

# 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.

### Tough situation

Regarding site barricade entrances: It is my observation that the Patrol officers are making a concerted effort to be courteous and pleasant to the motorists and their passengers. Thanks to the Hanford Patrol for making the best of a tough situation. The organization appears to be well managed and professionally staffed.

However, I believe the Rattlesnake Barricade has become a critical artery into the work site, and that closing it provides only marginal additional security control.

I do hope that an option which will still allow use of this entrance, without compromising security, is found soon.

**Rob Schroeder**  
*Fluor Hanford*

### Tailgaters persist

After reading Ann Young's recent letter ("Wants safe commute," Sept. 10, *Hanford Reach*), I decided to conduct a little experiment. I wanted to find out how fast one would have to drive out to the Wye Barricade from Richland and back home to avoid being tailgated or passed on the right or left. The answer is about 75-80 mph in most cases, although there were a few instances where I am convinced that the tailgaters would have persisted no matter what the speed.

Since Hanford Patrol cannot police the traffic, and since the Benton County Sheriff will not, I guess responsible drivers could form two mutual support groups. One would consistently drive 65 mph in the fast lane (10 miles over the limit) and the other would drive the limit of 55 mph in the slow lane. This should slow traffic down in general. However, if you do this, expect to have a new tailpipe that looks a lot like a Toyota pickup or a Honda.

**Melvin Adams**  
*CH2M Hill Hanford Group*

### Reckless driver

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:38 a.m. on the last straight stretch and there's less than five miles to go on another morning commute to the Rattlesnake Barricade. We're staying with the flow of traffic, and commenting on the possibility of rain. There's nothing unusual, and nothing to brace for. It's just the everyday routine — until you came along.

From your position in traffic, somewhere behind me, you decided that traffic was not flowing quite fast enough for you at 70 mph. I watched as you came forward a few car lengths, swung back in without using your indicator, and then once again when the lane was clear, pulled out to pass the remaining few cars blocking your progress.

In your haste and determination, you failed to recognize that traffic in front of you had slowed for a reason — the pickup truck immediately in front of me was indicating his intent to turn *left* at Gate 112, and from his viewpoint he was in the clear; there was no oncoming traffic. As he started to make his turn, you sped by in the on-coming lane. Did you even recognize that this driver was trying, legally, to turn *into you*?

Had you collided, your Toyota Tacoma would have been slightly dented on the passenger side — no problem, you didn't have a passenger. But what about the driver in the pickup — trying to legally turn? He may not have been as fortunate!

I have to wonder — do you rush through your workday in the same oblivious way, unaware of your surroundings? For your co-workers' sakes, I sincerely hope not!

**Maggie Valcich**  
*Fluor Hanford*

## CLASSES



### Learn about trends on Oct. 25

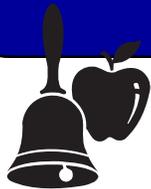
The October session of the Hanford Performance Indicator Forum will be offered at two times on Oct. 25. You can attend the session "What is a trend?" from 7 to 9 a.m. or from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 5 of the Training Support Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The discussion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

Learn about the graduate, undergraduate and certificate

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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](mailto:tri-cities@cityu.edu).

### **MicroShield course offered at HAMMER Nov. 6-8**

Project Enhancement Corporation (PEC) 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) 668-7117 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 USQ 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. ♦

## NEWS BRIEFS



### **Donate hearing aids and prescription eyeglasses**

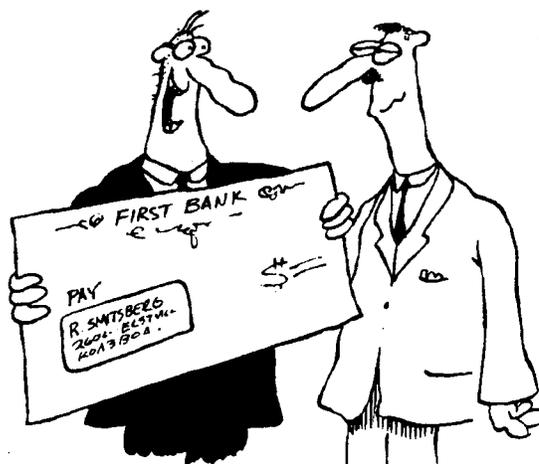
So far this year, Hanford workers have donated 381 pairs of glasses, 33 pairs of eyeglass lenses and five hearing aids to the Kennewick Lions Club, more than in any of the seven previous years of the recycling program.

The four yellow wooden collection boxes are moved periodically to different buildings in and around the Hanford Site. The Kennewick Lions Club provides the boxes and collects the donations. The eyeglasses are tested for prescription levels, repaired (if necessary) and distributed to needy people in third-world countries and in the United States. Hearing aids are refitted and distributed throughout the United States.

If you have eyeglasses or hearing aids to donate, the yellow wooden collection boxes are now at the following locations: in the MO-500 lunchroom in the 100K Area; at the 2705-Z, OCF/PFP Badgehouse in 200W; on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus, in the lobby of the EESB; and at Fluor Federal Services, outside the café at 1200 Jadwin.

For more information about the recycling program, call Kathy Hinkelman at 376-7631. ♦

## **Farcus**



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**Good news, Smitsberg! The boss agrees you should have a bigger paycheck.**

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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.

**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.

**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.

**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** — 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).

**BIG BIRD'S SUNNY DAY CAMP OUT** — Nov. 2-4, Tri-Cities Coliseum. On Friday, all seats are \$10 for the 7 p.m. show. Prices for the Saturday (10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.) and Sunday (2 p.m.) shows are \$18 for floor seating, \$12 for lower Q to Y and \$7 for upper Q to Y. Children and their families are invited to go on a musical camping trip with Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster and the rest of their friends on Sesame Street. They're setting off on a toe-tapping, eye-popping, imagination-grabbing excursion in a Sesame Street Live musical extravaganza. Make checks payable to HERO. Ticket sellers are Linda Meigs (H3-12) and Sheila Kirk (T4-05).

## UPCOMING TRIPS

- **Clackamas Shopping Trip** — Oct. 26 (an "off" Friday). Join us for a one-day shopping trip to the Clackamas Town Center Mall near Portland. The price is \$25 per person. Snacks and beverages will be served. The bus will leave the Federal Building parking lot promptly at 6:30 a.m. Mail your check to Tricia Poland (T5-04) to secure your spot.
- **Leavenworth Bus Trip** — 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. Make checks payable to HERO and mail to Marvene McChesney (T4-61).
- **Fantasy in Lights Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene** — Climb aboard the Fun Fleet of Coeur d'Alene Cruises for a holiday tour of the lighted displays, complete with caroling and onboard Christmas treats, all in climate-controlled comfort. Package includes round-trip bus, guest room at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, breakfast, and one-hour lake cruise. Depart Saturday morning and stop at the Post Falls Outlet Mall for Christmas shopping, then it's off to Coeur d'Alene for your relaxing evening cruise. There are additional shops close to the resort. Dec. 15-16, \$105 per person based on double occupancy and \$144 per person single occupancy. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due as soon as possible to reserve your seat. E-mail Phyllis Roha.

## H.E.R.O trips in planning for 2002 and points of contact:

- Western Carribean Cruise, Linda Meigs
- Cancun, Mexico, Phyllis Roha
- Maui, Hawaii, Cheri McGee
- Branson Musical Getaway, Sheila Kirk
- London, Sheila Kirk
- Floriade world horticultural exhibit in Holland, and visit Belgium and Germany, Nancie Simon
- Ireland, Marvene McChesney
- Oregon Coast, Tricia Poland
- Tillicum Village on Blake Island, Marvene McChesney
- Bellevue Shopping, Denise Prior
- Cariboo Golf Getaway, Flu Garza
- Radiance of the Sea Cruise, Linda Meigs
- Cariboo Spa Spoiler, Sheila Kirk
- San Juan Island Three-Day Get-away, Linda Meigs

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## CALENDAR



### Lecture by composer, jazz pianist Phil Markowitz

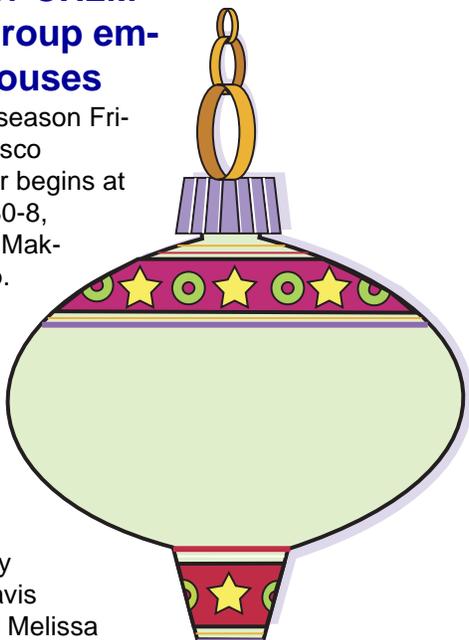
Composer and jazz pianist Phil Markowitz will give a free lecture on the relationship between modern jazz and modern art on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Columbia Basin College Theatre in Pasco. The lecture is sponsored by CBC and Chamber Music America.

### Phil Markowitz Trio performs at Battelle

The Battelle Staff Association will present "Abstract Expression: Musical Portraits of American Masters," performed by the composer, jazz pianist Phil Markowitz and his trio on Friday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Battelle Auditorium in Richland. This will be a multimedia event, with paintings by abstract expressionists projected on stage during the concert. Tickets are available at the door, \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, visit [www.philmarkowitzjazz.com](http://www.philmarkowitzjazz.com) or [www.pnl.gov/BSA](http://www.pnl.gov/BSA) or call Andy Plymale at 376-8506.

### Holiday party for CH2M HILL Hanford Group employees and spouses

CHG celebrates the season Friday, Dec. 21, at the Pasco Doubletree. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner is 6:30-8, dancing to "Men in the Making" 8-midnight. \$20/pp. Door prizes presented throughout the evening. Ticket sales begin Oct. 15. Sales are limited, so buy early. Ticket sellers are LouAnn Knighten (2440 Stevens), Vickie Conley (2704-HV), Marieca Davis (272WA/15/200W) and Melissa Holm (2750-E). Nancie Simon is program chairman. ♦



### NCMA holds lunch meeting Oct. 18

The National Contract Management Association Columbia Basin Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon membership meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Ron Naventi of Bechtel National, Inc., will be speaking about the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant project. The luncheon is \$12 per person and is open to NCMA members and non-members. Contact Bill Avedovech at 375-4326 or at [bill.avedovech@pnl.gov](mailto:bill.avedovech@pnl.gov) to make your reservation by Monday, Oct. 15.

### Washington professional engineers meet Oct. 17

The Washington Society of Professional Engineers will meet Oct. 17 at the West Coast Hotel in Kennewick. George Twiss, executive director of the Washington Department of Licensing, will give a presentation on the new Business and Professions Disciplinary Act as well as pending legislative matters affecting professional engineers. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 and the program begins at 8. The price is \$20 for dinner, to be ordered from a limited menu. Make your reservation by calling Eric Nelson at 373-2692 or Don Kurkjian at 371-3535.

### Society of Women Engineers meets Oct. 19

Members of the Spokane section of the Society of Women Engineers will join members of the Eastern Washington section of the SWE for their dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Emerald of Siam restaurant in the Richland Uptown Shopping Center. Members of the Spokane section will speak about their careers, lives, paths and choices, and then join in a panel discussion on work, family and world issues with members of the Eastern Washington section. The price is \$9.95 plus tax for the buffet dinner. Please RSVP to Teresa Torres at 372-2173.



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## VANPOOLS

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### KENNEWICK

Looking for 8x9 vanpool riders. Leaves Kennewick Albertson's at Edison and Clearwater with a pick-up at Columbia Racquet Club. Stops at PFP and West Tank farms. Call **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 10/8

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### RICHLAND

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

Vanpool No. 114 to 200W has openings for three riders. Vanpool originates in southwest Richland, with one stop at the Desert Fellowship Hall on Jadwin. Contact **John Faulkner** at 373-2286 or **Gary Anderson** at 373-1304. 10/8

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, 2750-E. Must be able to pass the Ben Franklin driver/coordinator requirements. Call **Kip** at 373-7399, **Dave** at 372-3304 or **Mandrake** at 372-0713. 10/8

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### YAKIMA

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