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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.

Attitudes consistent?

I agree with Ann Young (“Wants safe commute,” *Hanford Reach*, Sept. 10).

Although I have not had to make that drive to the 200 East Area in many years, even coming to Richland from Kennewick is an experience.

The speed limit just seems to be a guide, not an actual limit. Rules that we learned in drivers training are just some fictitious thing someone must have dreamed up. Courtesy towards each other is absent.

But the statement that type of driving makes even louder and clearer is people’s attitude towards safety. If you are going to drive carelessly, without thought to safety — how are you going to work? This attitude towards safety is showing for *all* to see.

Chris Hough

Lockheed Martin Services, Inc.



CALENDAR

FH president to speak at PMI dinner meeting

The Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute will host as its speaker Keith Thomson, president and chief executive officer of Fluor Hanford, at a dinner meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the West Coast Hotel in Kennewick. Thomson will discuss his experiences managing global and government projects. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and the buffet dinner will begin at 6:30. The price: \$17 for members and \$20 for non-members. Contact Earl Lloyd at 373-6541 to make your reservation. Visit the chapter Web site at: <http://columbiariverbasin.bizland.com/id4.html>.

Lecture series continues Sept. 19 at CREHST

As part of the Columbia River Exhibition of History,

Science and Technology (the CREHST museum) lecture series inspired by its traveling exhibit, “Reaching Home: Pacific Salmon, Pacific People,” Rex Buck of the Wanapum tribe and Jay Minthorn of the Umatilla tribe will present “Pacific People, Past & Present Perspectives” on Sept. 19. The lecture will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the CREHST facility near Howard Amon Park. The remaining lectures are scheduled on Oct. 3 “River Restoration” presented by Don Larsen and Paul LaRiviere of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Service and Oct. 10 (“Many Sources, Many Stories” presented by Mike Lee of the *Tri-City Herald*). Call 943-9000 for tickets and information, or visit the Web site at www.crehst.org.

Walk for Diabetes to take place Sept. 29

The third annual America’s Walk for Diabetes, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia District of the American Diabetes Association, will start at Howard Amon Park in Richland on Saturday, Sept. 29. Participants will meet at 8 a.m. at the “fingernail” to check in. The walk is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will conclude with local entertainment and an “Aussie” lunch, courtesy of the Outback Steakhouse. For more information, to donate, or to sign up as a walker, sponsor or volunteer, call the American Diabetes Association at 943-0858.

Customer service is focus of Oct. 9 AQP meeting

The Oct. 9 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation at the Richland Shilo Inn will feature Fred Almeida, owner and spa director of Nouveau Skin Care and Day Spa. Almeida will share strategies for customer satisfaction and quality in a service industry. The networking and social hour begins at 5 p.m., the buffet is at 6, and the presentation starts at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP or ASQ members, \$19 for non-members or \$5 for the presentation only. Make your reservations by Oct. 4. Call 547-6548 or register through the chapter’s Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

Learn about wine at NAPM meeting on Oct.11

The Oct. 11 meeting of the National Association of Purchasing Management at the West Coast Hotel in Kennewick will feature Dr. Larry James, dean of the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus, who

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will be giving a presentation on the new bachelor of science degree in viticulture and enology being offered at WSU Tri-Cities. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 and the program begins at 7. Make your reservations early by contacting Bill Smith at 371-4719 or at wrsmith1@bechtel.com by Oct. 9.

Ready, set, walk in the Heart Walk Oct. 13

The Tri-Cities American Heart Association Heart Walk 2001 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning in Howard Amon Park in Richland. Registration for the five-kilometer walk (3.1 miles) will take place at the "fingernail" at 9 a.m., and the walk will start at 10 a.m.

Funds raised in the Heart Walk support the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association, Northwest Affiliate, which is dedicated to the reduction of disability and death resulting from heart disease and stroke.

Groups of walkers to raise funds for the American Heart Association are currently being organized by team leaders throughout the Tri-Cities. If you are interested in participating in this year's Heart Walk as a team captain, as a walker in the event or as a financial supporter of the walkers, contact Dale Denham at 376-8550, Katie Larson at 375-3698; Jim Lilly at 373-3329; Jeff Pratt at 373-3035 or Karen Welsh at 376-2151.

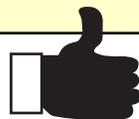
Life Sciences Symposium scheduled for October

The 39th Life Sciences Symposium, "Cellular Communication-Information Processing at the Cell Surface," will be held at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Oct. 18-19. For more information, contact Teresa Zinn at 375-2797 or visit <http://www.pnl.gov/39lifescience>.

Learning Landscape Child Care Center openings

The Department of Energy-sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings for an infant and pre-school children 3-5 years old. Contact Sharon or Suzanne at 946-4609 to enroll or obtain more information about the center. The center offers an educational curriculum for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. ♦

B R A V O



Arend distributes bomb threat cards, wins 'Security Pays' drawing

Hiedi Arend, a janitor in the 400 Area, is the most recent grand prize winner of the "Security Pays In Many Ways" campaign. Denise Perryman, security representative in the 400 Area, nominated Arend because of her security awareness.

While she was emptying the trash from the offices in the 4710 Building, Arend noticed that not all telephones had bomb-threat cards underneath them. Arend asked Perryman for a supply of the cards so she could place the cards under the phones the next time she made her rounds through the offices.

For her extra effort, Arend received a thank-you award and was entered in the random drawing for a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Arend won the Savings Bond.

If you know someone on the Fluor Project Hanford team or the River Protection Project who is providing "extra" support to site security, nominate him or her for an award. It is very easy to do; just send an e-mail message to ^Security Education PHMC or mail your nomination to Security Education at mailstop L4-09. Include your name and a brief description of the extra support given.

All accepted nominees receive special awards from Safeguards and Security and are then eligible for the \$200 Savings Bond grand prize. For more information on the Security Pays program call Security Education at 376-1820 or visit the Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/sas/pg1v3.htm>. ♦

C L A S S E S



Informational meeting at City University

Learn about the graduate, undergraduate and certificate courses in project management offered by City University and certified by the Project Management Institute at a meeting on Sept. 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The informational meetings will

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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.

Two boating safety courses offered in Richland

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering two different boating safety courses this fall. The one-day "Boating Safely" class will be taught at the Richland Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for this class is \$20 per person. "Boating Skills and Seamanship" is a more advanced course meeting 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays for 13 two-hour classes at the Richland High School, Lecture Room A, beginning Monday, Oct. 15. The cost for this course is \$30 for the first student and \$10 for a friend or family member sharing the same text. For information and course registration call 946-1727.

Safety class offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer the class listed below. The course will be held at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center and qualifies for Continuing Education Units.

- **Confined Space Train the Trainer** – Oct. 2-5. Cost is \$695. The course covers the OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.146. The course focuses on tunnels, sewers, boilers and other spaces adequate in size and configuration for employee entry, with limited means of egress and not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Hands-on scenarios are also included. Students will conduct actual confined-space entries.

To register, contact D2000 Safety Solutions at (800) 551-8763 or visit the Web site, www.d2000ss.com.

Regulatory compliance transportation classes

Duratek Federal Services, Inc. Northwest Operations will offer the following classes at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center during the first quarter of fiscal year 2002. To register for the classes contact your training coordinator.

- Advanced Mixed Waste Shipper Certification Training (Course No. 020078) — Oct. 1-4
- Basic Hazardous Materials Transportation Training, Mod 1 (Hanford course No. 020064) — Nov. 12-14
- Basic Hazardous Waste Transportation Training, Mod 2 (Course No. 020068) — Nov. 14
- Basic Radioactive Materials Transportation Training, Mod 3 (Course No. 020059) — Nov. 15-16
- Hazardous Materials General Awareness Transportation Training (Course No. 020075) — Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 8 or Dec. 11,
- Advanced Radioactive Material Shipper Certification Training (Course No. 020069) — Dec. 18-20
- Hazardous Materials Driver's Training (Course No. 020077) — Oct. 10 or 24
- Introduction to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (Course No. 020083) — Nov. 7
- Advanced Hazardous Waste Shipper Certification Training (Course No. 020159) — Nov. 27-29
- Load Securement of HazMat for Drivers and Shippers (Course No. 050410) — Dec. 12

Continuing Training offered at HAMMER

The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center offers Continuing Training Offering Plan sessions regularly. There is no charge for participation in the sessions, but students must register in advance. Register online at <http://www.rl.gov/trs/ctop/ctop.htm>. Click on the selected session and complete the registration form, or send an e-mail message to Vikki Ballew with student name, Hanford identification number, organization name (not code), company name, session date and session title. Upcoming sessions include:

- **A Hands-on Approach to Procedure Process Training** – Oct. 17, 7:30 a.m. in room 11. This interactive session provides an example of how one organization used a novel approach to provide procedure compliance expectations training.
- **Integrated Training Electronic Matrix (ITEM)** – Dec. 5, 7:30 a.m. in room 16. ITEM is the site-wide program for tracking training requirements. This session includes a general overview of ITEM, discusses how to access various reports and provides an explanation of the role instructional staff members may play in providing input that feeds into the system. ♦

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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.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME — If you have an event or travel/trip destination that you would like HERO to consider, or a mini-trip (under four days) 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.

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

AREA REPRESENTATIVES AND SECRETARY NEEDED — Area representatives are needed for the 600/400 and 200E Area and Yakima. The position of secretary to the HERO board is also open. 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.

SILVERWOOD THEME PARK — Park closes Sept. 30. 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 Linda Meigs (H3-12), Tricia Poland (T5-04) or Nancie Simon (S7-64). Personal checks 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!

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).

CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR — This year, HERO is selling tickets to the fair in Yakima (Sept. 28-Oct. 7) for \$1.50 off adult admission and \$.50 off youth/seniors admission. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 6-12) and seniors (65 and older). Admission is good for Monday-Friday only. You can also purchase the Clear Channel Family Pack tickets for \$35 (save 40 percent) that include two adult admissions, two youth admissions, 36 carnival ride tickets and five coupons for carnival game and food discounts. We also will be selling carnival ride booklets of 36 ride tickets for \$15 each (save \$15). Ticket sales will end on Sept. 26. Make checks payable to HERO. Ticket sellers are Flu Garza (T4-01), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Tricia Poland (T5-04) and Nancy Zeuge (X3-74)

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, and snacks and beverages will be served. The bus will leave the Federal Building parking lot promptly at 6:30 a.m. For more information, e-mail Tricia Poland (T5-04).
- **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** — Nov. 6-13. Price dropped \$100 to \$725 ppdo, \$665 triple, \$612 quad and \$1,026 single. Payment in full is required to reserve your spot. Major credit cards are accepted but 3 percent is added to the charge. Trip includes eight days and seven nights accommodations at the five-star Villa del Palmar Hotel on the beach in a studio unit; round-trip transfers from the airport to the hotel; all air, hotel and departure taxes. The Villa Del Palmar offers a swimming pool, restaurants and bars, tennis court, fitness center, grocery store and 100 yards of white sandy beach. *Space is limited now*, so don't wait until the last minute to reserve your spot. E-mail Sheila Kirk (T4-05).
- **Leavenworth Bus Trip** — Join us for the tree lighting in Leavenworth on Dec 8. The buses will leave the Federal Bldg. parking lot at 7 a.m. and return after the tree lighting. Snacks, juice and pop will be provided. A \$27 pp non-refundable deposit is due. Seating is limited, so reserve your space early. For more information, e-mail Marvene McChesney.

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• **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. The show features over 1 million lights, all displayed on the waterfront. Package includes round-trip bus, guest room, breakfast, and a lake cruise. Depart Saturday morning and stop at the Post Falls Outlet Mall for Christmas shopping, 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 occu-

pancy. There will only be one bus going, so call early to reserve your spot! E-mail Phyllis Roha.

• **Western Caribbean Cruise** — a seven-day cruise beginning Feb. 8. This Western Caribbean cruise leaves Miami for Key West, Florida; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Progreso, and Chichen Itza, Mexico; then back to Miami, with a couple of days just "at sea". Celebrity Cruises offers this wonderful cruise. They are very well known for their dining on board and for delivering a six-star experience at three-star prices. E-mail Linda Meigs for more information. ♦



NEWS BRIEFS

La Clinica requesting assistance for families during the holidays

Community Health Center La Clinica is requesting assistance with families in need during the upcoming holidays. If your organization would like more information or would like to support a family during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, contact Cynthia McCready, Special Projects coordinator at 547-2204, ext. 3025.

Guerra still eligible to receive PTB transfers

Last July, Lino Guerra, a scientific technician for the 222-S Lab in the 200W Area, was approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. The employee response was wonderful and allowed Guerra to aid his wife in her recovery from a serious automobile accident. Since then Mrs. Guerra has suffered further complications resulting from her injuries and Guerra needs to devote his full attention to her recovery in the months to come. Any Fluor Project Hanford team employee who would like to transfer some PTB time to Guerra can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (A-6002-807) and sending it to Susan Lukes, Fluor Hanford Human Resources, at H2-16. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments. ♦



VAN POOLS

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No.196 (formerly No. 72) has openings, 8x9 schedule. Picks up at homes or convenient stops on a route that does not affect current drive times from Kennewick. Streets on route now are in vicinity of Vancouver and 36th, 27th and Olympia, 19th and Olympia, 4th and Vancouver, Clearwater and Morain, West Hood, Edison and Canal, 2440 Stevens. Drops off in 200E Area at 2750, WESF, and 2704-EA. Call **John** at 372-0223 send an e-mail message to R J II (John) Townley. 9/17

PASCO

Vanpool No. 213 has an opening. 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 8x9 shift. Starting point is Road 68 (by TRAC) and picks up at the Federal Building. Willing to pick up along George Washington Way in the northern part of Richland. Drops off at 2704-HV, B Plant and 2750-E, but willing to drop off anywhere along the route. Backup drivers are appreciated, but not necessary. Contact **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or at douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov. 9/10

RICHLAND

Vanpool No.195 to 200 E has openings for three riders and/or drivers. Vanpool originates in North Richland. Low rates. Contact either **Marge Petty** at 372-3577 or **Don Caldwell** at 372-1417. 9/17

Vanpool to 200W needs riders, 8x9 schedule. Leaves Wright Avenue at 6:10 a.m. Leave the driving to us this winter. Contact **Gary Bush** at 372-2531 or **Bobbie Lorenzen** at 373-2119. 9/17 ♦