

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.

Thank you to Hanford 'family'

On Thursday, June 12, our son Robby Schuller, a Fluor Hanford employee, was involved in a terrible accident. He was riding his Harley when a car pulled out in front of him. He was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle and treated for a skull fracture, concussion, broken ribs, punctured lung, eye injury and a compound leg fracture. He has since been released and is at our home recovering.

We would like to thank all who participated in the very generous money donation we received, and to say thanks for all the cards and the visits from all the folks who came to see him in Seattle and now at our home in Pasco. Words could never express our gratitude to each and every one of you. The money allowed us to stay in Seattle and be with our son.

The prognosis is good for a full recovery, but it will take some time. Robby also thanks you all for everything his working family has done for him.

God bless all of you, and once again from the bottom of our hearts a big Thank You!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schuller



CALENDAR

Hanford Technical Library offers tour July 3

Take a tour of the library on Thursday, July 3, from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus and find out what services are available to you in the library and on your desktop. Contact Cheryl Wiborg at 372-732 or at cheryl.wiborg@pnl.gov for more information.

Conference on plutonium held 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>.

Sexual Assault Response Center conducts training

The summer volunteer advocate training for the Sexual Assault Response Center will run July 7-17 at 830 N. Columbia Center Blvd. in Kennewick. This 34-hour training is designed to give volunteers the tools they need to work with sexual assault victims and their families. You can volunteer from your home, if you have access to a phone in the evenings, twice a month for 12-hour shifts.

The training schedule is as follows: July 7 and 9, 5:30-10 p.m.; July 11, 5-9 p.m.; July 12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; July 13, 8 a.m.-noon.; and July 14 and 16, 5:30-10 p.m. A \$10 fee helps offset the cost of the training manual.

The Sexual Assault Response Center is a non-profit United Way agency serving Benton and Franklin counties to provide crisis services and preventive education for community members on sexual assault and abuse issues. The agency relies on community volunteers to help run its 24-hour hotline. For more information on the volunteer advocate training, call Christina Stingley or Anna Hahn at 374-5391.

Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers meets

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers' meeting on July 8 in the Gallery Room of the Richland Library will feature a presentation by Dave Bartus, EPA Region 10, titled "Resolving Environmental Issues Using Regulatory Pathways." Networking begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrea Prignano at 376-1057.

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'Evening for the Angels' to benefit Chaplaincy

Tickets are on sale now for an evening of music under the stars July 11 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of the Richland Red Lion. Proceeds from this eighth annual event, known as "Evening for the Angels," help support the hospice and counseling programs of the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy, a United Way agency. Featured will be Chicago artists, Erich Buchholz, a tenor, and soprano Kathryn Kamp, who will perform a wide selection of Broadway hits, traditional spirituals and opera arias. Chocolates, regional wines, champagne and non-alcoholic beverages will be served throughout the evening. Bechtel and Washington Group are helping to sponsor this event. Tickets are \$40 if purchased in advance, and \$50 if purchased at the door. To make your reservation, call the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy at 783-7416.

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 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 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.

Stratos' CEO gives talk on tech business growth

The Three Rivers Venture Group will sponsor the talk, "Commercializing High-Tech Products" by Allan Stephan, president and CEO of Stratos Product Development Group, on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:15 a.m., at the Richland Community Center Activity

Room, 500 Amon Park Drive. The presentation is free and open to entrepreneurs and others involved with tech business growth, but preregistration is requested. Stratos, a Seattle-based technology commercialization firm, brings tech products to market through investments, design, engineering and business strategy. Stephan has incubated companies in markets including life science, medical devices, health care and computing, and has provided funding, facilities and engineering support and leadership in each venture. Stratos' Web site is at <http://www.stratos.com>. Register to attend the talk by contacting Gracie Downard at 375-2803 or at gracie.downard@pnl.gov.

CREHST summer camps for 5th-through-8th-grade

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



NEWS BRIEFS

PTB transfer approved for Darrin Faulk

Darrin Faulk, a Fluor Hanford environmental compliance officer assigned to the Waste Management Project, has been approved to receive personal time bank-transferred hours. Faulk's newborn son has a congenital disorder that required surgery at Children's Hospital in Seattle. The infant's recovery is expected to take several weeks. Fluor Project Hanford employees who would like to transfer PTB hours to Faulk can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807) and sending it to Greg Mitchell of Fluor Hanford Workforce Services and Project Support, H7-24. ♦

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SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

July 8 1-4 p.m. Sound Safety

200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

July 9 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Sound Safety

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

July 9 1-4 p.m. Sound Safety



CLASSES

Refresher course for the electrical PE 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.

Skills Lab offers classes in July

The Skills Lab will offer the following half-day sessions from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center Administration Building:

- **Painless Punctuation** — Tuesday, July 15.
- **Successful Business and Technical Writing** — Thursday, July 17. Suggested prerequisite: Painless Punctuation.
- **Goof-Proofing Your Grammar** — Tuesday, July 22.

- **Successful Spelling** — Thursday, July 24.

There is no charge for any of these sessions, but seats are filling rapidly, so reserve space now by calling Kathy Dechter at 376-3250.

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. The cost is \$1,145. To register, contact Wendy Carlson at (360) 254-0109 or visit www.nwppa.org. ♦

Employee Activities



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.

HERO BOARD POSITION OPEN — The HERO Board 400 Area representative position is vacant. If you would like to apply, and have your manager's consent, send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha.

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

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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 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).

COLUMBIA VOYAGER DINNER CRUISE — Fluor Project Hanford team employees are invited to join us July 31 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.

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. ♦



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.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 196 to 200E is looking for a driver/backup driver for an existing route starting from South Vancouver and 36th and picks up riders along Clearwater, W Hood, Edison and Canal and Highway 240. On most days duties include starting the van and picking up passengers and the primary driver. On some days you will be driving to 200E. Backup drivers are compensated with a reduction in the fare. Ben Franklin Transit driver training and approval is required. Call John Townley at 372-0223 or 735-2727. 6/30

PASCO

Vanpool No. 139 has two seats available, for 8x9s, from Pasco 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

A carpool from the Meadow Springs/Badger Canyon area goes to 200E, 8x9s, shared driving. For details, contact **Vic** at 373-1321. 6/30

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Discount admission to winery concert

Hanford employees receive a 15 percent discount to the Tingstad and Rumbel concert on Saturday, July 12, at 6 p.m. at the Hedges Cellars Red Mountain Winery, 53311 North Sunset Road in Benton City. Bring your own blankets, chairs, wine glasses and food. Tickets for Hanford employees over 21 cost \$25.50 (general admission is \$30), and are available from the winery or by calling 430-8395.

A photograph of a large firework exploding in the night sky, with many red and orange streaks radiating from a central point.

*Have a
safe
and sane
4th of July!*