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—Ken Gross, Everett, Wash.

HEADS UP! SAFETY FIRST

I would like to comment on your front cover photo of the May 2008 issue. As a 30-year crane operator at the Everett, Wash., factory, safety is at the forefront of my responsibilities. My co-workers and I spend much of our time warning employees to stay out of the "crane envelope." Personal protective equipment such as hardhats are required in this envelope. Your photo showed five employees failing this requirement. I only hope this is not thought of as business as usual, or more of my time will be spent herding employees around our crane loads. If everyone is educated in factory safety rules, the benefit will be for us all!

—Ken Gross
 Everett, Wash.

Editor's note: Boeing Frontiers apologizes for this depiction, and we pledge to strengthen our commitment to showing employees following all appropriate safety procedures. According to Boeing Business Process Instruction BPI-1789, the crane envelope represents "the area under the load being lifted, including the load and lift tools. This envelope also includes the surrounding floor area where, if an object should fall, there may be a risk of employees being struck." BPI-1789 also states that the general rule of thumb to define this safety zone is as follows: "The envelope includes the area within 1 1/2 times the height of the closest edge of the load, or 1 1/2 times the maximum vertical height of the load being lifted, whichever is greater."

A PHABULOUS ARTICLE

We just received our May 2008 issue of Boeing Frontiers and were delighted to see the article "A Phabulous Fighter," about the F-4 Phantom, on pages 8 and 9. It was especially significant to me since my father was Herman D. Barkey, who was in the picture with Dave Lewis and Bob Little. I remember that day quite well. Fifty years—how time flies!

—Bonnie Barkey Moore
 Chesterfield, Mo.

CORRECTIONS

- Because of an editing error, the second through fourth paragraphs were deleted from the article "The buzz builds" on Pages 24 and 25 of the April

2008 issue. The first four paragraphs should read as follows:

In Airplane Programs Finance, they call it the "buzz."

They're referring to the energy generated by a network of Lean focals, facilitators and employees that's fueled impressive progress in eliminating waste and creating new resource capacity. Much of the capacity has come in small increments, minutes and hours at a time.

Airplane Programs Finance has sponsored more than 360 Lean projects in the past year, engaging 800 people throughout the organization. This work supports the companywide Lean+ and Internal Services Productivity growth and productivity initiatives.

"We won't wait for the perfect plan, but just start trying and practicing at a local level," said Lean Coordinator Linda Clarke. "We work small projects that are meaningful to the individual."

To see a corrected version of this story, please visit this address on the Boeing Frontiers site on the World Wide Web: www.boeing.com/news/frontiers/archive/2008/april/i_ca01.pdf

CALENDAR

June 10–12: Unmanned Systems North America 2008. San Diego. See <http://symposium.auvsi.org>

June 15–19: 18th Annual Symposium of the International Council on Systems Engineering. Utrecht, The Netherlands. See www.incose.org/symp2008

July 14–20: Farnborough International Airshow. Farnborough, U.K. See www.farnborough.com

Aug. 23–26: 2008 Air Carriers Purchasing Conference. Chicago. See www.acpc.com

Sept. 9–11: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Space 2007 Conference and Exhibition. San Diego. See www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=1872

Sept. 9–11: World Airline Entertainment Association 29th Annual Conference & Exhibition. Long Beach, Calif. See www.waea.org/events/conference/2008/

Sept. 15–17: Cargo Facts 2008. Miami. See www.cargofacts.com

Sept. 17–21: Africa Aerospace and Defence Exhibition. Cape Town, South Africa. See www.aadexpo.co.za

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