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Councilman Ron Sims to Speak at 'Community Unity Banquet'



COUNCILMAN RON SIMS

Community Resource Center to Host Homebuyer Education Seminar

A free two-part Community Homebuyer Education seminar will be sponsored by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission on February 15 and 17.

The seminar, for buyers interested in the process of purchasing a first home, will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each evening at the Community Resource Center, 13th and North Lafayette in West Bremerton.

"Homebuyer education seminars offer an excellent opportunity for potential first-

time homebuyers to learn what the process of buying a home comprises," said D.E. "Skip" Chilberg, chair of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

To enroll, call the Commission at 1-800-767-HOME, Continental Mortgage at 692-1721 (whose certified instructors will be teaching the seminar) or the Community Resource Center at 373-4304, who is hosting the seminar.

Class size is limited. Participants may find it helpful to bring a hand-held calculator.

PTA Scholarships Available

The Washington State PTA, through its Financial Grant Foundation, will award \$60,000 in college scholarships for the 1994-95 academic year.

Grants of \$1,000 will be given to recipients entering four-year, post-secondary institutions. Five hundred dollar grants will be awarded for community colleges, vocational schools or other accredited institutions.

A scholarship applicant must be a graduate of a Washington state public high school. These individuals need not be current graduates. Graduates from prior years may apply as long as they are entering their freshman year.

The financial need of the applicant shall be the primary consideration.

Applications, due by March 1, 1994, may be

obtained from high school counselors or by contacting the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation, 2003 - 65th Avenue West, Tacoma 98466-6215.

Community Clinic expands office hours

Primary medical care will be available at the Poulsbo location of the Kitsap Community Clinic on an expanded basis as of February.

WIC services are free to those who qualify and Primary Care medical patients pay a sliding-scale fee based on income and family size.

For clinic hours or to schedule an appointment for either program, call the Poulsbo Clinic at 779-1963.

The Kitsap County chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will host their third annual community unity banquet entitled "Beyond The Dream: Let's Do It!", in celebration of Black History Month, on Saturday, February 26 at 6 p.m. at the Kitsap Pavilion.

The event will also include recognition of local youth who have served as positive role models during the past year along with a special presentation provided by the Black Historical Society of Kitsap County in celebration of their ninth annual Black History Month program.

POWER, TCI launch job training program

TCI Cable Company and People Organized Working for Ethnic Reality (P.O.W.E.R.) have developed a job training program in the field of Cable Television Installation.

The apprenticeship program has been structured for high school aged participants who are about to receive their Diploma or G.E.D. from a local area educational center.

The 26 week program will be held on Tuesday evenings and will include job hunting skills and interviewing techniques. Upon completion of the program students will have the ability and knowledge to install home and business cable systems.

For applications or more information, call 792-0637 or 373-5390 or stop by the P.O.W.E.R. office located at 902 Park Avenue, Suite B in Bremerton.

KOMO honors heroes

As part of the KOMO Crime Crackdown series, KOMO News 4's People Helper, Brook Stanford is looking for "Hometown Heroes" who are working in their community to crack down on crime.

Beginning this month, and throughout the year, Stanford will honor people who are making a difference in their communities. The Hometown Heroes' stories will air on Wednesdays during the 5 p.m. evening newscasts.

If you know of someone who is making a difference in their community by: working with at risk youth, organizing block watches, holding community meetings, or have created an outstanding way to crack down on crime, call Brook Stanford at (206) 441-HELP or write him at: Hometown Heroes, KOMO TV, 100 Fourth Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

Admission is \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 student/youth under 18 and \$40 family of four. Tickets may be purchased at the Kitsap Mall Information booth no later than February 23.

If you would like to sponsor a youth to attend the banquet, please send \$10.00 to Blacks in Government, P.O. Box 2742, Bremerton, WA 98310.

For further information, contact 377-9623.

"We invite the community to share this event with us," said Debra Jackson, president of BIG.

"We must build upon the achievements of the past and reach out to one another and share our ethnic differences and build a coalition to stem the increase of violence and drug use that plague our youth," she added.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Councilman Ron Sims of King County District

Five. Sims was elected to the King County Council in 1985.

He is the first African American ever elected to county government in Washington State.

Sims also serves as a lay minister for Operation Nightwatch, an organization that provides assistance to the homeless. He has been active as a volunteer football and baseball coach and as a tutor and classroom volunteer assistant.

Born in Spokane in 1948, Sims graduated from Spokane's Lewis and Clark High School. He received a bachelors of arts degree in psychology from Central Washington University.

He is the son of the Reverend James and Lydia Sims, both long time civic activists in Spokane.

Ron, his wife Cayan Topacio, and his three sons, Douglas, Daniel and Aaron, live in south Seattle.



Artist's Reception Set for Asberry

Bremerton artist, Augusta Asberry will be at an artist's reception this Saturday, February 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. and will sign posters of her artwork, "Masked Dancers" at the Amy Burnett Gallery, 412 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton. Asberry's work was selected for the Festival Sundiata's 1994 poster and program guide—an annual event held at the Seattle Center in celebration of African American History Month. (See related articles on pages 4 and 6.)

—"Nigerian Mask Dancers" by Augusta M. Asberry

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Celebrating Black History

by Bernice Powell-Jackson

February is a very important time of the year for African Americans. It is Black History Month, a time set aside for lifting up and celebrating the contributions of African Americans to this country's rich and varied history.

Begun as Negro History Week nearly 70 years ago by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Washington, D.C., it has evolved into a month-long period of study and focus.

But for too many Americans, Black History Month and the many contributions of African Americans are still unknown.

Often, we concentrate on those familiar names in African American history—names like W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman and Mary McLeod Bethune.

But there are thousands of others who have made history as well, often overcoming nearly insurmountable odds created by racism and sexism.

There are hundreds of African American inventors who have made our lives better and easier to live.

Garrett Morgan invented the gas mask and the traffic light in the early decades of this century.

In 1881, Lewis Latimer invented the first incandescent electric light bulb with a carbon filament and later supervised the installation of electric lights in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, Montreal and London.

African American women were inventors also—Sarah Boone invented the ironing board and Sarah Goode invented the folding cabinet bed, both in the late 1800s.

There are African American physicians who have made enormous contributions to the life of our country. Charles Drew invented a technique which separated blood plasma and saved thousands of lives in World War II.

James Derham, the first African American physician, was born a slave in 1862, and after purchasing his own

freedom, became one of the outstanding doctors in New Orleans.

Susan McKinney became the first African American woman physician in the late 1800s and served the Brooklyn, New York community for 20 years before moving to Ohio.

Despite the myth that African Americans have never owned businesses, there are African Americans who built significant businesses.

Maggie Walker built the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company in Virginia and West Virginia.

Barney Ford became a prosperous hotel owner in Denver and Cheyenne during the 1860s, while at the same time George T. Downing was a Rhode Island caterer and hotel owner who ultimately managed the House of Representatives restaurant in Washington, D.C.

Paul Cuffee was a wealthy ship builder in the late 1700s.

There is a rich legacy left by these business owners and thousands of others like them.

Indeed, African Americans have made enormous

contributions to the fields of science, the arts, sports, religion, and education ever since we first arrived on these shores.

But, in the words of Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., executive director of the NAACP, "the best way to celebrate black history month is to make some history yourself."

And today, there are thousands of African Americans across this country doing just that.

There is Rachel Robinson, chairperson of the Jackie Robinson Foundation and widow of the famous history-making baseball player.

She is working to provide college scholarships and mentoring programs for young people all over the country, and thereby furthering her own and her husband's vision for a better tomorrow for our youth.

There is Rahim Jenkins, executive director of the Righteous Men's Commission, a people's organization in Washington, D.C. which is working with gang members and planning a gang summit as

their way of celebrating Black History Month.

There is Reverend Margaret Hairston of Black Community Solutions in Columbus, Ohio, a program she founded and designed to rescue African American youth and families from the court system and assist them through counseling, tutoring, mentoring and a generous dose of love.

There is Raymond Reid in Cleveland, Ohio who on his own initiative, during his own time, using his own money, began a community basketball team which works with young African American men and teaches them not only the rules of the game, but the rules of life.

These are my heroes and as we celebrate African American history month, I not only give thanks for those who have given so much in the past, but to those who make their own African American history today.

Bernice Powell-Jackson is the executive director for the Commission for Racial Justice in Cleveland, Ohio.

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BRUNELL ON BUSINESS

Employer Attitude is Key to
Family-Friendly Workplace

by Don C. Brunell

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Creating a family-friendly workplace starts with the boss and must permeate throughout the company.

A pro-family attitude also increases the bottom-line. Addressing family needs whether they be for elderly parents or newborns is part of creating an environment where productivity can flourish.

Those points came through loud and clear at the annual Child Care Advantages Conference sponsored by the Association of Washington Business (AWB) and Washington's departments of Trade and Economic Development and Social and Health Services.

Clearly, the most articulate business leaders addressing the conference was Phyllis Campbell, president of U.S. Bank-Washington.

Campbell believes that all of the wonderful programs and policies won't work unless managers are sensitive to work-family issues and responsive to individual needs.

Addressing family concerns up front saves money. For example, the Child Care Action Campaign estimates

businesses lose nearly \$3 billion a year when employees must take time off to deal with child-care concerns. This figure doesn't take into account lost productivity from reduced concentration and employee turnover.

Campbell believes creating a family-friendly model is like building a house.

A home must first have a solid foundation and for the workplace that base is a commitment to make it happen.

One wall of the structure is for the employer to know his or her employees.

Paramount to knowing one's employees is recognizing age groups are separated by generations and have different needs, desires and priorities.

Next is to ask employees what they want and need. Many businesses use frequent surveys or focus groups to determine benefits and work scheduling.

Thirdly, empower managers and employees to act to make the workplace friendly to families.

Finally, is to measure results. One way is measuring employee turnover. For example, Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks, indicated

his turnover is 60 percent compared to an average 300 percent for his industry.

Think of the training costs and new employee mistakes eliminated by curbing turnover.

As economic times and life in general get more difficult and complicated, creating a family friendly workplace becomes more important. It is good business and the right thing to do.

"The tie to employee productivity is solid; however, this investment pays dividends beyond dollars and cents: Strengthened families and children are prepared, not just for school, but for life," Campbell concluded.

How does a family-friendly workplace happen.. "It starts at the top with the CEO," Phil Nudelman, president and CEO of Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound said. "It's an attitude that you treat employees as customers and meet their needs."

For additional information about family-friendly workplace, either contact Verna at AWB (1-800-521-9325) or Marsha Holand at the Washington Business Assistance Center (206-753-5632).

Words of Life

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

—Robert Maynard Hutchins

IN THE NEWS

Marie Jones Presented Award from Governor's Council

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners recently presented Marie Jones of Bremerton along with 16 other awards to individuals and organizations from the Kitsap area with "Face It" Recognition Awards from the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse.

The awards were made to honor the contributions of members of the Kitsap Community to the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse in 1993.

"I feel most complete working with people and being of service to them in some capacity," said Jones after the receipt of her award.

Jones is one of the three founding members of Kitsap Youth Services Association (KYSA) of Bremerton and currently serves as the executive director.

KYSA was established to support a pilot community, the West Park Low-income Housing Development, in 1993 by providing activities for youth in the community.

"Upon conducting door to door surveys, we heard parents talk about how hard it was to entertain their children on the income that they received each month," said Jones.

"The children themselves spoke about not being able to

go outside of their neighborhood," she added.

Thus the program "Families R Us" was started.

The program's intent is to bring families—parents, and children—closer together by opening the line of communication and allowing them to spend quality time together without cost to them.

"We hope to create a degree of hope and self worth among the families we serve," continued Jones.

"We have seen family unity grow stronger and some social isolation reduced."

In its first year, the program served over 35 families. In 1994, their goal is to expand the program to include East Bremerton, Silverdale, Poulsbo, and Port Orchard.

KYSA and the "Families R Us" program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant.

They are currently in need of additional funding to provide t-shirts, bag lunches, field trips and staffing for their office.

If you would like to make a donation or become a

volunteer, call 792-9316.

Jones, born in Chicago, Illinois, moved to Bremerton in 1990 from Sacramento,

California.

She has five grown children and 15 grandchildren.



MARIE JONES

OC Program Accepting Construction Projects

The Olympic College Residential Construction Program (RCP) is accepting construction projects from private homeowners for 1994-95.

For the cost of materials and a donation to the RCP Scholarship Fund, Olympic College students, with professional supervision and

expert guidance, may accept construction projects that meet the RCP criteria for learning and practical experience.

For more information, call Grant Newman at (206) 478-4598 or Cynthia Azari, assistant dean for the Division of Business and Engineering Related Occupations at (206) 478-4777.

Participants Sought for Food Service Program

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Judith Billings recently announced that all food service management companies in Washington state interested in participating in the 1994 Summer Food Service Program for Children must register in this state by March 15, 1994.

Small and/or minority-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Program participation is without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

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Enter the Kitsap County Chronicle's Black History Month Quiz by answering the following questions. The quiz is open to all students in grades K-12. Two winners will be selected. Entries must be received by March 4 and the winners and answers will be announced in our March 9, 1994 issue.

QUESTIONS

1. Who was elected as the first president of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers (NCCPT) and in what year was it founded?
2. Who was the first African American to achieve the rank of four-star general?
3. In what year did Jesse Cleveland Owens participate in the Olympic Games and in what events did he receive his four gold medals?

PRIZES

Two \$25 Gift Certificates redeemable at It's Time Clothing Store in the Kitsap Mall.

Submit entries to quiz, with name, address and phone number to Kitsap County Chronicle, P.O. Box 841, Silverdale, WA 98383.

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MONEY MATTERS

Homeownership: The Application Process

By Karen Williams

Just the idea of starting the paperwork involved in buying a home can be quite intimidating to most people. If we were to imagine the home buying process as a three act theatrical play, then we can visualize the purchaser's main role.

ACT I. Finding the Home of Your Choice. Typically, a person who is interested in buying a home will enlist the aid of a Real Estate Agent and begin looking at houses.

However, a well informed shopper will visit with a mortgage loan officer first, and will have had their financial situation evaluated to determine the maximum sales prices they can afford.

This is called a Prequalification Evaluation. Prequalification involves a relatively short confidential verbal interview between the buyer and the loan officer.

The buyer provides pertinent information regarding their employment, salary, savings, and credit

history. Based on this verbal interview, the loan officer can determine the sales price of the house a buyer would qualify for.

Being prequalified takes the financial guess work out of home shopping for the buyer.

It is also possible for the buyer to complete a mortgage loan application and receive loan approval before making a decision on what house to purchase.

This is called a Credit Only Approval. With a Credit Only Approval, all that is left is for the buyer to find a home within their price range and to have the property appraised. Home shopping with Credit Only Approval based on the buyers credit may prove to be beneficial when it is time to negotiate with the seller.

ACT II. Applying for a Mortgage. When buying a home there are three options: seller financing, cash payment, or obtain a mortgage.

Applying for a mortgage will require you to complete a Loan Application. Some people are reluctant to even

consider buying a house because of the paperwork. "I can't fill out all of those forms!", or "Just looking at an application makes me nervous."

This is where I come in as your Loan Officer. I sit down with you and together we will fill out the application. The application itself is only four pages long.

Here's a list of some of the information you will need to bring with you in order to complete the application:

- Social Security and drivers license numbers;
- residence address for the past two years;
- names and addresses of each employer for the past two years;
- gross monthly salary (before taxes);
- names, addresses, account numbers and balances of all checking and savings accounts;
- addresses of other real estate owned;
- loan information on other accounts (i.e. car, credit cards, etc.);

• if self-employed, two years tax returns and current Profit & Loss statements;

• if a veteran, certificate of eligibility or DD214;

• money for credit report and appraisal;

• year to date paystub and last two years of W2's; and

• last two months bank statements.

After the loan application is completed, it is my responsibility to coordinate processing of the loan package that will be submitted to a lenders' underwriter.

From start to finish, this process usually takes approximately 45 days. Loan processing is really information gathering and trouble shooting.

The information to be gathered are: verifications of

employment, verifications of deposits, property title reports, evaluation of appraisals and what ever else an underwriter may need.

The underwriter will then take the completed loan package and determine the marketability of the property and the credit worthiness of the buyer.

Act III. Signing on the Dotted Line. Your loan has been approved! Usually, at this time everyone gives a sigh of relief, the waiting is over. All that is left to do is sign the legal documents giving you title to your new home.

Karen Williams is a Loan Officer at Puget Sound Mortgage & Escrow, Inc. in Poulsbo. If you have questions, you can contact her at 479-2661.

2-Plus-2 Information Session Slated

All interested people are welcome to attend an open information session on the 2-Plus-2 program at Olympic College on Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. in the Bremer Student Center's Dining Library.

Paul Pitre, Olympic College's coordinator and Steve Smith, Director of Admission at the University of Washington in Tacoma, will offer details about the first

classes, registration, and review 2-Plus-2 goals.

The 2-Plus-2 program at Olympic College is a cooperative program, affiliated with the University of Washington and Western Washington University, designed to offer upper division (junior and senior-level) classes that would enable students to complete a bachelor of arts degree locally.

For more information, call Paul Pitre at (206) 792-2115.

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Kinnison, Pitcher named Red Cross volunteers of month

Victoria Kinnison and Dr. Frank Pitcher have been named Volunteers of the Month by the Kitsap North-Mason County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Kinnison of Bremerton was named Volunteer of the Month for January. She has been with the chapter for eight years.

Prior to that, she worked at the Offutt Air Force Base hospital in Nebraska.

Currently, Kinnison works with the chapter in assisting the staff in the Family Practice unit at Naval Hospital in Bremerton by checking in patients, answering the telephone, and updating records.

Dr. Pitcher, Bremerton dentist, has been named Volunteer of the Month for February. He has been with the chapter for three years.

He serves in the disaster unit as the Dental Consultant to Disaster Health Services and is a member of the Board of Directors and the Human Resource Committee.

Most recently, he has worked with his local church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in donating over \$2,000 to the chapter to purchase 100 cots for disaster relief.

Ambassador Ibrahima Sy, executive secretary to the United Nations from the Organization of African Unity, and then, Congressman Mervyn Dymally, chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa, U.S. House of Representatives, were co-sponsors.

Africare's Office of Constituency Development, under the direction of Melvin P. Foote, coordinated an ad hoc advisory council to plan activities for the new organization.

Staff and consultants are now developing a draft strategic plan that will be presented to Ambassador Young and other board members to shape the CFA agenda for the coming years.



PETERS

MLK scholarship recipient for 1994 is Tiffany Peters

Tiffany Peters of Bremerton, daughter of Cherry and Sam Rachal, was this year's 1994 recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund of Kitsap County.

Peters is a freshman majoring in history at Washington State University in Pullman and a 1993 graduate of Olympic High School.

Upon completion of her studies, Peters wants to open a gallery of African and ethnic art.

Publisher Assunta Ng profiled on KCTS 9

Assunta Ng, founder, owner and publisher of Seattle's flourishing Chinese Post and Northwest Asian Weekly, will be profiled in a new "Remarkable People" documentary airing on Channel 9, Monday, February 21 at 9 p.m.

In the half-hour program, Ng talks candidly about her life in Hong Kong, her newspaper business, and her attainment of success in America.

Born in China, Ng came to Seattle as an 18 year old emigre from Hong Kong. Now a successful business woman in the U.S., Ng is working to break stereotypes of Asian American women and to increase understanding between communities.

Safeway, Coors raise funds for literacy

For the second year, Safeway and Coors have formed a partnership to support literacy.

During last October's "Literacy, Pass It On" fund-raising campaign, Safeway raised \$800 and the John Jennings Corporation, local distributor for Coors Brewing Company, contributed over \$500 to the Literacy Council of Kitsap County.

Banks selected to Black Student Union at Whitman College

Marsella Banks, junior foreign languages and literatures (Spanish) major, was selected to serve as president of the Black Student Union at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Banks, a 1991 graduate of Olympic High School, is the daughter of Gilbert and Salome Banks of Bremerton.

WSU students named to Fall Honor Roll

Washington State University reports that the following students have been named to the Fall 1993 President's Honor Roll on the Pullman campus.

To be eligible for the

recognition, a student must have carried at least nine graded hours and achieved a grade point average of 3.75 during the semester, or achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 based on at least 15 graded hours at WSU.

Bremerton: Lang Charters, Deanna Claflin, Suzanne Knight, Heather McKnight, Scott McMinds, Patricia Moreira, Amy Paulson, Michele Paulson, Jacinda Pickett, Allen Risley, Nathan Saunders, Melinda Smith,

Renne Taormina, and Luke Tarver.

Keyport: Bradley Gluth.

Port Orchard: Anthony Brooks, Jin Hwa, Gregory Crump, Scott Demianiw, Renee Gilnick, Cheryle Myers, Nichole Stanton, Clayton Varick and Charles Weatherill.

Poulsbo: Janalyn Cain, John Cain, Anne Carlson, Kathleen Holman, and Darcy Norman.

Silverdale: Gregory Barnett, Lara Dobson, John Kiess, and Heather Thurman.



Pictured above, left to right: Shari Clark, director of Multicultural Student Affairs at Whitman College and Marsella Banks of Bremerton, Black Student Union president at Whitman College.

Asberry's artwork selected for festival

The Poster Art Review Committee of Sundiata African American Cultural Association (SAACA) of Seattle has selected the original artwork, "Masked Dancers," by Augusta M. Asberry of Bremerton to be printed on the Festival Sundiata's 1994 poster and program guide.

An annual event held at the Seattle Center, Festival Sundiata celebrates the significant history and vast artistic contribution of Black people, past and present, with musical performances by Northwest artists, literary events, arts and crafts, exhibits and workshops.

Asberry will be at an artist's reception and will sign posters of the artwork "Masked Dancers" at the Amy Burnett Art Gallery, 412 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton.

The signing will be held this Saturday, February 12 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Ambassador Young to head CFA Board

The Constituency for Africa (CFA), now a program of Africare, became an independent organization as of 1994, and Ambassador Andrew Young has agreed to head the Board of Directors.

CFA was created in 1990 when 40 African American organizations and individuals agreed to help build the constituency.



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AUDITIONS

Jazz Dance Performance Company—"The Astralrhythms," are now holding auditions for adult male and female dancers with ballet or jazz dance backgrounds. Some performing experience required. Vocal skills an asset. For application and/or information, call 565-7287.

Tacoma Little Theatre—"Eleemosynary," a lyrical play on words. Characters needed (3 women, age teen to 60): Echo-Age 16, Artie-Echo's Mother and Dorothea-Echo's Grandmother. Sun., Feb. 20 and Mon. Feb. 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. (The First Congregational Church, 209 South "J" Street, 272-2481.)

COMEDY

The Medicine Comedy Club—\$3 on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and \$5 on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. (822 Burwell Street, Bremerton, 373-7339.)

EVENTS

Kitsap Pavilion—Community Unity Banquet sponsored by Blacks in Government (BIG) for Black History Month. Sat., Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. For information, call 476-5697.

The Children's Museum—Honor African American Arts and Traditions throughout February. Workshops include: Nigerian hair braiding and the use of West African fabric stamps, rap performance, jewelry, storytelling based on West African folktales, African American history, jazz dance and more. Workshops take place Tues. - Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sat. from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Sun. from 1 to 3 p.m. (305 Harrison Street, Seattle, 441-1768.)

EXHIBIT

Olympic College—Martin Lim Say-Leong. The collection, with the juxtaposition of natural, stark beauty of colors, depicts his travels to Malaysia, Japan, and South America. Through Feb 18 Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Art Gallery, 1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton, 478-4590.)

Silverdale State Bank—"Hiz Honor John Schold," a 48x96 oil painting by Brad Kauzlaric of Seabeck. John Schold of Silverdale, depicted in the surreal painting, is the grandson of one of the first Silverdale-Clear Creek homesteading families. Through Feb. 28. (9490 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, 830-5249.)

MUSIC

Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation—Smell No Taste. A Seattle based band with an aggressive ethno dance beat—reggae, soukous, rumba, afrobat, calypso and Zulu jive. Featuring performers from the Republic of Liberia, Great Britain and the USA. For tickets, call 842-2306. (Island Center Hall, Bainbridge Island.)

ON STAGE

Seattle Repertory Theatre—"Silence, Cunning, Exile." Seattle playwright Stuart Greenman's powerful story of a photographer's search for the dark corners of life. \$12 to \$23.50. Through Feb. 13 (Stage 2 of Bagley Wright Theatre at Seattle Center, 155 Mercer Street, Seattle, 443-2222.)

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts—"The Heidi Chronicles." An enlightening portrait of baby boomers and their journey from the wild sixties to a more sober, though not necessarily wiser decade. \$16 to \$20. Fri., Mar. 4. (Rialto Theater, 901 Broadway, Tacoma, 591-5894.)

Tacoma Little Theatre—"The 1940's Radio Hour." An unforgettable era of crooners. Complete with a big band orchestra, sound effects and authentic commercials. \$8 to \$12.50. Through Feb. 13. (210 North "I" Street, Tacoma, 272-2481.)

RADIO

KCMU 93.3 FM—Best Ambiance/African Music with host Won-Ldy Paye. Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m.

KBCS 91.3 FM—Music of Africa with Jon Kertzer. Mondays from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Afropop Worldwide with host George Collinet on Fridays from 7 to 8 p.m.

KSER 90.7 FM—African Airwaves with host Doug Paterson. Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.

TELEVISION

KCTS 9—Tony Brown's Journal. Saturdays at 12 noon.

TCI & Falcon Cable—Consider What I Say with host Pastor Danny Allen. Monday at 6 p.m. on Channel 12. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. on Channel 11, 33 & 40.

Cultural festival set for Seattle Center

In celebration of Black History Month, Festival Sundiata, the Pacific Northwest's finest African and African American cultural festival will be held this weekend, February 11, 12, and 13 at the Seattle Center.

Now in its 13th year, Festival Sundiata celebrates the significant history and vast artistic contributions of Black people past and present.

There will be performances by Northwest artists, literary events, arts and crafts, exhibits and workshops.

Festival hours are 7 to 12 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Activities will be held in the Flag Pavilion and Center House. Admission to the Festival is free.

For more information, call the Seattle Center at 684-7200.

Bremerton Symphony to hold auditions for young musicians

The Bremerton Symphony is offering an opportunity for young musicians of Kitsap County to perform in public as soloist with the Orchestra on Monday, March 28, 1994 during the concert at Christ's Memorial Church in Poulsbo.

Auditions are being scheduled for Sunday, March 6 at Olympic College. The Symphony's Music Director and Conductor, Harry Davidson, and the Bremerton Chorale Director, Joel Skellie will hear the auditions.

Applicants must be prepared to perform a single movement from a concerto or a single movement work

intended for orchestral accompaniment.

Instrumentalists interested in auditioning for the event must not be more than 21 years of age as of March 1 and must provide their own music and accompanist at the audition.

Applications must be received by Tuesday, March 1, 1994. To obtain an application form and more information, call 377-1722.

KCTS 9 celebrates Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, KCTS 9 will broadcast several programs in celebration of African American History Month.

• **A Question of Color;** Tuesday, February 15 at 10 p.m.—Confronts the issue of "color consciousness" in the African American community, exploring the devastating effects of a caste system based on how closely skin color, hair texture, and facial features conform to European ideal.

• **Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance;** Wednesday, February 16 at 10 p.m.—The little-known story of a group of African American visual artists fighting racial prejudice and discrimination during a vibrant period of creativity in the 1920s and '30s.

• **The American Experience: "Duke Ellington: Reminiscing in Tempo;"** Wednesday, February 23 at 9 p.m.—An encore broadcast of this documentary.

• **Club Date: Frank Morgan;** Wednesday, February 23 at 10:30 p.m.—A look at the jazz saxophonist.

Shakespeare romance opens at Seattle Rep

It was one of Shakespeare's most popular plays when first produced, and now the Seattle Repertory Theatre brings "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" to the Mainstage of the Bagley Wright Theatre at the Seattle Center.

Pericles, the first of Shakespeare's late-career romances, opens tonight, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. and runs through March 5.

An epic tale of romance, loss and spiritual rebirth, Pericles is Shakespeare's magical mystery tour.

Their journey of a lifetime begins with a young man's relish for danger and fame and continues through disappointment, flight and the surprise of love.

Ticket prices range from \$13.50 to \$31.50 for regular performances and \$10.50 to \$17.50 for previews.

To charge tickets, call 443-2222.

Artworks of local artists on display

During the month of February, Central Branch Library will feature two art displays. The "Art Wall" is filled with paintings, sketches, a doll and photography.

Contributing artists are: Mary L. Cornish, Richard Johnson, Dianne West, Caroline Harris Dekker, Regina DeV Vaughn, Levester Douglass, and Anthony Carson.

"The Relationship" is a series of twelve pen and ink drawings of hearts that highlight significant episodes in a love relationship between a woman and a man.

The many subtle details of this work are done by local artist Pamela Runyon.



Five Blind Boys of Alabama to Perform at Backstage

Celebrating over 50 years on the road, Gospel legends, Clarence Fountain and The Five Blind Boys of Alabama will perform Thursday, February 10, at 8:30 p.m. at The Backstage, 2208 NW Market Street in Seattle. It began in 1937, Clarence Fountain and Johnny Fields were elementary school students singing in the glee club at the Talladega Institute for the Deaf and Blind. The year is 1994, and although the glee club no longer exists, they are still inspiring audiences.

AROUND KITSAP

NAACP next meeting set for February 10

The next monthly meeting for the NAACP is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 10 at 902 Park Avenue in Bremerton.

For information, contact Alyce Eagans, 479-2398.

Learn how to market your new business

The Economic Development Council (EDC) is offering a small business assistance class on "How to Promote the New Business" on Tuesday, February 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ridgetop Junior High School in Silverdale.

The course is designed for people who are starting a new business, or thinking about going into business for themselves.

It covers such things as business and marketing planning, development of product positioning, and promotional ideas.

To register, call Central Kitsap Community Schools at 692-3171.

Professional womens organization to meet

The Silverdale Business and Professional Women organization meets the third Thursday of the month in the upstairs room at the Silverdale branch of North Sound Bank, 10705 Silverdale Way NW.

The February 17 meeting will feature speaker Ellen Klein of the AIDS Foundation, on the topic "Living in the Age of AIDS."

Networking begins at 5:30, dinner at 6, and program at 7 p.m. Dinner, catered by Rorky's Catering, is \$10.00

inclusive. Reservations are requested, call 698-2777.

You don't have to have dinner to attend the program. Visitors are always welcome.

Adoption Group set to meet February 19

The Kitsap Adoption Group will host a "Mom's Night Out" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 19 at Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Silverdale.

The public is welcome, especially if you have an interest in adoption. Call Marilyn Wistrand at 697-2997.

Black Parenting support group meets

The Effective Black Parenting Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Olympic College in the North Conference of the Bremer Student Center.

To register or for more information, contact Valerie at 871-2583. For child care, call Jean at 792-9245.

The support group meets in conjunction with the Kitsap Foster Care Association.

All are welcome.

Dining group begins

If you are single, widowed or divorced, and enjoy eating dinner out, the Olympic Peninsula has a new opportunity for you.

Starting this month, dinner will be planned in groups of eight. Four men and four women will have a chance to enjoy conversation and dining together.

The first dinner is planned for Tuesday, February 15 at Jose's Cafe in Poulsbo.

For more information and reservations, call or fax Accent on Travel at 698-8702.

Concert scheduled

Students in the Central Kitsap Community Schools' string program will perform in concert on Thursday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in the Central Kitsap High School Auditorium in Silverdale.

The 48 violinists, violists and cellists are first, second and third year players from the central county area. Classes are instructed by James Brush.

The concert's guest soloist will be cellist Mary Alice Hendricks, a member of the Bremerton Symphony.

The program is free of charge and open to the public.

Career Fair slated for Kitsap Pavilion

Futures Unlimited II, A Career Fair, will be held at the Kitsap Pavilion on Tuesday, February 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m.

The first segment of the career fair will focus on career exploration for secondary students. The second segment will have an employment focus for those individuals seeking occupational opportunities or connections.

Approximately 100 Puget Sound employers are scheduled to participate in this year's fair.

For more information, call Julie Moore at 698-5419.

ESL tutors sought

English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor Training has been scheduled for Friday, February 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Applicants who are interested in tutoring foreign born residents may apply by calling the Literacy Council of Kitsap at 373-1539.

Hospice sponsors grief, loss program

Hospice of Kitsap County will sponsor its next grief and loss program, "Life After Loss: A Group for the Bereaved," on Thursdays beginning February 17 and ending March 24.

The six-week program will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Silverdale Lutheran Church, 11701 Ridgeway Drive NW in Silverdale.

Cost for the course is \$60. A sliding fee scale is available for those who qualify.

For information and/or to register, call Val Hamada at 479-1749.

Library presents slide, lecture on Etruscan language

"The Etruscan Language" will be the subject of a free public program to be held in the Meeting Room of Central Branch Library on Monday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

Professor Emeritus Paul Pascal of the University of Washington will present a slide/lecture which will illustrate the challenge of decipherment that has fascinated linguistic scholars, amateurs, and cranks for centuries.

He will show how easy it is to derive a distorted view of people when we do not know their language.

The language of the Etruscans is unrelated to any other known language. They are written in a form of the Greek alphabet that the Etruscans borrowed, so these inscriptions can be read and pronounced but not understood.

Flemister, Sellers designs showcased in OC fashion show

The Olympic College Fashion and Retail Marketing students will stage "Tailor Made"—A Fashion Show on Saturday, February 26 in the Bremer Student Center.

The show starts at 7 p.m., preceded by a dessert buffet at 6 p.m.

Two local fashion designers, Jeannette Sellers of Bremerton and Fay Flemister of Silverdale will be featured. There will be door prizes and music.

Admission is \$8. For tickets or information, call Cindy Snapp at 478-4679.

Red Cross offering CPR, Safety courses

For over 80 years, the American Red Cross has trained millions of people in health and safety education. In 1993, over 10 million people were taught lifesaving skills.

The Kitsap-North Mason County chapter will be offering courses in First Aid, Safety and CPR throughout February and March.

To register or for more information, call the chapter at 377-3761.

Domestic violence support group meets

"Living Free," a facilitated support group for victims of domestic violence and their children is being sponsored by the YWCA.

Topics explored include self-esteem issues, assertiveness training, community resources and support. There is no cost and child care is provided.

For information, contact Judy Bennett at 876-1608.

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