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Air Show at Tri-City Airport Canadian Snowbirds

• F18 Solo demo

Thursday - July 26th

8:00am - Unlimiteds & F1s into pits

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Friday - July 27th

8:00am - Boats into pits

1:00pm - Aerial practice 2:30pm - Unlimited testing

3:30pm - Water ski demo 4:00pm - Unlimited qualifying

5:00pm - F1 testing 6:00pm - Unlimited Shootout "Dash for Cash

Saturday - July 28th

8:00am - Gates open

10:30am - F1 Time Trials 11:30am - Chinook Helo demo

12:35pm - F15 Eagle demo 1:00pm - Unlimited qualifying

2:00pm - F1 heats 1A & 1B 3:00pm - Unlimited qualifying

7:00pm - Rockin' & Racin'

Sunday - July 29th

7:00am limited heats 1A & 1B 11:00am heats 2A & 2B

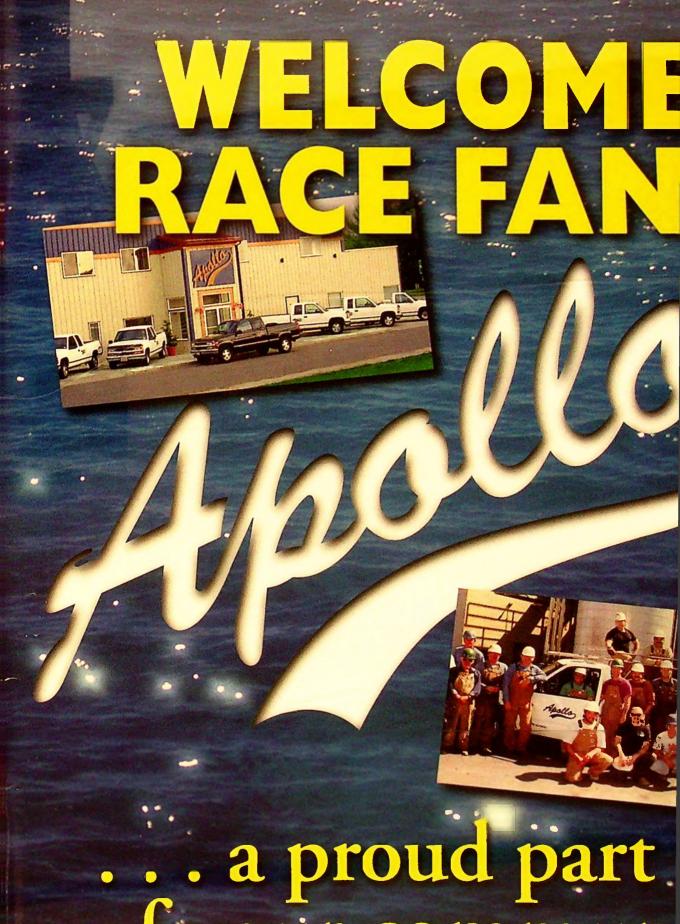
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2001 Race Weekend Schedule

Friday, July 27

7 a.m. - 5 p.m. RVs move into areas

8 a.m. - noon Unlimiteds and F1s move into Pits noon -1:30 p.m. Hydro Kick-Off Community Luncheon

(Pasco DoubleTree Hotel)

noon Gates open

1 – 6 p.m. Aerial performer practice (exact times TBA)

2:30 p.m. Unlimited testing

3:30 p.m. Rose City Water Skiers (Kennewick)

4 p.m. Unlimited qualifying

5 p.m. Formula One testing and exhibition runs

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Se day, July 28

8 a. Gates open

8 a. RVs move into areas 8:30 a.30 a.m. Formula One testing

9 - 5 p.m. Pit tours

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Unlimited testing

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Formula One time trials

11:30 a.m. - noon Chinook helicopter demonstration

noon - 12:30 p.m. Rose City Water Skiers; INT League Wakeboarders

12:35 p.m. F15 Eagle Fighter jet demonstration

1 - 2 p.m. Unlimited qualifying session
2 - 3 p.m. Fluor Unlimited autograph session
2 - 3 p.m. Formula One Heats 1A and 1B
3 - 4 p.m. Unlimited qualifying session

3 – 4 p.m. Fluor Formula One autograph session

4 – 4:30 p.m. INT League Wakeboarders; Rose City Water Skiers

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Unlimited qualifying session

7 p.m. Rockin' & Racin' Concert (Columbia Park)



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& AERIAL DEMONSTRATIONS



Sunday, July 29

7 a.m. Gates open Water Follies Church Service 8 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Unlimited testing 9:30 a m Opening ceremonies 10:15 a.m. Rose City Water Skiers: INT League Wakeboarders 11 a.m. Sun Mart Unlimited Heat 1A Hura Clean Unlimited Heat 1B 11:20 a.m. 11:40 p.m. Formula One Heats 2A and 2B Russ Dean Ford & Family RV Unlimited Heat 2A 12:40 p.m. 1 p.m. Verizon SuperPages Unlimited Heat 2B 1:20 p.m. Chinook helicopter demonstration 1:50 p.m. KNDU TV Unlimited Heat 3A 2:10 p.m. Wildhorse Casino Unlimited Heat 3B 2:30 p.m. F15 Eagle Fighter jet demonstration 2:55 p.m. Unlimited Last Chance Heat

Formula One Final Heat

Trophy award presentation

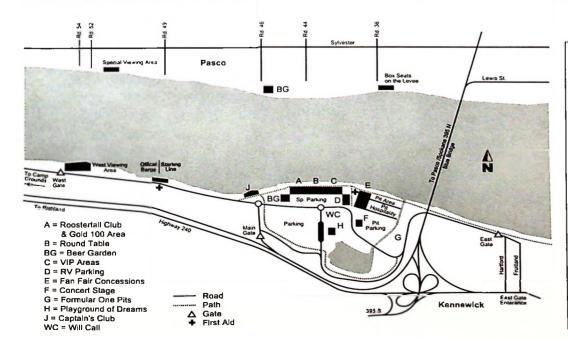
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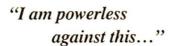
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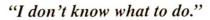


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Sunday Only Pass (July 29) Adult \$15 advance/\$20 gate Child (6-12) \$5 gate only

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Pit passes are available through the Tri-City Water Follies office (509-547-2203).

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Admission to general viewing and pit area Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Adults and children (6-12) \$45

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Admission to pit area only on Saturday or Sunday. Does not include admission to the Park. Adults and children (6-12) \$10

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Rockin' & Racin' Concert_

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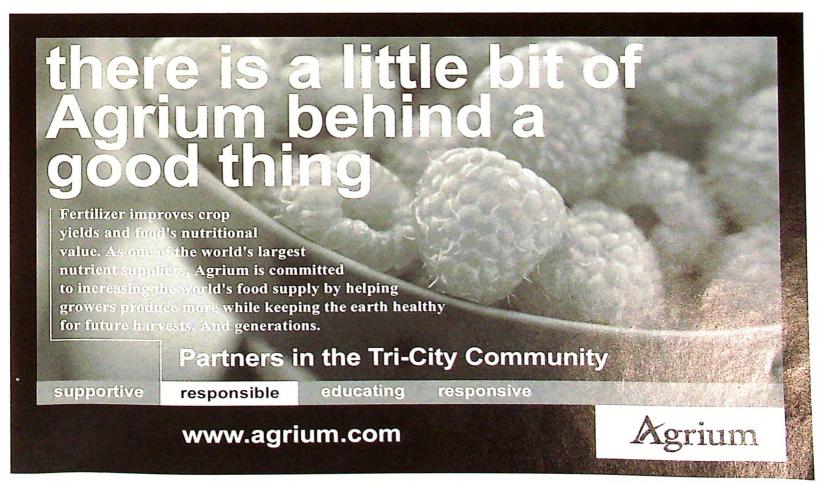
Canadian Snowbirds Air Show

Evening show at the Pasco Airport Wednesday, July 25 (time TBA) Adults FREE with Budweiser Columbia Cup ticket or \$5 at the gate Children (12 and under) FREE!

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Spectator charge: \$8 for 3-day pass, \$3

Thurs, \$4 Fri, \$3 Sat.

Participation charge: \$150 per team

20th Annual Pepsi Boys Columbia Cup Basketball Tournament — July 12-14

Some of the best high school basketball teams in the state compete.

Location: Pasco High School

Time: 5 p.m.-9p.m.Thurs., 9a.m.-8p.m.Fri.,

9a.m.-5 p.m. Sat

Spectator charge: S8 for 3-day pass, S3

Thurs, S4 Fri., \$3 Sat.

Participation charge: \$150 per team

Miss Tri-Cities Fashion Show – July 13th Location: Columbia Center Mall

Time: 7 p.m.

Justin Gibbens Exhibit-July 16 -August 16

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artist who grew up in Pasco.
Location: Esvelt Gallery at CBC

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Water Follies Square Dance Weekend — July 20-21

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Location: Prairie Shuffler Shanty, 717 N. Irving, Kennewick

Time: 8-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday Spectator charge: FREE

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Location: Columbia Basin College Tennis

Courts Time: TBA

Spectator charge: FREE

Participation charge: \$6 single, \$10 doubles

Miss Tri-Cities Scholarship Program — July 21

See pages 12-13.

Water Follies Talent Show — July 23, 2001

Around 24 acts are in the final show.

Location: Kennewick High School Arthur E.

Fuller Auditorium **Time:** 7-10 p.m.

Spectator charge: Adults \$8, Children (under

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Participation Charge: \$15 per act

Sandy's Trophies Water Follies Kiddies Parade — JULY 25

For youth 12 years and younger. Divisions include: Bikes & Trikes, Pets, Things on Wheels, Walking and Marching Groups.

Location: Memorial Park, 14th and Shoshone

in Pasco

Time: Judging 11 a.m., Parade 1 p.m.

Canadian Snowbirds Air Show — July 25 SEE PAGE 56

High Velocity Hydro Golf Tournament — July 26

See page 34.

Tower of Power Concert — July 26

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Location: Richland's Red Lion Hotel Time: 7:30 p.m. Spectator Charge: Offering a pre-concert dinner or concert tickets only, 509-946-7611.

Hydro Kick-Off Community Luncheon — July 27

This kick off event is a great time to get hydro driver, owner and crew autographs. It is also the announcement of the Tri-City Water Follies volunteer of the year.

Location:
DoubleTree Hotel,
Pasco

Time: 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 a plate

Allied Arts Sidewalk Show — July 27-28 Over 300 artists will be at the 51th Sidewalk

Show. Artists from around the U.S. and Canada will show their original work.

Location: Howard Amon Park, Richland **Time:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. July 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

July 28

Spectator charge: FREE

Participation charge: Juried Show

Summer Showcase- "Little House of Horrors" - July 27, 28 and August 2,3,4,9,10,11

Location: CBC Outdoor Amphitheatre

Time: 8 – 10 p.m.

Spectator charge: Adults \$8, students and

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Location: Pasco High School

Time: TBA



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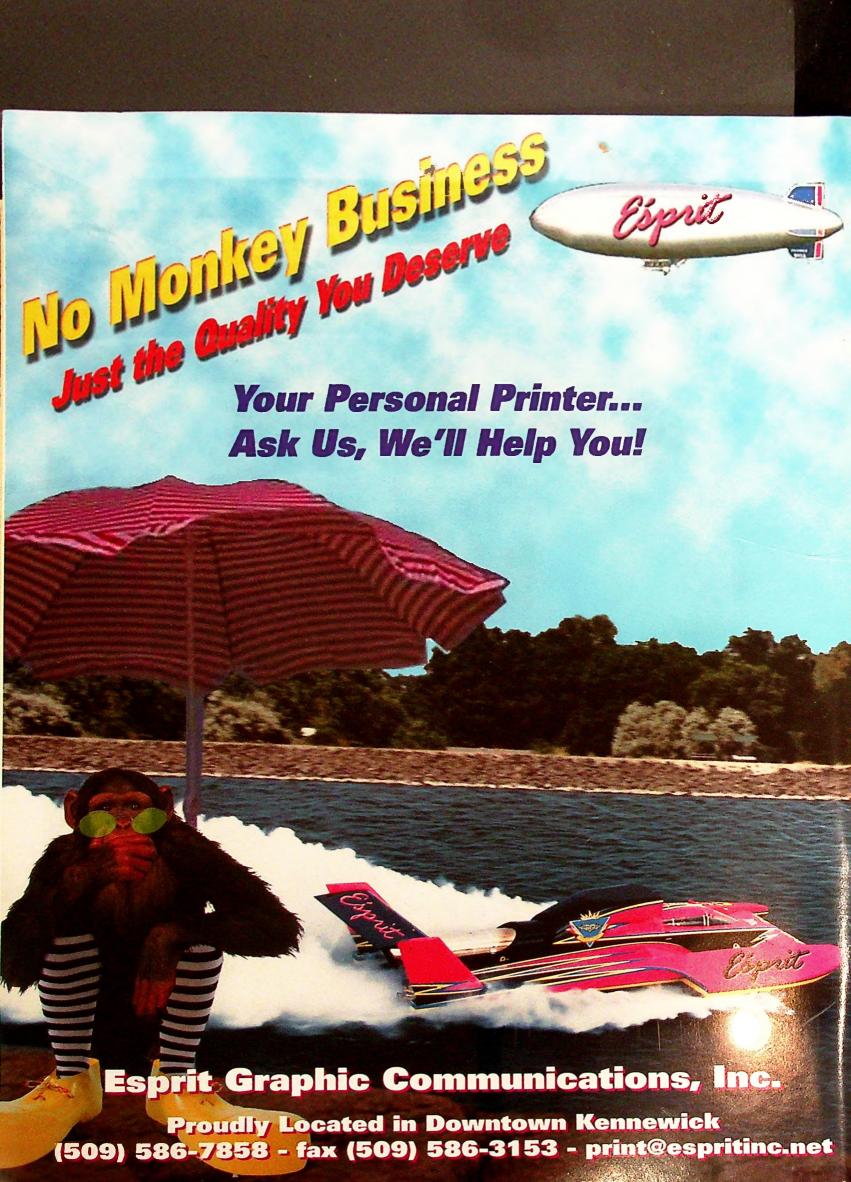
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Second row: Tere Thornhill, Dot Stewart, Amy Cruz, Emily Janikowski, Calvin Dudney, Matt Watkins, Pat Roach.

Suz Levinskas, Malin Bergstrom-White

Third row: Paul Parish, Kevin Smith, Todd Blackman, Marv Kinney, Jim Chase, Chuck Hudon, Jim Ciha, Ron Hue **Not pictured:** Chris Jensen, Fred LaMothe, Sid Mahaffey, Chuck Keltch, Ann Philip, Kathy Balcom, Karen Miller,

Lee Jackson, John Mostoller, Ethan Schwebke





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"Tri-Cities, Washington - The best place in the world to watch a boat race!"

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The Tri-Cities is perhaps the only place in a populated area that has more than a mile of continuous, unobstructed riverside space available on both sides of a river for people to watch a boat race. When you consider the 100 or more pleasure boats anchored at both ends of the course, Tri-Cities makes possible a 300-degree view of racing.

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- With the help of the McNary Dam 20 miles downstream, three historic rivers the Snake, Yakima and Columbia - create a smooth pool ideal for racing.
- Three nearby bridges facilitate traffic to and from the race site. Freeway systems make for an easy trip to the races from the north (Spokane), west (Seattle and the Coast) and south (Portland).

A grass-roots effort

Little-by-little and year-after-year since racing started 36 years ago, improvements have been made to the race site. No "master plan" was ever drafted, things just seemed to happen. When something was needed, money was found and volunteers became available to get the job done.

In the past 30 years, some 80 acres of grass have been planted, complete with underground sprinkler systems, on both sides of the river. Though spearheaded by the Water Follies, the grass and irrigation projects were made possible by unique cooperation between companies, businesses. service clubs, community organizations, cities, counties, and other agencies who provided money, materials, equipment and the volunteer labor to provided a million dollars in community improvements.

To signify that the Tri-Cities is indeed a focal point for boat racing, a full-size replica of an unlimited hydroplane is on display the year around to greet visitors entering Columbia Park.

The improvements made as a result of Water Follies can be used for the yeararound enjoyment of everyone.

Tri-Cities is proud of its pits

Of all the race sites on the national circut. the Tri-Cities pit area is by far the largest and the best!

As many as two dozen unlimited hydroplanes can be accommodated. Underground

electric and water service is provided to each race boat. This year a second area will be established in the park's brand new boat-launch area to house the new Formula One class here

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Over 300-feet of docks have been built over the years for use by race boats. The docks are also available for recreational use, fishing derbies and other events.

Some unlimited race sites have had trouble finding enough large cranes to lift the three-ton unlimited boats in the water. But with the headqurters of one of the largest crane companies, the Neil F Lampson Company, only a mile a way, that has never been a problem in the Tri-Cities!

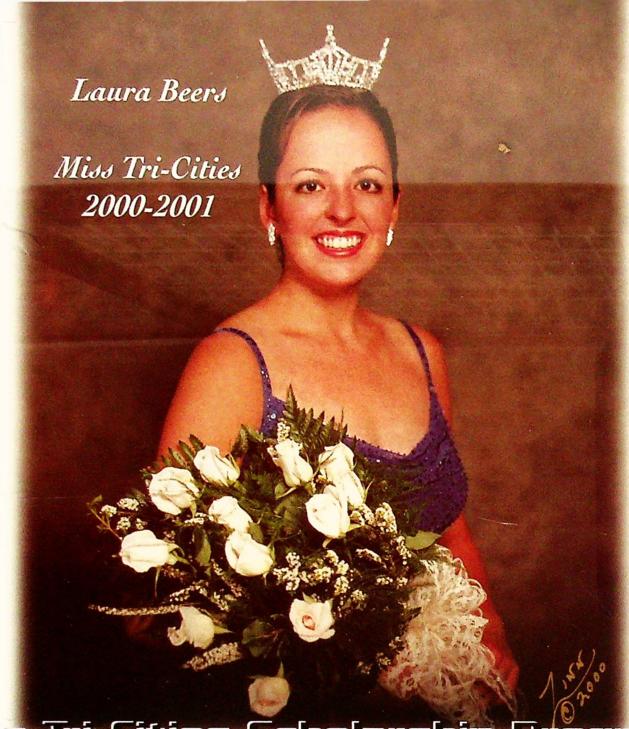
Hometown hospitality

Recent improvements in Columbia Park made by the City of Kennewick have added much to the race. New roadways, lighting, curbing, paved parking lots and landscaping have been added. The new Edison street entrance to Columbia Park from the freeway was opened a year ago.

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Miss Tri-Cities Scholarship Program

Miss Tri-Cities 2000-01, Laura Beers, is the 20-year-old daughter of Dan and Julie Beers of Richland. She is a 1999 graduate of Richland High School and is currently attending Columbia Basin College, majoring in secondary education.

Through the Tri-City Water Follies Miss Tri-Cities Scholarship Program she has earned \$3,500 in scholarships. Since her selection as Miss Tri-Cities, she has made numerous appearances locally and throughout the state promoting her platform, Down

Syndrome Awareness. She started the "Down's Club" with the support of the Tri-

City Court Club. This venue assists Down syndrome adults in the development of their physical and social skills.

Last October, she attended the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, NJ to experience first-hand the nationallevel competition. Laura will compete in the Miss Washington Pageant in Tacoma on July 5-7 and if selected as Miss Washington, she will then participate in the 2001 Miss America Pageant on September 22, 2001.

Sun Mart Miss Tri-Cities Pageant

Date: Saturday, July 21 Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Kennewick High Auditorium

Tickets: Adult \$15 adv./\$17 gate

Child (12 & under) \$10 adv./\$12 gate

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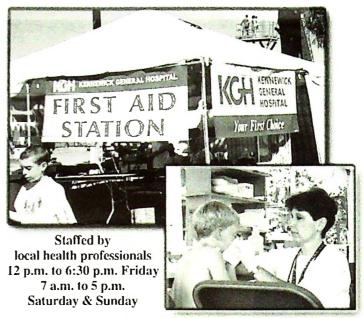


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U1 Miss Budweiser	9576
U10 York Heating & Air Cond	6410
U20 Appian Jeronimo	5591
U9 Miss Go Bowling	5549
U16 Miss E-Lam Plus	5318
U6 Oh Boy! Oberto Beef Jerky	5103
U2 Freddie's Club Casinos	
U100 Znetix	4218
U3 Bardah Special	3302
U8 Llumar Window Film	3137
U25 Miss Freei	2742
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2000 Unlimited Season Recap

Bud's Only Defeat Comes in Tri-Cities

Compliments of Fred Farley,
APBA/Hydro Prop Unlimited Historian

Bernie Little's Miss Budweiser would not be denied in 2000. Owner Little, driver/team manager Dave Villwock, and crew chief Mark Smith claimed a 20th National High Point Championship for Anheuser-Busch. This was on the strength of six victories in seven races, including the Gold Cup at Detroit, on the Budweiser Unlimited Hydroplane Series tour.

Miss Budweiser (U-1) scored 9576 points for the year, compared to 6410 for second-place York Heating and Air Conditioning (U-10) and driver Mark Weber. The late George Stratton in the Appian Jeronimo (U-5) came in third with 5591 points.

Miss Budweiser's only defeat occurred at the Tri-Cities, when damage suffered during a collision with another boat in a preliminary heat forced the Bud to withdraw. Miss E-Lam Plus emerged as the winner of the Budweiser Columbia Cup with former Miss Budweiser pilot Mark Evans doing the honors.

Kim Gregory's Las Vegas-based U-10 and U-5 entries took second and third respectively in the High Point Standings. The York Heating and Air Conditioning with Mark Weber faired well last year,

taking second at Madison, Ind. and Detroit, Mich., and third at Lake Havasu City, Ariz. and Evansville, Ind.

The sport's oldest and most prestigious trophy—the APBA Gold Cup, which originated in 1904—had a rousing revival at Detroit in 2000. Miss Budweiser averaged 139.416 in winning the Final Heat. The U-10 (running as Miss DYC in this race) checked in second at 136.693 for the 12-1/2 miles, while Appian Jeronimo was third at 132.073.

A bright light shined on the U-9s Mike Hanson in Seattle, as he piloted the revitalized Miss Go Bowling to a second place finish.

Tragedy struck the last stop on the 2000 Budweiser Unlimited Hydroplane Series tour, where Appian Jeronimo driver George Stratton was tragically lost in a "blow-over" accident. This was during a test run on the last day of the season in San Diego.

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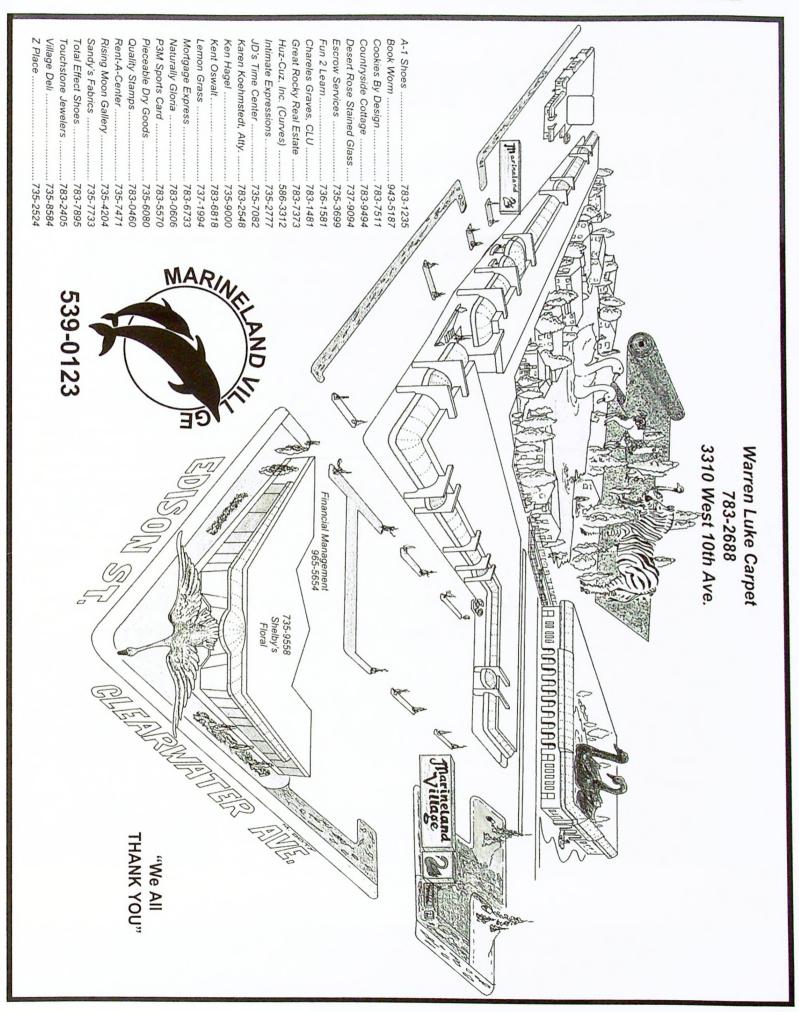
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Twenty times since 1969, Bernie Little's Miss Budweiser team has demonstrated the consistency necessary to be World and National High Points Champion. This has entitled them to wear the cherished U-1 numeral as befits the defending champion in Unlimited hydroplane racing.

When it comes to cumulative High Points Championships, no one even comes close to Little. The late Ole Bardahl's Miss Budweiser Bardahl team won six titles between 1958 and 1968. Joe

Schoenith's GALE organization has four, while the Dossin brothers, Willard Rhodes, Dave Heerensperger, Bill Muncey and Fran Muncey each have three.

After entering the sport on a small scale in 1963, the Bernie Little organization won its first High Points Championship in 1969, ushering in the Anheuser-Busch-sponsored team's first golden age of Unlimited Class superiority.

Miss Budweiser is shooting for her 21st World and National Championship in 2001. Owner Little, driver Dave Villwock, and crew chief Mark Smith stand ready to meet the challenge. They will take a lot of dethroning, as their history indicates.

After 38 seasons of participation, Bernie Little's team has a grand total of 130 wins. Between 1963 and 2000, Little's boats entered 342 Unlimited races and finished in the top three at 218 of them.

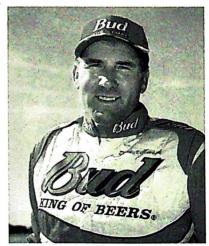
To defeat the Miss Budweiser means to defeat the very best.



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Dave Villwock To Defend Championship

Dave Villwock will return to the cockpit in 2001 for his fifth season with the U-1 Miss Budweiser team. A four-time Unlimited Hydroplane World Champion and four-time APBA Gold Cup Champion, Villwock dominated the 2000 Unlimited Hydroplane series by winning six of seven races. He has been instrumental in continuing the Miss Budweiser dynasty.



Miss Budweiser

Bernie Little - King Of Boats

By Fred Farley APBA/HYDRO-PROP Unlimited Historian

"Winning isn't everything. But if you aren't trying to win, why would you race?"

Those words summarize the philosophy of Bernard Leroy Little, the winningest owner in the history of Unlimited hydroplane racing. While others have fallen by the wayside, Little remains in the forefront of one of the toughest sports in the world.

And despite the 20th championship earned for Anheuser-Busch last year, this competitor wants more.

"We are really going for it in 2001. We have totally redone our MISS BUD-WEISER "Turbine-3" hull, which was built in 1989. "Turbine-3," "Turbine-5," and "Turbine-6" will be identical. All three boats have the newest of anything that can be done with them. And I think they'll be awesome."

Incidentally, all three MISS BUD-WEISER hulls won races in 2000. "Turbine-3" won at Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; "Turbine-5" at Madison, Ind., Detroit, Seattle and San Diego; and "Turbine-6" won at Evansville, Ind.

"I like speed and competition," Little admits. "I like a good challenge and I just want to be better, faster, and safer than anyone else on the race course."

In his life and hydroplane career, Bernie Little exemplifies the qualities of aggressiveness, hard work, and ingenuity that have led many Americans to achieve great success.



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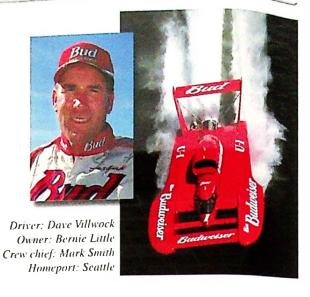


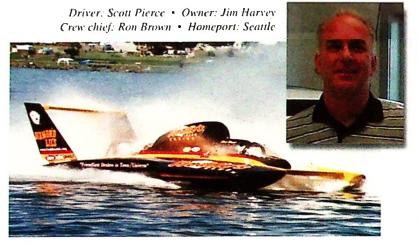
U-1 Miss Budweiser

Dave Villwock returns for his fifth season in the cockpit of Bernie Little's U-1 Miss Budweiser to defend his championship in the 2001 season. Villwock won six of seven races including the APBA Gold Cup on his way to securing his fourth World Championship last year. The Bud crew was especially adept in 2000 at setting

up their boat to offset the horsepower lost due to the fuel restrictor rule.

With 35 wins, Villwock is currently third on the all-time Unlimited Hydroplane victories list. This season he will attempt to add to Bernie Little's record of career victories (130) and to secure Little's 21st World Championship.





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U-2 Freddie's Club

Veteran Unlimited Hydroplane racer Scott Pierce has out of retirement to drive Jim Harvey Motorsports' U-2 this season.

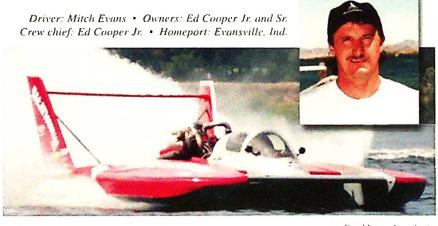
Pierce retired from the sport in 1997 after an accident in Detroit. A 17-year veteran of Unlimited's, Pierce has seven career victories and won the World Championship in 1991 with the Miss Budweiser team.

Last year's U-2 team was hampered by mechanical difficulties, but nevertheless managed to put together several impressive performances during the year.

U-3 Master Tire

Mitch Evans is once again at the helm of the lone piston-powered Unlimited Hydroplane on the 2001 circuit. Owned by Ed Cooper Sr. and Jr., the U-3 entertains the crowd as race fans love to hear the roar of its turbo-charged Allison aircraft engine as it thunders along the water.

Evans has spent most of his career driving for the Coopers and holds the world piston-powered lap speed record of 148.410 mph. Evans' one career victory came in 1989 at the Budweiser Columbia Cup driving for the Coopers.



Jim Hausske photo

Driver: Steve David Owner: City of Madison, Ind. Team manager: Charlie Grooms Homeport: Madison, Ind.

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U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto

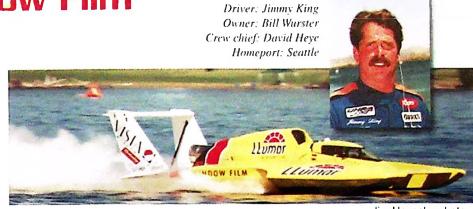
Miss Madison, the world's only community-owned Unlimited Hydroplane, is sponsored by the Oberto Sausage Company this season. In 2001, the U-6 extends its' record of consecutive Unlimited Hydroplane seasons to 41.

Driver Steve David is a veteran boat racer with more than 250 victories. David -- Rookie of the Year in 1988 -- has three career Unlimited victories. Last year the craft finished fifth in the Gold Cup in Detroit, third at the Tri-Cities and San Diego and fourth at Seattle.

U-8 Llumar Window Film

Jimmy King is again driving Bill Wurster's U-8 Llumar Window Film. King started his Unlimited Hydroplane driving career in 1994 and won Rookie of the Year honors.

Last season, King drove the U-8 to a fourth place finish at Evansville, Ind. and a fifth place finish at Madison, Ind. He finished eighth in the driver's championship.



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U-9 Fiesta Bowl & Casino

For the third consecutive year, Michael Hanson is driving the U-9 for the Jones Racing Team.

Hanson, also known as "The Boat Doctor," won four preliminary heats and finished fourth overall in the driver's championship last season. Hanson, who has two career Unlimited victories to his credit, had his best finish last year at Seattle where he was the runner-up. Hanson secured an additional podium at Madison, Ind. where he placed third.

U-10 Miss Emcor

Mark Weber, owner of two career Unlimited victories, will again pilot the U-10 Miss Emcor for USA Racing Partners in 2001. Weber won seven heats last season and secured three podium finishes, which included a second at the Detroit APBA Gold Cup and at Madison, Ind. These results enabled Weber to finish second in the driver's championship.



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Driver: Nate Brown Owner: Ellstrom Family Crew Chief: Erick Ellstrom Homeport: Seattle

Jim Hausske photo

U-16 Miss E-Lam Plus

After seven years of trying, the Ellstrom family of Ballard, Wash. took its first checkered flag last season in the Tri-Cities.

Nate Brown, who drove for the team in 1996, has returned to pilot the U-16 Miss E-Lam Plus this season. He competed last year behind the wheel of the Miss Madison, taking over for Charley Wiggins after he retired. Brown was able to win two heats and finished third twice last season. He is a former Unlimited Hydroplane Rookie of the Year and looks to bring the Ellstrom family their second victory.



Bob Fendler



Jerry Hale

U-19 Stealth Racing

Longtime Unlimited Hydroplane owner Bob Fendler returns to the sport with a limited schedule in 2001. Jerry Hale, whose boat racing career dates back to the 1960s and includes a 6-Litre Class World Championship in 1992, is the U-19 driver for Stealth Racing. He drove his first Unlimited race in 1997, finishing fifth.

U-20 Jeronimo

The U-20 Jeronimo was acquired by TM Enterprises of Hermiston this past off-season and subsequently became the first Oregon-based Unlimited Hydroplane team in the modern era. R.W. "Dick" Lynch may be an Unlimited Hydroplane rookie driver, but he's no rookie in the sport of hydroplane racing with more than 20 years of limited inboard experience.



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Driver and Owner: Dr. Ken Muscatel Crew Chief. Roger Newton Homeport: Seattle



Steve Montgomery photo

U-25 Silver Dollar Casino

The U-25 Superior Racing team owned and driven by Dr. Ken Muscatel, the 1991 Unlimited Hydroplane Rookie of the Year, is hopeful for this season.

The team purchased the former Truck Gear hull, which was last run in 1997, and have subsequently made some modifications. Along with his duties as owner/driver of the U-25, Muscatel serves as president of the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Seattle and is a Forensic Psychologist.

-99 Miss Znetix II

Former Unlimited Hydroplane World Champion team owner Fred Leland has once again decided to race two hulls this season. Terry Troxell made his Unlimited Hydroplane racing debut last year in the Tri-Cities driving the U-99 Miss Znetix II. He won his first Unlimited heat one week later in Seattle and finished fourth in the finals.

Driver, Terry Troxell . Owner: Fred Leland Crew Chief: Ken Dryden . Homeport: Kirkland



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IN Miss 7netix



Homeport: Kirkland

The U-100 Miss Znetix I, one of two Fred Leland hulls, is piloted by the 1999 Rookie of the Year Greg, Hopp. In 1999, Hopp finished third in the driver's championship and became the first Unlimited Hydroplane rookie to secure more than 10,000 high points. Last season, Hopp won four preliminary heats and finished seventh in the championship.

Fiesta Bowl Casino Dash for Cash

The competition heats up early this year as the fastest Unlimited hydroplanes on the circuit will race deck-to-deck Friday. July 27 at 6 p.m. during the first-ever Flesta Bowl Casino Dash for Cash.

The top boats with the most points heading into the Tri-Cities will be eligible to race for prize money in this 3-lap contest.

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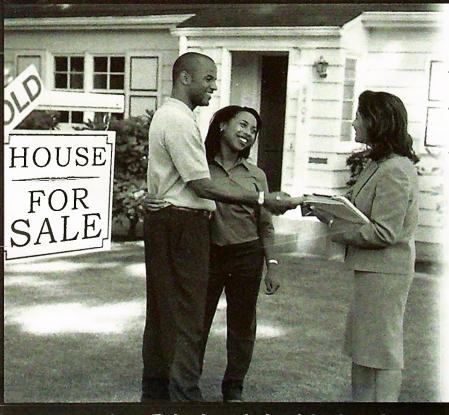
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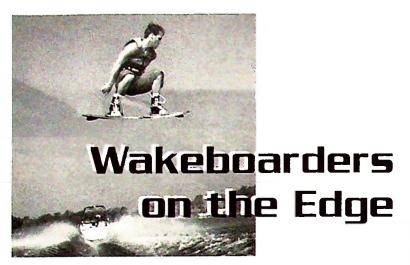
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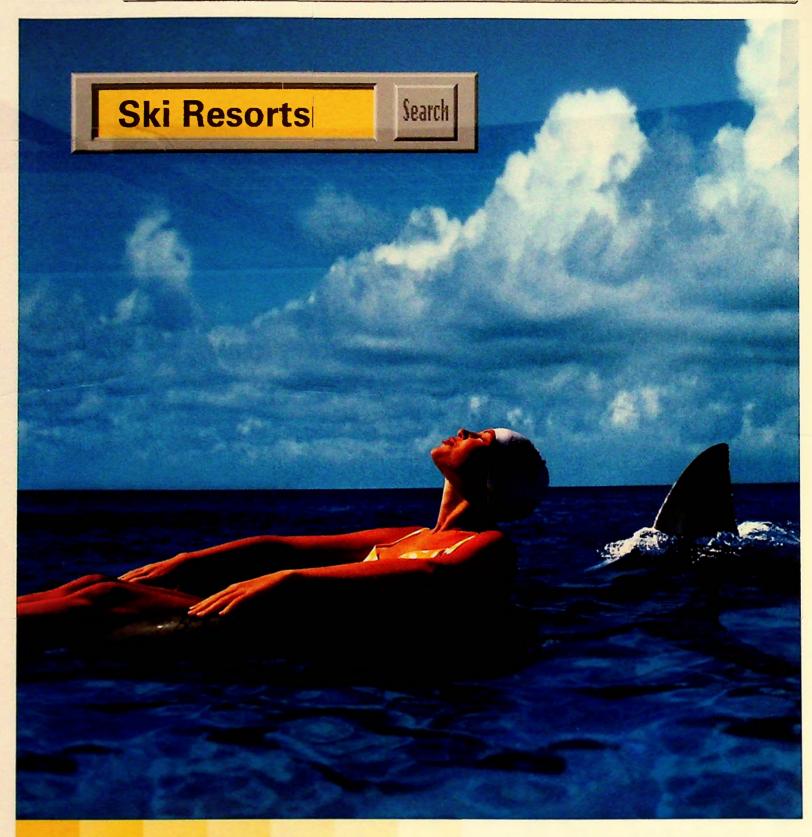


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2001 Roster

Boat Number

Sponsor/Driver

City, State

2 Todd Beckman

Maryland Heights, MO

Third in high-point standings last year. Grew up with fellow racers, Mike and Tim Seebold. Started driving high-performance boats at the age of 13. Rookie of the year in 1977.

3 John Marles

San Dimas, CA

16th in point standings last year.

5 Jason Campbell

Chandler, AZ

In his first year of racing last season, won first race at St. Louis and finished 8th in point standings. Signed with Lamb Racing Technologies and unveiled a new generation Formula One in mid-season last year.

8 Wyatt Nelson

Syracuse, NY

Grew up in a racing family in New York. Holds 15 national titles, a world record and powerboat racing's highest honor—induction to the Hall of Champions. From age 9, he has never missed a season of racing. Was 23rd in high points last year.

10 Blackhawk/Rinker, Terry Rinker

Riverview, FL

This is his 7th season of racing. Fourth in high-points last year. Has been in top five in points since 1975. Since 1995, competed in every Formula One event. Scored 10 national championships and set four speed records in other classes of powerboat racing.

11 Australian Gold, Mike Seebold

Fenton, MO

Won the 2000 high-point championship. Has run in 42 events and scored 11 wins. Switched seats with his brother Tim who drives Bud Lite this year.

16 Bud Lite, Tim Seebold

Fenton, MD

Finished 2nd in high points last year. Has won 10 of 48 Formula One and champ boat races, 1995-2000.

Is second in career victories on Prop Tour. Won titles in 1998-99. Moved to Bud Lite this year, the boat driven by brother Mike last year. Won the first race of this season in Laughlin, NV.

18 Hooters Restaurants,

Alden Thornton Kill Devil Hills, NC

Was 13th in high-points last year. Has been involved in boat racing all his life. Inducted into the APBA's "Hall of Champions." Owns a successful construction company that has twice won the national "Custom Builders" award.

Boat Number

Sponsor/Oriver

City, State

19 Telemex, Carlos Kuri

Mexico City

Was 1999 Rookie of the year. Third year of racing in Formula Ones. Was 7th in high-points last year.

29 Harris Machine & Marine, John Jensen

Fort Collins, CO

Involved in racing since early 80's. Co-owner with his brother of two marine stores in Colorado. Was 14th in 2000 high points.

34Todd Bowden

Monrovia, CA

Son of well-known boat race team owner, Fred Bowden, has been racing since age 15. Raced Formula Ones since 1997. Had two back-to-back wins in 1999. Was 21st in point standings last year.

48 John Lane

Lakewood, CA

Was 16th in high-points last year. Is 25 years old and has been racing boats since 14. His father was a veteran racer. Crew is made up of close friends and family.

53**S**herwin Williams, Greg Foster

Orange, CA

Fifth in champion points last year. Is nicknamed "Mad Man across the Water!" Won the Saskatoon, Canada, races for two consecutive years.

62 Chris Fairchild

North Aurora, IL

Serves as a test pilot for Mercury Marines Lake X facility for research and development on new products. Entered boat racing



in 1990 at the age of 20. Has driven in many different boat classes; inducted into the APBA Hall of Champions. Chris and his father run a successful residential construction business by day and do custom rigging and boat preparations by night.

82 Jimmy Ablott

Des Moines, WA

The only Washington State race driver in the Formula Ones. Was 1998 Rookie of the Year. Was 15th in high-points last year.

91 The Advocate, Max Toler

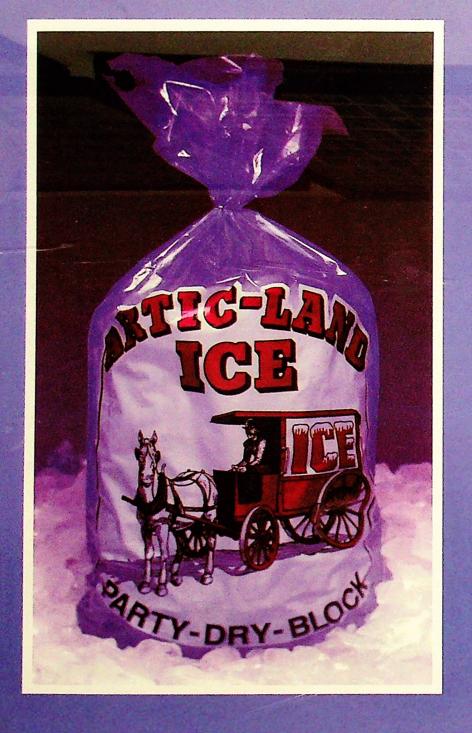
Baton Rouge, LA

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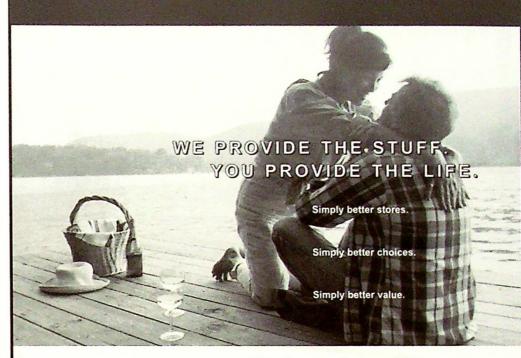
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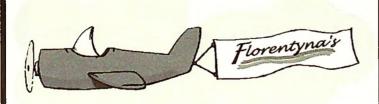
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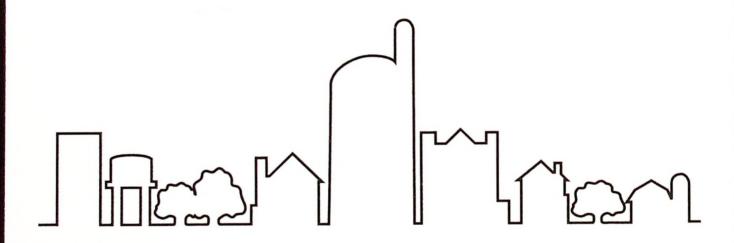
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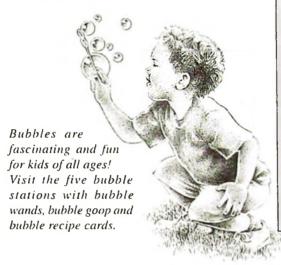
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Bubbles area open

5 p.m. Radical Reactions

assembly

Saturday, July 28

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Exhibits and

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Show assembly

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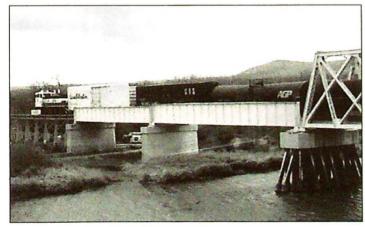
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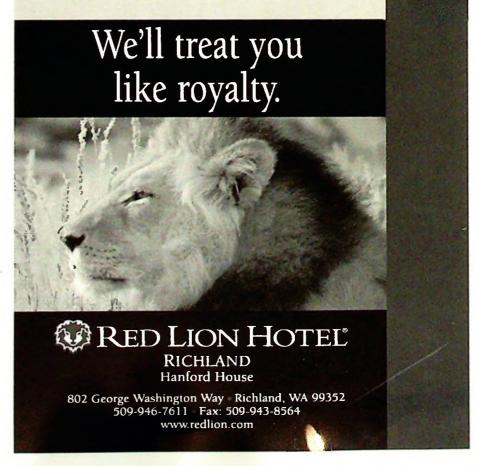






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The first ever Gold's Gym Bohemith & Boats Strong Man Classic will debut in

Columbia Park during this year's Tri-City Water **Follies** festival on Saturday (July 28) from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. (tentative).

The competition includes four events: truck pull, farmer's walk, tire flip and appolon axel press. Teams of four compete in two weight classes for prize money. Proceeds benefit a local charitable organization.

Autograph Session

Meet the drivers of the world's fastest race boats -- Unlimited hydroplanes -- and world's quickest turning boats -- Formula One Tunnels -- just outside of the Neil F. Lampson pits Saturday at 2 p.m. (tentative).

The Fluor Autograph Session is a great opportunity to greet and even take pictures of the drivers on the Budwesier Unlimited Hydroplane Series Presented by Laughlin and Laughlin Formula One PROP Tour Presented by Bud Light (brought to the Tri-Cities by Robert Young Apartments & Suites).

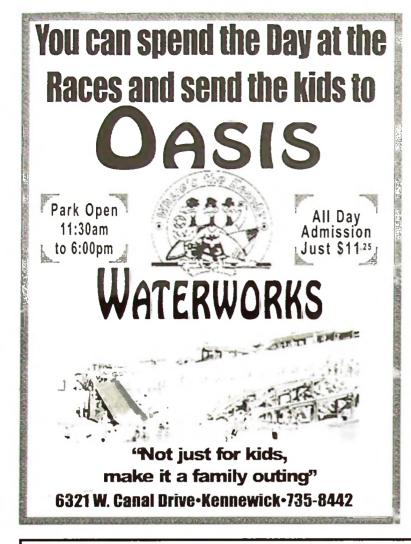
Critter Sitters Pet Hospitality Area

Although no pets are allowed in Columbia Park during Water Follies, those who do show up with their furry friends have the option of checking their pet into the Critter Sitters area near the west end of the Family Fishing Pond.

The area, hosted by the Benton-Franklin Humane Society, will be temporarily fenced and have water.

A donation of \$5-10/day is encouraged, amount dependent upon the length of stay, All proceeds benefit the Benton Franklin Humane Society.

Water Follies officials and the Benton Franklin Humane Society have the right to refuse animals in the Critter Sitters area. Pet owners that don't board their animal at Critter Sitters must leave the Park.



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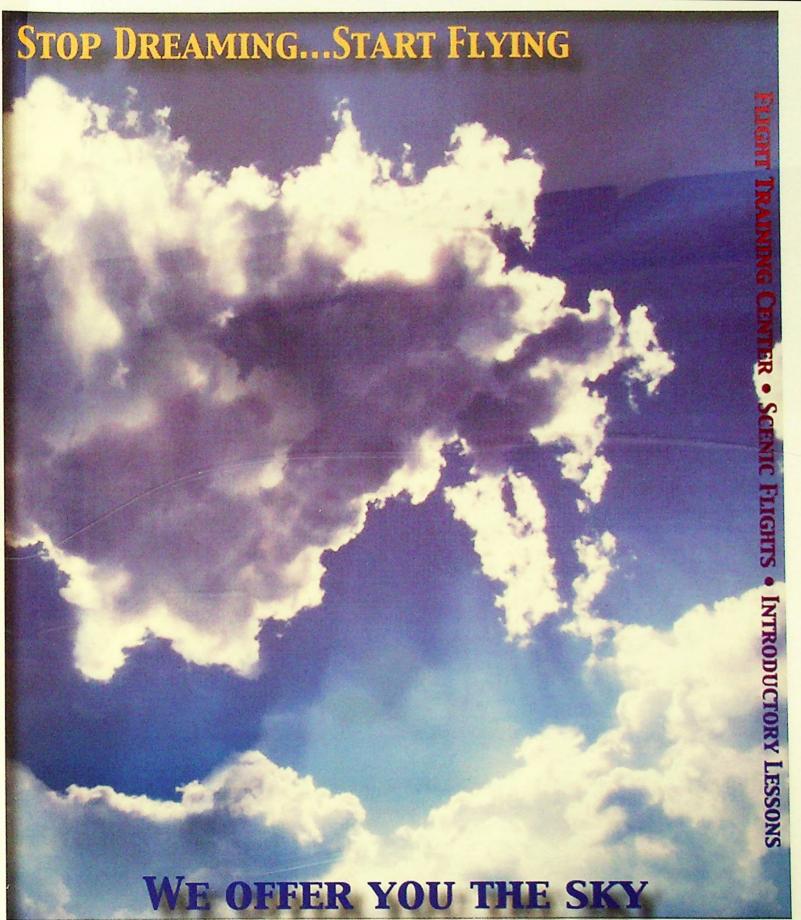
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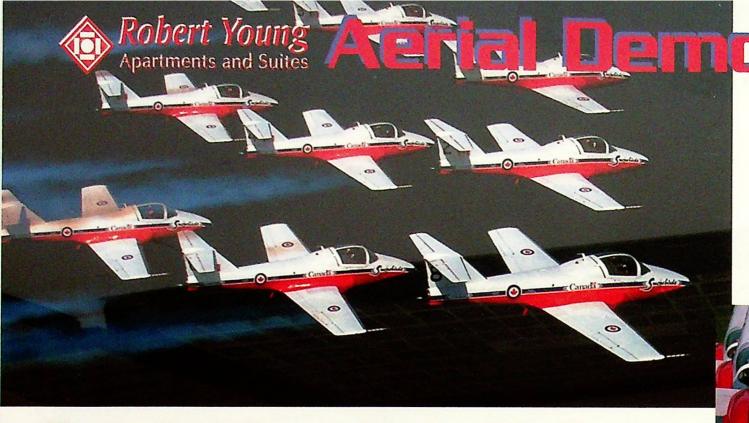




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Canadian Snowbirds Jet Team

The Canadian Snowbirds jet team kicks-off this summer's Tri-City Water Follies festivities with an air show at the Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco on Wednesday, July 25.

The Snowbirds last made an appearance in the Tri-Cities in 1990. Robert Young Apartments & Suites, which sponsored the team then, has also made this summer's visit possible.

The evening show will also feature a Canadian F-18 solo demonstration. The July 25 Snowbirds show is in addition to the Robert Young Apartments & Suites over-the-river aerial demonstrations between heats of the Unlimited Hydroplane racing July 27-29.

The Snowbirds fly the Canadair CT-114 Tutor and are famous for their highly-technical nine-jet formations. The distance between each Snowbird jet in many of the formations is about 4 feet. The actual speed of the jets varies significantly throughout the performance, however the jets often reach speeds of 600 km/hr. The Snowbirds aircraft have a smoke generating

system, a unique paint scheme for added crowd appeal and a highly tuned engine to enhance engine response in low level flying.

In total, there are approximately 85 people on the squadron. They include the pilots, a logistics officer, aircraft technicians, supply technicians and one civilian secretary.

The Tri-Cities is one of approximately 70 air shows at 50 different locations across North America that will feature the Snowbirds this year.

The show is free with a ticket to the Budweiser Columbia Cup for Unlimited Hydroplanes, which takes place the following weekend. Adult tickets can also be purchased at the gate for \$5. Kids 12 and under are free.



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Ground-shaking CF-18 Hornet

The twin engines of this supersonic tactical fighter jet deliver 7,290 kg of thrust and speeds of up to Mach 1.8.

The Horner's primary roles include the air defence of North America, training with Canadian allies, and responding to situations anywhere in the world.

During the Gulf War, 24 CF-18s were sent to Qatar to participate in the Americanled Desert Shield and Desert Storm campaigns. Canadian pilots flew more than 5,700 hours — about 2,700 combat air patrol missions — to protect Canadian naval forces in the Gulf.

Two years ago, CF-18s were equipped with infra-red sensors and laser designators for precision-guided weapons. Each aircraft carries a pod which incorporates a forward-looking infra-red sensor that allows pilots to see targets at night. It also has a laser designator to guide precision bombing.

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An F-15 Eagle fighter jet will perform between boat racing heats on Saturday and Sunday.

This all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter was designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat.

The Eagle's air superiority is achieved through a mixture of unprecedented maneuverability and acceleration, range, weapons and avionics. It can penetrate enemy defense and outperform and outfight any current enemy aircraft.

The F-15 has electronic systems and weaponry to detect, acquire, track and attack enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace. The weapons and flight control systems are designed so one person can safely and effectively perform air-to-air combat. The jet's superior maneuverability and acceleration are achieved through high

and low wing loading. Low winloading (the ratio of aircraft
weight to its wing area) is a
vital factor in maneuverability and, combined
with the high thrustto-weight ration, enables the aircraft to

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-15 Characteristics

Primary function: Tactical fighter

Contractor: McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Power plant: Two Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 or 229

turbofan engines with afterburners

Thrust: (C/D models) 23,450 pounds each engine

 Wing span:
 42.8 feet (13 meters)

 Length:
 63.8 feet (19.44 meters)

 Height:
 18.5 feet (5.6 meters)

 Speed:
 1,875 mph (Mach 2.5 plus)

Max. takeoff weight: (C/D models) 68,000 pounds (30,844 kilograms)

Ceiling: 65,000 feet (19,812 meters)

Range: 3,450 miles (3,000 nautical miles) ferry range with

conformal fuel tanks and three external fuel tanks

Crew: F-15A/C: one. F-15B/D/E: two

Armament: One internally mounted M-61A1 20mm 20-mm, six-

barrel cannon with 940 rounds of ammunition; four AIM-9L/M Sidewinder and four AIM-7F/M Sparrow air-to-air missiles, or eight AIM-120 AMRAAMs,

carried externally.

Unit Cost: A/B models - \$30.1 million; C/D models - \$34.3 million

(flyaway costs)

Date deployed: July 1972

Inventory: Active force, 396; Reserve, 0; ANG, 126.



Capt. Matt Wilson, the pilot and Officer in Charge of the Air Combat F-15 West Coast Demonstration Team, performs in front of more than seven million people at over 65 shows in the U.S. and Canada. Capt. Wilson, 31, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and has a Master of business administration in management from Wayland Baptist University in Texas. He has logged approximately 2,500 hours, 650 in the F-15. He has 50 combat hours.



CH-47D CHINOOK

A Chinook helicopter is scheduled to perform a search and rescue demonstration between heats of boat racing Saturday and Sunday.

The Army helicopter carries out transportation of troops, artillery, supplies and equipment to the battlefield. Other roles include medical evacuation, aircraft recovery, parachute drop, search and rescue, disaster relief, firefighting and heavy construction, 163 CH-470s took part in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Robert Young returns as title sponsor of air acts

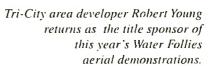
Key to Robert Young's business philosophy is to spend money in the community where it was made. Although he currently resides in San Francisco, Young has contributed to the Tri-City Water Follies hydroplane races and air show for more than 10 years.

As a land developer and apartment owner who has stuck with the Tri-Cities through 40 years of economic booms and busts, Young is still going strong.

"The Tri-Cities has a tremendous future," Young said. "I'm happy I made the decision to stay here."

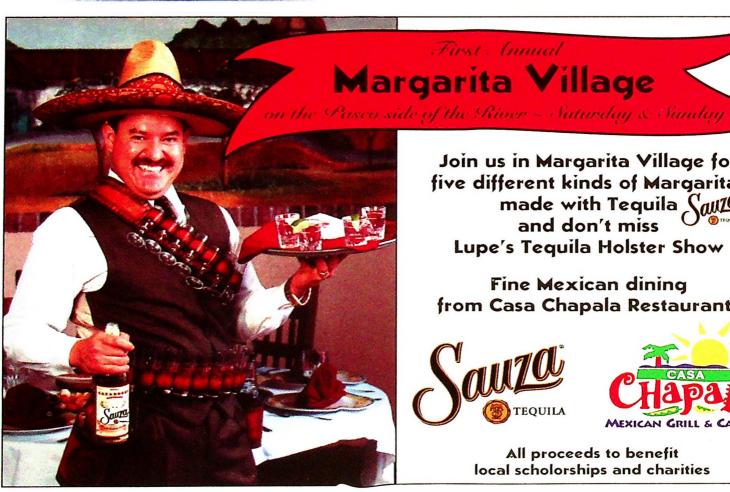
Young's commitment to the Water Follies annual community

family event is clear. His monetary donations that support the over-theriver aerial demonstrations between heats of boat racing, as well as the Canadian Snowbirds Air Show at the Pasco Airport, are currently second only to Budweiser's title sponsorship of the Columbia Cup.



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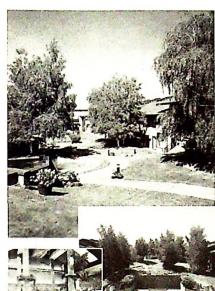
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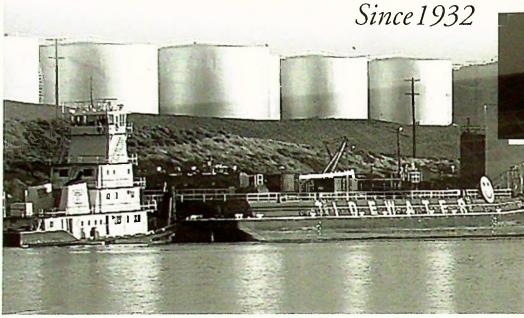
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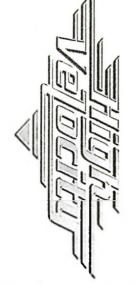
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Tri-Cities is Best Place to Watch Boat Racing

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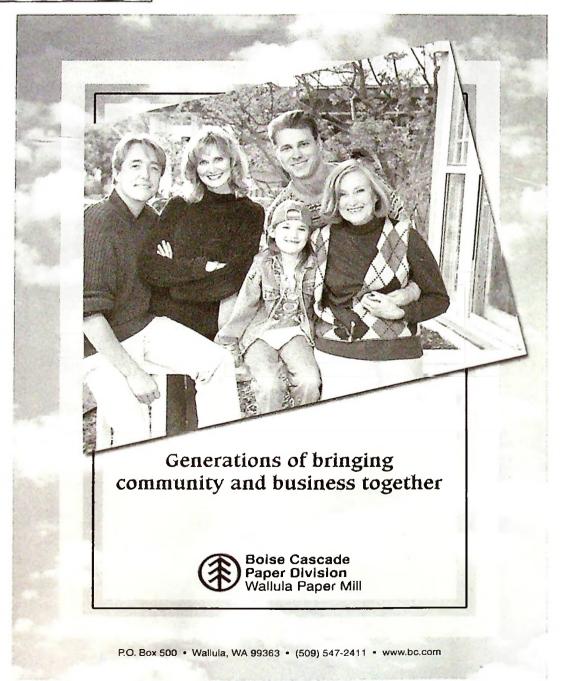
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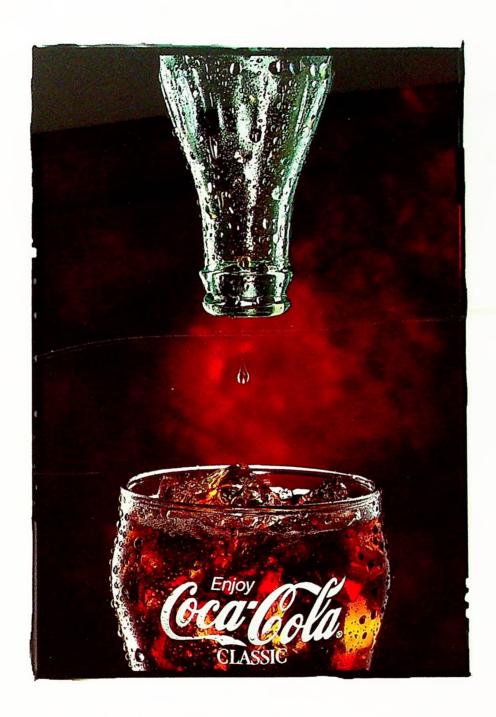
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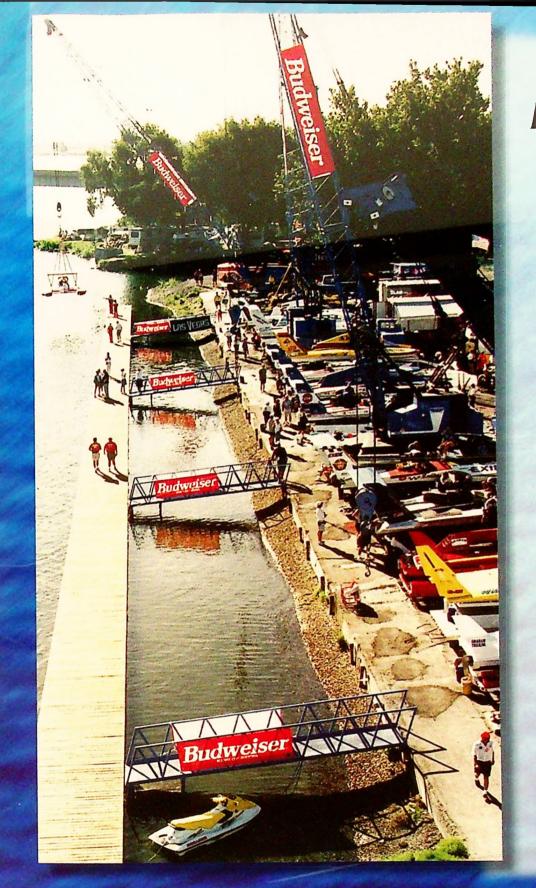
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