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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 co-workers' help

During the night of May 6, while working at the Canister Storage Building where I am employed as a nuclear chemical operator, I had a medical emergency.

My wife is severely ill with breast cancer and recently I have been experiencing angina attacks that I simply wrote off as stress-induced anxiety. But last night I experienced an attack that was quite severe in its length and pain. I was working on the control deck of the multicaster-overpack-handling machine and the pain was so severe that I needed assistance in standing and walking.

The response from the mixed crew of nuclear chemical operators, process crane operators, health physics technicians, riggers and shift management was, in my view, worthy of high praise and commendation from upper management. This diverse group of people retrieved me off of a crane and out of a radiological buffer area and into the shift office, while Steve Carter, the shift operations manager, contacted 911. He was in constant communication with them, describing my symptoms.

The emergency medical technicians were guided to my location by employees who were placed at strategic points in the compound to guide them directly to me. I am especially grateful to Lea McKinnis, the operations engineer who stayed with me throughout the entire ordeal, giving me encouragement and directing the actions of other responders.

I was treated by the Hanford Fire Department's highly trained and professional EMTs on scene and transported to Kadlec Medical Center, where eventually I was cleared and released. McKinnis transported me home and told me she would take me to work on our next shift since my car was still at the CSB.

I wanted to share this experience with you to show what a well-trained and dedicated group of people we have employed at Hanford. They are assets to the CSB

and to the Hanford Fire Department.

Tim Thompson
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: Fluor Hanford President and Chief Executive Officer Dave Van Leuven adds this comment regarding Thompson's letter: "Tim Thompson shared his experience with me through a personal e-mail on May 7. Taking the time to publicly say 'thank you' and praise fellow workers and the Hanford Fire Department for their immediate response is indicative not only of Tim's character as a person, but also of the far-reaching benefits of teamwork, training, VPP and ISMS. I echo Tim's sentiments, and thank everyone involved for their personal responsiveness and professional handling of a situation that could have compromised someone's life. I am proud that they are members of our Hanford team."



NEWSBRIEFS

HAB has opening for a non-union, non-management employee

The Hanford Tri-Party agencies (the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology) are seeking applications or nominations for one non-union, non-management employee position on the Hanford Advisory Board. The HAB provides advice and recommendations to the Hanford Tri-Party agencies on issues relating to the cleanup of the Hanford Site.

For more information about the vacancy and application process, or about the Hanford Advisory Board, visit the Nuclear Waste Programs Web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/>. The applications for the non-union, non-management employee position are due June 6.



CLASSES

PROTRAIN offers software training

Primavera Project Planning (\$397 per day)

- P-3 602 — May 19
- P-3 603 — May 20
- P-3 604 — May 21

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Adobe PageMaker 6.5 (\$695 for both days)

- Introduction — May 29
- Advanced — May 30

Upgrading to Windows XP — May 29 (\$249).

For information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or sarah@protrainsys.com.

NMA offers FaciliSkills™ workshops

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will host FaciliSkills™ training on June 5, 13 and 19, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The three-day training consists of the following four workshops: “Making the Smart Connection” focuses on relationships, “The Art and Science of Self-Mastery” discusses communication, “Transformational Leadership” teaches team-building and “Logistics and Process Dynamics” covers problem-solving and decision-making skills. The workshops will be held at the Washington State University Consolidated Information Center, room 201/212. The cost is \$350. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.nma1.org/faciliskills/index.htm>, or call 1-866-294-4587. The registration deadline is May 31. The workshop is open to the public.

Effective Presentations offered on June 23

“Effective Presentations” is an eight-hour course that is ideal for anyone wanting to improve their communication skills including trainers, managers, team leaders and committee members. This course will be presented on June 23 by Joe Estey at the Hanford Training Center. The cost is \$180 per person. To register, contact Joan Howard at 946-2102 or at jhoward@energxfanford.com or Lynn Collins at 946-9654 or at lcollins@energxfanford.com. ♦

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Donate blood in May

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at 2261

Stevens Drive for a blood drive on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment to give blood, contact Kelly Layfield at 376-6785.

Toner cartridge information sessions held May 20

U.S. Koala and Staples Business Advantage are sponsoring two information sessions on toner cartridges at 12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. on May 20 in conference room 199 in 2430 Stevens. For more information or to make a reservation to attend, contact estore_support@rl.gov.

Technical reports databases

Learn to locate technical reports from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Hanford contractors or other Department of Energy sites on Thursday, May 22, 12-1 p.m. in the Swauk Room of the NSB on the PNNL campus. The Hanford Technical Library staff will take you on a guided tour through a variety of databases that specialize in technical reports. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.

May 30 golf tournament to benefit MDA

Hanford Fire Department and the Muscular Dystrophy Association are holding their sixth annual golf tournament on May 30 at Canyon Lakes Golf Course in Kennewick. Proceeds from this event will help send local children with muscle disease to summer camp, provide research to find treatments and a cure, and assist in purchasing wheelchairs and leg braces. The financial commitment is vital to many children and families in our community. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$240 per foursome and includes greens fees and cart, free range balls, prizes and steak and salmon dinner after play. For more information, call Mark Cope at 373-1475.

Audubon Society sponsors ‘Winged Migration’

The Lower Columbia Audubon Society and Sony Picture Classics present the Academy Award nominee for best documentary, “Winged Migration,” at 7 p.m. on June 6 and 7 at the Battelle Auditorium. A matinee showing will take place at 3 p.m. on June 7. Tickets for evening showings are \$5 each, with

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children 6 and under free. The matinee showing will have tickets available at \$10 for a family or \$5 for individuals. Tickets may be purchased at the Bookworm in Kennewick and Richland or at the door.

Conference on plutonium will be held July 6-10

The Plutonium Futures — The Science 2003 Conference will be held July 6-10 in Albuquerque, N.M.

This conference, the third in a series, will provide an international forum for presentation and discussion of current research on physical and chemical properties and environmental interactions of plutonium and other actinide elements. One hundred seventy-five papers from 11 countries and more than 60 institutions, universities and research laboratories have been submitted. Register before June 5 and save \$100. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lanl.gov/pu2003>. ♦

driver is good, but not necessary. Picks up in reverse order in the evening. Arrives back at Desert Ice at about 5:20 p.m. Send an e-mail message to **Douglas Bailey** at douglas_m_bailey@ri.gov. 5/12

Vanpool to 200W needs riders, 8x9s (7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Leaves Pasco Kmart at 5:45 a.m., stops at Road 100 at 5:55 and at the Hanford Training Center (by the Columbia Basin Racquet Club) at 6:05, then travels on Highway 240 to all stops in 200W. Call **Don** 373-2933 or **John** 373-2224. 5/19

RICHLAND

Vanpool to 200E needs several riders, 8x9. 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. 5/12 ♦



VANPOOLS

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.ri.gov/phmc/sas>.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 97 is looking for riders, 8x9s. Rate as low as \$54.20 per month. Starts in downtown Kennewick and picks up at ShopKo at 6 a.m. and the Federal Building at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and 2740-HV. Contact **Mike Bryden** at 373-4624. 5/19

PASCO

Vanpool No. 213 out of Pasco needs riders. Leaves Desert Ice, across from the Broadmoor Park Mall off of Road 100, at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV (or any place along the route). Willing to be a backup