

# 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.

### Insurance card doesn't protect identity

In a time when identity theft is a such an issue, why would the company choose to use our Social Security numbers on the front of the UnitedHealth-care identification card? I talked to UnitedHealthcare Feb. 17 and was told that Fluor Hanford had a choice — but why didn't they use our Hanford identification number?

I strongly object to carrying my Social Security number in my wallet and having to punch this into a phone or computer for any service I obtain from UnitedHealthcare. I'm assuming the same information is being punched in by the providers.

UnitedHealthcare said they could work with Fluor Hanford to address this security issue. What other options are available? I do a lot of business over the Internet and there is no other location that uses a Social Security number for an account number.

*Dick Whitehurst  
Fluor Hanford*

**Editors' note:** Harry Lacher of Fluor Hanford's Total Compensation and Benefits group said that, at the time cards were printed, UnitedHealthcare was not set up to handle any numbers other than Social Security numbers. He also noted that UnitedHealthcare is looking at other options.



## NEWSBRIEFS

### WSU joins Nike to collect shoes for recycling

Washington State University is joining Nike and the National Recycling Coalition as partners in the Reuse-a-Shoe Program. WSU's goal is to collect 5,500 pairs of athletic shoes for recycling at its drop-off locations on the WSU Tri-Cities campus student lounge in room 136 West and at the lobby area of the East Building. Nike recycles old athletic shoes of any brand and will use the material to create surfaces for basketball courts, tennis courts, weight-room flooring and playgrounds. ♦



## CALENDAR

### 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](http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html).

### 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.

### Health fairs scheduled Feb. 25 and 26

The last two of the Fluor Hanford Safety and Hanford Environmental Health Foundation health fairs for Fluor Hanford employees will take place this week from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon at the following locations: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 400 area, Building 4706; and Wednesday, Feb. 26, 200 East Area, Building 2751-E. 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. Contact Carol Powe of Fluor Hanford Safety at 376-8886 or Judi Staley of HEHF at 372-0097 for more information.

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### **Girl Scout Cookies 'n Dreams set for March 4**

The Girl Scouts Cookies 'n Dreams Dessert Extravaganza will be held Tuesday, March 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the WestCoast (soon to be Red Lion) Hotel in Pasco. Tickets are \$25 each or \$40 for a pair. The event features a culinary competition of recipes and sampling of desserts made from Girl Scout cookies. The Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council is a United Way agency. Proceeds from this event benefit special projects and camp scholarship funds. For ticket information, call Melodie Witherspoon at 372-2472.

### **Symphony's American Rhapsody concert March 8**

Mid-Columbia Symphony presents its "American Rhapsody" concert on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at the Art Fuller Auditorium at Kennewick High School. The program features "Rhapsody in Blue" with Tri-City piano virtuoso Bill McKay, Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and the Northwest premiere of "Overture of Diamonds" by Vermont composer Gwyneth Walker. Tickets are \$27, \$21 and \$12 with a \$4 discount for seniors. Ask about free student tickets. More than half the seating already has been sold. To purchase tickets, call the Mid-Columbia Symphony office at 943-6602, the WestCoast Hotel in Kennewick at 783-0611 or the Pasco Chamber of Commerce at 547-9755.

### **Project of the Year Award Banquet set for March 11**

The Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute will present the winner of the ninth annual Project of the Year Award competition at a banquet on Tuesday, March 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Richland Red Lion Hotel. Guest speaker Sandra Ardis, manager of Marketing at the Project Management Institute headquarters, will announce the winning project and team. The award is intended to recognize, honor and publicize project teams for superior performance and execution of exemplary project management for projects completed in 2002. Candidate projects are the Cold Test Facility Project submitted by CH2M HILL Hanford Group; the 324 Building Spent Nuclear Fuel Transfer Project submit-

ted by Fluor Hanford; the K Basins Fuel Transfer System Project submitted by Fluor Hanford; and the Dry Spent Fuel Storage Project submitted by Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station. To make a reservation for the banquet, contact Terri Witherspoon at 376-4925. Contact Bill Jasen at 521-0803 to make corporate table reservations.

### **Luncheon for cancer survivors held May 17**

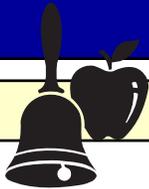
The Tri-Cities Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society, in conjunction with the Relay For Life of Benton-Franklin Counties, are seeking cancer survivors to invite to the Survivor Luncheon that will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. on May 17 at this year's Relay for Life in Southridge High School Stadium 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 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 Kathye Kilgore at 737-3411. ♦



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## CLASSES

### **Class on constructing technical documents cancelled**

The class, Constructing the Technical Document: Essential Strategies and Skills, originally scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27, has been cancelled. The class has been rescheduled for April 29-30. Check future issues of the *Hanford Reach* or visit <http://workshops.pnl.gov> for more information.

### **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 \$1,395 for ASME members and \$1,545 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](mailto:matt@asme.org). For more information, visit [http://www.asme.org/sections/cb/B31\\_3course.html](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 a 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. Seat-ing is limited to 12 persons per session, so please make your reservation early. Additional sessions may be scheduled. ♦

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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>.

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## 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

Vanpool No.154 has openings for two riders from southeast Kennewick to 200W. Picks up along the route beginning at 45th and Olympia, to Albertson's (Edison and Clearwater), to the 200W mobile offices MO-278, MO-279 and MO-287 and PFP. Call **Bill Leonard** at 373-1820. 2/24

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## 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. 2/24

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 2/24

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## WEST RICHLAND

Are you looking for comfort to and from work? Vanpool to 200E, 8x9 schedule, is looking for riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. with drops at 2750, WESF and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. 2/24 ♦