

# 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.

### Buses would solve some problems

I hear a lot of complaints about speeding, not paying attention during the commute back and forth to work, heavy traffic, road-work delays and the list goes on. Bringing back the buses would eliminate many, if not most of, these problems.

I know the cost of riding would be more than it used to be, but I'll bet if you took a survey, many people would support the higher cost. This could work collaboratively with Ben Franklin Transit. What about the practice of having certain work sites end their day at differing times? Both of those ideas worked in the past. Why wouldn't they work now?

The congestion goes from the outer area all the way to Kennewick and Pasco. It can sometimes take up to 45 minutes to get through Richland alone. I, for one, would like to see the buses come back.

**Dale Wallace**

*Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*

### Clarification

I am writing to clarify my letter published on June 9 ("Life easy for Sheriff's Department") concerning the Sheriff's Department patrolling the Hanford Site versus the real world. Most of the letters (published in the *Hanford Reach* on June 16) that were written in response to my letter accused me of getting ticketed, which is not true. I am a law-abiding Hanford worker, and in my 25 years on the site I have never gotten a ticket.

The main focus of my complaint was the lack of law enforcement outside the Yakima Barricade and the overkill of law enforcement inside the Hanford Site. It's ironic that a couple of days after my letter was published, there was a fatality on the same stretch of road that I was complaining about — a head-on collision that involved one of our shift managers. Luckily his life was

spared, but the other driver wasn't so lucky. What's it going to take?

**Noel Hinojosa**

*Fluor Hanford*



## NEWSBRIEFS

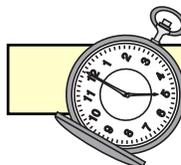
### PTB transfers approved for Salinas and Collins

Eustolio Salinas, Jr., a nuclear chemical operator in the Waste Feed Operations organization of CH2M HILL Hanford Group, and Nick Collins, a Fluor Hanford nuclear chemical operator at the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project at K Basins, have been approved to receive personal-time-bank transferred hours.

Salinas has been diagnosed with progressive leukemia. Any CH2M HILL Hanford Group employee who would like to transfer PTB hours to Salinas can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807) and sending it to Carolyn Howard of CH2M HILL Labor Relations/Human Resources, R2-57.

Collins needs to care for his son Skylar after he undergoes open-heart surgery. Fluor Project Hanford employees who would like to transfer PTB hours to Collins can complete Site Form A-6002-807 and send it to Colleen Angel of Fluor Hanford Workforce Services and Project Support, S2-43.

Time should be transferred in one-hour increments. ♦



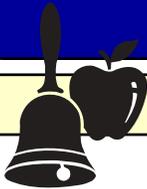
## RETIREMENTS

### Burden retirement party set for July 11

After 23 years of faithful service at Hanford, Sandy Burden will be retiring. Join us in celebrating her retirement on July 11 at 2 p.m. in Leslie Groves Park in Richland. A barbecue lunch and cake will be served. The cost is \$10 per person for food and contribution to a gift. RSVP by calling Laurie Ann Robinson at 372-0914 by June 27. ♦

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## CLASSES

### PROTRAIN offers software training

#### Primavera Project Planning (\$425 per day)

- P-3 602 — June 23
- P-3 603 — June 24
- P-3 604 — June 25

#### Crystal Reports 8 (\$249 per day or \$448 for both days)

- Introduction — June 23
- Advanced — June 24

#### Upgrading to Windows XP — June 27 (\$249)

#### Upgrading to Office XP — June 26 (\$169)

For more information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or at sarah@protrainsys.com. Group discounts are available.

### “Constructing the Technical Document”

“Constructing the Technical Document: Essential Strategies and Skills” will be offered June 25-26, in the Columbia River Room of the ETB on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. This class will help you achieve benefits associated with effectively sharing research or products; learn to address and affect readers, advance careers or fine-tune technical writing skills; and apply the fundamentals of an audience analysis. You will also gain an understanding of document management: the need for teaming and attention to planning, writing, editing, publication design and marketing. Register early; space is limited. For more information, visit <http://workshops.pnl.gov> or contact Mary Wagner at 372-4259 or at mary.wagner@pnl.gov. To register, contact Cory Rhoads at 376-7157 or at cory.rhoads@pnl.gov.

### Refresher course for the electrical P.E. exam

A refresher course for the electrical P.E. exam begins July 14 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The course meets weekly on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 29. The refresher course will prepare engineers for the next Washington State Electrical Professional Engineers exam in October. Enrollment is limited. Books for the course will be available at The Bookie on the WSU Tri-Cities

campus. For more information, contact Karen Davis at 372-7293 or at kldavis@tricity.wsu.edu.

### Personal Protection Safety Measures offered

The Northwest Public Power Association is presenting “Personal Protection Safety Measures,” a two-day class at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center July 29-30. This course will cover the physiology of electrical shock and treatment; the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s mandated electrical requirements; the role and use of NFPA 70E; and over 600-volt applications. Register before June 27 and pay \$1,095. The cost is \$1,145 for registrations received after June 27. To register, contact Wendy Carlson at (360) 254-0109 or visit [www.nwppa.org](http://www.nwppa.org). ♦

## CALENDAR



### Civil Air Patrol holds informational meeting

The Tri-Cities Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will hold an informational meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on June 24 for youth ages 12 to 20 who are interested in joining the cadet program. The meeting will be held in the Squadron Building at the Richland Municipal Airport. The Civil Air Patrol is the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

An awards presentation at this meeting will feature state Senator Pat Hale and a speech by retired Air Force Colonel David “Duke” Mitchell.

Civil Air Patrol’s Cadet Program builds responsible citizens for America through a positive approach to aerospace, leadership and life skills. Youth who join the cadet program will learn military drill, wear a uniform, earn rank, perform community service and can learn to fly. For more information, call 735-7437 (in the evenings).

### CREHST camps for fifth-through-eighth-graders

The Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology will hold summer camps during the week of July 28-Aug. 1 for students entering

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fifth and sixth grades, and during the week of Aug. 4-8 for students entering seventh and eighth grades. The theme for the summer camps will be the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery and will include scientific activities, creative crafts and artistic projects surrounding the following topics: ancestry of dogs, study of raptors, mapping and exploration skills, the nature of sound and Native American culture. The camp fee is \$40 for CREHST member families and \$55 for non-member families. For more information and to register, call CREHST at 943-9000. Participation is limited to 20 students per session. The camp will be held in Richland's Howard Amon Park near the museum.

#### **Hanford Technical Library demonstrations**

The Hanford Technical Library staff members are presenting the following demonstrations from 12 to 1 p.m.:

- **Library Resources** — Tuesday, June 24, in the Wenatchee Room of the ETB. Learn how to use the library's electronic services to find the information you need when you need it — all from your desktop. For more information, contact Cheryl Wiborg at 372-7453 or at [cheryl.wiborg@pnl.gov](mailto:cheryl.wiborg@pnl.gov)
- **Competitive Intelligence** — Wednesday, June 25, room 1075 at EMSL. Proposal writers and other individuals looking for information about industries, companies or markets should know about resources available through the Hanford Technical Library Web site and on the Internet. Learn how to access free and fee-based databases to stay current with emerging technologies and find information for assessing customer needs and for competitive analysis. For more information, contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at [karen.buxton@pnl.gov](mailto:karen.buxton@pnl.gov).
- **Electronic Chemical Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and Handbooks** — Thursday, June 26, room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. Come see electronic products aimed at making chemical research easier. Featured will be the new

electronic edition of the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* and *The Combined Chemical Dictionary*, along with the *Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology* (fourth edition) and *Ulmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry*. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at [mf.lembo@pnl.gov](mailto:mf.lembo@pnl.gov).

#### **Adoption orientation offered June 26**

The Catholic Family and Child Service Pathways to Parenting Program, a United Way-funded, non-profit organization, will present an adoption orientation on June 26, 6:30-8 p.m. at Catholic Family and Child Service, 2139 Van Giesen in Richland. This orientation will provide information and answers for those of all faiths who have considered adoption. Pre-registration is requested for this free orientation. Call Sandy at 946-4546 for information and pre-registration.

#### **Conference on plutonium in Albuquerque**

The Science 2003 Conference — The Plutonium Futures — will be held July 6-10 in Albuquerque, N.M. The third in a series, this conference will provide an international forum for presenting and discussing current research on physical and chemical properties and environmental interactions of plutonium and other actinide elements. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lanl.gov/pu2003>.

#### **Radiochemistry Conference in New Mexico**

Two tours of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant will be offered to attendees of the Radiochemistry Conference in Carlsbad, N.M. The conference will be held July 13-16. The conference will include presentations on nuclear repository sciences, the National Border Program, the environment, renewable energy, decommissioning and decontamination, and waste management. Featured speakers will include prominent members of the public and private sectors. The tours of WIPP, our nation's first deep-geologic repository for safe, permanent

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disposal of radioactive waste in a 225-million-year-old salt formation, will be conducted on July 14 and July 17. Visit [http://www.radiochemistry.org/wipp\\_tour](http://www.radiochemistry.org/wipp_tour) to take an online tour and follow the links to sign up for the actual tour in July or to register for the conference. The tour fee is \$50 and is separate from the conference fees.

### **Safety and Health Conference takes place Oct. 3**

“Emerging Issues in Safety and Health” is the title of the third Safety and Health Conference to be held Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The topics will emphasize the safety challenges presented by emerging issues such as the aging workforce, regulatory shifts, funding restrictions and emergency planning in today’s troubled world. The Lower Columbia Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Tri-City Education Committee of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society are sponsoring the conference. If paid before Sept. 1, the conference fee is \$100 (\$85 for speakers, \$35 for students). After Sept. 1, the fee is \$125 (\$100 for speakers, \$45 for students). The fee includes lunch and refreshments. Attendees will receive 0.7 continuing education credits or 1 CIH Certification Maintenance Point. Eight speakers, a nationally known keynote speaker and a HAMMER tour are planned. For more information, contact John Cavanaugh at 373-9625 or at [john\\_e\\_jr\\_cavanaugh@rl.gov](mailto:john_e_jr_cavanaugh@rl.gov), or John Hinckley at 371-4408 or at [jhinckle@bechtel.com](mailto:jhinckle@bechtel.com). ♦



**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** — Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to see the discounts list.

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

**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), Marta Caballero (S6-74) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$10.50 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).

**SILVERWOOD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE** — The amusement park is now open through Sept. 28. The new Boulder Beach Water Park will open July 1. Discount ticket prices through HERO are \$22.50 for general admission (ages 8-64) and \$11 for children age 3 to 7 years and seniors 65 years and older. Ticket sellers are Linda Meigs (H3-12), Cheri McGee (N2-53), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Tricia Poland (T5-04), Marta Caballero (S6-74) and Ginny Wallace (S7-03). Please send your checks (made out to HERO) to any of these ticket sellers and your tickets will be sent back to you in the plant mail.

**GET READY TO RUMBLE** — Tri-City Raceway is offering discounted tickets to its racing event on Saturday, July 12. Adult tickets (normally \$11) are available to Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services employees for \$7. The discounted ticket is good for July 12 only and a maximum of six tickets can be purchased per employee. Come join America’s fastest-growing spectator sport, NASCAR, as the Northwest Dodge Dealers present the NASCAR Big 3 (Late Models, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks) at the fastest half-mile tri-oval west of the Mississippi. Racing begins at 7 p.m. The Tri-City Raceway is located between West Richland and Benton City on

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Highway 224 (Van Giesen St.). Tickets are on sale now; send your check (made out to HERO) to Alvin Keck (X4-06), Marta Caballero (S6-74) or Linda Meigs/Elizabeth Colbert (H3-12).

**MT. ADAMS GOLF OUTING** — Get your foursomes together for the second annual HERO golf outing at Mt. Adams. Join us for a fun-filled day of golfing in Toppenish at the country club on Sept. 26 (Friday off), with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. There is no need for handicap. The cost is \$55, which includes a barbecued burger lunch, greens fees, one-half cart, goodie bag and prize fund. To sign up, make your check out to HERO and send it along with your group's names to Jim Hopfinger at S7-39.

**COLUMBIA VOYAGER DINNER CRUISE** — On July 31, join us for a relaxing, three-hour dinner cruise down the Columbia River. The price is \$30 per person and includes the cruise and an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet featuring carved baron of beef, teriyaki chicken, desserts, non-alcoholic drinks, taxes and gratuities. A no-host bar is also available. Board at 6:30 p.m. at the dock behind the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Slowly cruise to the Cable Bridge and return to the dock at 10 p.m. Seating is limited, so don't wait. Make your reservations now by sending a check or money order, made out to HERO, to Cheri McGee at N2-53.

**SIX FLAGS WILD WAVES/ENCHANTED VILLAGE TICKETS AVAILABLE** — The parks offer 70 acres of non-stop fun for everyone. After a short drive to Federal Way (near Tacoma), enjoy more than 40 exhilarating rides and attractions in Enchanted Village, and then cool down in one of Wild Wave's 14 thrilling waterslides. Ride the surf in the gigantic 24,000-square-foot wave pool! With two parks for the price of one, it's simply the most fun you'll have all year! Discounted tickets are available through HERO for \$21 per person (ages 2 and under are free). To purchase your tickets, send checks (made payable to HERO) to Linda Meigs at H3-12.

## UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Hood River Murder Mystery Dinner Train** — Aug. 16. Reserve your table for a sumptuous dinner and a murderously funny evening filled with entertainers. Dinner includes appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. The price of \$135 per person includes round-trip bus from Tri-Cities plus the dinner train. We are filling a second bus, so

hurry and send in your \$25 per-person deposit to secure your space. For more information, contact Linda Meigs (H3-12), Cheri McGee (N2-53) or call Marla of Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 783-4645.

• **Vacation of a lifetime, the French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single, which includes round-trip air fare from Pasco, \$120 cancellation insurance and \$85 in taxes and fees. Payment in full is due at signup. For those who have made a deposit, final payment is due July 23. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. 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. E-mail Nancie Simon at bearclanwa@aol.com or call 627-0657 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 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 Tricia Poland 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 as soon as possible with the balance 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.

• **Holiday in Lights cruise** — Dec. 5-7. Climb aboard the Fun Fleet of Coeur d'Alene Cruises for a holiday tour of the lighted displays featuring over a million lights.

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Package includes round-trip bus trip, two nights at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, breakfast both mornings, and a one-hour lake cruise. Depart Friday morning, Dec. 5, and stop at the Spokane Valley Mall for Christmas shopping, then it's off to Coeur d'Alene for your evening cruise. On Saturday, you can relax at the resort, pamper yourself at the spa, shop at additional shops close to the resort, take the bus back to Spokane for more shopping, or hop on a shuttle that runs to the casino in Worley, Idaho. The cost per person based on double occupancy is \$193 for an economy room, \$215 for a deluxe room, and \$238 for a premier room. A \$50 non-refundable deposit per person is due as soon as possible to reserve your spot. E-mail Phyllis Roha for more information.

• **San Antonio Christmas** – Dec. 9-13. The price is \$1,289 pp for twin, \$1,269 pp for triple and \$1,659 for singles. Includes round-trip airfare from Seattle, transfers, cancellation waiver, travel insurance and six meals. Highlights of the trip will be Paseo Del Rio, the Alamo, a Mexican marketplace, the LBJ Ranch, Cavern Carolers and Fiesta De Las Luminarias. A deposit of \$160 is due by Aug. 22. Contact Cheri McGee for details. ♦



## **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.

## **KENNEWICK**

Looking for rider from Kennewick to 200W. Picks up at Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater and at the Richland airport. Stops at 222-S, 272-WA and WRAP. Call **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 6/16

## **PASCO**

Vanpool No. 139 has two seats available for 8x9s, from Pasco and to 200E and 200W. Route runs from Road 100 to 200W with stops at the Federal Bldg. parking lot, 2101-M, WSCF, T-Plant and other places in 200W. Don't drive...take a nap! Call **Bruce Hey** at 373-7197 for more details. 6/23

Vanpool Express to 2750-E needs several riders, 8x9s. Monthly rate as low as \$35 per month with maximum of 14 in the van. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E only. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 6/23

## **RICHLAND**

Vanpool No. 216, needs one or two riders, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., door-to-door delivery in Richland. Van starts on the south end of Jadwin, winds its way up Thayer and Williams, over to George Washington Way and out to 2750-E and to 2704-HV (if new rider is a backup driver). Call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400. 6/16

Spacious seating is still available for several 8x9 riders to 200W aboard Van No. 117. Roundtrip from parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. The cost is less than that of a daily commute for one person in his or her own personal vehicle. Call or send an e-mail message to **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 6/16 ♦