

## **DOE and Hanford Contractors Recognize Black History Month**

RICHLAND, Wash., February 13, 1996 -- The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) and its Hanford contractors are recognizing Black History Month during February. Displays and banners will be posted throughout the Hanford Site in recognition of this awareness.

"African Americans are integral to American history. They have made substantial contributions in science, medicine, national defense, sports, government, and other areas that have helped make the United States the greatest nation on Earth," said John D. Wagoner, RL Manager.

The Columbia River Exhibit of Science and Technology (CREST), formerly the Hanford Museums of Science and History, will display exhibits, African art, videos, and Western Heritage photos with background material throughout the month. Storytellers are also scheduled to speak at the center to provide their historical perspectives. The following individuals will speak on Friday, February 16 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.:

**Joe Jackson** , a former mayor of Pasco and current ICF Kaiser Hanford employee, will talk about his personal history.

**Wallace Jackson** , an investment banker, will explain what it was like to be among the first African Americans in the Tri-Cities.

**Webster Jackson** , Director, City of Pasco Human Resources, will discuss what youths need to do to be successful.

**Dave Shaw** , Director of Human Resources for the Pasco School District, will discuss race relations from his personal perspective.

"We invite the public to visit CREST this month and expand their knowledge on the accomplishments, history, and culture of African Americans," said Lynn Marzette, RL's Black Employment Program Manager.

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