



WESTIN HOTELS

Homefront

For Westin Hotels & Resorts Corporate Office Employees

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PSSSST.....GOTTA' DEAL

It's this real neat sturdy grey canvas tote bag, see. And a big, white fluffy beach towel. Comes as a set. Take 'em on vacation. Take 'em to the beach. Perfect tote for the gym. Yeah, they got somebody's name on 'em. But it's o.k. It's Westin Hotels & Resorts. Real classy. They're leftover stock from a recent Marketing promo and they want to like dispose of them. Fast. So they're selling them cheap. Twenty bucks a set. Just call Ellen Hickey (5277), or Rachel Pizarro (5180), or Debbie Hunt (5233). They'll fix you up. All you need is a check for \$20. Make it out to Westin Marketing Division. Like I'm telling you. It's a deal.

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UNDERSTANDING, INVOLVEMENT, SUPPORT

...that's the basic message corporate office employees will be receiving from the recently organized "United Way at Work" committee headed by senior vice president, Bill Newman. The committee's three-pronged challenge over the next several months is to assist in developing a better understanding of the human services system in our community; to encourage employee volunteer involvement in the various community service agencies; and to lend their financial support to these agencies through United Way contribution.

In addition to Bill Newman, committee members include: Linda Blosssey, Gabe

Fonseca, Bob Jenness, Charlotte Kuchin, Bill Lane, Mike Montgomery, and Diane Taniguchi.

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LOCAL GUYS MAKE GOOD

What with the NCAA West Regionals going on at the Kingdome, this sounds like small potatoes, but it's definitely big news at The Westin across the street. The hotel's basketball team won both the regular season and the play-off championships for the Seattle Parks and Recreation Commercial League. With a season record of 15-0, the team has won 25 games in a row over the past two years. Well deserved congratulations guys from your fellow family members across the street.

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COME UP AND SEE 'EM SOMETIME

The report from Plantes and Fleurs is of their closing as of Monday, March 23 for a major renovation and expansion. Meanwhile they are settling in at their temporary location on the 16th floor and hope to reopen in the lobby level by April 10 in time for Easter.

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HOTEL NEWS

It's goodbye Salt Lake and hello Orlando according to two bulletin announcements made earlier this month. The Westin Hotel Utah is scheduled for an August 31 closure and renovation

into an office building. Westin will continue management until closure date.

An earlier bulletin announced that Westin will manage a 288-room hotel to be constructed at duPont Centre, a \$400 million mixed-use development in downtown Orlando, Florida. It will be called The Westin Hotel, duPont Centre Orlando.

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HOMEFRONT'S PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Avoid sham diet books warns a recent tip sheet from Virginia Mason Medical Center. The warning goes on to note that anybody can write and sell a diet book and advises consumers to look for the following telltale clues that help individuals spot medically unsound diet books.

Watch for books that: *exclude one of the four food groups: dairy, vegetable and fruit, meat and legumes, bread and cereal; *call for taking vitamin supplements; *promise weight loss greater than two pounds a week; *claim a single food or food group is a magic key to a new you; *require the dieter to skip meals; *set a limit below 1000 calories a day without medical supervision; *disregards the importance of exercise; *promote products or advertise in nutritionally questionable publications.

The item advised that people who question the validity of a diet book should contact a registered dietician. (Item source courtesy of Margie Williamson).

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WE RESPOND TO YOUR RESPONSES

In the last issue of Homefront, we asked for your gripes, kudos, ideas, etc. for publication. This is what popped up in our mail:

. From JoAnn Walkowski, a plea to check mail stop addresses when sending mail to the various MIS areas. With the fairly recent relocation of Hotel MIS, headed by Teri Hewson, to the 11th floor, all mail directed to Hotel MIS should be directed to MIS-11. As Ken Hughes, director of MIS, and Bob Jenness of Corporate MIS remain on the 8th floor, that mail should be directed to MIS-8. Follow this formula and you just can't MIS.

. From Patty Mayer, a suggestion of consideration. Patty notes that since Harry's on Sixth has been redesigned and cut down in size, there is sometimes a table problem for lunchers or munchers having to resort to eating on the couches. She suggests that if you are there just to read or relax that you use the couches and leave the tables for eaters particularly throughout the lunch period.

A sensible idea and for you luncher/munchers, please do your part in cleaning up after yourselves.

(signed) Mom.

. From "name withheld" a question that asked, "What happened to our classical music in the elevators? The Muzak is for the birds! Sounds like we're in a dentist's office."

From Jack Fletcher, Building Manager, comes an apology and an explanation. It seems that an experimental tape was being used unbeknownst to him while he was away. Now that he is back, the classical classics are back. (And everybody can bring back their batons.)

. From Fern DeWinter, a question about the air quality in the building. Again, the answer provided by Jack Fletcher, Building Manager who attests that the air quality is inspected by city inspectors every three months and that the quality has consistently been "way above city standards". Ooooookay.