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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.

Fishy photo

There is something “fishy” about the picture that appeared with the article, “PNNL captures fish passage with acoustic camera,” on page 8 of the Aug. 27 issue of the *Hanford Reach*. I wonder how many people were led by the caption to believe the photo was taken by the camera in question. No matter how good the photographs are, they’re not going to show shadows of the fish on the river bottom. This photo was taken by a regular camera, which I think is misleading considering the context it appears in.

Kirt Clem

Lockheed Martin Services, Inc.

Editors’ note: Clem is correct. The photo illustrating the article was not taken with the PNNL-designed acoustic camera.

Wants safe commute

I leave my house at 6 a.m. to ensure that I can drive leisurely and safely to work. My workday starts at 7 a.m. in the 200 East Area. Today (Aug. 29), between Energy Northwest and the Wye Barricade, I had several different cars tailgate me, pass me on the right and then cut me off while they dodged in front of my car. I was driving around 60 mph, attempting to get into the right lane but passing cars would not let me over.

After going through the Wye Barricade, coming up the 200 East hill, I had the opportunity to practice my driving agility skills once again. Visibility was clear. Two cars were coming down the hill, yet four different cars had individuals so excited and motivated to get to their jobs that they just had to pass a whole string of cars to be in front.

What is wrong with you people? Does your life stink so much that you don’t care whether or not you get killed in a car accident?

If you don’t give a rip about yourself, have you ever thought about all of your family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances who would be saddened or devastated at your lost life? If you don’t care, then what about the other people whose lives you endanger when you indulge in

such dangerous behavior?

I don’t want to seem uncaring or unfeeling but I appreciate my life and I want to keep it.

Those of you who don’t seem to care whether you live or die, would you please take your unacceptable and undesirable behavior elsewhere! Believe it or not, there are those of us who want to get to work and back home safely and in one piece!

Ann Young

CH2M HILL Hanford Group

Emergency techs good

On June 21, I had a medical emergency. I was able to make it to the 200 West Area Health Care Center on my own (a really dumb thing to do) where all of the medical personnel in the world (or maybe it just seemed that way) went into high gear to save my life.

My condition was such that I was in a high state of fear, confusion and embarrassment. The staff at the Health Care Center and, later, the Hanford Fire Department paramedics who transported me to the Kadlec Medical Center displayed a level of competency unparalleled in my experience. They not only treated my medical problem — more importantly, they addressed my fear and embarrassment with great compassion and understanding.

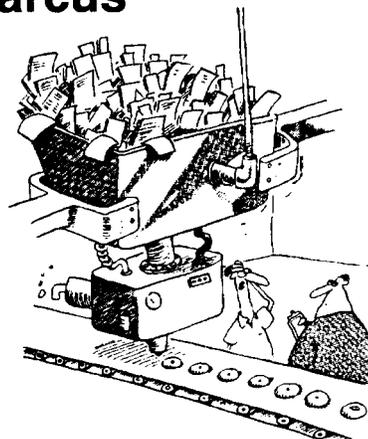
Thanks to their dedication and superior abilities, two months after being stricken, I am back to work and well on my way to a full recovery.

Thank you!

Floyd Frankenfield

Fluor Hanford

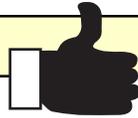
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Griffith

VPPPA recognizes Hanford employee

The Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association recognized Jack Griffith, a Fluor Hanford employee of the River Corridor Project, for his outstanding health and safety activities and presented him with the 2001 Safety and Health Achievement Award. Griffith was one of nine people recognized on Aug. 27 for workplace safety and health excellence during the 17th Annual National VPPPA Conference in New Orleans, La.

More than 2,000 people attended the four-day VPPPA conference, including hourly employees, safety and health managers, occupational safety and health professionals and government personnel.

The VPPPA Safety and Health Achievement Award program recognizes hourly workers for their knowledge of safety and health issues and for their VPP outreach efforts within their worksite and community. Recipients of these VPPPA awards are not safety and health professionals and spend less than 25 percent of their time at work on safety.

Griffith has been instrumental in co-coordinating the River Corridor Project DOE-VPP application and strategic VPP plan. He is co-chair of the VPP Steering Committee and a member of the Hanford Site VPP Champions, a gathering of representatives from all the Hanford Site contractors. Griffith is also co-chair of the River Corridor Project Zero Accident Council. He is a member of the President's Zero Accident Council and is a union member of Local 2403 Carpenters and Millwrights.

As the point of contact for the Hanford Health and Safety Expo, he has increased River Corridor's participation from a three-person booth to a 30-person booth. Outside work, Griffith teaches motorcycle safety for the Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program and the Puget Sound Motorcycle Education Program. He is also a volunteer at the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology, where he keeps a popular mechanical manipulator exhibit in good repair. ♦



N E W S B R I E F S

File local mileage reimbursement requests electronically

Beginning Sept. 1, PHMC employees are no longer required to submit a hard copy printout of your local mileage reimbursement request to Fluor Hanford and CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. Travel. Just enter the data in the new Employee Reimbursement System and submit it for electronic management approval. On a weekly basis, Travel will retrieve approved local mileage expense reports, review them and approve them for payment.

PHMC business travel expense reports still require a hard-copy report to be mailed, with receipts attached, to Fluor Hanford Travel at H3-12 or CHG Travel at H6-06. Your business travel reimbursement cannot be processed until the hard-copy report plus receipts have been received.

Contact Fluor Hanford Travel at 376-7692 or CHG Travel at 376-4152 for more information. ♦



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Junior Achievement informational meetings begin tomorrow

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Junior Achievement volunteer, plan to attend one of three informational meetings this month. The first meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the Stampede Room of the EESB on the Battelle campus. For more information on this meeting, contact Rosemarie Bartlett at 375-6606. The other two meetings will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 153 of 2420 Stevens on Sept. 19 and Sept. 25. For more information on these meetings, or about becoming a Junior Achievement volunteer, contact Karen Welsh at 376-2151.

AQP meets Sept. 11 at the Shilo

Jamie Cox, director of The Empowerment Group, will share strategies for coaching team members and creating “can do” attitudes at the Sept. 11 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation at the Richland Shilo Inn. The networking and social hour begins at 5 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6 and the presentation starts at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and the American Society for Quality members, \$19 for non-members, or \$5 for the presentation only. Call 547-6548 to make reservations or register through the chapter’s Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

CREHST lecture series focuses on salmon

The Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology (the CREHST museum) is sponsoring a four-part lecture series inspired by its popular traveling exhibit called “Reaching Home: Pacific Salmon, Pacific People.” The lecture series begins with a presentation this Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the CREHST facility near Howard Amon Park. This week’s presentation, called “Why are we here and where are we going,” is by research scientist David Geist of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Presenters for Sept. 19 will be Native Americans Rex Buck of the Wanapums and Jay Minthorn of the Umatillas. The next two Wednesdays will feature officials of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Service and the *Tri-City Herald*.

NMA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12

Joe Ruffini, a consultant for Lucent Technologies, will be speaker at the Sept. 12 dinner meeting of the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The topic is “Ya don’t know what ya don’t know.” The social hour begins at 5 p.m., and the business meeting starts at 7. There is no charge for chapter members. The cost for guests is \$20. Call Lisa Hart at 376-3484 to make a reservation.

Symposium focuses on small business subcontracting opportunities

The Fluor Hanford Supplier Advocacy Office is sponsoring a Community Informational Symposium from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Conference Center, 415 Hills Street in Richland. The symposium is organized in two separate presentations and two breakout sessions, which will focus on small business subcontracting opportunities with Fluor Hanford. Make your reservation by calling the Fluor Hanford Supplier Advocacy Office at 376-4697 by tomorrow, Sept. 11.

Steelband classes for adults offered

The Tri-Cities Steelband Association is offering steeldrum classes this fall for adults. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting Sept. 25. The cost is \$110 for a 10-week session. The proceeds from the classes will go toward operating costs for the youth bands Bram Brata’ (senior band) and OK 2 Botay (junior band), supported by the Steelband Association.

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The Tri-Cities Steelband Association is a not-for profit organization with a mission of bringing steeldrum and Caribbean music to the Tri-Cities. On Sept. 15, the association will supply music at a lunchtime event for Fluor Federal Services and will receive a company donation. Association bands have performed in the past at numerous Hanford events.

For information on the classes, call Kari Leggett at 967-1078.

Fiesta de la Familia this weekend

Fiesta de la Familia, now in its second year, is a unique and exciting event celebrating Hispanic culture through food, entertainment, dancing, music, crafts, a Mexican mercado, a bridal fashion show, soccer tournament, parade and coronation dinner. It is co-sponsored by Battelle, which operates the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for the Department of Energy.

The event will take place Sept. 14 through 16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$7 for adults (15 and over), \$5 for seniors (60 and over), \$3 for children from 9 through 14 and free for children 8 and under.

The event features a business seminar, also sponsored in part by Battelle. The seminar, called "Mucho Dinero: Building Your Business in Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Markets," starts Friday at 10 a.m. at Columbia Basin Advanced Technology Center (the former Workforce Training Center on the Pasco CBC campus).

The seminar will bring together prominent Pacific Northwest business experts to help your business tap into the growing Hispanic market and to help Hispanic businesses reach beyond local Hispanic consumers. The cost is \$25, which includes a catered lunch by Casa Chapala. To register, call Stella at Mundo Communications, 783-6310, by Sept. 12, or e-mail estella@mundocom.com. For more information, contact Mindy Strong of PNNL at 375-2599, or e-mail mindy.strong@pnl.gov.

ASQ holds dinner meeting Sept. 18

"Safety Management and Performance Indicators" will be the topic of the presentation at the Columbia Basin Chapter 614 of the American Society for Quality dinner meeting on Sept. 18 at the Richland Shilo Inn. Steve Prevette, an ASQ-certified quality engineer working in Fluor Hanford's Environment, Safety and Health organization, will be the speaker. The social hour begins at 5 p.m., the buffet dinner at 6, and the presentation begins at 7. The cost is \$16 for ASQ and Association for Quality and Participation members and \$18 for non-members. Make your reservation by contacting Steve Prevette at prevette@owt.com, 544-9475 or 373-9371, by Sept. 14

Walk for Diabetes to take place Sept. 29

The third annual America's Walk for Diabetes, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia District of the American Diabetes Association, will start at Howard Amon Park in Richland on Saturday, Sept. 29. Participants will meet at 8 a.m. at the "fingernail" to check in. The walk is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will conclude with local entertainment and an "Aussie" lunch, courtesy of the Outback Steakhouse. For more information, to donate, or to sign up as a walker, sponsor, or volunteer, call the American Diabetes Association at 943-0858.

Project IRIS urges United Way giving

The Project IRIS Foundation wants to encourage you to be generous with your donation to the 2001 United Way Campaign of Benton and Franklin Counties. The Project IRIS Foundation is a community-based group dedicated to providing thermal imaging search-and-rescue cameras to area fire departments. These state-of-the-art cameras are built to withstand the abuse of entering



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hazardous environments. The cameras allow firefighters to find fire victims more quickly and safely. The foundation has facilitated the purchase of eight cameras, and is hoping to place cameras in three more local county fire districts.

October is Fire Prevention Month. The foundation asks that, as you make your annual pledge to United Way, you consider designating a part of it to the Project IRIS Foundation.

Ready, set, walk in the Heart Walk Oct. 13

The Tri-Cities American Heart Association Heart Walk 2001 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning in Howard Amon Park in Richland. Registration for the 5-kilometer walk (3.1 miles) will take place at the “fingernail” at 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10 a.m.

Funds raised in the Heart Walk support the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association, Northwest Affiliate, which is dedicated to the reduction of disability and death resulting from heart disease and stroke.

Groups of walkers to raise funds for the American Heart Association are currently being organized by team leaders throughout the Tri-Cities. If you are interested in participating in this year’s Heart Walk as a team captain, as a walker in the event, or as a financial supporter of the walkers, contact Karen Welsh at 376-2151 or via e-mail.

Life Sciences Symposium scheduled for October

The 39th Life Sciences Symposium, “Cellular Communication-Information Processing at the Cell Surface,” will be held at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Oct. 18-19. For more information, contact Teresa Zinn at 375-2797 or visit <http://www.pnl.gov/39lifescience>.

Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings

The Department of Energy-sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings for toddlers and pre-school 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. ♦

C L A S S E S



Informational meetings at City University

Learn about the graduate, undergraduate and certificate courses in project management offered by City University and certified by the Project Management Institute at meetings on Sept. 13 or Sept. 25, both beginning at 5:30 p.m. The informational meetings will be held at City University, 303 Bradley Blvd. in Richland.

For more information, contact City University at 943-9887 or at tri-cities@cityu.edu. ♦

Study CAD at CBC

Columbia Basin College will offer computer aided drafting courses this fall. Courses begin Sept. 17 and end Dec. 5.

- **AutoCAD I**, Tuesdays, 6-10 p.m.
- **AutoCAD I**, Fridays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **AutoCAD II**, Thursdays, 6-10 p.m.

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- **3-D**, Mondays, 6-10 p.m.
- **Drawing Production**, Wednesdays, 6-10 p.m.

Tuition is approximately \$200 per 3-credit course. AutoCAD I and AutoCAD II are prerequisites for the other courses. It is possible to test out of AutoCAD I. CAD certificate is available for students who fulfill all course requirements. For more information or assistance in enrolling, contact Steve Jette at sjette@cbc2.org or at 547-0511, ext. 2274.

Continuing Training offered at HAMMER

The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center offers Continuing Training Offering Plan sessions regularly. There is no charge for participation in the sessions, but students must register in advance. Register online at <http://www.rl.gov/trs/ctop/ctop.htm>. Click on the selected session and complete the registration form, or send an e-mail message to Vikki Ballew with student name, Hanford identification number, organization name (not code), company name, session date and session title. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Integrated Training Electronic Matrix (ITEM)** – Dec. 5, 7:30 a.m. in room 16. ITEM is the site-wide program for tracking training requirements. This session includes a general overview of ITEM, discusses how to access various reports and provides an explanation of the role instructional staff members may play in providing input that feeds into the system.
- **A Hands-on Approach to Procedure Process Training** – Oct. 17, 7:30 a.m. in room 11. This interactive session provides an example of how one organization used a novel approach to provide procedure compliance expectations training.

Safety class offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer the class listed below. The course will be held at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center and qualifies for Continuing Education Units.

- **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.

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

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WORKING SOLUTIONS

Surviving the empty nest

Kids grow up, become independent and leave home. Some parents experience feelings of pride and even relief when their children “fly the nest,” while others feel bereft. Working Solutions, your work/life benefits provider, has a free packet of articles that can help parents and guardians cope with “empty nest syndrome.” The topics include:

- The Empty Nest Gives Parents New Options
- Adult Children: Forging New Relationships
- With Children Grown, Parents Cope with Sudden Vacuum
- The Empty Nest: For Single Parents, Letting Go Can Be a Special Challenge

To access the Information

To access the packet of articles, visit our Web site at www.todayslife.com. Your PIN is 5161. Click on “Check out our Monthly Theme” or click on the “Newsletter” button in the menu bar at the top of the page. Don’t forget to take the online Web quiz, “Are You Prepared for an Empty Nest?”

You can also get your free “empty nest” articles by:

- Calling the automated Materials Request Line at (877) 318-9400
- E-mailing the form below to articles@wsi-or.com
- Faxing the form below to (206) 362-8081.

YES!

Please send me the FREE “Empty Nest” packet.

Name _____

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State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Employer _____

Worksite _____

Working Solutions provides free and confidential counseling, resources, referrals and educational materials through Hanford Family Care Services to help employees and family members meet the demands of life and work. ♦

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Mark your calendars. The Department of Energy employee recreation association, DOE-REC, has scheduled the following events for the fall months:

- **Spaghetti Feed/Costume Party**, Oct. 19, location to be determined, contact Dianne Henrich or Bob Rosselli
- **Auction and Wine Tasting**, Nov. 16 (tentative date), contact Tony McKarns
- **Children's Christmas Party**, date to be determined, contact Vicki Spitz
- **The Holiday Party**, Dec. 8, Tri-Cities Coliseum, entertainment by Curtis Nettles, contact Linda Denoff.



VANPOOLS

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

Rider needed for Ben Franklin vanpool to 200W. Picks up along 10th St., at Rainer and 17th, and at the Kennewick Shopko. Drops off at MO-281, MO-279, T Plant and WRAP. Call **Debbie** at 372-2698 for more information. 9/4

PASCO

Vanpool No. 213 has an opening. 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 8x9 shift. Starting point is Road 68 (by TRAC) and picks up at the Federal Building. Willing to pick up along George Washington Way in the northern part of Richland. Drops off at 2704-HV, B Plant and 2750-E, but willing to drop off anywhere along the route. Backup drivers are appreciated, but not necessary. Contact **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or at douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov. 9/10

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. 9/4 ♦