



The Tri-City

Alumni Update



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OPPORTUNITIES

Astronomy group seeking assistance to enhance science education

The Alliance for the Advancement of Science Through Astronomy, AASTA, is in the process of enabling the telescope at the Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory to be accessed via the internet. Their goal is to make the telescope, which is the largest in Washington state, available for students and teachers in an effort to enhance elementary through college science programs throughout the region. Access to an instrument such as this would greatly enhance schools' science curricula by providing hands-on learning experiences for students.



AASTA is in need of new computers and software to provide access to the telescope through the internet. According to Ken Swanson, a spokesperson for AASTA, \$175,000 – \$200,000 would be enough to accomplish their goal. They have already

begun working with the local school districts to set up programs with teachers and other groups to allow students to access the telescope.

If you are interested in donating to AASTA or learning more about this project, please contact Ken Swanson at 376-0826 or ken.swanson@pnl.gov.

Professional and executive help wanted

The Tri-City area has several professional and executive level positions available. NewEdge, a market research firm in Richland is seeking a Client Director to develop and sustain satisfied client relationships for NewEdge. They are also looking for a Lead Research Strategist to manage large projects and conduct research.

Washington Group International and Energy Northwest, along with several other companies in the region are seeking qualified electrical engineers.

Advanced Imaging Technologies, a dense breast imaging company, has openings available for a senior software systems engineer, a director of clinical applications and a product engineering manager.

All positions require a minimum of a four-year degree in business, marketing or electrical engineering depending upon the position. For details about the positions or to apply, contact WorkSource Columbia Basin at 509-734-5900.

BUSINESS NEWS

Fluor Shell building gets new tenants

Ashley's Furniture Home Store and Sleep City in Richland have leased 40,000 square feet of space in Fluor Hanford's Shell building in Pasco. The stores intend to use the space for

Tri-Cities by the Numbers

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40+

Big Box stores in the Tri-City area, including WalMart, Home Depot, Costco, Best Buy, and more.

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Starbucks now in the area.

** The increase in Big Box and Chain stores in the area indicates growth and prosperity.*

warehouse purposes. Last year, FedEx leased 30,000 square feet of space in the building. The occupancy by FedEx has generated a great deal of interest in the facility in recent months.

Fluor built the 103,000 square foot facility to encourage economic development in the Tri-City area. With the new tenants, there is still 33,000 square feet of space available.

Fluor is also looking for someone to purchase the facility. For more information, please contact the Tri-City Development Council at 735-1000 or visit their website at www.tridec.org.

Heaston Thompson Vision Clinic— a family affair

Established in the 1950's by Dr. W.D. Heaston, the Heaston Thompson Vision Clinic has grown to a full blown family enterprise. Dr. Dale Heaston, son of Dr. W.D. Heaston, welcomed his two daughters and one son-in-law to the practice.



Photo credit: Tim Bush

Dr. Trent Thompson, Dr. Elizabeth Heaston, and Dr. Karen Marie Heaston joined the practice and after nearly 40 years in their previous facility, the group moved the practice to a new 10,000 square-foot building on

Aaron Drive in Richland. The practice occupies roughly half of the total space and the other half is owned by Tim Bush who leases the space to several smaller businesses. Bush plans to build six more buildings in the area over the next two to three years.

Dr. Dale Heaston said, "We just outgrew the other building. The new facility gives us more room for our new technology and allows us to continue providing the best possible patient care."

The Heaston's are a perfect example of Tri-City alumni recognizing the value in coming back to the area to work and raise a family. For more information on the Heaston Vision Clinic call 509-943-3171 or to find out about space in one of Tim Bush's new facilities call 509-947-7901 or 509-946-1253.

IsoRay, Inc. stocks listed on American Stock Exchange



In April of this year, the American Stock Exchange listed the common stock of IsoRay, Inc. under the ticker symbol ISR.

Richland-based IsoRay, Inc. develops brachytherapy solutions for prostate cancer and other malignant tissue cancers through the use of its proprietary Cesium-131 radioisotope. The company, through its subsidiary, IsoRay Medical, Inc., produces and sells the Cesium-131 brachytherapy seed currently used to treat prostate cancer.

"IsoRay, Inc. does important work in the field of cancer therapy, and the American Stock Exchange is pleased to list



their shares,” said John McGonegal, Senior Vice President of Amex’s Equities Group.

IsoRay, Inc. joins a handful of publicly-traded Tri-City companies. For more information on IsoRay, please call 561-512-7723 or visit www.isoray.com.

TRI-CITIES NOW

Tri-Cities tops in nation for scientists and engineers

The Tri-Cities is the No. 1 metro area for scientists and engineers among 362 metro areas nationwide, according to the March/April edition of *Expansion Management Magazine*. The ranking, the magazine’s fifth annual Knowledge Worker Quotient, is based on the percentage of scientists and engineers in each metropolitan statistical area. These highly skilled workers form the “backbone of the technology sector of the economy,” the magazine said. The study provides businesses and companies with a road map for where to find the best-educated work forces in America. See the complete article online at: <http://www.expansionmanagement.com>.

Local schools make Newsweek’s Best American High Schools List

For the second time, Pasco High School has made *Newsweek Magazine’s* annual “Best American High Schools” list. The list names the top 1,300 schools in the United States. In 2005, Pasco High ranked 905th and this year it has moved to 900th.



Rankings are determined based upon the Washington Post Challenge Index, which measures a public high school’s effort to challenge its students. The formula used

to determine the rankings is as follows: divide the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge tests a school gave by the number of seniors who graduated in June. Tests taken by all students, not just seniors, are counted.

Kamiakin High School also made Newsweek’s top 1,200; it was listed at 1063rd. According to Newsweek, all schools on the list are in the top 5% of the nation. To read the entire story go to: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8573372/site/newsweek/>.

ALUMNUS PROFILE

Patricia Barker

Current Business:

Recently retired from the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company – Founder of BKWear Dance Clothes.

Title:

Principal Ballerina, Teacher and Business CEO.

Time spent in the Tri-City area:

Born and raised in the region, the Tri-Cities is home to Barker.

Accomplishments:

Patricia has danced in many productions throughout her career, including: A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Chaconne, The Sleeping Beauty, Nutcracker, The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet and many, many more.

In addition to her performing career, she is a member of the faculty of Pacific Northwest Ballet School and has been a guest teacher at schools throughout the United States. She appears on the Freed of London video *Patricia Barker on Pointe Shoes*. She is also the founder and owner of BKWear dancewear.

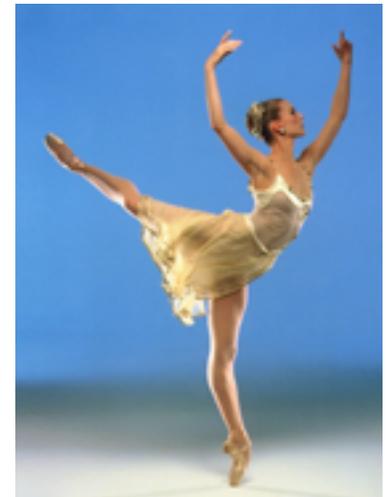


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Impression of the Tri-City area:

Patricia is a native of the area and has been very impressed by recent efforts to bring the Mid-Columbia Ballet Company to pre-professional status. “Debra and Joel [Rogo] have helped enrich the cultural attractiveness of the community with their ballet company.”

Recent activities:

Has been touring as a principal dancer with the Pacific Northwest Ballet company. After 26 years with the company, she recently completed her final season before retirement. She danced her local farewell performance in the Mid-Columbia Ballet’s Spring Gala. “I was thrilled to be asked, because it enabled me to bring my art and talent back home,” Barker said.

We are looking for more former Tri-City residents to receive this newsletter. If you have an e-mail list that you would like to share or know of anyone who would benefit from receiving this newsletter, 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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