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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.

Sobering reminiscence

Michele Gerber's assessment of how the events of 1935-1940 "...were seen as unrelated and irrelevant to life in the United States" was right on the money! Sadly, this attitude (I believe) was prevalent in the United States up to Sept. 11. Yes, terrorism was happening around the world — the IRA in Ireland and Britain, and the ongoing troubles in the Middle East, but it couldn't possibly happen in the States — we're Americans, we're invincible. Who would dare attack us on our homeland? How wrong!

I came to the United States in 1973. After many years of personal debate, I became a U.S. citizen in 1985. I'm proud to be an American — please don't misunderstand me. I was born in Egypt of British parents.

All my life I've known about the world wars and I've never taken my freedom or safety for granted. My grandfathers were both in World War I, and my dad was in World War II. He was in North Africa, then in Europe. As a youngster I saw the devastation of the east end of London, the docks, still in post-blitz condition. My mum would tell us stories of nights spent in air-raid shelters, never knowing if you'd ever see loved ones again or the light of a new day. She lived day to day with night and day air raids. And how very real, during the lowest times of the war, the possibility of Nazi occupation was to the British people. Americans have never known this type of fear — not until Sept. 11.

Having just returned from a month in India, it was most interesting to see the western world from a third-world country, but that's another story.

Once again, thank you for the article. I'm encouraging my work group and others to read it. For those who have, it has had a very sobering effect.

Michele Boston

Lockheed Martin Services

Oops!

In the Nov. 12 issue of the *Hanford Reach*, in the article "PFP success sets stage for site use of defibrillators," we erroneously reported that PFP employee Bob Grant is at home recovering from heart surgery. Grant is recovering from massive heart damage caused by heart attacks last December. ♦



RETIREMENTS

Waite retires after 24-year career at Hanford

After working 24 years at the Hanford Site, Jack Waite will retire. Join his well-wishers at a reception Dec. 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in room 308 of 2420 Stevens Center.

Waite began his career at Hanford in 1977. He worked on waste management programs, the Basalt Waste Isolation Project and the Special Isotope Separations Project. He worked on the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement from 1987 to 1991 and from 1993 to 1995. His support and expertise were also applied in the development of the Tank Waste Remediation System program baseline. For the past six years, Jack has been a key member in strategic planning, work prioritization and site integration activities.

Before coming to Hanford in 1977, Waite was a project planner working on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project in Sunnyvale, Calif. ♦

CALENDAR



Give blood Dec. 10, 13, 14

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives in room 142 of the Federal Building on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in the 200 East Area on Dec. 13 and 14. The 200 East Area drive will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. both days in room G-110 of the 2704-HV Building. Walk-ins are welcome, but you can make an appointment by calling (800) 787-9691.

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C A L E N D A R cont.

AACE meets Dec. 11

The Rattlesnake Mountain Chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering will hold a dinner meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Richland Shilo Inn. The featured speaker is Kim Detienne, who will discuss the AACE's Interim Certification Program and its benefits. The social begins at 5:30 p.m., the dinner is at 6 and the program is at 7. The cost is \$17 per person. Please make checks payable to: Rattlesnake Mountain Section of the AACE. Reservations will be accepted until 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10. Contact Daniel Muehleisen at 372-2408 or at daniel_p_muehleisen@rl.gov. At the end of the Dec. 11 meeting, the name of one of the guests will be drawn and that person will have their 2002 AACE dues paid by the Rattlesnake Mountain Chapter.

NMA meeting scheduled for Dec. 12

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association's Dec. 12 meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland will feature Dave Riddle, a former Hanford employee who is currently executive director of the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 5:45. There is no charge for chapter members. The cost for guests is \$20. Call Lisa Hart at 376-3484 to make a reservation.

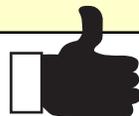
Red bead experiment to be discussed Dec. 13

Steve Prevette will present the "Red Bead Experiment" on Dec. 13 at 7 to 9 a.m. and again at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 14 of the Volpentest HAMMER Education and Training Center. This presentation will provide a hands-on opportunity to see what works and what doesn't work in motivating workers to achieve results in the workplace. Prevette gears this experiment around the Integrated Safety Management System, including the Voluntary Protection Program, safety slogans, recognition and incentives for employees to work safely and productively. This meeting is considered an alternate safety meeting in case you cannot make the Dec. 11 safety meeting.

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. ♦

B R A V O



CH2M HILL Hanford Group announces winners

The CH2M HILL Hanford Group Employee Recognition Council honored September and October performance award winners during a luncheon held Nov. 29 in the 200 East Area.

For the month of September, individuals **Ernie Davis** and **Nancy Forsman** and the team of **Bart Anderson** and **Rick Reeder** were the winners in the safety category. Winners in the individual categories were **Randy Swift**, **Ron Harding**, **Doug Peterson**, **Fran Julian**, **Quin Ravencraft**, **Steve McKinney**, **Steve Briggs** and **Roger Bauer**. Winning in the team category was the team of **Scott Roberson**, **Chyrstal Knopik**, **William Johnson** and **Donna Robillard**.

For the month of October, individuals **Corey McCord**, and **Shanna Sansom** and the team of **Muhammad Islam**, **Richard Carlstrom**, **Jack Kalia**, **Debra Herman**, **Randy Stickney** and **Joe Jones** were the winners in the safety category. Other individual winners were **Hope Guerra**, **Rudy Ruelas**, **Elaine Davis**, **Etoy Alford**, **Nancy Hulse**, **Dave Kidder** and **Al Meldrom**. **Tina Bruno-Jones**, **Ace Johnson**, **Douglas Mallory**, **Joel Radford**, **Rhonda Stamper** and **Lee Walter** were winners in the team category.

Additional information about the awards and winners' accomplishments is on the Hanford Web site at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/rpp/index3.cfm?FileName=/docs/62/docs/main.htm&PageNum=62>. Nomination forms are available on Site Forms: A-6001-358. ♦

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NEWSBRIEFS



Hanford Photography relocates to 1981 Snyder

During the week of Dec. 17, Hanford Photography will be relocating from Building 3705 in the 300 Area to the first floor of the east end of 1981 Snyder, the Lockheed Martin Services building. This building is located at the west end of Snyder, south of the 1163 Building (the old stores building).

Access is through the center entrance of the building and the photography office will be to the left of the lobby. Reserved parking is available next to the building.

Operations will be affected from Dec. 17 through Dec. 19, although photographers and limited lab services will be available on all days during the move. Hanford Photography will be operational in the new location on Dec. 20.

The phone number will remain 376-3975 and all service offerings will still be available, including next-day delivery of economy 35 millimeter prints.



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Recycle telephone books for Richland schools

The City of Richland, Clayton Ward Recycling, Boise Cascade and Verizon are sponsoring a telephone book recycling contest for the elementary schools in the Richland School District during the month of December. As in the past, the Hanford Site will also donate recycled telephone books to this program.

The participating schools will receive all the revenue that is generated by recycling the outdated phone books, and the top three schools that collect the most books will receive cash prizes to purchase computer equipment. Hanford phone books will be divided equally among the participating schools so as not to skew the contest. The contest ends Dec. 31.

Here's how to donate your outdated phone book to the recycling contest:

- Place the phone books in a box or an envelope and mark the outside with "Telephone books for Verizon

school recycling."

- Contact Jinny Howser at 376-6306 to arrange for transportation. If you have only two boxes of phone books, a courier will transport them. If you have more than two boxes, stage the boxes where materials are picked up from your building and a stores delivery driver will pick them up.

Note: if you put your telephone books in the green recycle carts for mixed paper, the revenue will not be donated to the schools. Only those phone books that are designated for the Verizon recycling project will be donated to the Richland School District.

Contact Kathy Hinkelman at 376-7631 if you have any questions regarding telephone book recycling. Contact Bobbi Shatell at 376-5748 if you have questions about ordering new phone books. ♦

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CLASSES



Painless Punctuation Session offered Dec. 11

A few openings are available in the Painless Punctuation information session scheduled for 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, in classroom 12 of the Administration Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. You'll learn must-know punctuation rules to avoid common mistakes as well as tips for editing your own and others' writing. Columbia Basin College faculty from the Skills Enhancement Lab will present the session. There is no charge for the session. Call Kathy Dechter at 376-3250 to reserve your spot.

Another helpful service, available at no charge through the Skills Lab, is the assessment of your basic reading, math, writing and grammar skills. You can sign up for a two-hour standardized survey of adult basic skills. After the survey is scored, you can schedule a follow-up private conference with a CBC faculty member to discuss your results and learn how to boost your skills — either by using the Skills Lab or on your own. All information is kept confidential, but you must make an appointment for this service in advance.

Two other informational sessions planned for this fiscal year are "Goof-Proofing Your Grammar" and "Successful Spelling." For more information, call Kathy Dechter at 376-3250.

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 Facility. 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>.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 146 to 200E, 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Starts at Chuck E Cheese's with one stop at the Federal Building. Drops off at 2750, WESF and nearby facilities. Contact **Jim Brockus** at 372-2939 or by e-mail. 12/3

PASCO

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

RICHLAND

Van No. 121 to 200E is seeking riders. We leave the Albertson's located 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.-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

Riders and backup drivers are needed for 8x9s shift, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seek comfort with nine to 10 riders and one driver maximum. Van will start at Park 'n Ride on Van Giesen. Stops at 222-S, WSCF, 2704-HV and others along the way. Contact **Patti Boothe** at 373-5637 or **Steve Boothe** at 376-6812. 12/3

Vanpool No. 182, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., is looking for two riders. Leaves the 2440 Stevens Building at 6:15 a.m. and will drop off at the 2750-E, 2704-HV buildings and anywhere in between. Call **Rick Janecke** at 376-3677 or **Vickie Alexander** at 373-0484. 12/3

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 ♦