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For Westin Hotels Corporate Office Employees

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SPEAK FOREIGN? SPEAK UP!:

If a second language is like second nature to you, the corporate personnel office would like to hear from you (in English). Occasionally the various divisions/departments will receive correspondence written in a foreign language requiring translation. Personnel wants to assemble a list of those office employees fluent in the required languages who could be called upon for such translations. Most needed are individuals with dual or multi-lingual skills in German, Spanish, French, Italian and Japanese. If your skills are in any one or more of these -- or any other foreign language - please call Barbara Ogle (8935) and let her know. Gracias. Merci. Danke. etc.

ENTERTAINMENT, NO. CITY LITES, SI:

Jan Hagen reports all Entertainment '84 coupon books are gone. There will be no more. Sorry. However, she does have a few City Lite coupon books (1984 edition), valid through October 1, 1984. Books are available through the rest of this month only, so if you're interested, call quick (5019). Books offer "twofers" or similar savings on restaurants, sports activities, theatres, movies, recreation, travel and misc. services.

LAS HADAS - AN EASY 10:

Announced on September 22, the acquisition of Las Hadas resort located on Mexico's Pacific Coast between Ixtapa and Puerto Vallarta. It's a dazzling white Moorish fantasy of minarets, cupolas and archways on a terraced hillside over-

looking Manzanillo Bay. The 200-plus room resort features swimming, golf, tennis, beach, private marina, restaurants, bars, etc. etc. Right now, it rates an easy 10. When Hoteles Camino Real takes over on October 20, that rating will climb even higher. To get a visual idea of what it's like, re-see the movie "10". Parts of that movie were shot on location here. (But this time, look at the background scenery.) Gonna be a great addition to our Westin family.

GARDNERS, MEET JEANNE GARDINER:

The lady is the General Chairman of the Arboretum Foundation's Annual Fall Bulb Sale, and she's coming to Westin. She is the featured speaker for this month's Employee's Council Speakers Programs scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at Harry's from 12:10 to 12:50.

Jeanne will talk on "Selection, Culture and Care of Bulbs", with special attention given to dealing with common bulb growing problems in the Northwest garden.

She will also bring with her a choice selection of bulbs and wildflowers for sale. Her collection will include pre-potted lilies, anemonies, pink dwarf calla lilies, cyclamen, hyacinth, tulip and narcissus bulbs and other exceptional offerings for your purchase. (Bulb and plant sale profits help support the upkeep and maintenance of the Washington Park Arboretum.)

However, if you would like to special order specimens beforehand, Charlotte Mirick (5079) has a listing of available

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bulbs and plants and can place the order for you for delivery by Jeanne on the 18th. But contact Charlotte no later than Friday, October 14.

Mark your calendar now for a noon date with Jeanne Gardiner for Tuesday the 18th. It's great opportunity to learn all about bulb planting and care from an expert and a chance to get in on a mini-version of the Arboretum Foundation's very popular Annual Fall Bulb Sale. Bring your lunch.

ALWAYS WANTED A VITIS RHOMBIFOLIA?:

Well, you just might find a good buy on one at the plant sale sponsored by Interior Plant Design, the plant rental people who supply the Westin Bldg. Their sale is scheduled for the weekend of October 15-16 at their business address, 3860 N.E. Bellevue-Redmond Road. It's from 10 to 4 both days. If you want to call first to be sure that they do have grape ivy - or any other favorite indoor plant - in stock, their number is 883-4455.

STUCK IN. CALL OUT:

If, perchance, you ever get stuck in a stalled Westin Building elevator or the doors won't open, don't scream, pound walls or let fly with a vocal recitation of four-letter expletives. Nothing will happen.

Instead, in your coolest James Bond-fashion, calmly pick up the emergency phone in the elevator. It automatically connects you to the building's 24-hour answering service - you don't even have to dial - and a reassuring voice will come on line to ask for your location and problem.

The helpful operator will then connect you with the security guard in the main lobby who will handle the problem. If the security guard is unavailable, the operator will call emergency personnel to come to your rescue. Within a few minutes, at most, you will be out and

on your way and with only a semi-interesting story to tell to family and friends.

Another calming thought while we're on the subject. All Westin Building elevators have fail-safe systems that make it impossible for elevator free-fall even if the cables are severed. (There's all these very strong little people hidden under each elevator, you see...)

PEOPLE:

Recently announced management changes: Jack Gaines, vice president in Operations, now joins the Development group. Moving to Operations is Ralph Van Noy, senior vice president and former president of Westin Service. Pat O'Brien moves up from vice president of Westin Service to president. Congrats and best wishes all around.

New faces on board: John Irvin, project manager, D&C; Margaret Thomas, interior designer, Westin Service; Laura Gallant, secretary, Westin Service; Renee Day, information processing secretary, Risk Management; Jane Weedman, clerk, Credit. Dee Dee Darkis, receptionist/secretary, Personnel; Pamela Murphy, expeditor, Westin Service; Diane Farkas, Delphi sales manager, Marketing. Warm welcomes all around.

And a name change: Kay Stover, Payroll is now Kay Debock.

P.S.:

Thanks for caring.

