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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.

Remember sacrifice

I enjoyed the why, who, what, how and when commentary on Memorial Day by Guy Schein in the May 21 issue of the *Hanford Reach*.

This gentle reminder that the freedoms we enjoy today did not come without the cost of human lives is apropos for celebrating this as more than just another holiday. It is a tragedy that freedom must be paid for with human blood.

Thanks again to all veterans for ensuring these sacred freedoms are maintained.

Fen Simmons
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: We are heartened to learn that the *Reach's* Memorial Day message touched at least one reader. The author, Guy Schein, would like to acknowledge the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the May issue of *VFW Magazine* as the source of his material, and to direct you to the VFW Web site at www.vfw.org/ for more information about honoring and supporting our war veterans.

Richland street smarts

I'm writing in response to Denise Campos' letter ("Effective strategy," May 21, *Hanford Reach*) about supporters of Richland bonds waving signs on George Washington Way.

Denise indicated that it doesn't make sense to demonstrate on George Washington Way when "we are going home to Kennewick or Pasco, and we don't vote for Richland school bonds."

I can only assume that those demonstrators think you would be using the ByPass Highway to go home to other destinations.

Now don't get me wrong — I agree with Denise that it is an unsafe practice to distract motorists.

But if Richlanders didn't have to pay for fixing streets that are being used as thoroughfares to other cities perhaps their tax dollars could be used for schools and other community needs, and those sign wavers wouldn't be out waving signs in the first place.

Mike Wingfield
DynCorp Tri-Cities Services



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

June 4 1 to 4 p.m. Sound Safety

200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

June 5 7 a.m. to noon Sound Safety

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

June 5 1 to 4 p.m. Sound Safety

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American Red Cross holds blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the following locations. (Scheduling an appointment is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.)

- Thursday, May 31, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the vehicle bay of the Training Support Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Call Libby Sickler at 376-7117 to make your appointment.
- Tuesday, June 5, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., ARC Mobile Unit in 2261 Stevens Parking Lot. Send an e-mail message or call Kelly Layfield at 376-6785 to make an appointment.
- Wednesday, June 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Federal Building, room 142. Call (800) 787-9691 for an appointment.

June 6 data-sharing forum

The Hanford Site Spatial Data Council and the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Geospatial Information and Technology Association are co-sponsoring the Southeastern Washington Data Sharing Forum on June 6, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Federal Building Auditorium. The forum will discuss current data-sharing activities in southeastern Washington, and ways to improve geographic information data-sharing. The forum is free. If you are interested in speaking at this forum, please send your name, agency affiliation and a short paragraph describing your presentation. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, followed by a five-minute question and answer period. Register for the forum by calling Steven Rush at 376-4001 or sending e-mail to steven_f_rush@rl.gov.

CONSYS 2001 scheduled for June 13

The local chapter of the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society will hold its annual exhibit and technical conference, CONSYS 2001, on June 13 at the Pasco DoubleTree Hotel from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and lunch will be provided to attendees. Register online at www.isa.org, by selecting "Sections," then "Sections" again, and clicking on "Richland Section" and then "CONSYS 2001." For more information, contact Ward Feldmann at 371-3060.

DOE-REC Scholarship applications due June 15

The DOE-REC Scholarship Program offers scholarships to selected Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection scholars. DOE-REC will award either one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships. In either case, the total scholarship dollars for any given year will not exceed \$1,000. Funds are intended to offset costs of tuition, books, fees or other miscellaneous expenses. The DOE-REC scholarship committee will base selections on applicant qualifications regarding leadership, academic achievement and financial need.

Contact Santos Ortega at 376-2083 for an application. Applicants must be DOE employees or their family members. Applications must be completed by June 15 and sent to DOE-REC; Greg Jones, President; P.O. Box 450; MS H6-60; Richland, WA 99352. Scholarship recipients will be selected by June 21. ♦

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Information sessions on undergraduate, graduate programs

City University will hold information sessions from 6 to 7 p.m. on May 30 for its undergraduate degree program and June 5 for its graduate degree programs at the Tri-Cities campus at 303 Bradley Blvd. in Richland. City University offers programs for the following degrees: bachelors of science in business administration, computer science and accounting, bachelor of arts in applied behavioral sciences, master of business administration, master of science in project management and computer science, and master of arts in counseling psychology.

City University is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. For more information call 943-9887.

Columbia Basin College Small Business Development Center offers:

- **Small Business Accounting Basics** – June 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Instructor: Tammy Wend, CPA.
- **Small Business Tax Basics and Preparation** – June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Instructor: Tammy Wend, CPA.
- **Small Business Advertising and Marketing: What's the difference?** – June 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.
- **Small Business Public Relations Basics** – June 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.

All classes will be held in the TRIDEC Conference Room at 901 N. Colorado, Kennewick. To register or to obtain more information, call Ritzy Rafer at 735-6222, or mail your request to CBC-SBDC, 901 N. Colorado St., Kennewick, WA 99336.

Beryllium Assigned Worker course to be offered at HAMMER

Beginning May 30, Beryllium Assigned Worker (PeopleSoft Course No. 004100) will be offered at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Piloted in April, the course will be compliant with 10 CFR 850.37. Its target audience will be Hanford employees assigned to work with beryllium, beryllium-containing materials or beryllium contamination. Students may register for Beryllium Assigned Worker through their training coordinators, in PeopleSoft under Course No. 004100, or by sending e-mail to ^Training - HAMMER. For questions or further information about this course, contact Bill Robinson at 373-6338.

D2000 offers trenching and excavation classes

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons courses at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center three times this year. Classes begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held Tuesday, June 26-Thursday, June 28, TSB Annex Room 2; Monday, July 23 - Wednesday, July 25, TSB Annex Room 1; or Monday, Oct. 22 - Wednesday, Oct. 24, TSB Annex Room 1.

The hands-on course is designed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.650 regulations and uses field exercises, group discussions and problem-solving to build related skills. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion. The class has been reviewed and approved for 2.4 CEUs by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. The course cost is \$595 per person. Class size is limited to 25. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

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D2000 offers confined space rescue class

Wednesday, Aug. 22, through Friday, Aug. 24, D2000 Safety Solutions will offer an Operations Level Confined Space Rescue class at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The class begins at the Administration Building in Room 15 at 7:30 a.m. The class is designed to meet the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146. It includes both lecture and enactment training. Students successfully completing the course will receive a Confined Space Rescue student manual and certificate of completion. The course cost is \$695 per person. The prerequisite is Confined Space Entrant Attendant. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

'Hanford in Context' offered this summer

By popular demand, the three-credit course, "Hanford in Context," (ES/RP 490 / 592) will be offered from June 19 to Aug. 9 at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. Lectures will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. There will also be three Saturday field trips. Learn about Hanford from people who know its history. Registrations for the course are being accepted through the WSU Tri-Cities Admissions and Registration Office at www.tricity.wsu.edu. For further information, contact the course coordinator, Dr. James Cochran, via e-mail at cochranj@tricity.wsu.edu. Visit the Hanford in Context Web page at www.pnl.gov/educationk20/hinc.stm.

Root cause analysis courses offered at HAMMER

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer its REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic, advanced and executive briefing classes the week of July 9 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. You may register for any of these classes online at www.rootcause.com/open_training.htm or by contacting Jason at (903) 236-9973 or jjones@rootcause.com.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic class will be offered Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 28. During the course, attendees will learn to break problems down into essential parts, model systems formed by the parts, and analyze models to identify root causes and best solutions. Students will learn about root cause methodology and software applications for applying and managing elements of the data-gathering process. The cost is \$650 per person. This basic course is a prerequisite for the three-day REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class will be offered Wednesday, July 11, through Friday, July 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 16. This class offers in-depth practical study and application of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis method. Through hands-on computer-based learning, students will gain the skills necessary to serve as site resource people. The cost for this course is \$975 per person.

The cost for the combined two-day basic class and the three-day advanced class is \$1,475 per person; this figure represents a savings of \$150 per person over registering for the classes separately.

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer a four-hour executive briefing class Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the HAMMER Administration Building in Conference Room 31. Instruction will focus on discussing and demonstrating, from an executive manager's perspective, the key elements, concepts and applications of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis System for operations improvement. The cost for the executive briefing class is \$75 per person. ♦

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SUGGESTIONS WELCOME — If you have an event or travel/trip destination that you would like HERO to consider, or one that you would like to host, send an e-mail message to your area representative with specifics. Although HERO cannot guarantee your suggestion will be offered, all reasonable suggestions will be considered.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated NSF bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED — Area representatives are needed for the 600/400 Area and 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 Jackie Roderick.

COOL DESERT NIGHTS — Friday night street dance, June 22, featuring "Jamie's Rock 'n Roll Band" with impersonations of Elton John, Billy Joel and Tom Jones. One show, only \$5. Saturday night street dance, June 23, two shows featuring "Popular Demand" and "Merrilee Rush" at \$10. Send checks made payable to "Quality Events" to Jan Dickinson (H2-23) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

TOWER OF POWER CONCERT — Thursday evening, July 26, outdoors at the Red Lion Hotel. Gold tickets are \$32, silver tickets are \$23 and bronze tickets are \$18. Send checks made payable to "Quality Events" to Jan Dickinson (H2-23) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

SILVERWOOD THEME PARK — Open Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. now through May 28. Open daily beginning June 2. Check out HERO's Intranet Web site for a complete schedule of days and times. Adult tickets are \$18.50 (normally \$25.30), youth (ages 3-7) and senior (65 and over) tickets are \$10. (normally \$16.87). Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Jan Dickinson (H2-23), Tricia Poland (T5-04) or Nancie Simon (S7-64). Personal checks for purchases in excess of \$250 will not be accepted. Send a cashier's check or money order for payments in excess of \$250. No cash, please!

DUST DEVIL SPECIAL OFFER — Purchase a single-season package and you'll receive free parking at Tri-Cities Stadium (save \$75). Purchase club seats (full- or half-season) and you'll receive a bus trip to Seattle's Safeco Field to attend a Mariners game with other HERO members! Package pricing: Club Seats \$380-\$532 (all 38 home games), half-season club seats \$266 (19 games) and single-season \$190-\$266 (all 38 home games). Call 544-8789 and mention you're a HERO employee!

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS - Limit increased to 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 Jan Dickinson (H2-23), 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).

UPCOMING HERO-SPONSORED TRIPS

- **Portland Shopping Spree** — Sept. 28–30. We will leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. The bus will be available on Saturday for side trips. The trip cost is \$160 to \$170 ppdo (final details to follow) for two nights' lodging at the DoubleTree Inn at Lloyd's Center and roundtrip bus. Lloyd's Center features over 200 stores, 18 movie theaters and an ice skating rink. The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and Washington Park Zoo are nearby. You are within walking distance of the Oregon Convention Center, the Rose Garden Arena and Memorial Coliseum. The MAX light rail system runs directly from the hotel to historic Old Town and downtown Portland. Downtown Portland's shopping has Meier and Frank, Abercrombie and Fitch, Saks, J. Crew and Tiffany's. Sunday brunch will be available at the hotel for \$20. E-mail Marvene McChesney (T4-61) for information and deposits.
- **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** — Nov. 6-13, \$825 ppdo, \$150 pp deposit required. Eight days and seven nights at the newly renovated Villa Del Palmar, a moderately priced hotel located on the beach close to the downtown area. The package includes round-trip air from Seattle, seven nights' lodging and round-trip transfers. E-mail Sheila Kirk (T4-05).
- **European Capitals Cruise** — Sept. 7-22. Rates range from \$3,199 to \$4,081 pp depending upon cabin selection. Package includes round-trip air from Seattle, transfers, and all meals and entertainment on board. Port charges are an additional \$330 pp. E-mail Phyllis Roha for more information. ♦

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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>.

DESERT AIRE

Need 8x9 non-smoking ride or share to 200 Area. Call **Anita** at 373-2283. 5/21

KENNEWICK

Riders wanted on vanpool to 200W. Stops at Albertson's in Kennewick and Chief Jo in Richland. Delivers to 222-S Lab, PFP, Fab Shop area. Rider count kept low for comfort. Contact **Leann Spurlock**, 376-8703. 5/29

8x9 vanpool seeking riders. Leaves Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater and picks up at Columbia Racquet Club. Stops at PFP and West Tank farms. Call **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 5/29

8x9 vanpool to 200E Area. Picks up at Chuck E. Cheese and Federal Building. Drops off at 2750, WESF, 2704-HV or nearby facilities. Enjoy cold air-conditioning all summer long. Call **Jim Brockus** at 372-2939 or send an e-mail message. 5/29

PASCO

Vanpool No. 139 to 200E and 200W needs riders. 8x9, 7 am to 4:30 pm. Picks up at Road 100 Sleep Inn with a stop at the Federal Building in Richland. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984. 5/29

RICHLAND

Gas prices are going up again. Looking for a much cheaper and easier commute? We have opening in van from the Richland Wye Park 'n Ride to 200W, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. 5/21

Vanpool No. 116, 8x9, to 200E has an opening. Picks up at Joe's Chevron at Jadwin and McMurray. Drops off at 2750, M0-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Call **Nester Wise** at 376-6373 or at 376-7266. 5/29

PFP vanpool riders needed. Van leaves from the Richland Wye, picks up at the Federal Building and delivers to PFP only. 8x9 shift. Call **Kim** at 373-2632 or **Sandi** at 373-4104. 5/21

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF and 2727. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 5/21

YAKIMA

8x9 vanpool to 200W has two openings. Contact **Don Vader** at 373-3223 or (509) 966-5543. 5/21 ♦