



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.

Great article

Thanks for Michele Gerber's great article in the Dec. 3 *Reach* ("December anniversaries commemorate key dates in Hanford's history"). Well done and well said.

Andy Hesser
Pacific Northwest
National Laboratory

Gerber fan

Thank you for Michele Gerber's great article in the *Reach*. The comparisons between Dec. 6 and 7, 1941, and Sept. 10 and 11 of this year are thought-provoking.

Michele has missed her calling as a history teacher. She seems to be able to cover everything from the "big war" to spent nuclear fuel operations. I enjoy her work. Thank You!

Bob Cummings
Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

AQP meeting focuses on total quality management

The Jan. 8 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation will feature David Lemak, associate professor of management at Washington State University Tri-Cities, on the subject of "Total Quality Management: Fads, Facts and Finances." Lemak has researched total quality management, organizational power, performance

measures in organizations and multinational corporate structures and strategies. He will share some of his insights on:

- The quality management movement in both practitioner and academic literature
- Why TQM means so many different things to so many different people
- Empirical evidence that suggests firms adopting TQM perform better financially than those that do not.

The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn in Richland, with networking and social time starting at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 and the presentation at 7. Cost is \$16 for AQP and American Society for Quality members, \$19 for non-members and \$5 for the presentation only. Reservations must be received by Jan. 3. Call 547-6548 or register through the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>

HAMMER to hold blood drive Jan. 10

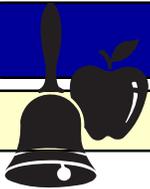
The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HAMMER's Al Alm Building (formerly the Training Support Building) vehicle bay. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's highly recommended that you make an appointment by calling Libby Sickler at 376-7117.

LIGO tour set for Jan. 12

A group from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will be touring the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) on Saturday, Jan. 12. The tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will last about two and a half hours. For more information contact Jeff Doeler at 373-6024 or at Jeffery_N_Doeler@rl.gov. ♦

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Regular Features



CLASSES

Computer Aided Drafting courses offered at CBC:

The following Computer Aided Drafting courses will be offered at Columbia Basin College beginning Jan. 2 and ending March 21:

- **AutoCAD I** – Tuesdays
- **AutoCAD I** – Fridays
- **AutoCAD II** – Thursdays
- **Advanced 3-D** – Mondays
- **Advanced CAD** – Wednesdays.

All courses meet one evening a week from 6 to 10 p.m., except for a second AutoCAD I course, which will be offered Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. Tuition is approximately \$205 per three-credit course.

AutoCAD I and AutoCAD II are prerequisites for the other courses. It is possible to test out of AutoCAD I. A CAD Certificate is available for students fulfilling all course requirements. For more information or assistance in enrolling, contact Steve Jette at sjette@cbc2.org or at 547-0511, ext. 2274.

Electrical journeyman's course available

The "National Electrical Code Update for 2002" initial schedule dates are Jan. 21 and 25, Feb. 12 and 19, and March 14. This course is for electricians, electrical supervisors and others who maintain a Washington state electrical journeyman's license. The course content satisfies the statutory requirement for eight hours of continuing education. The class also supports individuals who need to keep current on requirements of the National Electrical Code. The course costs \$250 per student and will be held at the HAMMER training center. To register for any of these dates, contact Libby Sickler at 376-7117. ♦



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>.

PASCO

New vanpool forming, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., picks up in Pasco and Richland, drops off in 100K. Will start in mid-December. Contact **Ben Franklin Transit Vanpool** or **Bob** at 547-6034. 12/10

RICHLAND

Riders and backup drivers needed for 8x9s shift, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seek comfort with a maximum of nine to 10 riders and a driver. Van starts at Park 'n Ride on Van Giesen. Stops at 222-S, WSCF and 2704-HV and others along the way. Contact **Patti Boothe** at 373-5637 or **Steve Boothe** at 376-6812. 12/17

Vanpool No. 115, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., has an opening for one rider. Picks up north of Van Giesen and at 2440 Stevens. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV and some points in between. Contact **Bruce Johns** at 373-3429. 12/17

Van No. 121 to 200E is seeking riders. We leave the Albertson's at Leslie and Gage at 6 a.m. We also pick up and depart from the bus lot at 6:15 a.m. The first stop in 200E is 2750-E. Contact **Mike** at 372-0150 for more information. 12/10

8x9 vanpool, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Richland proper to 200E, has openings. Contact **Kip** at 373-7399, **Dave** at 372-3304 or **Mandrake** at 372-0713. 12/10

SUNNYSIDE

Vanpool driver wanted. Van begins in Sunnyside, stops at 275-W/Shop in 200W and at 2750-E in 200E. Contact **Lola Webb** at 373-1241. 12/3

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool forming with origin in West Richland and destination in K Area, 8x9s, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested? Call **Larry Bast** at 373-5195 (work) or at 588-2911 (evenings). 12/17 ♦

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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.

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.

YAKIMA AREA REPRESENTATIVE — Area representative is needed for 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 Phyllis Roha.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Make excellent stocking stuffers! 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).

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS — Are now available for \$30. Great savings with up to 50 percent off and buy-one-get-one-free offers. These books are good for the Inland Northwest area, including Spokane, Coeur d' Alene, Sandpoint, Tri-Cities and Moscow-Pullman. Send your check payable to HERO to Marvene McChesney (T4-61). There is a limited supply of books and sales will end Dec. 31.

TRI-CITY AMERICANS HOCKEY — Tri-City Americans hockey vouchers are now available! This voucher is redeemable for tickets to any home game during the regulation season. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for youth (13 to 17 years), and \$6 for children (4 to 12 years). Children 3 and under are free. Vouchers are good through March 2002. Contact Linda Meigs (H3-12) for tickets and more information.

SKI BLUEWOOD — Save \$3 on lift tickets. Adult tickets are \$26, student tickets are \$22 (must present a valid A.S.B. card when exchanging the certificate for a lift ticket), child and senior tickets are \$19 (children are in

first through eighth grades and seniors are 65 years and older). Preschoolers receive free lift tickets at Bluewood. Lift certificates are to be redeemed at the information desk or ticket window on the mountain for a lift ticket on the day they are to be used. Certificates are not redeemable for currency and are non-refundable. These lift certificates are not valid for the end-of-season "bash." For more information, contact Tricia Poland (T5-04).

PATRICK McMANUS COMEDY — Jan. 24 and 25, 7:30 p.m., Chief Joseph Middle School, starring Tim Behrens. "Scrambled McManus" is a one-man stage show based on the characters and places that Patrick McManus created during his 30 years of writing humorous fiction. It's a bumper crop of tales harvested from the first three McManus Comedies: "A Fine and Pleasant Misery," "McManus in Love" and "Potts' Luck." Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Make checks payable to HERO and mail to Tricia Poland (T5-04). The ideal Christmas present.

STARS ON ICE — Featuring Kurt Browning, Katarina Witt, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi and Ilia Kulik. Come and join the stars on Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tri-Cities Coliseum. Tickets are \$35 (save \$5) and can be purchased from Linda Meigs (H3-12). Tickets are limited, so buy yours today!

VACATION CELEBRATION — Tri-Cities Coliseum presents the first-ever Vacation Celebration. Come and join the fun on Friday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be inflatable games, storytelling, arts and crafts and more. Admission is \$3; children 2 and under are free. Send an e-mail message to Linda Meigs to receive a \$1-off admission coupon redeemable at the door. No limit on number of coupons.

HERO SPONSORS FLUOR PROJECT HANFORD CHRISTMAS PARTY — Dec. 22, at the Richland Tower Inn. Cost is \$20 pp. A buffet dinner, dancing and door prizes are featured. We are limited to 150 tickets, so buy early. Subcontractors are now invited to attend. Ticket sellers are Linda Meigs (2425), Emilia Salinas (2704-HV), Nancy Zeuge (100K), Sheila Kirk (MO-720-West) and Cheri McGee (400/600). Nancie Simon and Denise Prior are co-chairs.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Cruise the Caribbean** — March 17-24. Travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Princess Cays (private island), Grand Cayman, Costa Maya and Cozumel, with two days sailing in between. The cost is \$1,242 ppdo inside stateroom; \$1,349 ocean view and \$1,549 with balcony. Includes port charges, transfers and airfare from Seattle. The prices may even be lower and cabins may be upgraded. \$250 deposit is due ASAP and you can use a credit card. E-mail Nancie Simon if you are interested.

• **Cancun, Mexico** — April 24-May 1. Immerse yourself in the calm Caribbean waters and talcum sand of the island's favorite beach, and surround yourself with the veritable fiesta of action at its coziest and most exclusive hotel, the Fiesta Americana Cancun. \$1,170 per person double occupancy, seven nights, round-trip airfare from Seattle, including all air and hotel taxes. \$200 deposit due as soon as possible. E-mail Phyllis Roha.

• **Cruise the Pacific Northwest Memorial Day Weekend** — A cruise on the spectacular Radiance of the Seas from the Royal Caribbean Line will take you from Seattle to Vancouver (Canada), then to Victoria and return to Seattle. A great way to sample cruising if you've never cruised, or to just have a perfect getaway over Memorial Day weekend, no vacation time needed! Boards in Seattle on Friday afternoon, May 24, and arrives back in Seattle Monday, May 27, around 8 a.m. Rates start at around \$356 per person, based on double occupancy, plus \$89 port charge and \$22 tax. Deposits of \$150 are due seven days after cabin confirmation with final payment due April 5, 2002. E-mail Linda Meigs for details and to reserve your space!

• **Sights and Sounds of Ireland** — 14 days beginning Oct 19. The tour includes stops at Shannon, Connemara's marble factory, Belleek China factory, Giant's Causeway, Down Cathedral, Dublin, and the Waterford Crystal factory and showrooms. Price of \$2,095 pp includes accommodations in superior first class or first class hotels and private homes (B&B accommodations), 12 full Irish breakfasts, 1 lunch at Rathbaun Farm and 9 dinners including an Irish Ceili. Private deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning and emergency washroom. Hotel taxes, service charges, tips for baggage handling and all local taxes are included. Passports are required. E-mail Marvene McChesney for complete itinerary.

H.E.R.O. trips in planning for 2002 and points of contact

- **Maui, Hawaii**, Cheri McGee
- **Branson Musical Getaway**, Sheila Kirk
- **London**, Sheila Kirk
- **Floriade world horticultural exhibit in Holland**, and visit Belgium and Germany, Nancie Simon
- **Ireland**, Marvene McChesney
- **Oregon Coast**, Tricia Poland
- **Tillicum Village on Blake Island**, Marvene McChesney
- **Cariboo Golf Getaway**, Flu Garza
- **San Juan Island 3-Day Getaway**, Linda Meigs. ♦



Tickets to 'Carmen' make great Christmas gifts

Cogema Engineering Corporation, Framatome ANP and Numatec Hanford Corporation are supporting the Washington East Opera's production of Bizet's opera *Carmen* on Jan. 9, 11 and 12 to be staged at the Art Fuller Auditorium at Kennewick High School. Professional singers from the Minnesota Opera, the Seattle Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and the Santa Fe Opera will perform *Carmen*.

For additional information and tickets, call 582-9440, ext. 113. Those wishing to buy tickets as Christmas presents should call by Dec. 20 to receive them by mail, or leave a message by 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 to arrange to pick them up Christmas Eve.

"Support by these and other companies in the area is essential to keeping the arts alive in the Tri-Cities," said Elaine Scherperel-Burgess, director of Washington East Opera. "Without this type of financial support, quality productions like these would not be possible." ♦