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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.

Not too much to ask

Chief McDowell's article (*Hanford Reach*, May 29) is very pertinent. It is time for all of us to reflect on the manner in which we treat each other on the site.

All Hanford Patrol personnel have a right to be treated with courtesy and respect for the services they continuously provide to each of us, and these services include ensuring those individuals accessing the outer areas are authorized to do so. This role seems vital to me and I don't think it's asking too much to expect Hanford workers to cooperate with those assigned that huge responsibility.

I have worked at Hanford for many years and have interfaced with Hanford Patrol on numerous occasions. They are without exception always cooperative and never hesitate to provide appropriate support and expertise. I am impressed with the level of professionalism I see from Hanford Patrol on a daily basis and want to thank them all for a job well done!

Vicki Locati
CH2M HILL Hanford Group

Get real

The headline reads "Fluor-supported tourism campaign boosts Tri-Cities economy" (*Hanford Reach*, June 4). If you read further, it states that the economic impact to the Tri-Cities of nearly \$14 million helps sustain 257 jobs in the region.

These are not family wage jobs. The majority of these jobs are minimum wage jobs that nobody in their right mind is going to believe a person can support a family on with one of these 257 positions. Take out your calculator (or pencil and pad) and you'll see that \$14 million divided by the 257 positions created will give you \$54,474 and change. If Fluor, or anybody else thinks these tourism positions are paying those people \$54,474 a year, get real. This money is not staying in the region, but going back to corporate headquarters for the

companies involved, and going into said company's shareholders' pockets.

Fluor Hanford, it is nice to see you trying to make a difference in the local economy, but how can you stand up and blow your own horn for minimum wage jobs that a person cannot hope to raise a family on?

Bill Barnard
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: Jerry Schneider of Fluor Hanford Economic Transition says Fluor Hanford is not making any specific job-creation claims in its support of the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau's "Bring Your Meeting Home" Campaign — only that Fluor Hanford strongly believes in the tourism industry and its role in growing and diversifying the local economy.

Sounds reasonable?

I heartily agree with Mike Wingfield's letter in the May 29 *Reach* ("Richland Street Smarts") in which he indicates that folks from Pasco and Kennewick should not drive on Richland streets during their commute to and from the Hanford Site, since they don't pay taxes to maintain those streets, and are thus robbing money from the Richland school system.

Though George Washington Way provides the shortest, most economical and usually least competitive (in other words, safest) path for my commute, I will agree to re-route my daily trip under the following conditions:

- All entrances to Richland should have gates with heavily armed guards and mean dogs to prevent unwanted outsiders like commuting Hanford workers and other riff-raff from getting in. These guards will, of course, be required to reside in Kennewick or Pasco.
- Most traffic lights on the 240 "Bypass" Highway should be taken down, and all Richland access roads to the Bypass Highway, from Wellsian Way through Stevens Drive, should be permanently closed. This would eliminate a lot of traffic from the Bypass, which was originally intended to be a thruway, not the local Richland street it has become.
- No Richland residents should be allowed to drive on Pasco, Kennewick or West Richland streets for any reason, since they are not paying taxes to maintain them.
- All federal aid to Richland schools, paid in lieu of property tax, will stop and be divided among the other three cities. This aid will no longer be needed by Richland, since their city streets are now going to last forever, requiring no further tax dollars to maintain them.

Sound reasonable?

Ted Long
Bechtel Hanford

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CALENDAR

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.

Paws in the Park 2001 combined with RiverFest this summer

The Benton-Franklin Humane Society fund-raiser, "Paws in the Park," will take place Saturday, June 16, in Columbia Park. You can walk with your dog, walk with a friend or walk by yourself. Last year, several hundred people walked in the event and raised more than \$12,000 to support the Humane Society's services to the community. This year, the event is combined with the Volunteer Center's "RiverFest," which raises money for local non-profit agencies. If you're interested in participating in the pledge walk, call the Humane Society at 374-4235 for more information.

CHG employees to attend day-long safety awareness gathering

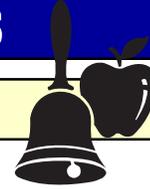
CH2M HILL Hanford Group is dedicating an entire day to "Communicate the Commitment 2001" to promote safety awareness and convey the priority the company places on safe work practices. From 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 29, CHG and subcontractor employees will take a day away from their normal work schedules to gather at Richland High School to participate in sessions on defensive driving, DuPont's "Safety Training Observation Program (STOP)," a VPP Hanford Squares game and a discussion led by senior staff on the CHG mission and new contract. A catered barbecue lunch will be provided. Visit the Communicate the Commitment 2001 Web site at <http://apftpg03.rl.gov/cthec/index.htm> for more detailed information.

HAMMER's Learning Resource Center closed for holiday

The Learning Resource Center at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on July 4 and 5. If you need safety material for the following week, please make your requests no later than Monday, July 2. For information, call Janette Pettey at 376-2884 or the Learning Resource Center at 373-3443. ♦

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CLASSES



Columbia Basin College Small Business Development Center offers:

- **Small Business Tax Basics and Preparation** – June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Instructor: Tammy Wend, CPA.
- **Small Business Public Relations Basics** – June 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.

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.

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, students 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.

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 through Thursday, June 28, TSB Annex Room 2; Monday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 25, TSB Annex Room 1; or Monday, Oct. 22 through Wednesday, Oct. 24, TSB Annex Room 1.

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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.

‘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. ♦

A reminder — Pay your own postage!

Do you belong to a professional society related to your work at Hanford?

Remember that the Department of Energy does not authorize postage to be paid on any society mailings under any circumstances. This restriction is in effect for both DOE and contractor employees.

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<http://apweb.02.rl.gov/hero>

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, 200W 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 and Phyllis Roha.

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 — 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).

PENDLETON ROUND-UP – Sept. 15. We will have 100 tickets at \$13 each. Details to follow when tickets are available.

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 \$170 ppdo for two nights' lodging at the DoubleTree Inn at Lloyd's Center and roundtrip bus. \$25 non-refundable deposit is required at signup. Final payment is due Aug. 24. 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 features Meier and Frank, Abercrombie and Fitch, Saks, J. Crew and Tiffany's. Sunday brunch will be available at the hotel for \$11.99. At the time of this notice, the hotel is adding a \$3-per-room, per-night charge plus taxes in response to the energy crisis in Oregon. This charge is temporary and may not be in effect at the time of our trip in September. E-mail Marlene 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 downtown. 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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VAN POOLS

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>.

BENTON CITY

Opening for rider in vanpool to 200W, WSCF. Approximately \$50 per month. Call **Charlotte** at 373-4046. 6/4

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 90 to 200E needs riders. 8x9. Picks up at Fred Meyer (2811 W. 10th Ave.) and Ranch & Home (Columbia Center Blvd.). Stops at 2750-E, MO-414, 2727-E, and MO-979. If you are interested in a less expensive fare and are willing to share the driving responsibilities, please specify when calling. Contact **Kristine Bowen** at 372-3667 or **Carl Kinkel** at 373-0813. 6/4

Vanpool to 200E has opening, 8x9s. Picks up at the church on 19th, Garfield and Albertson's on Clearwater. Drops off at 274-AW, 2750-E and 2704-HV. Call **Sue Hulsey** at 372-3752. 6/11

Vanpool No. 97, 8x9s, has an opening. Picks up at ShopKo (6:08 a.m.) and the Federal Building. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. For information contact **Emilia Salinas** at 373-4228 or 373-1889. 6/11

Tired of driving the same route every day? In need of sleep? Tired of putting more than 70 miles on your car every day? Why not give yourself a gift of riding in a vanpool? Low rates. Good company. Relax. Enjoy. We have room for you. 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Richland Wye to 200W. Discount for drivers. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. 6/11

PASCO

Vanpool No. 81 needs riders. 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Starts at Road 68 at the old Arco station. Goes to 2750-E and WESF. Will consider alternate pick-up locations at Federal Building or along George Washington Way. Will also consider alternate drop-off spots in 200E. Contact **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or **Dale Hicks** at 376-0196. 6/11

Vanpool No. 139 to 200E and 200W needs riders, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Picks up at Road 100 Sleep Inn with a stop at the Federal Building in Richland. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984 or **Sarah Larrinaga** at 372-2826. 6/11

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 117 to 200W needs rider. Picks up along Wright Ave. starting at Duportail. Last pick-up is at Bethel Church. Contact **Jim Maasen** at 373-9958. 6/11

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. 6/4 ♦

Today's family requires effort

No matter what form your family takes, it's probably the most important group of people in your life. Working Solutions knows it takes effort to have a happy and successful family. That's why the Hanford Family Care Services vendor is offering the following free articles about today's family:

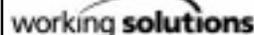
- Family Talk
- Successful Single Parenting
- Custodial Grandparenting
- Making Non-Traditional Families Work.

Don't forget to check out the extensive online library of articles regarding families and family issues on the Working Solutions Web site at www.todayslife.com. Your PIN is 5161.

To access the packet of articles, click on "Check out our Monthly Theme" or click on the Newsletter button in the menu bar at the top of the page.

You can also get your free "Family Talk" articles by:

- Calling the automated Materials Request Line at (877) 318-9400
- E-mailing the form below to articles@wsi-or.com
- Faxing the form below to (206) 362-8081.



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Working Solutions provides free and confidential counseling, resources, referrals and educational materials through Hanford Family Care Services to help employees and family members meet the demands of life and work.