

COMMUNITY NEWS

State Budget Cuts Under Way

State agencies will begin to curtail unnecessary hiring, travel and purchases, and adhere to strict new guidelines for printing stationery and business cards, under two directives issued last week by Governor Mike Lowry.

In a memo entitled "Fiscal restraint measures for the remainder of the 1991-1993 biennium," Lowry noted the anticipated gap between revenue growth and expenditure demands in existing state programs during the 1993-1995 biennium, and he expressed his intent to work with the Legislature to craft a fiscally responsible budget. Nevertheless, he said, that budget will contain significant cuts for state government, and "it is imperative that we begin to plan for these reductions now and ensure that the transition to a reduced budget can be accomplished with minimal disruption to vital state services."

Accordingly, Lowry directed each state agency to immediately implement the following measures:

- Postpone or eliminate hiring for vacant positions supported by the state General Fund that are not critical to the central mission of the agency.
- Curtail all nonessential purchases, such as equipment, personal services contracts,

remodeling, furnishings, and training.

- Suspend all travel not directly related to service delivery.
- Evaluate and implement all possible efficiencies in facility use, client services, and any other aspect of agency operations.

Lowry also updated a four-year-old administrative policy on state stationery and business cards. The new policy bans the use of watermarks on state stationery, saving more than \$4 per ream. It also prohibits printing individuals' names on any letterhead or memo paper, thereby reducing wastage when directors change.

The governor said issuing the orders on his second day in office accomplishes two goals: It shows that he's serious about managing state government efficiently, and it will yield savings that will help solve the looming budget crisis:

"I'm not expecting a huge windfall of money from these measures, but every dollar we save now is one more dollar we'll have available to us to help balance the budget in the 1993-1995 biennium," Lowry said. "The people of the state have a right to expect their state government to manage with less during a time when many of them are managing their household budgets with less."

Computer Classes Offered

New classes in Windows, Microsoft's exciting, interactive software, are now available at Olympic College. These two-session (8 hours total) classes are taught by John Lind. All class materials are provided. Cost: \$55 each.

- Basic Windows 3.1: Tuesday, February 9 and Thursday, February 11, 8 a.m.-12 noon.
- Basic Microsoft Works for Windows: Tuesday, February 16 and

Thursday, February 18, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

- Growing Your Own Business Using Microsoft Works: Tuesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 11, 7:10 -9 p.m.

- Harvard Graphics 3.0 (DOS Environment): Tuesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 25, 8 a.m.-12 noon.

For more information and registration, call 478-4839.



Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon was held Sunday, January 13 at the Kitsap Golf & Country Club in Bremerton. This year's scholarship recipient was Shalan Rockwell, a 1992 graduate of Bremerton High School. On hand to accept the award for Rockwell were her mother, Carol Blakley (center back) and brother, Kellen Alley, a third grader at Sylvan Way Christian School (center front). Also pictured, are President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund of Kitsap County, Nora "Skip" Powell (left) and keynote speaker for the luncheon, Thelma Jackson, senior vice president of Nat Jackson & Associates, Inc. of Olympia.



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FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28
Black History Month Art Gallery Works of Florence Baker on Display

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Africa: Different But Equal - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Africa: Mastering A Continent - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Africa: Caravans Of Gold - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Africa: Kings & Cities - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Africa: The Bible & The Gun - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Africa: The Magnificent Cake - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., TBA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Africa: The Rise Of Nationalism - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Africa: The Legacy - Video, 1 p.m., A-103

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., BSC 140

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Art of William Johnson & Jacob Lawrence Lecture/Slides/Videos, 1 p.m., A-103

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Black History Lecture Series - 12 to 1 p.m., TBA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
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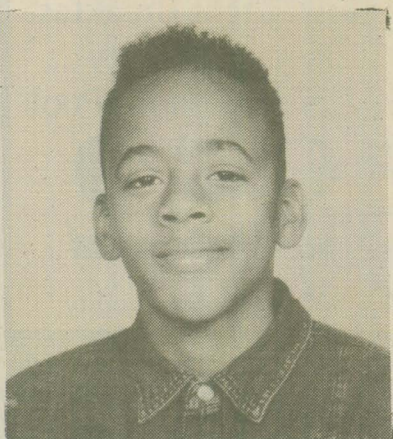
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