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**WTP's FIRST STRUCTURAL STEEL:** The Waste Treatment Plant Project's first structural steel was placed inside the Low-Activity Waste Vitrification Facility nearly three months before the Tri-Party Agreement construction-progress milestone. On July 24, ironworkers installed about 15 tons of steel to support the first floor and the above-grade walls of the facility. "This accomplishment is the culmination of a lot of hard work by our Engineering, Construction, Permitting, Design and Procurement departments and their support staffs, along with the efforts of the Department of

Energy, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency," said WTP Project manager Jim Betts. The basement perimeter walls are being backfilled with dirt, so the facility will appear to rise out of the ground as 5,100 tons of structural steel columns and beams are placed over the next four years.

**WATER FOLLIES VOLUNTEERS:** Vikki Ballew, who organized the volunteers of the Fluor Community Involvement Team to serve on the Pasco side of the Columbia River at this year's Tri-Cities Water Follies, collects the parking fee from a boat-race fan. Other volunteers helped with security checks for alcohol and glass, or simply patrolled along the Pasco side to serve as additional eyes and ears for police officers. The FCIT has been working at the Water Follies for the past five years, and this year more than 75 of its volunteers put in more than 900 hours during the two-day event.



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**BUYING BONDS FOR DREAMS:** E.S. 'Curley' Williamson, a painter at the World War II Hanford Engineer Works, bought government bonds where he worked. This Louisiana native had served in the military on Midway at the beginning of World War II. He had been working at Hanford seven months when he was interviewed by a *Sage Sentinel* reporter and answered the "Question of the Week: What are you doing with your war savings bonds?" Williamson's photo and answer appeared in the June 9, 1944 issue. He said, "Sure, I know what I'm going to do with my bonds....buy a tourist lodge in Shreveport, Louisiana. I've got the spot picked out, too. Right on a bayou near home." The photo is from the archives of the East Benton County Historical Museum, 205 Keewaydin Dr. in Kennewick.