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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.

Importance of B

I offer the following facts in response to the statement made by Jubal Helm that B Reactor has "little...real historical significance" ("Not to B," Letters, July 9).

First, the 105-B Reactor began operations on Sept. 26, 1944, as the world's first full-scale, plutonium production reactor. It was the first to attain full power and, hence, represents the beginning of the nuclear age.

Second, plutonium produced in the B Reactor was used in the first nuclear explosion on July 16, 1945, at Alamogordo, New Mex. and thus represents the beginning of the era of nuclear weaponry, which has had a profound effect on geopolitical history.

Third, B Reactor also produced the plutonium used in the Fat Boy bomb exploded over Nagasaki, Japan, on Aug. 9, 1945, and is, therefore, representative of the culmination of the Manhattan Project.

Finally, tritium produced in the B Reactor was used in the first hydrogen bomb tested at the Pacific Proving Grounds on Oct. 31, 1952.

These facts demonstrate the notability of Hanford's B Reactor and distinguish it from all other reactors operated by the Department of Energy.

The 105-B Reactor building and its contents are relatively intact. Instruments in the control room, most of them hydraulically operated, have been unchanged from the early 1950s.

No significant changes have been made in the building since deactivation in 1968. Structurally, the building is sound but has been largely unoccupied for 30 years and so is in need of repair.

Hanford's B Reactor was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. The Department of Energy Headquarters is promoting the 105-B Reactor for listing as a National Historic Landmark

because of its significant contribution to the broad national patterns of United States history.

The 105-B Reactor was the world's first full-scale, plutonium production reactor. It was instrumental in fulfilling the objectives of the Manhattan Project, winning a war and establishing world peace. It is a resource that provided great benefits to the American people, but one that remains inaccessible to them.

Thomas Marceau

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CALENDAR

SARC volunteer advocate training begins July 31

The Sexual Assault Response Center will hold its summer volunteer advocate training beginning on July 31. The training consists of 35 hours of instruction divided into six sessions (four evenings and one full weekend). If you have been looking for the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life or give something back to the community, here is your chance. This 35-hour training course is designed to give volunteers the tools they need to work with sexual assault victims and their families. You can volunteer from home if you have access to a phone in the evening for two 12-hour shifts a month. For more information, send an e-mail message to Michele Hiner at crispro@cbvcp.com or Lisa Moore at educ@cbvcp.com, or call the Sexual Assault Response Center at 374-5391.

NMA talent night scheduled for Aug. 16

Join the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association as it hosts a family talent night, Aug. 16, in the Battelle Auditorium. The evening begins with a 15-minute business meeting announcing July and August's Super Heroes at 6:30 p.m. All past and present Hanford NMA members are invited to attend. If you would like to share your talents or help with the program, contact Terry Winward at 373-4002 by Aug. 7.

Donate blood on July 25

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive July 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2420 Stevens Center, room 153. ♦

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NEWSBRIEFS

PTB transfer approved for Murphy and Evenson

Tina Murphy, an industrial hygiene technician with DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, and Colleen Evenson, a Fluor Hanford secretary assigned to the Waste Management Project's Waste Receiving and Processing facility, have been approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Murphy's mother will need help during her recovery from emergency heart surgery. Evenson's mother has a medical condition that requires her daughter to assist with her care. Any Fluor Project Hanford team employees who wish to transfer PTB hours to Murphy or Evenson can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807). The completed form should be sent to Cherie H. Smith at H8-69 for PTB hours transferred to Murphy, or to Judy Hoogendoorn, Fluor Hanford Human Resources, at G1-31 for PTB hours transferred to Evenson. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

Lueck wins 'Security Pays' drawing

Kristi Lueck, a chemical engineer for Fluor Hanford in the 200 East Area, is the latest grand prize-winner of the "Security Pays in Many Ways" campaign. Kent McDonald of Fluor Hanford nominated Lueck for her security awareness and administrative challenge. For her extra effort, Lueck received a thank-you award and was entered in the random drawing for a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Lueck won the Savings Bond.

If you know someone on the Fluor Project Hanford team or the River Protection Project who is providing "extra" support to site security, nominate him or her for an award. It is very easy to do; just send an e-mail to ^Security Education PHMC or mail your nomination to Security Education at mailstop L4-09. Include your name and a brief description of the extra support given.

All accepted nominees receive a special award from Safeguards and Security and are then eligible for the grand prize, a \$200 Savings Bond. For more information on the Security Pays program call Security Education at 376-1820 or visit the Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/sas/pg1v3.htm>. ♦



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

July 24

2-5 p.m.

BC Sales



VANPOOLS

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

Attention FFTF employees: Are you tired of high gas prices? Want to sleep or read on the way to work? If there is enough interest, I'm considering starting a Ben Franklin vanpool from west Kennewick to FFTF. If anyone is interested give **Steve** a call at 372-0382. 7/23

We have an opening for one rider. Leaves from Kennewick Park with a stop at the Federal Building. Delivers to 222-S, MO-278, MO-279 and MO-280. If you are interested, call **Barb Robinson** at 373-7434. We keep ridership low to ensure a comfortable ride. 7/16

Riders needed in 8x9 vanpool. Leaves Albertson's at Edison and Clearwater with a stop at Columbia Basin Racquet Club. Stops at PFP and West Tank Farms. Contact **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 7/16

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 116, 8x9, to 200E has an opening. Picks up at Joe's Chevron at Jadwin and McMurray. Drops off at 2750, MO-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Call **Nester Wise** at 376-6373 or 376-7266. 7/16

Vanpool No.115 from north Richland to 200E, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. has one opening. Picks up at points north of Van Giesen and drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. Contact **Bruce Johns** at 373-3429. 7/23

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. 7/23

Vanpool to 200E and 2704-HV, 8x9s, has an opening. Contact **Duane Shults** at 373-4244 or **John Wells** at 373-3733 for more information. 7/16 ♦

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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 a mini-trip (under four days) 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.

HRA — Questions about HRA should be directed to Denise Prior at 376-2258.

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 are \$23 and bronze tickets are \$18. Send checks made 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 are free (must have plastic pants over diapers). Hot dogs, chips, pop and a cookie are included. Ticket sales end Aug. 8. No tickets will be sold at the park for this event. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Nancie Simon (S7-64), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Marvene McChesney (T4-61), Linda Meigs (H3-12), Jackie Roderick (S3-97) or 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), Nancie Simon (S7-64) or Chris Kagele (S7-60). Personal checks 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 — There is still time to purchase single-season tickets for \$190-\$266 (all 38 home games) or half-season club seats for \$266 (19 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.

UPCOMING TRIPS

- **Portland Shopping Spree** — Sept. 28-30. Hurry, hurry, time is running out. The trip cost is \$170 ppdo for two nights' lodging at the DoubleTree Inn at Lloyd's Center and round-trip bus. \$25 non-refundable deposit is required at signup. Final payment is due Aug. 24. We will leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Sunday brunch will be available at the hotel for \$11.99. At press time, the hotel is adding a \$3-per-room, per-night charge (plus taxes) in response to the energy crisis. This charge is temporary and 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.

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- **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 accommodations 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 now, so don't wait until the last minute to reserve your spot. E-mail Sheila Kirk (T4-05).
- **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. ♦