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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.

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. ♦

Donation confusion

The Tri-Cities Day's Pay for USA organization is raising funds to replace one of nearly 90 emergency vehicles destroyed in the Sept. 11 attack on New York City.

Selected Hanford contractors including Bechtel Hanford, Bechtel National, CH2M HILL Hanford, Inc. and Eberline Services Hanford have offered payroll deduction for employees to give a day's pay. Fluor Hanford and CH2M HILL Hanford Group didn't participate in employee payroll deductions, but are encouraging employees to give a day's pay.

Recently Fluor offered a similar day's pay payroll deduction with matching funds, but the donations went to other charities including the Red Cross. There has been confusion for Fluor Hanford employees who believed their donation was going to Day's Pay for USA. If you are a Fluor employee who had a day's pay deduction, please be aware that the money did not go to the local Day's Pay for USA organization.

But it's not too late to give a day's pay. Make your check out to TCFA Day's Pay for USA and mail it to me at B4-39. A commemorative certificate will be sent to all who give.

Lori Weidner

Fluor Federal Services

Editors' note: Fluor Hanford also offered its employees the opportunity to cash out Personal Time Bank (PTB) time so they might donate the money to the Day's Pay for USA or other Sept. 11 relief agencies. ♦

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CALENDAR

Electronic Standards Database demonstration

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, the Hanford Technical Library and Information Handling Services are teaming up to provide IHS Standards database training to engineering personnel in three different locations around the Hanford Site. The following demonstrations will cover accessing the full text of most ANSI standards and all ACI, ASTM, IEEE, ASHRAE and ASME standards including the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code:

- 9 to 10 a.m. for CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees at 2750-E Building, room B103 in the 200 East Area.
- 12 to 1 p.m. for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Department of Energy, Fluor Hanford, Fluor Federal Services and CHG employees at the Consolidated Information Center, Hanford Technical Library, Room 101R.
- 3 to 4 p.m. for Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services employees (PNNL, DOE, and CHG employees are also welcome) at 2420 Stevens Center, conference room 153.

All of these demonstrations are free of charge and no reservations are required. For more information, contact Karen Buxton at the Hanford Technical Library at 372-7451 or karen.buxton@pnl.gov.

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.

AQP to Tour local automotive facility Dec. 11

The local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation will hold its Dec. 11 meeting at Motoring Services at 8920 W. Victoria (off Gage) in Kennewick. Owner Brian Johnson will provide a history of the company and share his strategies for quality and success. Motoring Services was a

recipient of the 2000 Washington State Quality Award, and the Small Business Administration named Brian Johnson Small Business Person of the Year for 2001. Networking and a light dinner are at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 6:45. The cost is \$8 for AQP and American Society for Quality members and \$10 for non-members. Make your reservation by Dec. 6. Call 547-6548 or register through the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

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. ♦



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

Dec. 3	2 to 5 p.m.	BC Sales
Dec. 20	12 to 4 p.m.	Sound Safety

100K

parking lot south of MO-401

Dec. 4	7 to 10 a.m.	BC Sales
Dec. 17	1 to 4 p.m.	Sound Safety
Dec. 19	7 to 8 a.m.	Iron Age

200 East Area

gravel parking lot northeast of 2101-M

Dec. 4	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	BC Sales
Dec. 19	7 to 11 a.m.	Sound Safety
Dec. 19	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Iron Age

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

Dec. 4	2 to 5 p.m.	BC Sales
Dec. 19	12 to 4 p.m.	Sound Safety
Dec. 19	1 to 2:30 p.m.	Iron Age

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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.

HOLIDAY GREETING-CARD CATALOGS — Now available through Employee Printing Services. Books can be checked out from Marvene McChesney (T4-61) or Jan Dickinson (H2-23).

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. Sales will end Dec. 13.

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).

HERO SPONSORS FLUOR PROJECT HANFORD TEAM 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. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 12. Ticket sellers are Linda Meigs (2435), Emilia Salinas (2704-HV), Nancy Zeuge (100K), Sheila Kirk (M0-720 – West) and Cheri McGee (400/600). Nancie Simon and Denise Prior are co-chairs. More information will follow.

UPCOMING TRIPS

- **Bellevue Square Shopping Trip** — Dec. 7 (an "off" Friday). Join us on this one-day shopping trip to the Bellevue Square Shopping Mall. Snacks and beverages will be provided on the relaxing bus trip. The bus will depart the Federal Building parking lot promptly at 7 a.m. Price is \$25 per person. Make your check payable to HERO, and mail it to Denise Prior (L6-81).
- **Leavenworth Bus Trip** — Last call! Join us for the tree lighting in Leavenworth on Dec. 8. The buses will leave the Federal Building parking lot at 7 a.m. and return after the tree lighting. Snacks, drinks and a movie will be provided. A \$27 per person non-refundable deposit is due to reserve your spot. Seating is limited, so reserve your space now. Make checks payable to HERO and mail to Marvene McChesney (T4-61).
- **Cariboo Spa Spoiler in Canada** — Feb. 12-17. What an unforgettable Valentine's present for that special someone! Package includes round-trip airfare from Pasco

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to Vancouver, overnight stay in Vancouver the night before we board the train and when coming home. Includes transfer to train station, round trip on board the "Cariboo Prospector" train from North Vancouver to 100 Mile House. Transfer from the station to The Hills Health Ranch, one full massage, three nights accommodations at The Hills, pass to exercise classes, guided hikes, indoor swimming pool and all meals. This time of year there are also cross-country skiing and sleigh rides. The Hills also has other things to spoil you for additional prices. \$814 per person, \$50 per-person deposit is due to hold your spot. Then payment in full is due the middle of December. E-mail Sheila Kirk for more information.

• **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!

• **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 Dec. 15 and you can use a credit card. E-mail Nancie Simon if you are interested. ♦

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This is last week of HEHF flu shot clinics

<i>Flu Shot Schedule</i>				
Area	Date	Time	Building	Room
Battelle	Dec. 3	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Battelle Auditorium	Lobby
Bechtel	Dec. 4	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Bechtel Building, 3350 G.W. Way	Assembly Room
Stevens Center	Dec. 5	9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	2440 Stevens	Conference Room 1200
Federal Building	Dec. 6	9 a.m.- 2 p.m.	825 Jadwin	Auditorium

NEWSBRIEFS



Security precautions increased in 100K Area

As of December 1, 2001, Hanford Patrol has instituted 100 percent badge checks and random vehicle searches at the main entrance to the 100K Area. All vehicles entering the 100K Area are now required to stop at this checkpoint. Please drive carefully, and be mindful of the signs, including speed limit signs, posted on the roadway into 100K Area.

All vehicles authorized to enter the 100K Area inner security compound will continue to be searched by Hanford Patrol at the compound vehicle gate.



VAN POOLS

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

RICHLAND

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

Vanpool No. 117 has openings available for 8x9 riders to locations inside the 200W perimeter fence. Originates near Vacuum City, 1019 Wright Avenue. The 200W stops include 217-W (Fab Shops), MO-412, MO-278/MO-279/MO-287, MO-556 near the Powerhouse intersection and 272-WA/MO-720/MO-281 near CWC (due west of PFP). Contact **Gary Bush** at 372-2531 or via e-mail. 11/12

Vanpool No. 216 needs a rider and/or back-up driver. 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a door-to-door vanpool. That's right, we pick you up at your home! Starts on the 500 block of Douglass Avenue, to the 100 block of Goethals, travels to Duportail, along Cottonwood Drive, over to Wright, Thayer, Van Geisen and North George Washington Way. Drops off at MO-286, 274-E, 2750-E and 2704-HV. Contact **Rich Bowen** at 373-5359. 11/12

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 ♦