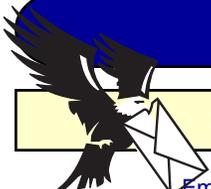


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LETTERS

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.

Commute is tough on cars

John Faulkner (“Getting in the Groove,” *Hanford Reach*, March 3) is right; it is bad enough that we have to drive our automobiles a minimum of 40 miles each way to work. Now we have to endure the cost of unnecessary suspension work to our automobiles. Shocks, struts, wheel bearings and tires are just a few of the automobile parts that will wear out before the end of their expected life span.

As Faulkner mentioned in his letter, why are the grooves there in the first place? Did someone run into the guard shack or just miss it? Who came up with this idea? I would also like to know, when the parts on my automobile wear out prematurely, will it be possible to get the Department of Energy to help pay the bill for the cost of repairs that could range from \$200 to \$1,500? If you don’t believe me, call your local automotive repair shop and ask for a quote to have front struts put on your automobile.

Has anyone ever looked into the possibility of saving the workers on the Hanford Site a little money? We come to work every day and put miles and wear and tear on our automobiles, which would not be totally necessary for us to do if there were an economical way to share a ride with someone else.

Vanpools are nice, but do not accommodate, or are not cost-effective for, an estimated half of the people on the Hanford Site. We have a very nice bus lot that was built shortly before the buses stopped running. Maybe the Ben Franklin Transit would be interested in providing some sort of shuttle service from our bus lot to the various areas on the Hanford Site. They use a system similar to this for schools; why not for us? I would sure pay a fee every month for the use of this service.

When the day comes when there is a car that lasts forever, this will not be a problem. Until then, please do not make the long drive to work any worse on our automobiles than it already is.

A. Howard Keck
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CLASSES

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Network Security Administration** — March 17-21
 - **Primavera Project Planning**
 - P-3 601 — April 21-23
 - P-3 602 — March 17
 - P-3 603 — March 18
 - P-3 604 — March 19
 - **Microsoft Project 2000** — \$199 per day
 - Level 1 — March 12
 - Level 2 — March 13
 - **Microsoft Access 2000**
 - Level 1 — March 17
 - Level 2 — March 18
 - Level 3 — March 19
 - **Crystal Reports 8**
 - Introduction — March 10
 - Advanced — March 11
- Office XP classes are now available. For more information call 375-0414.

Spelling session offered by Skills Lab on March 20

A Spelling Seminar will be presented Thursday, March 20, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the Administration Building of the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. There is no charge for this service, but the class is filling fast, so reserve space immediately by calling Kathy Dechter at 376-3250. In the class, you’ll review “the Terrible Ten” — the 10 most commonly misspelled words — and learn key rules for spelling over 4,000 words correctly. You’ll clarify commonly confused words and learn memory tips and strategies. Columbia Basin College faculty from the Skills Enhancement Lab will present the session.

HAMMER sponsors RCRA seminar

Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will sponsor a three-day Resource Conservation and Recovery Act seminar from McCoy and Associates on March 18, 19 and 20 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Attendees will receive McCoy’s *RCRA*

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Reference, 2003 edition, McCoy's *RCRA Unraveled*, 2003 edition, a three-ring course-notes binder, and RCRA remediation options and case studies. Registration will be limited to the first 200 participants. Site personnel may register for the seminar with their training schedulers or through PeopleSoft. The cost is \$550. Course agenda or additional information may be obtained by contacting your training scheduler or Don Brock via e-mail.

PNNL offers speech and presentation workshop

The workshop, "Say what? How to Deliver Effective Speeches and Presentations," will be offered by the Scientific and Technical Information Department at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on March 20-21, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. in the Columbia River Room of ETB. Pam Novak, Cheryl Spears, Mary Frances Lembo and Michaela Mann are the instructors. If you want to equip yourself with the skills to simultaneously be in command of yourself, in touch with your audience, on top of your material and in sync with your visual and verbal aids, you are invited to attend. Register early; class size is limited to 20 participants. The cost is \$425. To register, contact Cory Rhoads at cory.rhoads@pnl.gov or at 376-7157. For more information, contact Mary Wagner at mary.wagner@pnl.gov or at 372-4259, or visit <http://workshops.pnl.gov>.

Course on ASME B31.3 Process Piping presented

The Columbia Basin Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will present the professional development course, ASME B31.3 Process Piping, March 24-27 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The instructor is Glynn Woods, and the cost is \$1,395 for ASME members and \$1,545 for nonmembers. This course demonstrates how the B31.3 Code has been correctly and incorrectly applied through examples shown by the instructor. To register, contact Matt Robinson at 371-5858 or at matt@asme.org. For more information, visit http://www.asme.org/sections/cb/B31_3course.html. ♦

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AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

NMA Top Management Night set for Mar. 12

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will host River Protection Project Top Management Night on March 12 at the Richland Red Lion Hotel. Roy Schepens, manager of the Department of Energy Office of River Protection, Edward Aromi, president and general manager of CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. and Ron Naventi, project director of Bechtel National, Inc. are the featured speakers. A mini-seminar will be held at 5 p.m., focusing on the basics of either the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator™ or the River Protection Project. Attendees may also choose to participate in the concurrent social hour. The business meeting starts at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30. There is no charge for chapter members; the cost for guests is \$20. Make a reservation at www.nma1.org/chapters/rsvp_form.htm or by calling Lisa Hart at 376-3484.

WSU Tri-Cities hosts career information day

Washington State University Tri-Cities will hold a career information day from 2 to 6 p.m. on March 13 at the Consolidated Information Center on the WSU campus in Richland. Employers and college students — undergraduate and graduate — alumni and the

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public are invited to participate. Undergraduate and graduate degrees available locally in the Tri-Cities include programs from the College of Business and Economics, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Education, College of Liberal Arts, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, College of Nursing and College of Science. For more information, contact Marjorie Seipt at 372-7351 or mseipt@tricity.wsu.edu.

Environmental Quarterly Forum set for March 13

Bechtel Hanford is sponsoring the Environmental Quarterly Forum on March 13, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Federal Building Auditorium. Beth Bilson, DOE-RL assistant manager for River Corridor, will present DOE's strategy for establishing Risk-Based End States. Steve Wisness, DOE-RL Closure Division director, will discuss the challenges associated with transfer of land from the DOE. Mike Schlender, DOE-RL deputy manager, will provide an update on the Constraints and Challenges to Cleanup (C3T) activities. Brian Dixon, Fluor Hanford Centralized Consolidated Recycle Center manager, will discuss the capabilities of the Centralized Consolidated Recycle Center. All interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Donna Yasek at 372-9331.

How to Find Information on the Internet

The Hanford Technical Library staff will show you how to tunnel through the mountains of information, and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work at a demonstration on March 13, 12-1 p.m., in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center at Washington State University Tri-Cities. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.

Dance to raise funds to mentor students

The Richland Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is sponsoring an Oldies But Goodies Dance on March 22 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Richland Knights of Columbus Hall, 2500 Chester Rd. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Proceeds from this

event will support educational and tutorial programs to prepare middle school students for high school and college. For more information call Bertrand Griffin II at 373-4327 or Russell Flye at 372-1941.

Donate blood March 25

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at 2261 Stevens Drive for a blood drive on March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment to give blood, contact Kelly Layfield at 376-6785.

City University holds open house March 27

City University will hold an open house on Thursday, March 27, 5-7 p.m. The open house is an opportunity for current and prospective students to meet with department representatives and faculty, and to learn about the various services available at City University. The address is 303 Bradley Blvd., Suite 202, Richland. The City University campus is located at the north end of the golf course at Comstock and George Washington Way. Call 943-9887 for more information.

Conference for office professionals scheduled

Registration is open now through April 8 for the 17th Annual Hanford Office Professionals Training and Development Conference, April 15-16 at the Royal Hotel (formally the Tower Inn) on George Washington Way in Richland. The two-day conference has identical programs each day to allow flexibility in scheduling companies and participants. "Learning Curve for a Lifetime" is the conference theme. JoAnne Nai-che of nai-che & associates, inc., will provide the morning motivation; Scott Lerch of Microsoft will discuss smart living in the digital decade; Kathy Dechter will punch up your punctuation; and Barry Weaver of the U.S. Department of Energy will "Lighten up" the afternoon. The conference can accommodate up to 200 participants each day. Limited seating is available for each company, so register early. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hanford.gov/misc_info/professional/index.html. The conference is hosted by Fluor Federal Services and Eberline Services Hanford, Inc. ♦

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VANPOOLS



Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

BENTON CITY

Rider wanted for 8x9s vanpool from Benton City to 200W. Contact **Charlotte Burruss** by e-mail or at 373-4046. 3/10

KENNEWICK

Riders needed for Van No. 146. The van starts at Chuck E. Cheese, stops at the Federal Building and goes to 2750, 2719-EA, WESF, MO-434, and 2704-HV. Call **Barb** at 373-2006 or **Bobbie** at 372-0031. 3/10

PASCO

Van No. 213 out of Pasco needs riders. Leaves Desert Ice, across from the Broadmoor Mall off of Road 100, at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and at 2704-HV (and any place along the way). Backup drivers welcome, but not necessary. Evening pickup in reverse order. Van arrives back at Desert Ice at approximately 5:20 p.m. E-mail **Doug Bailey** at douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov. 3/10

RICHLAND

Van No. 117 has spacious seating for 200W Area 8x9 riders. The van travels from the parking north of Densow's Drugstore at 1019 Wright in Richland at 6 a.m., and returns about 5 p.m. Stops at locations around the old Powerhouse and West Tank Farms. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 3/10

Vanpool No. 114 has an opening for a rider to PFP. The van leaves the 1200 block of Birch Avenue in Richland at approximately 6:10 a.m., picks up along Wright Avenue. The final pickup is at Desert Rock Fellowship on Jadwin Avenue. Interested Individuals may contact **John Faulkner** at 373-2286 or **Gary Anderson** at 373-1304. 3/10 ♦