

# Regular Features



## 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.

### It's your responsibility to comply

This letter is written in response to "Still grumbling" (April 7, *Hanford Reach*). The article, "Display license plates on the front and rear of your vehicle" in the March 24 issue dealt with properly displaying Washington license plates on vehicles and was intended to inform those who are not in compliance with the current *Revised Code of Washington*.

The requirement to have a front Washington State license plate has nothing to do with Department of Energy regulations. This matter is strictly dealt with through the RCW.

Steven MacArthur, author of the April 7 letter, is correct — security police officers cannot enforce the RCWs. We are not allowed to issue state tickets of any type whatsoever. When we see a violation, our only avenue of action is to take down the information and inform the Benton County Sheriff's Office in the form of a formal complaint through the Patrol Operations Center.

After such a complaint has been filed, a Benton County Sheriff's Officer will make contact with the subject at his or her work location to deal with the complaint.

I have to agree that it would be nice to have a Benton County Sheriff's Officer assisting the Hanford Patrol at the Wye Barricade to deal with problems of this nature. This assistance has been requested, but no such action is planned at this time.

On the matter of expediting access through the barricade, stopping a vehicle to inform the driver on *any* subject holds up the rest of the line. Need I say more?

In conclusion, we ask that individuals take responsibility to comply with the law. This may not always be to everyone's liking, but I suppose it could be worse — you could live in Iraq.

**Lauren Buck**

*Security Police Officer*

*Fluor Hanford*



## CLASSES

### PROTRAIN project-management software classes

Special pricing is available to all April and May attendees of either Primavera or Microsoft Project. To register, call 375-0414 or log on to <http://www.protrainsys.com/regis.htm>.

**Primavera Project Planner** classes will be offered April 28-May 2. Register now and save up to \$250 off the regular price.

- **Primavera 601, 602 and 603** (5 days) — \$1,795 per person (save \$250)
- **Primavera 601** (3 days) — \$1,095 per person (save \$125)
- **Primavera 602 and 603** only (2 days) — \$795 per person (save \$55).

**Microsoft Project 2000** will be offered May 12-13. Register now and get the special price of \$348 per person (save \$50).

### Radiochemistry Society offers course April 28 and 29

The one-day course, "Fundamentals of Radiochemistry and Separation Technology for Engineers, Scientists and Managers," will be offered by the Radiochemistry Society on April 28 and 29 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The course will provide scientists and engineers with the formal training and tools for nuclear-related decision-making and the opportunity to network and share experiences and difficult challenges that they may have encountered. Larry Burchfield and Michael Fox are the instructors. Participants will be awarded one continuing-education unit. The course, limited to 75 students, costs \$300. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.nwtechnical.org/courses.html>, or call 528-3048.

### PNNL class on constructing the technical document

The Scientific and Technical Information Department at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will present the class, "Constructing the Technical Document: Essential Strategies and Skills," April 29-30, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Richland Room of the ROB. This course will equip you with strategies, skills and a set of tools for producing energized technical documents

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that satisfy readers and writers. For more information, check out the Web site at <http://workshops/techdoc.htm> or call Julie Fisher at 375-3981. To register, call Cory Rhoads at 376-7157.

### **Peak Performance offers courses at HAMMER**

Instructors Rick Martinez and Larry Birkhead of Peak Performance Systems will offer two training sessions at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for either of the offerings below, contact Rick Martinez, 627-3273, or Libby Sickler via e-mail at [Libby\\_J\\_Sickler@rl.gov](mailto:Libby_J_Sickler@rl.gov), and provide student name and P-Card billing information.

- **Resolving Differences with Others** — April 30, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in classroom 28 of the Administration Building. This one-day class provides the power and tools of the professional mediator. The instructors have been certified by the Mediation Training Institute International ([www.mediationworks.com](http://www.mediationworks.com)). The cost is \$245 per person.
- **Cheetah Meetings: Good Meetings Guaranteed!** — May 2, 7:30-11:30 a.m., in classroom 15 of the Administration Building. Learn proven techniques for holding effective meetings that build teams and get the desired results. Included are all the forms, assessments and procedures your team will need to dramatically improve your meetings. The cost is \$150.

### **Effective Presentations course April 30 and May 14**

The eight-hour course, "Effective Presentations," will be presented by Joe Estey at the Hanford Training Center on April 30 and May 14. This course provides participants with the insights, skills and knowledge to speak inspirationally and confidently on any topic. The course, costing \$180 per person, is ideal for those wanting to improve their communication skills. To register, contact Joan Howard at 946-2102 or at [jhoward@energxford.com](mailto:jhoward@energxford.com) or Lynn Collins at 946-9654 or at [lcollins@energxford.com](mailto:lcollins@energxford.com).

### **OSHA Region 10 classes**

In conjunction with the annual conference of the Voluntary Protection Program Association Annual Conference, the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will offer the following Occupational

Safety and Health Administration Region 10 classes on May 6.

- **Permit Entry Confined Spaces** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course covers the duties of entrant, attendant, supervisory personnel and rescue team. Case histories are presented along with demonstrations of accidents. Testing and ventilation will be stressed. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Rick Gleason of Prezant Associates.
- **Sampling for Hazardous Materials** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This awareness-level course will address regulatory issues. Air, soil and water sampling, as well as sampling methodology, are covered. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Maura Doherty of Marine & Environmental Testing.
- **Homeland Defense - Bio-Terrorism** — 8 a.m.-12 noon. Using a risk-management approach, attendees will learn how to protect their companies from terrorist attacks. Students conduct a vulnerability assessment and threat analysis to determine possible dangers in their facilities. The cost is \$80. The presenter is Joseph Teeples of We're Into Safety.

To register for any of these sessions, contact Christine Goody at 372-3692, or register by completing and faxing the registration form for VPP Workshops found at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/osh/docs/39/docs/VPPForm2.pdf>.

### **MicroShield course offered May 6-8**

Project Enhancement Corporation will conduct a MicroShield course, all-inclusive level, at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center May 6-8. MicroShield is used for analyses involving gamma and X-ray radiation. The cost is \$1,050 per participant. The course offers 10 continuing-education credits for certified health physicists in the recertification program. To register, or for more information, contact Yvonne Miller at (240) 686-3059 or at [ymiller@pec1.net](mailto:ymiller@pec1.net).

### **Enterprise content management class offered May 12**

Bob Boiko of the University of Washington will conduct the seminar, "Initiating an Enterprise Content Management Initiative," on May 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Snoqualmie Room of the NSB on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. Learn to analyze

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content, approach an organization and evaluate available technology to get an enterprise content management initiative off the ground. The cost is \$350. For more information contact Susan Widener at [susan.widener@pnl.gov](mailto:susan.widener@pnl.gov) or at 376-6992, or visit <http://www.pnl.gov/insidepnnl/pdfs/boikoworkshop.pdf>. To register, contact Cory Rhoads at [cory.rhoads@pnl.gov](mailto:cory.rhoads@pnl.gov) or at 376-7157.

### **Conference discusses responses to terrorist attack**

EnergX is facilitating a two-day "Terrorist Event" mini-conference at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center on May 15 and 16. Instructors Bill Hillar and Tom Steiner will focus on the preparation and planning that senior management and on-site-responders should take to optimize their response to a weapons-of-mass-destruction event. Attendance is limited to 75 participants. The cost is \$495 and includes refreshments and lunches. To register, contact EnergX at 946-9654.

### **Intellectual property protection seminar held May 16**

Businesses can learn how to protect intellectual assets at the seminar, "Intellectual Property Issues for High-Tech Businesses," presented by the Preston Gates & Ellis law firm on Friday, May 16, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory Auditorium on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. The cost of registration through May 12 is \$75, \$80 thereafter. Space is limited. To register online, visit [http://www.pnl.gov/edo/ip\\_issues.stm](http://www.pnl.gov/edo/ip_issues.stm). For more information, go to the Web site or contact Gracie Downard at [gracie.downard@pnl.gov](mailto:gracie.downard@pnl.gov) or at 375-2803. ♦

## CALENDAR



### **Fitness presentations offered in 200W,400 Areas**

Fluor Hanford Safety and Hanford Environmental Health Foundation Health Education Services are sponsoring the last three "Make Your Move" presentations on understanding fitness and exercise on April 21, 8-9 a.m. at MO-250 in the 200W Area, and on April 23, 9-

10 a.m. in the 3763 Building of the 300 Area and 10:30-11:30 a.m. in room 302 of the 4706 Building in the 400 Area. Attendance at one of these presentations will meet the April safety meeting attendance requirement for Fluor Hanford employees. For further information, call Carol Powe of Fluor Hanford Safety at 376-8886, or Judi Staley of HEHF Health Education Services at 372-0097. Fluor Hanford work groups that cannot attend the scheduled presentations may call HEHF Health Education Services at 373-3729 to schedule a more convenient time.

### **'Preparing for Adoption' seminar starts April 22**

The Catholic Family and Child Service will present the five-part seminar "Preparing for the Journey of Adoption" at their office at 2139 Van Giesen in Richland, 6-8:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: April 22 and 29, and May 6, 13 and 20. Adoption professionals will present the material. For more information, contact Sandy at 946-4645, or Lin at (800) 246-2962.

### **Library offers training on industry codes, standards**

The Hanford Technical Library staff will hold a training session on industry codes and standards on Thursday, April 24, 12-1 p.m., in the Mt. Rainier Room of Building 337. This training will emphasize locating, viewing and using full-text standards from the desktop. Attendees will learn to use the Electronic Library of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers to locate current IEEE standards; the National Fire Protection Association online to locate the NFPA codes, including the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70); and the Information Handling Service standards databases for the American Concrete Institute, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society for Testing and Materials, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, American National Standards Institute Nuclear, Instrument Society of America, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Underwriters' Laboratories, and Department of Defense-adopted Electronic Industries Alliance standards. For more information, contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at [karen.buxton@pnl.gov](mailto:karen.buxton@pnl.gov).

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#### **Northwest Technical Conference April 30-May 1**

The Radiochemistry Society will host the Northwest Technical Conference on April 30 and May 1 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The conference will include presentations on nuclear medicine, the environment, homeland security, decontamination and decommissioning of nuclear facilities and waste management. Other topics will include the use of radioisotopes for public benefit and the role of the Waste Treatment Plant in the region's economy. Featured speakers will include the senior managers from the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, the Office of River Protection and Hanford contractors. Visit <http://www.nwtechnical.org/> for the conference agenda and registration information.

#### **Volunteers needed to judge student business projects**

Judges are needed to judge Pasco High School students' business projects during Enterprise 2003, May 1 and 2. Enterprise 2003 is a week-long program in which all Pasco High School juniors form mock companies and learn to make decisions about product development, marketing and finances. Volunteers are needed to judge marketing presentations on May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco; stockholder presentations on May 2, 8-10:30 a.m. at Pasco High School; and trade shows May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at TRAC. For more information, contact Kelly Greenhalgh at 547-5581, ext. 4612.

#### **Mid-Columbia Symphony performs May 3**

The Mid-Columbia Symphony presents its spring concert, "Family Carnival," on May 3, 8 p.m., at Pasco High School's Gregson Auditorium. Featured are percussion virtuoso James Bennett on xylophone, Haydn's "Farewell Symphony," Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" with narration, and winners of the 2003 Young Artist Competition. Tickets are \$27 for the gold section, \$21 for the silver section and \$12 for the bronze section. Tickets are available at the Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin, 943-6602 or 943-2787. The seating chart and concert information are available at [www.midcolumbiasymphony.org](http://www.midcolumbiasymphony.org).

#### **Donate blood at HAMMER May 7**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, May 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the vehicle bay of the Al Alm Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Call Libby Sickler at 376-7117 to schedule an appointment.

#### **May 10 golf tournament to benefit Girl Scouts**

Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council is holding the Fourth Annual Girl Scout Golf Classic Tournament on May 10 at the Tri-City Country Club in Kennewick. The Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council supports programs for girls — camps, sports activities, cultural and science and engineering events — in more than 14 counties in Washington and northern Oregon, including the Tri Cities. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$100 per player, \$400 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded. A silent auction will be held. For more information, call the council office at 783-7721.

#### **Leadership is subject of AQP/ASQ meeting May 13**

The May 13 meeting of the local Association for Quality and Participation and the American Society for Quality at the Richland Shilo Inn will feature Rado Harrington of Harrington Consulting Services. His presentation will focus on building success in the team development process by learning to serve others as a visionary leader. Check-in and networking begins at 5:30 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6 and the presentation is at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and ASQ members, \$18 for non-members, or \$5 for the presentation only. Make your reservations by May 8 by calling 372-1442, by e-mail to [lynn\\_1\\_gates@rl.gov](mailto:lynn_1_gates@rl.gov) or register via the AQP chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>. Click on "What's Next" for more information about the program, speaker or the dinner menu.

#### **May 13 CHMM meeting features Norm Boyter**

The May 13 meeting of the Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers will feature Fluor Hanford's vice president of the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project, Norm Boyter, as the speaker. The meeting will take place in the Gallery Room of the Richland Public Library and it is free and

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open to the public. The social and networking time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation and business meeting begin at 7.

#### **Luncheon for cancer survivors held May 17**

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society, in conjunction with the Relay For Life of Benton-Franklin Counties, are seeking cancer survivors to invite to the Survivor Luncheon that will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. on May 17 at this year's Relay for Life in Southridge High School Stadium in Kennewick. May 17 is Survivor Day at the Relay for Life, which continues through May 18. Survivors will participate in the inaugural lap around the field and then have lunch. Each invited survivor may bring along one other person — both are the luncheon guests of the event organizers. Lunches are available for additional family members or care givers at \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Cancer survivors have special needs and interests, and the luncheon will allow you to connect with other survivors and find opportunities to inspire and reflect. To sign up, call Kathye Kilgore at 737-3411.

#### **Dinner, auction benefits Mid-Columbia Symphony**

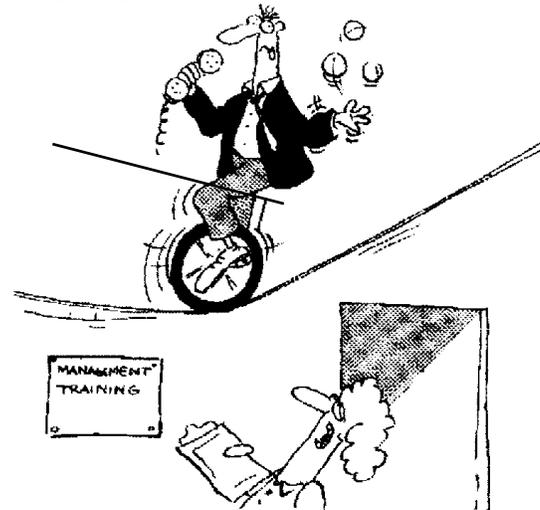
The Tri-Cities Wine Society presents the third annual "Perfect Harmony: A Fine Wine Auction and Dinner," benefiting the Mid-Columbia Symphony on Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m. in the Lampson International Hangar in Pasco. The event will feature an auction of regional wine, original art and gift packages; a six-course gourmet dinner; and dancing to the Mancinelli Big Band. Tickets are \$90 before May 1 and \$120 thereafter. Tickets are available at the Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin, Richland, 943-6602. For more information, visit <http://www.midcolumbiasymphony.org/perfect.html>.

#### **Adopt a fish to support children's fishing derby**

Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery is seeking donations to stock the Columbia Park Fishing Pond in time for a fishing derby on Saturday, June 14, for children up to 16 years of age. Derby registration is free. Help the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery host this fishing derby by

adopting fish for \$1 each. All donations may be sent to SHCN, 1111 N. Grant Place, Kennewick, WA 99336. All contributions are tax deductible and proceeds in excess of costs will be used to support SHCN. ♦

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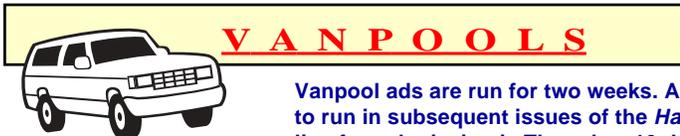


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**Okay, that's good.**

**Now smile.**

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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>.

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## KENNEWICK

Riders wanted for Van No.123 to 200E, 8x9s shift. Safe, dependable and friendly. Current stops are Huntington Transit Station, Federal Building, 2750-E, MO-414 2704-HV, and 2701-HV. Call **Eric** at 373-4497 or at 735-6755 (home). 4/14

Riders are needed for Van No. 196. Picks up along a route from South Kennewick in the vicinity of Vancouver and 36th to 200E. Current route is Vancouver, Olympia, Kennewick Ave., Clearwater, West Hood, Canal and Edison and Highway 240. Current drops are 2750, teamster area/carpenter shop, 225-B, 2704-HV. Current rate is \$58 to \$64. Contact **R. John Townley** at 372-0223 or by e-mail. 4/14.

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## RICHLAND

Vanpool to 200E needs a rider, 8x9. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 4/14

Vanpool No. 216 to 200E needs a rider, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Picks up door-to-door in Richland. Van starts on the south end of Jadwin, winds its way up Thayer and Williams, over to George Washington Way and out to 2750-E and 2704-HV (if rider is a backup driver). If you want door-to-door pickup and are in those areas, call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400. 4/14

Spacious seating for 200W Area 8x9 riders available on Van No. 117. Vanpool departs from and returns to the parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 4/14

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## PASCO

Van No. 213 to 200E needs riders. Leaves Desert Ice, across from the Broadmoor Park Mall off of Road 100, at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV (or any place along the way). Willing to be a backup driver is good, but not necessary. Picks up in reverse order in the evening. Arrives back at Desert Ice around 5:20 p.m. E-mail **Douglas Bailey** at [douglas\\_m\\_bailey@rl.gov](mailto:douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov). 4/21

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## WEST RICHLAND

Van No. 120 is looking for two riders, 8x9s, leaving Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. for the following destinations: 272-AW, MO-273, 2750, 272-B and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. Come sit back and enjoy the ride, and keep your gas bill down. 4/21 ♦