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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.

Wants better dental

Having spoken with some of my fellow employees, we continue to wonder why we (Hanford employees) do not have a better dental plan. Those I spoke with would be willing to pay a higher premium for better coverage.

Our Dental Assistance Plan is almost laughable when one looks at the current dental rates. What, if anything, can we do to at least research better dental coverage?

Dave A. Lee

*Day & Zimmermann Protection
Technology Hanford*



CALENDAR

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 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.

Learning Landscape Child Care Center

The Department of Energy-sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings in the pre-school room for children 3-5 years old. 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. ♦



NEWSBRIEFS

PTB transfer approved for Shatell

Bobbi Shatell, a clerk with DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, has been approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Shatell's husband is recovering from bypass surgery. Any Fluor Project Hanford team employee who would like to transfer some PTB time to Shatell can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (A-6002-807) and sending it to Cherie H. Smith at H8-69. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

New Web page on Fluor Project Hanford contract

A Web page has been developed to provide information and visibility on the new Fluor Project Hanford Management Contract.

Located at <http://www.rl.gov/pmm/internal/iwanttobuy/primecontractmanagement.html>, the new page contains a variety of tools including the most recent version of the PHMC, instructions for correspondence to the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (to be in compliance with the PHMC), performance incentives, prime contract management points of contact and the memoranda of understanding.

The Web page includes the prime contract procedures and contract-related information, and will continue to provide updated information on contract changes. The contract commitments actions list and a list of reports to DOE-RL are also included so commitments to DOE-RL can be tracked.

A planned feature to be called contract performance indicators will illustrate Fluor Hanford performance in the contract commitments actions, reports to DOE-RL and the performance incentives lists.

Any questions, comments or suggestions should be sent to Amber_N_Washburn@rl.gov. ♦

CLASSES



Washington State University Tri-Cities will offer:

- **Statistical Methods for Management** (Decision Science 412) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:15-5:30 p.m., 3 credits. The course covers analysis of variance, regression models and non-parametric statistics as applied to business.

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- **Principles of Management and Organization** (Management 301) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-2:45 p.m. or 5:45-7 p.m., 3 credits. The course covers principles of management and administration aimed at improving the effectiveness of all types of organizations.
- **Personnel and Human Resources Management** (Management 450) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., 3 credits. The course covers policy and practice in human resource utilization; selecting, training, motivating, evaluating and compensating employees; labor relations and equal employment opportunity legislation.
- **Database Management Systems** (Management Information Systems 372) – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7 p.m., 3 credits. The course covers database management systems and non-procedural languages, principles of file design and optimization.
- **Electronic Commerce and the Internet** (Management Information Systems 375) – Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45-7 p.m., 3 credits. The course covers capabilities of the Internet to support and enable electronic commerce, effective design and implementation, and managerial issues.

Fall semester classes start Aug. 27 and run through Dec. 15. To sign up for any of these classes call the registrar's office at 372-7350 or check the WSU Tri-Cities home page at www.tricity.wsu.edu and follow the "Apply now" link. Once you have been admitted, you may register for classes by calling 372-7250 or online using the University's METRO service at www.metro.wsu.edu. If you have questions about the courses, call the Business Department at 372-7360.

Safety classes offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer the classes listed below at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. All classes qualify for Continuing Education Units.

- **Confined Space Rescue** – Aug. 23-25. Cost is \$695. The course is designed to meet the requirements of the OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.146. Participants are taught to recognize confined space hazards, assess potential hazards during a mock rescue and learn the requirements of the new laws.
- **Trench Rescue** – Sept. 5-7. Cost is \$695. The course is designed for individuals or organizations that provide trench rescue services. Subjects include scene assessment and safety; team organization; emergency shoring using speed shores, screw jacks and lumber; patient packaging, ropes and related equipment; and mechanical advantage systems.
Scenario-based exercises will measure student competency.
- **Confined Space Train the Trainer** – Oct. 2-5. Cost is \$695. The course covers the OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.146. The course focuses on tunnels, sewers, boilers and other spaces adequate in size and configuration for employee entry, with limited means of egress and not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Hands-on scenarios are also included. Students will conduct actual confined-space entries.
- **Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons** – Oct. 22-24. Cost is \$595. The course focuses on the OSHA standard CFR 1926.650. Students will apply practical soil mechanics and identify the relationship to the stability of shored and unshored slopes and walls of excavations. Various types of shoring are also covered. The class is over 60 percent hands-on, and students will recognize the safety precautions of trenching and excavation.

To register for any of these courses, contact D2000 Safety Solutions at (800) 551-8763 or visit the Web site, www.d2000ss.com. ♦

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PLEASE 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.

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 the Hanford Recreation Association should be directed to Denise Prior at 376-2258.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund 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.

A NIGHT OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE AND MUSIC — Friday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m. at the Battelle Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Send a check made payable to "HERO" to Nancie Simon (S7-64) or Linda Meigs (H3-12).

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. 7. 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).

BENTON-FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR — Aug. 21-25 at the fairgrounds in Kennewick. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2 ages 12 and under. Tickets will be on sale until Aug. 15. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Tricia Poland (T5-04) or Linda Meigs (H3-12).

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!

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. 80 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. We will leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. 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. 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.

• **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

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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.

- **Spirit of Washington Dinner Train** — Oct. 13, \$84 pp dome seating, \$69 pp regular seating. Price includes round-trip transportation by bus. Board the bus at 7 a.m. at the Federal Bldg. parking lot. The train leaves the depot in Renton at 12 p.m. Experience the nostalgia of passenger rail as you ride and dine in luxurious, vintage rail cars. The Spirit of Washington Dinner Train takes you on a three-hour, 15-minute excursion that showcases scenic views of the Puget Sound region including Lake Washington, the Olympic Mountains, the Seattle skyline and Mount Rainier. You'll dine in comfort and elegance as your journey takes you to Woodinville's beautiful Columbia Winery. During your 45-minute stopover, you'll visit the cellar and sample fine Pacific Northwest wines before returning to the depot. Return to Richland by bus. Deposits of \$20 pp (non-refundable for the bus) are due by Sept. 7. E-mail Tricia Poland for more information. ♦



BSA offers Seahawks tickets

The Battelle Staff Association is providing Department of Energy and Hanford contractor employees the opportunity to purchase premium tickets to Seattle Seahawks football games during the 2001 season. A very limited number of tickets is available for the following games: Aug. 18, against the Arizona Cardinals; Sept. 1, against the New Orleans Saints; Sept. 16, against the Kansas City Chiefs; Sept. 23, against the Philadelphia Eagles; Oct. 7, against the Jacksonville Jaguars; Oct. 14, against the Denver Broncos; Oct. 28, against the Miami Dolphins; Nov. 11, against the Oakland Raiders; Dec. 2, against the San Diego Chargers and Dec. 16, against the Dallas Cowboys.

Contact Gregor Hanson at 375-2737 for further information, price and ticket reservations. ♦

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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

Excellent opportunity! Ride in comfort and peace. Stop fretting about wear and tear on your car. Opening in vanpool from Richland Wye Park 'n Ride to 200W. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. (Discount for drivers.) 8/6

Riders needed for vanpool leaving Kennewick Albertson's at 6 a.m. with one stop at Chief Joseph Middle School in Richland. Drops off at 222S, PFP and fab shop area. Ridership low for comfort. Contact **Leann Spurlock** at 376-8703. 8/6

8x9 vanpool to 200E picks up at Chuck E Cheese's and Federal Building. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF, 2704-HV and nearby facilities. Call or e-mail **Jim Brockus**, 372-2939. 7/30

PASCO

8x9 vanpool to 200E and 2704-HV needs riders. Leaves Road 68 and Burden Road in Pasco. Willing to stop anywhere along George Washington Way. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF and 2704-HV (will drop off between those spots). Contact **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or at douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov. 7/30

Carpool to 200W in need of two riders/drivers. No fees are charged. Everyone takes turns driving. Picks up at Road 68 Sun Mart. Currently stops at PFP. Call **Jackie Campbell** at 373-1220. 7/30

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 126, 8x9, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m., has several openings. Leaves the Bechtel Building at 6 a.m. and will drop off at 2750-E and surrounding office buildings. Call **Cindy Jones** at 373-2068 or **Deena Bowe** at 373-1320. 7/30

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs one 8x9 rider. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF, 2727 and 2025-EA. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 8/6 ♦