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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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