



The Tri-City

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OPPORTUNITIES

Richland software company looking for funding, employees

sZen Corp, a provider of business management software solutions, is currently looking for a technical support person responsible for handling customer support for golf, retail, and hospitality software solutions. sZen is also looking to hire a software engineer to assist in the product development of hospitality software.



Additionally, sZen is seeking \$750,000 from investors to support its immediate growth needs. Funds will be used to complete the development of sZen Hospitality—a fully-integrated computer module that hotels, ranches, spas, resorts, and more can use to efficiently manage multiple properties from a central location. For more information, contact sZen at 509-943-1431 or visit: <http://www.szencorp.com/>.

Tri-Cities gears up sponsorships for 43rd annual hydroplane races

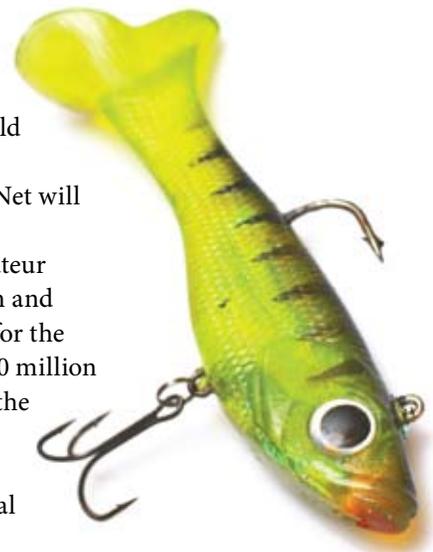
The Tri-Cities Water Follies will be jetting back to the Columbia River this July 25-28. Established in 1965, the Tri-Cities are a consistent stop on the hydroplane circuit. This



year, a full line up of Unlimited Hydroplanes, Unlimited Light Hydroplanes, and an over the-river air show featuring high-speed military jet fly-bys is planned. Over 60,000 people flock to the banks of the Columbia River for the community's largest summer event. As a non-profit organization, the Tri-City Water Follies Association relies on sponsorship from organizations and individuals to help finance the annual event. If you wish to become a sponsor of the Tri-City Water Follies, please contact the main office at 509-783-4675 or visit: <http://www.waterfollies.com>.

High-profile bass fishing tournament returns to Tri-Cities

The Wal-Mart-sponsored Forrest L. Wood (FLW) Outdoor Western Series bass fishing tournament will be held on the Columbia River this September 17-20. Fox Sports Net will document the competition of 200 professional and 200 amateur anglers reeling in smallmouth and largemouth bass, competing for the \$1,000,000 purse. Aired to 350 million households in 177 countries, the Columbia River Tournament highlights the Tri-Cities community to an international audience. The tournament is currently seeking sponsors for this year's event. For more information on becoming a sponsor or participating in the tournament, please contact the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau at 800-254-5824 or visit: <http://www.visittricity.com>.



Tri-Cities by the Numbers

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8 public golf courses, **2** private courses, and **2** championship putting courses

99 public parks for sports and leisure activities

261,653 seats sold for Tri-City Americans, Fever, and Dust Devil games in the 2007 season

BUSINESS NEWS

Zoom, zoom, zoom ... Richland company's car breaks world speed record

Guinness World Records™ recently verified that Shelby SuperCars' (SSC), production car—the Ultimate Aero—is officially the “Fastest Production Car” in



the world with a top speed of 255.83 mph. Owned by Tri-Cities resident, Jerod Shelby, SSC is an American automobile manufacturer of exotic supercars. “The fact that we are a small, privately owned company and were able to do something that much bigger companies haven't done on massive budgets makes this so exciting for the entire SSC team,” said Shelby. This is the first time the production speed record title has been held by a United States auto manufacturer since the Ford GT40 claimed the record in 1967.

The speeds, on a closed stretch of highway near the Tri-Cities, were recorded using a series of satellites and several on-board sensors, with an independent firm on hand to monitor progress. Shelby and the SSC design team have spent the past seven years creating, engineering, and testing this world-record shattering supercar.

Kennewick company manufactures the world's first-of-its-kind golf shaft

TiSport® is helping golfers improve their game one stroke at a time. The company, which operates from a 60,000 square foot manufacturing plant in Kennewick, has



more than two decades worth of experience working in the titanium industry and is responsible for manufacturing the world's only titanium golf shaft. Known as the TiShaft™ and made from seamless titanium tubing, these shafts better absorb shock and vibration caused at impact. The \$54 TiShafts are lighter than steel, allowing greater acceleration through the ball and transfers more of the body's power into each shot. The company's facilities include state-of-the-art welding and milling machines, tube shaping and bending equipment, and polishers. In addition to TiShaft, TiSport also manufactures titanium bicycle frames and wheel chairs. For more information or to purchase TiSports products, visit: <http://www.titaniumsports.com>.

Cool Desert Nights heats up summer streets

The three-day classic car and street-rod event is cruising back to the Tri-Cities June 19-21. One of the most popular, annual summer events hosted by Richland is the Cool Desert Nights festival. The event is an exciting, fun-filled, three-day, custom and classic car show



showcasing hundreds of different makes and models of classic and vintage cars, hot rods, motorcycles, trucks, and more. In addition to the Show 'n Shine car parade, Cool Desert Nights features cruises, poker runs, live music, night street dances, a pancake breakfast, slow drags, and several games and prizes. For more information, visit: <http://www.cooldesertnights.com>.

TRI-CITIES NOW

Tri-Cities professional sports at-a-glance

The **Tri-Cities Fever**, a professional arena football team in the AF2 league, is back for its third season. During the March – July season, the Fever will play six home games on Saturday nights at 7 pm at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. The \$10 per seat tickets went on sale to the general public in March and will be available before each game. For more information, visit: <http://www.tricityfever.com>.



The **Tri-City Americans**, a franchise of the Western Hockey League, are in the playoffs. Like the Fever, the Americans play at Kennewick's Toyota Center and are celebrating their 20th year anniversary! Tri-Cities natives, Olaf Kolzig and Stu Barnes—both professional hockey players in the National Hockey League—are co-owners of the team. For more information, visit: <http://www.amshockey.com>.



The minor-league baseball team, the **Tri-City Dust Devils**, and the City of Pasco agreed in January to an extension of the team's lease with the city. The lease will keep the team in the city-owned stadium for at least the next ten years. The 2007 season set an attendance record of over 75,000+. The 2008 Dust Devil season is set to open in June. Ticket packages are on sale and can be ordered by phone at 509-544-8789 or online at: <http://www.dustdevilsbaseball.com>.



Tri-Cities dance team's moves attract national trophies, top choreographers

The Elite Cheer & Dance Center's team, Eastern Washington Elite, has something to cheer about—four new national titles on top of their existing 17. In February, the Kennewick-based Center racked up three first-place wins at the National Dance Team Championships in Florida and one first place trophy at the National Cheer Championships in California. The Center's programs have even attracted some of the top choreographers in the business, including MTV favorites Tabitha and Napoleon Dumo.



"Tabitha and Napoleon have choreographed for the Grammys," said Teri Rowe, founder and director of the Center. "They did Celine Dion's tour and worked with Christina Aguilera." Additionally, the dance team was featured as one of the top hip hop teams in the country by national dance and cheer magazines. Whether it's an artistic expression or a sporting event, dance can still pay some of the bills when dancers leave the Tri-Cities. "Four girls are on full-ride scholarships at Hawaii Pacific University," Rowe said. "One girl is down in Los Angeles working in music videos and one former dancer is on tour in Asia for The King and I." For more information on classes, visit: <http://www.elitecheerdance.com>.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Olie Kolzig and Stu Barnes

Current title: Olie and Stu are co-owners of the Tri-City Americans Hockey team.

Time spent in the Tri-City area: Olie and Stu played together on the original Tri-City Americans hockey team starting in 1988.



Olie Kolzig

Stu Barnes



Accomplishments: After their time with the Americans, both became stars of the National Hockey League for more than a decade: Olie with the Washington Capitals and Stu with Pittsburgh, Florida, Buffalo, and Dallas. In 2005, Olie and Stu bought the Tri-City Americans.

Olie founded the Carson Kolzig Foundation in honor of his son who is autistic. The nonprofit foundation is dedicated to education and resources of individuals with autism and their families. Stu recently played his 1,000th game—a feat only a little over 200 other NHL players have accomplished.

Impression of the Tri-Cities: Both Olie and Stu have homes in the Tri-Cities. “The Tri Cities is a wonderful place to live, and my wife, kids, and I enjoy spending time there whenever we can,” Stu said.

Recent activities: Stu currently plays for the Dallas Stars and has a happy and active home life with his wife and two children. Olie plays for the Washington Capitals and is also an entrepreneur who has invested in restaurants and real estate. “I’ve got a wonderful lifestyle and my kids are taken care of for the rest of their lives because of hockey,” Olie said. “I feel that because of where I’m at I can give back.”

There are a number of Tri-Cities business and entrepreneurs looking for advisors, board members and investors. Additionally, there are one-time seminars and presentation opportunities for you to share “lessons learned” and your expertise with others. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities to give back to the Tri-Cities, please contact Robin Conger at Robin.Conger@pnl.gov.

The Tri-City Alumni Update informs former Tri-Citians about current events and opportunities available “back home.” It is published in partnership with Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tri-City Development Council, Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. We’re hoping to reach as many former Tri-Citians as possible, so please forward this to others. It’s also online at www.pnl.gov/edo/business/alumni. To receive the newsletter via e-mail, add someone else to the mailing list, or to be removed from the list, please contact Robin Conger at robin.conger@pnl.gov or (509) 372-4328.



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