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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.

Not to B

I submit the B Reactor is not a prize to become a museum. Money spent on this project would be better spent finishing the entombing of this facility.

B Reactor is in a poor location for public access, far from general populace travel. The concrete behemoth is just a reactor shell with all of its support facilities removed. It is of little public or private interest. It has little economic value or real historical significance to support its upkeep expense. Who needs it?

I believe the money for this project could be better spent elsewhere (say at the unfinished Number One nuclear plant to bring it on line for the power-hungry hordes in California).

Jubal Helms

Fluor Hanford

Safe driving?

It is really getting scary to drive *safely* to work. Summer is definitely here and the unaware, selfish drivers continue to endanger our lives.

On June 28 while driving home from 200W, I was forced onto the shoulder of the road two separate times by inconsiderate and dangerous passing in the westbound lane.

The first time, a maroon pickup passed a fire truck, forcing the fire truck and me onto the shoulders on opposite sides of the road. The second time, a westbound car had passed on one of the small hills, and I had to go onto the shoulder to avoid a head-on collision. As I got closer to town, around the 26-mile marker, the driver two cars in front of me was forced onto the shoulder by a westbound vehicle passing. By this time, we were all leaving four to five car lengths in between each of us for safety, while going with the flow of traffic.

This morning, June 29, my carpool partner and I were stopped in the left turn lane on the Bypass

Highway at the red light for Highway 240. A car passed us, on the left, to turn left onto Highway 240 against the red light. This car was going at a high rate of speed, and turned into the Lamb Weston plant. Shortly thereafter, a speeding westbound car passed us, using the eastbound turn lane to pass in. This vehicle proceeded to pass two more vehicles on the small hill, weaving in and out of traffic, before it turned onto Kingsgate Way at a high rate of speed. My carpool partner and I were wondering if it wouldn't be safer to turn around and go home!

Apparently, from their destinations, these were not Hanford employees driving in this very unsafe manner. Equally apparent is the fact that they obviously didn't give a darn about the other lives they were endangering.

Please, don't be a statistic at the hands of one of these idiots. Drivers beware and drive with extreme caution while trying to get to and from work.

Kati Hogue

Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

Red Cross needs volunteers as points-of-contact

The American Red Cross needs volunteers to serve as points-of-contact for blood draws at 2420 Stevens Center. The job requires the POCs to help with badging the Red Cross volunteers and to be available (on-call basis) to assist as needed during the blood draw. The next blood draw is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Zona Gale at 376-5417 if you are able to help.

NMA kicks off 25th anniversary year with potluck

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will begin the observation of its 25th anniversary with a potluck Thursday, July 19, at Leslie Groves Park at 5 p.m. A short business meeting will begin at 6:30 with Curt Colvin sharing some highlights of NMA history. Anyone who has been a member of the Hanford Chapter of the NMA is invited to attend and bring a guest. Bring a dish to share. The cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. NMA will provide utensils, soft drinks, ice and a meat dish. There is a liquor license for the event so guests may bring their own beer or wine. Note that this is an adults-only party. Call Terry Winward at 373-4002 or 375-6773 to make your reservation by July 13. ♦

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NEWS BRIEFS



PTB transfer approved for Guerra

Lino Guerra, a scientific technician for the 222-S Lab in the 200 West Area, has been approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Guerra's wife was recently involved in a serious automobile accident. She will undergo multiple operations and months of physical therapy, and will require Guerra's aid in her recovery. Any Fluor Project Hanford team employee who would like to transfer some PTB time to Guerra can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (A-6002-807) and sending it to Susan Lukes, Fluor Hanford Human Resources, H2-16. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

Opening available at child care center

The federally sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room. The tuition cost is \$147 a week. Please contact Sharon or Suzanne at 946-4609 to enroll or obtain more information about the center. The center offers an educational curriculum for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Changes in income tax withholding

New withholding tables may reduce the amount of income tax withheld from your wages earned after June 30.

The reductions in tax withholding result from a reduction in the current 28 percent and higher tax brackets, effective July 1. The new tables, prescribed by the Department of the Treasury, reflect a change resulting from the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

Employees of the Fluor Project Hanford team and CH2M HILL Hanford Group who do not want to have their withholding reduced may want to file a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. The form is available on Site Forms (BD-7000-295), or they may request forms using *Payroll Questions in Outlook.

Additional information regarding the new tax tables and the new tax laws is available at <http://www.irs.gov/>. ♦

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 submissions is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring riders are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her badge, Patrol must be informed at the barricades. For more information, look on the Hanford Web in the Projects and Activities section, Safeguards and Security at <http://www.rl.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm>.

KENNEWICK

Excellent opportunity to ride in comfort and peace. Opening in vanpool from Richland Wye Park 'n Ride to 200W. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106 Discount for drivers. 7/9

PASCO

Vanpool No. 139 to 200E and 200W needs riders, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Picks up at Road 100 Sleep Inn with stop at Federal Building. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984 or **Sarah Larinaga** at 372-2826. 7/9

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 91 needs riders and back-up driver(s). 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a door-to-door vanpool. That's right, we pick you up at home! Starts on the 500 block of Douglass Avenue, goes to the 100 block of Goethals, to Duportail, along Cottonwood Drive, over to Wright, Thayer, Van Geisen and north George Washington Way. Drops off at MO-286, 274-E, 2750-E and maybe 2704-HV. Contact **Rich Bowen** at 373-5359. 7/2

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF and 2727. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 7/9 ♦

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CLASSES



Training for RCT candidates to begin July 10

From July 10 through Sept. 29, EXITECH Columbia Corporation will offer a Radiological Controls Technician Fundamentals Academics training program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RCT Fundamentals Academics training consists of 13 subjects beginning with mathematics and algebra and ending with radiation detection theory. Training will be conducted in the classroom and through practical and hands-on exercises.

RCT Fundamentals Academics training is the first phase of a generic, two-phased Department of Energy RCT initial training program that is designed to prepare RCT candidates for work at DOE facilities. ECC expects to offer the second phase of training, RCT Site Academics, from October to December.

The cost of this course is \$3,876. Payment terms are available. Enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about this training program or about pursuing a career in the radiological controls field, contact ECC at 946-2573 or send an e-mail message to kadamson@excol.com.

D2000 offers trenching and excavation classes

D2000 Safety Solutions offers Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons courses at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center two times this year. Classes begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held

Monday, July 23, through Wednesday, July 25, TSB Annex Room 1; or Monday, Oct. 22, through Wednesday, Oct. 24, TSB Annex Room 1. The hands-on course is designed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.650. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion. The class has been reviewed and approved for 2.4 CEUs by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. The course cost is \$595 per person. Class size is limited to 25. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

USQ class offered in July

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will sponsor the Epsilon Solutions Systems' Unreviewed Safety Questions class to be held July 17 to 19 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in room 15. The price is \$813 per person.

The class is intended for DOE and DOE contractor personnel who are involved with the preparation, review and approval processes for Unreviewed Safety Questions. This course is endorsed by the DOE Office of Nuclear Safety Policy and Standards. Students will be taught the requirements and intent of 10 CFR Part 830, "Nuclear Safety Management," Regulation subpart B 830.203, DOE G 424.X-X, "Implementation Guide for Use in Addressing Unreviewed Safety Question Requirements," DOE Order 5480.21, "Unreviewed Safety Questions," and the December 1992 DOE "Interpretation of DOE 5480.21."

Visit the Parallax Web site at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> for a detailed course description and to obtain the registration form. To register, submit the completed form and payment to Parallax, A2-32, FED/239. For more information call the DOE Training Administration Office at 376-8284.

CERCLA workshops offered

The Department of Energy will sponsor the National Environmental Training Office "CERCLA Orientation and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study" workshop on July 24-25. The class will be held at the Consolidated Information Center at the Washington State University Tri-Cities Campus. The cost is \$590 per person. This class is intended for DOE and contractor personnel who have little or no familiarity or experience in the background and implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. Participants are provided with a basic understanding of CERCLA, and an in-depth review of the RI/FS process as it applies to DOE's environmental restoration program. The course includes a final comprehensive exam. Visit the Parallax Web site at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> for a detailed course description and to obtain the registration form. To register, submit the completed form and payment to Parallax, A2-32, FED/239. For more information, call the DOE Training Administration Office at 376-8284. ♦

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SEND 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.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME — If you have an event or travel/trip destination that you would like HERO to consider, or one that you would like to host, send an e-mail message to your area representative with specifics. Although HERO cannot guarantee your suggestion will be offered, all reasonable suggestions will be considered.

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

AREA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED — Area representatives are needed for the 600/400, 200E Area and Yakima. If you are interested, if your company is part of the Fluor Project Hanford team and if you have your manager's approval, e-mail Jackie Roderick and Phyllis Roha.

TOWER OF POWER CONCERT — Thursday evening, July 26, outdoors at the Red Lion Hotel. Gold tickets are \$32 each, silver tickets \$23 and bronze \$18. Send checks payable to "Quality Events" to Linda Meigs (H3-12) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

NIGHT AT THE OASIS (WATERWORKS) — Friday, Aug. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m., \$6 per person, children age 3 and under free. Hot dogs, chips and pop included. Ticket sales end Aug. 8. No tickets will be sold at the park. Send checks payable to HERO to Nancie Simon (S7-64), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Marvene McChesney (T4-61), Linda Meigs (H3-12), Jackie Roderick (S3-97) and Denise Prior (L6-81).

SILVERWOOD THEME PARK — Check out HERO's Intranet Web site for a complete schedule of days and times. Adult tickets are \$18.50 (normally \$25.30), youth (ages 3-7) and senior (65 and over) tickets are \$10 (normally \$16.87). Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Tricia Poland (T5-04) or Nancie Simon (S7-64). Personal checks for purchases in excess of \$250 will not be accepted. Send a cashier's check or money order for payments in excess of \$250. No cash, please!

DUST DEVIL SPECIAL OFFER — Purchase a single-season package and get free parking at Tri-Cities Stadium (save \$75). Purchase club seats (full- or half-season) and get a bus trip to Seattle's Safeco Field to attend a Mariners game with other HERO members! Package pricing: club seats \$380-\$532 (all 38 home games), half-season club seats \$266 (19 games) and single-season \$190-\$266 (all 38 home games). Call 544-8789 and mention you are a HERO employee!

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$4.50 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks made payable to "HERO" to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). For Yakima Mercy tickets, send checks to Flu Garza (T4-01) or Nancy Zeuge (X3-74).

PENDLETON ROUND UP — Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1:15 p.m. 100 tickets available at \$13 each. Tricia Poland (T5-04) has tickets.

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UPCOMING HERO-SPONSORED TRIPS

- **Portland Shopping Spree** — Sept. 28-30. Leaves Friday morning and returns Sunday afternoon. Price is \$170 ppdo for two nights' lodging at the DoubleTree Inn at Lloyd's Center and roundtrip bus fair. \$25 non-refundable deposit at signup. Final payment is due Aug. 24. Sunday brunch will be available at the hotel for \$11.99. At press time, the hotel is adding an extra \$3-per-room, per-night charge (plus taxes) in response to the energy crisis. This charge may not be in effect at the time of our trip. E-mail Marvene McChesney (T4-61) for information and deposits. Check the HERO Web site for more details on shopping.
- **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** — Nov. 6-13, \$825 ppdo, \$765 triple, \$712 quad and \$1,126 single. \$150 pp deposit required to reserve your spot. Major credit cards are accepted but 3 percent is added to the charge. Trip includes eight days and seven nights at the five-star Villa del Palmar Hotel on the beach in a studio unit; round-trip transfers from the airport to the hotel; all air, hotel and departure taxes. The Villa Del Palmar offers a swimming pool, restaurants and bars, tennis court, fitness center, grocery store and 100 yards of white sandy beach. *Space is limited*, so reserve your spot. E-mail Sheila Kirk (T4-05).
- **European Capitals Cruise** — Sept. 7-22. Rates range from \$3,199 to \$4,081 pp depending upon cabin selection. Package includes round-trip air from Seattle, transfers, and all meals and entertainment on board. Port charges are an additional \$330 pp. E-mail Phyllis Roha for more information.
- **Cruise to Victoria and Vancouver** — Leave Seattle Friday, Oct. 12, on the new ship Radiance of the Sea for a two-night getaway. On Saturday, Oct. 13, the ship arrives in Victoria. See the city or stay aboard and relax. In the evening, take in the captain's cocktail party, a special dinner and a show. On Sunday, Oct. 14, arrive in Vancouver and depart the ship. Enjoy the day in Vancouver. Return to Seattle via Amtrak. The train departs at 6 p.m. and arrives in Seattle at 10 p.m. with a stop in Edmonds. Cost is \$268.60 for outside cabins and \$368.60 for balcony cabins. Taxes and port charges are included. Every cabin will receive a \$25 shipboard credit. Triple and quad rooms are available, call for prices. The non-refundable cost for the Amtrak ticket is \$22 per person and is not included in the above price. \$100 per person is due at booking. Final payment is due Aug. 13. Check the Web site for more details. Call Candy Jensen at (206) 363-9905 (leave a message) or Magnolia Travel at (206) 283-1565. ♦