

# 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.

## CALENDAR

### NAPM holds meeting on Sept. 6

The Sept. 6 meeting of the National Association of Purchasing Management will feature Bill Craven, the Northwest regional manager for Audit, Compliance and Business Ethics for Bechtel National, Inc. The meeting will be held at the WestCoast Hotel in Kennewick. The educational workshop begins at 5 p.m., the social at 6 and the dinner and program at 6:30. The cost is \$14.50. Call 372-7201 for reservations.

### AACE to hold dinner meeting Sept.11

The Rattlesnake Mountain Chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering will hold a dinner meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Richland Shilo Inn. The social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 7 and the program begins at 8.

Kim Detienne, the guest speaker, will discuss certification and interim certification programs and their benefits. The cost is \$17 per person. Make your reservations by 2 p.m. on Sept. 7 by contacting Daniel Muehleisen at 372- 2408 or at [daniel\\_p\\_muehleisen@rl.gov](mailto:daniel_p_muehleisen@rl.gov), or Mike O'Neill at 371-5259 or [mwoneill@bechtel.com](mailto:mwoneill@bechtel.com). Make checks payable to the Rattlesnake Mountain Section of the AACE.

### AQP meets Sept. 11

Jamie Cox, director of The Empowerment Group, will share strategies for coaching team members and creating "can do" attitudes at the Sept. 11 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation at the Richland Shilo Inn. The networking and social hour begins at 5 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6 and the presentation starts at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and the American Society for Quality members, \$19 for non-members, or \$5 for the presentation only. Call 547-6548 to make reservations or register through the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

## Proud of symbol

I am writing in regard to the letter in the *Hanford Reach* on Aug. 20, "Different Memorial," concerning the warhead on display on Stevens Drive.

I think it is imperative that those who are not from the area understand the pride and honor that the "gaudy green and gold warhead" represents to alumni of Columbia High School – Richland (now known as Richland High School). My personal opinion is that the bomb is a symbol of our school and represents the pride of the student body.

I do not find the bomb disrespectful at all. It serves as a reminder of all those who gave their lives so that we could voice our own opinions. It reminds us all how fragile peace is. It reminds us "those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." The children of those who created the history of Hanford should remember their history with pride, just as this Bomber alumna remains proud of her high school, school colors and school mascot.

**Kathy Burton**  
*Fluor Hanford*

## LOST & FOUND

Lost: ALPHA Eberline 6A-1 continuous air monitor - serial number 379, Department of Energy property number WC56021. Last seen with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Calibration Department. If you have this CAM (perhaps in storage), call Jackie Campbell at 373-1220.

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## NMA meeting scheduled for Sept. 12

Joe Ruffini, a consultant for Lucent Technologies, will be speaker at the Sept. 12 dinner meeting of the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The topic is "Ya don't know what ya don't know." The social hour begins at 5 p.m., and the business meeting starts at 7. There is no charge for chapter members. The cost for guests is \$20. Call Lisa Hart at 376-3484 to make a reservation.

## Life Sciences Symposium scheduled for October

The 39th Life Sciences Symposium, "Cellular Communication-Information Processing at the Cell Surface," will be held at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Oct. 18-19. For more information, contact Teresa Zinn at 375-2797 or visit <http://www.pnl.gov/39lifescience>.

## Learning Landscape Child Care Center openings

The Department of Energy-sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings for infants and pre-school children 3-5 years old. Contact Sharon or Suzanne at 946-4609 to enroll or obtain more information about the center. The center offers an educational curriculum for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. ♦

## CLASSES



## Environmental decision-making class

The class, "Managing Uncertainty for Environmental Decision-Making" (CHEM 391), is being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7 p.m. at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. The instructor is Sebastian Tindall of Bechtel Hanford, Inc. The course began Aug. 28, but enrollment is still available.

## Site Closure course offered Sept. 11-12

The National Environmental Training Office will be presenting the Site Closure course on Sept. 11-12 at the Consolidated Information Center building at Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. The cost is \$458 per person. If you are interested in

the class, send an e-mail message to Marcy George to reserve a spot.

The intended audience is DOE and DOE contractor personnel who are involved in the planning and implementing, closure and post-closure care activities at hazardous and mixed waste management facilities or environmental restoration projects.

To register, complete the registration form located on the Parallax Web site at <http://www.parallax-engr.com>. Submit the completed form and payment to Parallax, A2-32, FED/239. For more information, call the DOE Training Administration Office at 376-8284.

## USQ training scheduled Sept. 18-20

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will sponsor Epsilon Solutions Systems' Unreviewed Safety Questions class Sept. 18-20. The course will be held at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The cost is \$813 per person. The intended audience for this class is DOE and DOE contractor personnel who are involved with the preparation, review and approval processes for USQs. To register, visit the Parallax Web site at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> and select the Parallax Inc. Training Center. For more information, call Marcy George of the DOE Training Administration Office at 376-8284.

## Informational meetings at City University

Learn about the graduate, undergraduate and certificate courses in project management offered by City University and certified by the Project Management Institute at meetings on Sept. 13 or Sept. 25, both beginning at 5:30 p.m. The informational meetings will be held at City University, 303 Bradley Blvd. in Richland. For more information, contact City University at (800) 775-3959 or at [tricitie@cityu.edu](mailto:tricitie@cityu.edu). ♦

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<http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero>

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER** — It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day.

**SUGGESTIONS WELCOME** — If you have an event or travel/trip destination that you would like HERO to consider, or a mini-trip (under four days) 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.

**HRA** — Questions about the Hanford Recreation Association should be directed to Denise Prior at 376-2258.

**HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS** — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

**HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS CATALOGS** — Now available through Employee Printing Services. Books can be checked out from Marvene McChesney (T4-61) or Jan Dickinson (H2-23).

**AREA REPRESENTATIVES AND SECRETARY NEEDED** — Area representatives are needed for the 600/400 and 200E Area and Yakima. The position of secretary to the HERO board is also open. 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 Phyllis Roha.

**SILVERWOOD THEME PARK** — Park closes Sept. 30. 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 Linda Meigs (H3-12), Tricia Poland (T5-04) or Nancie Simon (S7-64). Personal checks 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!

**DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS** — Limit now 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 Linda Meigs (H3-12), 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).

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## UPCOMING TRIPS

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- **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** — Nov. 6-13. Price dropped \$100 to \$725 ppdo, \$665 triple, \$612 quad and \$1,026 single. Payment in full is required to reserve your spot. Major credit cards are accepted but 3 percent is added to the charge. Trip includes eight days and seven nights accommodations at the five-star Villa del Palmar Hotel on the beach in a studio unit; round-trip transfers from the airport to the hotel; all air, hotel and departure taxes. The Villa Del Palmar offers a swimming pool, restaurants and bars, tennis court, fitness center, grocery store and 100 yards of white sandy beach. *Space is limited now*, so don't wait until the last minute to reserve your spot. E-mail Sheila Kirk (T4-05).
- **Spirit of Washington Dinner Train** — Oct. 13, \$84 pp dome seating, \$69 pp regular seating. Price includes round-trip transportation by bus. \$20 deposits are due as soon as possible and the remaining balance is due sept. 7 (non-refundable for bus). Board the bus at 7 a.m. at the Federal Bldg. parking lot. The train leaves the depot in Renton at 12 p.m. Experience the nostalgia of passenger rail as you ride and dine in luxurious, vintage rail cars. The Spirit of Washington Dinner Train takes you on a three-hour, 15-minute excursion that showcases scenic views of the Puget Sound region including Lake Washington, the Olympic Mountains, the Seattle skyline and Mount Rainier. You'll dine in comfort and elegance as your journey takes you to Woodinville's beautiful Columbia Winery. During your 45-minute stopover, you'll visit the cellar and sample fine Pacific Northwest wines before returning to the depot. E-mail Tricia Poland for more information.

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- **Leavenworth Bus Trip** — Join us for the tree lighting in Leavenworth on Dec 8. The buses will leave the Federal Bldg. parking lot at 7 a.m. and return after the tree lighting. Snacks, juice and pop will be provided. A \$27 pp non-refundable deposit is due. Seating is limited, so reserve your space early. For more information, e-mail Marvene McChesney.
- **Central Washington State Fair** — This year HERO is selling tickets to the fair in Yakima (Sept. 28-Oct. 7) for \$1.50 off adult admission and \$.50 off youth/seniors admission. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 6-12) and seniors (65 and older). Admission is good for Monday-Friday only. You can also purchase the Clear Channel Family Pack tickets for \$35 (save 40 percent) that include two adult admissions, two youth admissions, 36 carnival ride tickets and five coupons for carnival game and food discounts. We also will be selling carnival ride booklets of 36 ride tickets each for \$15 (save \$15). Ticket sales will end on Sept. 26. Make checks payable to HERO. Ticket sellers are Flu Garza (T4-01), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Tricia Poland (T5-04) and Nancy Zeuge (X3-74). ♦



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>.

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## BENTON CITY

Rider looking for a carpool or vanpool to 100K, 8x9 schedule. Call **LuElla Morrison** at 373-9769. 8/27

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## KENNEWICK

Opening in vanpool from Richland Wye to 200W. 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shift. Park your car at the Park 'n Ride and ride with us. Discount for drivers. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. 8/27

Looking for riders on a vanpool to PFP and West Tank Farms. 8x9 vanpool leaves Kennewick Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater and picks up at Columbia Basin Racquet Club. Contact **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 8/27

Rider needed for Ben Franklin vanpool to 200W. Picks up along 10th St., at Rainer and 17th, and at the Kennewick Shopko. Drops off at MO-281, MO-279, T Plant and WRAP. Call **Debbie** at 372-2698 for more information. 9/4

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## RICHLAND

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Leaves Hanford bus lot at 6:30 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-277 (behind 2750-E). Arrives back at bus lot at 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 4 p.m. Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 8/27

Two riders to 200E needed for Vanpool No. 182, 8x9 schedule. Leaves 2440 Stevens Center at 6:20 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. Call **Rick Janecke** at 376-3677 or **Peggy Duvall** at 376-2622. 8/27

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## WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs one 8x9 rider. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF, 2727 and 2025-EA. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 9/4 ♦