for in-town Fluor Hanford employees set

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 12 noon at the following locations: 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.

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.

Sample 'A Taste of Soul' on Feb. 24

To commemorate Black History Month, "A Taste of Soul," a free food-tasting event, will be held Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in conference rooms 1075 and 1077 of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. For more information, contact Latrisha Gouthia at 373-0711 or Pamela Kinsey at 376-8621.

Luncheon for cancer survivors held May 17

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society, in conjunction with the Relay For Life of Benton-Franklin Counties, are seeking cancer survivors to invite to the Survivor Luncheon that will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. on May 17 at this year's Relay for Life

in Southridge High School Stadium in Kennewick. May 17 is Survivor Day at the Relay for Life, which continues through May 18. Survivors will participate in the inaugural lap around the field and then have lunch. Each invited survivor may bring along one other person — both are the luncheon guests of the event organizers. Lunches are available for additional family members or caregivers at \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Cancer survivors have special needs and interests. The luncheon will introduce them to other survivors and opportunities to inspire and reflect. To sign up, call Kathy Kilgore at 737-3411. ♦



GENERAL INFO & ACTIVITIES

MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER

— It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

HRA DISCOUNTS — We are in the process of renewing discounts from 2002 and adding new ones for 2003. Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to find the new discount updates.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

POSITIONS ON THE HERO BOARD — The following positions on the HERO Board are vacant: 100 Area representative, 200E Area representative, Richland area representative, discount coordinator and publicity chairman. If you would like to apply and have your manager's consent, please send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha.

TRI-CITY AMERICANS HOCKEY TICKETS — \$10 for adults, \$7 for students with ASB cards, children ages 3 to 12 and adults 62 and over. Send checks made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12).

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SKI BLUEWOOD — Lift ticket vouchers are now on sale! The prices are \$27 for adults, \$23 for students (with valid ASB card), \$20 for children (in first through eighth grade) and seniors (65 years and older). These prices reflect a \$3 discount. Send your check payable HERO to Tricia Poland (T5-04).

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$5 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5.50 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. Regal and Carmike tickets are valid in Seattle and Spokane as well as the Tri-Cities. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Ginny Wallace (S7-03) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$9.50 with no show restrictions. These tickets are also good for Ellensburg and Walla Walla. For Yakima Mercy or Sunnyside tickets, send checks (no cash) to Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Jim Hopfinger (S7-39) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

HERO'S FIRST ANNUAL TRAVEL NIGHT — If you are interested in any of the trips HERO is hosting this year, please come to the Richland Library after work on March 21. We'll be there from 4 to 6 p.m. with refreshments, door prizes and a short presentation on some of the trips. Trip hosts will be available to answer questions and distribute brochures. We need a headcount for this activity. If you plan to attend, send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha and let her know what trips are of interest to you.

UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Canadian Rockies Train Tour** — May 9-17. The price is \$2,199 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 14 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$100 deposit is due as soon as possible, with the balance due March 10. Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, and explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. Visit Kamloops, Jasper, Ice Fields Parkway, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> for more information or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail.

• **New Orleans Getaway** — May 19-23. \$1,099 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and six meals during this five-day getaway to the "Jazz Capital of the World." A deposit of \$160 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due March 20. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single. A deposit of \$430 is due March 21 to hold your space, and the balance is due July 23. Credit cards are accepted. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. We will fly round-trip from Pasco. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time also to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. Start saving now for an exciting adventure. E-mail Nancie Simon or call 373-2587 for more information.

• **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pasco, four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. Don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Jim Hopfinger for more information.

• **Reflections of Italy** — Departure date is Nov. 3. \$2,782 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and 13 meals during this 10-day journey to Italy, beginning in Rome, "the Eternal City." A deposit of \$430 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due Sept. 4. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **Switzerland** — Nov. 3-11. The price is \$1,879 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 11 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$250 deposit is due May 3 and the balance is due Sept. 4. The medieval city of Bern is our host city. Highlights of the tour include the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, Lake Geneva and the medieval Castle of Chillon. Enjoy breathtaking Alpine views with a ride on the Panoramic Express Train to Gstaad. Then on to Interlaken, Grindewald, Zurich, Burgdorf Castle, Lucerne and an optional tour to Germany and the mystical Black Forest. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail for more information. ♦

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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

Vanpool No. 196 has openings for one or two riders from Kennewick to 200E. Pick-ups are along the route beginning in South Kennewick at 36th and S. Vancouver, Olympia, Kennewick Avenue, Clearwater, W. Hood, Canal and Edison. Stops at various 200E buildings including 2750, 225-B, and 2704-HV. Call **John Townley** at 372-0223 or 735-2727. 2/18

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

RICHLAND

Van No. 216 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. This is a door-to-door vanpool 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 ♦