

Regular Features



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.

Badge checking tip

I'm concerned about the safety of the patrol officers as drivers attempt to remove and replace badges from badge holders.

I suggest that we encourage drivers not to use badge holders, but simply clip their badges to their lanyards. That way, drivers can keep their attention on the road and the location of the patrol officers.

Bill Dixon

CH2M HILL Hanford Group

Dim your lights

I am concerned about the Hanford Patrol Officers on duty at the barricades during the morning commute.

It must be difficult for these officers to check badges and cars with all the headlights shining at them. Let's all give them a break and turn our headlights down and turn on our interior lights.

Larry Hebert

CH2M HILL Hanford Group

✍️ Editors' note: Hebert is right. At night and during hours of low visibility, if a vehicle's windows are rolled up and it is dark inside, most light reflects back at the patrol officer. The lighting contrast adds to time to each stop as the patrol officer must adjust to the light as he or she checks badges and inspects vehicles. The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office offers the following advice to commuters approaching the barricades:

- Stay in your lane.
- Obey the speed limit.
- Use parking lights only as you approach the gate.
- Turn on your interior dome light.
- Have security badges ready.
- Roll down your window if you've got tinted or fogged glass.
- Be prepared to stop.

More Patrol officers?

In the morning on Oct.24, my vanpool was only two minutes behind our regular scheduled time of departure. Our general leave time from the bus lot, at the railroad repair shop on Stevens Ave, is 6:10 a.m. But what a surprise it was to get to the Wye Barricade.

Staying in the right hand lane, we managed to get to within 500 feet of the bend. At this point, traffic had to merge with the left hand lane. From this point, it took from 6:26 to 6:50 a.m. for us to get through the Wye Barricade. Had we elected to stay in the left hand lane we would have been there quite a bit longer.

Our vanpool works the P, Q 8x9s. Since the heightened security as a result of the events of Sept. 11, we have only experienced this kind of delay one other time, when the Rattlesnake Barricade was shut down.

Was this delay because of:

- A change in procedure for searching vehicles that day?
- A difference between shifts in the checking of badges and vehicles?
- The lack of manpower to staff the gates with enough personal at these times of high traffic flow, because the Department of Energy has cut the budget for staffing ability?

A few co-workers and I believe the latter to be the case. In this time of heightened security, and a declared state of war against terrorism, does it not make sense to increase the manpower needs?

Some of my vanpool members feel that we should leave earlier. Well, how early is early enough when the flow of traffic is different with each day?

Clinton Curtis

Fluor Hanford

✍️ Editors' note: According to Hanford Patrol Chief Greg McDowell, a tractor-trailer rig and some other large vehicles arrived at the Wye Barricade at the same time during the morning commute on Oct. 24. In addition, the barricade was short staffed that day. The slow down at the barricade prompted many Hanford employees to express their concerns and offer suggestions.

One suggestion that was implemented to alleviate the traffic problems was to establish a Vanpool express lane. Other large vehicles are directed to a separate search area. Hanford personnel who schedule large tractor-trailer deliveries are encouraged to have them arrive at the barricades after 8 a.m.

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"As far as funding for Patrol, there have been no budget cuts. However, there has been no increase, either. We are already in the process of hiring more security police officers. It takes up to six months before they are actually out on post. The entire U.S. government is currently operating on a 'continuing resolution.' We are incurring additional labor costs every day we maintain this enhanced security posture. We are staffing a number of additional posts and it is all done on volunteer overtime. With rare exception, the employees are appreciative and understanding of our position. So, I'd like to thank the employees for their patience and understanding as we go through this transition." McDowell said.

If you have specific viable suggestions for the operation of the Wye Barricade during the morning rush hour, contact the site traffic engineer, Dave Penfield. ♦

CALENDAR



Cranes for Peace Project

Help our community express its yearning for peace in the world by participating in the Cranes for Peace project at the Richland Public Library. One thousand cranes will be folded from paper and hung throughout the library as a symbol of hope and peace. After the holidays, the cranes will be sent to the Peace Park in Seattle. You can participate by folding cranes or donating (used, one side blank) paper, 8-1/2 by 11 inches. If you would like to learn how or join others in folding cranes, attend one of the following sessions in the children's department at the Richland Public Library:

- Nov. 6 or Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13 or Nov. 27 at 11 a.m.
- Nov. 14 or Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15 or Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information on the history of the paper cranes for peace, visit <http://he.net/~sparker/cranes.html>. For more information on the local program, contact the children's department in the library at 942-7452.

"Building Leadership Skills" seminar series

Bill Hillar will lecture on "Premeditated Leadership" Nov. 9 at the Tri-Cities Coliseum Founders Club. The workshop begins at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The presentation is at 8:30, lunch and networking at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person or \$40 for members of the sponsoring organizations: Na-

tional Management Association, Leadership Tri-Cities, or the *Tri-City Herald*. For reservations, call Doug Bragg at 373-6330.

Nov. 13 AQP meeting

Jamie Cox, director of The Empowerment Group, will share strategies for improving resiliency, leadership and productivity at the Nov. 13 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 at 6 and the presentation at 7. The price is \$16 for AQP or ASQ members, \$19 for non-members, or \$5 for the presentation only. Make your reservation by Nov. 8. Call 547-6548 or register through the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

Indoor Air Quality Program

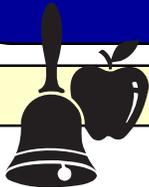
Did you know that indoor air is more polluted than the outdoor air? The Benton Franklin Health District and the City of Richland are sponsoring a free Indoor Air Quality workshop to be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Council Chambers inside Richland City Hall. This program will highlight the areas in your home where dust, molds and other irritants hide. The program will offer no-cost and low-cost solutions. Chemical use, storage and disposal and using less hazardous alternatives will be discussed.

Events celebrate Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month is observed in November, and the Department of Energy is sponsoring these activities:

- The Richland Library will host storytelling on Nov. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. Dr. John Cox, a Cow Creek Umpqua, will be the storyteller.
- An 8-kilometer fun run will be held on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Big Cross Course in Pasco. Call Ernest at 375-3809 for more details.
- Tulle mat house display, tee-pee set up, storytelling, and flintknapping and spear throwing demonstrations will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Richland Public Library.
- An 8-kilometer fun run will be held Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Big Cross Course in Pasco. Registration is \$5. Commemorative T-shirts are \$8.
- Tri-Cities libraries will feature Native American culture displays throughout the month. ♦

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CLASSES

MicroShield course offered at HAMMER Nov. 6-8

Project Enhancement Corporation will conduct a comprehensive training course for users and potential users of MicroShield Nov. 6-8 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. MicroShield software is used for analysis involving gamma and X-ray radiation. The cost is \$950. Call Yvonne Miller at (301) 668-7177 to register.

WSU open house features graduate degrees

An open house will be held on Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the atrium of the West Building on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus to determine the level of interest in the master of science degree program in architecture with a design-build management emphasis. This program is currently offered at WSU Spokane and is described on the Web site, www.designbuild.spokane.wsu.edu. This "executive track" program is specifically designed for practicing design and construction professionals to obtain a post-professional advanced specialization degree in design-build management. For more information, visit the Web site or contact Jaime Rice in Spokane at (509) 358-7945 or at jlrice@wsu.edu, or Mark Moreno in the Tri-Cities at 372-7297 or at mmoreno@tricity.wsu.edu.

DOE-RL sponsors training on USQs

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will sponsor the Epsilon Unreviewed Safety Questions class Nov. 13-15 at the Consolidated Information Center at WSU Tri-Cities. This course is intended for DOE and DOE contractor personnel who are involved with the preparation, review and approval processes for Unreviewed Safety Questions. The purpose and terminology specific to the USQ process and the key aspects of the process will be presented — specifically the inputs, key steps and outputs. The course incorporates the most recent application and implementation interpretations for this process from DOE Headquarters. The price is \$843 per person. To register, go to the Parallax Web Page at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> and then to Parallax, Inc. Training Center (DOE Training Administration Office). For more information, call Marcy George at 376-8284.

CBC Small Business Development Center offers:

- **How Good is My Business Idea?** – Nov. 5, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Bill Henderson. Cost: \$30.
- **Considerations in Starting a Minority or HUB Business** – Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Cruz Gonzalez. Cost: \$25.
- **Records and Bookkeeping** – Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Ellen Bowman-Fairbanks. Cost \$30.
- **Market Research and Analysis** – Nov. 7, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Melanie Jones. Cost: \$30.
- **Marketing Your Business** – Nov. 29, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Melanie Jones. Cost: \$30
- **How Computers Can Help Manage Your Business** – Nov. 20, 6-9:30 p.m. Instructor: Carrel Landess. Cost: \$30. Location: Kennewick Senior Center, 500 S. Auburn, Kennewick.
- **Setting up a Payroll** – Nov. 21, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Erica Shockley. Cost: \$30.
- **Who Needs Job Descriptions?** – Nov. 8, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Adele Haar Redburn. Cost: \$30.
- **How to Fund Business Growth** – Nov. 27, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Jerry Ball. Cost: \$30.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held at the Tri-City Industrial Development Council at 901 North Colorado, Kennewick. To register or for more information, call 735-6222. ♦



SHOEMOBILE

Iron Age shoemobile visit rescheduled

The Iron Age Shoemobile has rescheduled its upcoming visit from Nov. 21 to Dec. 19, after learning that the November date was a site "day off." The rescheduled times and locations are listed below.

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| <i>parking lot south of MO-401</i> | | |
| Dec. 19 | 7-8 a.m. | Iron Age |
| 200 East Area | | |
| <i>gravel parking lot northeast of 2101-M</i> | | |
| Dec. 19 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Iron Age |
| 200 West Area | | |
| <i>parking lot east of MO-281</i> | | |
| Dec. 19 | 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | Iron Age |

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Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. 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

Looking for two or three individuals who would like to form a carpool to 200E. Alternate driving weeks, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. shift, meet at central location. Call **Vanessa Cray** at 376-1791 or 543-9790. 10/29

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 182, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., is looking for two riders and one backup driver. Leaves 2440 Stevens Center at 6:20 a.m. and will drop off at 2750-E, 2704-HV Buildings and anywhere in between. Call **Rick Janecke** at 376-3677 or **Vickie Alexander** at 373-0484. 11/5

8x9 vanpool is looking for riders and a few backup drivers. We are trying to provide some comfort, and we will limit the number of people to 10. The van will start at the Park 'n Ride on Van Giesen and the Bypass Highway in Richland at 6:10 a.m. Drops off (via Highway 240) at 222-S, WSCF and 2704-HV. Contact **Patti Boothe** at 373-5637. 11/5

8x9 vanpool, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., to 200E, has an opening. Starts at the Federal Building, picks up along Jadwin and at Hanford Bus Lot. Stops at 274-AW, 2025-EA and 2750-E. Contact **Kip** at 373-7399, **Dave** at 372-3304 or **Mandrake** at 372-0713. 10/29

Ride wanted to PFP from North Richland home, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Will pay \$75 per month. Call **Marilyn** at 375-1594 or 373-0311. 10/29

WEST RICHLAND

Ride wanted from Flat Top Park to MO-414 in 200E. 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. shift. Call **Sara Helton** at 376-9253 or 967-7244. 10/29 ♦