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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.

Hats off to Patrol

Hats off to the men and women working to coordinate such a huge undertaking to ensure not only the site's security and safety, but ours as well.

It's evident that the men and women of Hanford Patrol have worked many hours to establish and adjust methods that would ensure site security and safety, while trying to reduce delays at the Wye Barricade.

The delays seem to be getting better each day, and I have found that the Hanford Patrol officers have been very professional, courteous and willing to hear how we (the workers) feel the system is working.

So to Hanford Patrol — thanks!

Thanks for doing the job that you do, thanks for working many long hours on your feet, thanks for working in extreme weather conditions, and thanks for working under stressful conditions.

As a Hanford worker, a wife, a mother and a member of the Tri-City community, I appreciate all you are doing to keep the site safe and secure, and I'm sure others feel the same.

Cheryl Evosevich
Fluor Hanford

Successful kickoff

We would like to take a moment to personally thank each of the Department of Energy employees who participated in the inmates breakfast to kick off the DOE Combined Federal Campaign for United Way on Oct. 9 ("DOE Combined Federal Campaign under way," *Hanford Reach*, Oct. 15).

Your support and fervent desire to "stay out of jail" helped us in the biggest kick-off event to date.

Our grand total (excluding a couple of bail jumpers that the CFC police are still looking for) is \$761.40. This does not include the money being collected from the cookie sales. We anticipate another \$127 from the cookie sales when they are completed. That's a grand total of \$888.40 in fund-raisers this year. We could not have done it without

all of you! Thank you!

And a special to thank-you to all of the secretaries and staff who helped out.

Kimberly Williams, DOE-RL
Gigi Branch, DOE-RL
Leslie McClure, DOE-ORP

Explanation needed

I read with great interest your article on the new Day's Pay program in the Oct. 15th issue. The only problem was that it wasn't clear how one could participate.

The article alludes to a payroll deduction but the form referenced indicates the funds will go to the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

If a person wishes to contribute to the Day's Pay USA fund, how do we go about it? I am sure that others, like myself, would like the idea of contributing to something tangible that will have a direct and long-lasting impact on people's lives.

A clarification would be appreciated.

Darlene Hagel
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: The Oct. 15 article, "'Day's Pay' concept revived in response to terrorism," outlines the options Hanford employees have for donating to relief agencies to help the victims of terrorism. For Fluor Project Hanford team and CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees, the contributions made through payroll deductions will be sent to the American Red Cross relief program. Employees of the Environmental Restoration Contractor team can choose to contribute to the Red Cross, the Day's Pay for USA effort or United Way. Refer to this week's front-page article, "*Day's Pay effort will buy firetruck for New York*," for more information on the Day's Pay campaign. ♦



Learn about trends on Oct. 25

The October session of the Hanford Performance Indicator Forum will be offered at two times on Oct. 25. You can attend the session "What is a trend?" from 7 to 9 a.m. or from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 5 of the Training Support Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The

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discussion will include how to establish the initial baseline of a set of “noisy” data, and what to do when a trend is discovered on an existing chart. Contact Steve Prevette at 373-9371.

City University holds informational meeting

Learn about the graduate, undergraduate and certificate courses in project management offered by City University and certified by the Project Management Institute on Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m. The informational meeting will be held at City University, 303 Bradley Blvd. in Richland. For more information, contact City University at 943-9887 or at tri-cities@cityu.edu.

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.

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 Washington State University 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 course presents the purpose and terminology specific to the USQ process and the key aspects of the process — specifically the inputs, key steps and outputs. The course incorporates the most recent application and implementation interpretations for this process from DOE Headquarters. The cost of the course 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.
- **The ABCs of Business Start-ups** – Oct. 30, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Debbie Bone-Harris. Cost: \$25.
- **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** – Oct. 23 or 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.
- **Cash Management** – Nov. 1, 6-9 p.m. Instructor: Glynn Lamberson. 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. ♦

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Gephart to speak at Audubon Society meeting

Roy Gephart, a scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, will present “Hanford: A Conversation About Nuclear Waste and Cleanup” during the Oct. 23 meeting of the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society. The general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Kennewick First Lutheran

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Church at the corner of Highway 395 and Yelm Street in Kennewick. The public is invited to attend this free program. For more information call 588-4025.

Safety & Health Conference at HAMMER Nov. 2

“Initiatives in Safety and Health for the 21st Century,” a safety and health conference, will take place on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The Lower Columbia Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Tri-City Education Committee of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society are sponsoring the conference. Attendees will receive 0.7 continuing education credits for the certified safety professional and 1.0 point for the certified industrial hygienist maintenance of certifications. Eight quality speakers from our region plus a nationally known keynote speaker and a HAMMER tour are planned. The fee is \$85 (\$45 for students).

For more information on registering for the conference, contact one of the following individuals: John Hinckley at 371-4856 or at jhinckley@bechtel.com; Chad Ungerecht at 373-3042 or at chad_r_ungerecht@rl.gov; or James Morse at 371-4897 or at morse.james@worldnet.att.net.

To register, send a check (no money orders) for the fee made payable to “ASSE” and your name, company name, company address, home address, work telephone number and e-mail address to: Regional Safety and Health Conference, Lower Columbia Basin Chapter, ASSE, P.O. Box 1522, Richland, WA 99352. Registration before Nov. 2 is preferred; however, registrations will be accepted on the day of the conference.

For information about setting up a table or booth at this conference, contact Joseph Samuels at 373-3144 or at Joseph_K_PhD_Samuels@rl.gov.

AQP meeting Nov. 13

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 is at 6 and the presentation starts 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 by calling 547-6548 or register through the chapter’s Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>. ♦



KENNEWICK

Van No. 97, 8x9s, has an opening. Picks up at ShopKo at 6 a.m. and at the Federal Building at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. For information contact **Emilia Salinas** at 373-4228 or 373-1889. 10/22

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 187 is looking for riders. Starts at the Richland Wye, makes a stop at the Federal Building and ends up at PFP. 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact **Kim Hosfield** at 373-2632 or **Sandi Gross** at 373-4104. 10/22

Vanpool No. 117 has openings for 8x9 riders to locations inside the 200W Area perimeter fence. Originates near Vacuum City, 1019 Wright Avenue. The 200W Area stops include 217-W (Fab Shops), MO-412, MO-278/MO-279, MO-287 and MO-556 near the Powerhouse intersection and 272-WA, MO-720 and MO-281 near CWC (due west of PFP). Contact **Gary Bush** at 372-2531 or via e-mail. 10/22

Vanpool No. 216 needs a rider. 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! Route starts on the 500 block of Douglass Avenue, then to the 100 Block of Goethals, travels to Duportail, along Cottonwood Drive, then over to Wright, Thayer, Van Geisen and North George Washington Way. Drops off at 274-E, 2750-E and 2704-HV. Contact **Rich Bowen** at 373-5359. 10/15

YAKIMA

Wanted, ride to 100N, 8x9s, 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift. Call **Diana Vorwallner** at 509-697-5583 or 373-2492. 10/15 ♦

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