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Proposal Unveiled to Rebuild Washington's Welfare System

House Speaker Brian Ebersole and Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Helen Sommers recently unveiled a proposal to re-build Washington's welfare system on a foundation of work incentives and personal responsibility.

The House leaders said the state's welfare system should be used as a temporary safety net—not a way of life.

"We need to create a new contract for our welfare system," said Ebersole, a Tacoma Democrat. "The system should help people focus on the transition from welfare to work and provide incentives for people to move in that direction."

Sommers, a Seattle Democrat, said the plan is based on the results of the state's extensive research on welfare in Washington.

"That research tells us to focus on teenage mothers and long-term recipients," she said. "It's a carefully tailored plan, targeting the unique needs of key segments of Washington's welfare population."

Designed to promote personal responsibility, the proposal would phase down benefits for long-term recipients, while also offering an incentive to work.

The measure allows full benefits for four years. After that, welfare payments would be cut 10 percent every year. For a family of three, the standard monthly benefit of \$546 would be reduced by \$55 each year for mothers who stay

on welfare.

Under terms of this "new contract," welfare recipients could replace lost welfare benefits with wages earned at a job. This opportunity to maintain their incomes would give recipients an incentive to work.

The present system contains no incentive to work. Currently, every dollar earned through work means one dollar is cut from the welfare check.

The philosophy behind the proposal is that parents should be ready, willing and able to provide for and care for their children. A critical component is the plan's strong family planning element.

Citing a study that found 52 percent of women on welfare were teenage mothers, Sommers said a unique feature of the plan would prevent teenage pregnancy through media campaigns designed and produced substantially by teens.

This innovative approach would be conducted through schools, and would require matching contributions from the private sector. The plan envisions advertising companies and other firms with appropriate expertise joining in the partnership.

"Nobody can persuade teenagers to delay sexual activity, pregnancy and childbearing quite as well as other teens can," she said.

"But in addition, we've assigned state agencies an active role in combating teen pregnancy. They will provide

family planning assistance and instruction to welfare recipients and applicants."

Another unique feature of this welfare reform effort would deny additional benefits to a welfare recipient who has more children.

However, the mother could still raise the family income. As a incentive to work, instead of getting the extra welfare benefits she would be able to earn a corresponding amount through wages from a job without facing the usual loss of a dollar of benefits for every dollar earned in wages.

Ebersole pointed out the plan also stresses responsibility for fathers and grandparents. "We will make every effort to identify the fathers and hold them responsible for supporting their own children," Ebersole said.

"And if the father is a dependent, his parents will also be held responsible for the child."

Finally, the welfare reform plan seeks to change the culture of welfare. Caseworkers and others would be directed to change their message, thinking in terms of helping people get jobs, rather than determining eligibility for welfare checks.

Sommers and Ebersole said their plan would put the values of work and family back at center stage of the state's welfare system.

They also noted that while our society properly places great emphasis on rights, we have to remember the vital role of responsibilities.



McCullough's in Ebenezer Concert

Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church of Bremerton will present a musical concert to kick-off their African Tea featuring Reverend Dorsey and Loyce McCullough of Bethel AME Church of Portland, Oregon. The concert is slated for this Saturday, February 26 at 5 p.m. at Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church, 440 Union Street in West Bremerton. Reverend Dorsey McCullough is a former pastor of Ebenezer AME having served from 1970 to 1976. For more information, contact Pastor Williams at 373-1063.

HIV/AIDS Counseling Offered By Planned Parenthood

Last week, Planned Parenthood of Pierce and the Coastal Counties began offering HIV/AIDS counseling and testing at their clinics in Tacoma, Lakewood and Bremerton.

Soul Food Buffet set for February 28 at Olympic College

In honor of Black History Month the Olympic College Food Service/Culinary Arts Program will sponsor a "Soul Food Buffet" on Monday, February 28.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. a menu of barbecue ribs, cornbread, red beans and rice, potato salad, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, sweet potato pie and carrot cake will be served in the Dining Library of the Bremer Student Center.

Cost is \$6.22 per person. Reservations are recommended. Call 478-4820.

Co-sponsors include the Students for Black Awareness (SABA) and Multi-Cultural Affairs.

For more information, call 478-6976.

The HIV/AIDS counseling and testing is available on either an anonymous or confidential basis. The service includes a blood test and pre and post-test counseling that assesses the individual's risk of infection and educates her/him about prevention.

There is a \$45 fee for the service.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS is the leading cause of death for American men aged 25-44.

However, the group with the highest number of new cases is women exposed through heterosexual contact. AIDS is the number four killer of women in the 25-44 age group.

It is also the sixth leading cause of death among young people aged 15-24.

Planned Parenthood encourages both men and women interested in HIV counseling and testing to call one of their clinics for an appointment: Bremerton, 373-6827; Tacoma, 572-6955; and Lakewood, 582-4144.

Women of Color Conference Scheduled

The public is invited to attend the fifth annual Women of Color conference on Saturday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entitled *Gaining Insights: Informing, Empowering, and Embracing our Strength*, the conference will be held at Olympic College and includes a continental breakfast and lunch for \$5.

Guest speakers include Bremerton Mayor Lynn Horton, KIRO TV personality Nerissa Williams, and Olympic College Board of Trustee member Gina Vicente.

Morning sessions will cover: Women and Health; Girls and Gangs; and Work-force: Today/Tomorrow.

Afternoon sessions will cover: Higher Education/

Continuing Education; Sexual Harassment/Sexual Awareness; and How to Get Financial Security Now (and for the rest of your life).

African American Heritage Is Focus of OC Program

"The Cultural Rainbow," a focus on African American Heritage, will visit Olympic College this Thursday, February 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. in A-103.

The program, presented by the Washington State Import/Export Company, Inc., will feature traditional African storytelling, authentic African artifacts and costumes, songs, and dances.

According to Margaret

Limited child care is available for children two years of age and above.

For more information, call 478-6976.

Swenson, multi-cultural affairs program assistant, "I would like to extend a personal invitation to this extraordinary learning experience especially designed for school age youth and culturally sensitive adults."

Olympic College students admitted free of charge; \$2 for 12 and over.

For more information, call 478-6976.

Take The Black History Month Quiz – See Page 5

There's No Quick Fix for Crime

by Bernice Powell-Jackson

We Americans like everything instantly. Fast food hamburgers, instant oatmeal, and ten minute oil changes are just a few indications of our impatience. We also like quick fixes to our problems.

It's that quick fix mentality that popped up in President Clinton's State of the Union message last month and in the two versions of the Omnibus Crime Bill passed by the Senate and the House last fall.

"Three strikes and you're out," they cry as the solution to America's crime problem.

Americans, all Americans, are concerned and deeply troubled about crime—and rightly so. There are twice as many murders now as there were 30 years ago.

Violent crime is up 23 percent over the past 10 years. Much of this violent crime occurs in the nation's inner cities, where homicide is now the leading cause of death for young African American men.

But the reality is that while quick fixes work for oatmeal,

they do not work for people. As Congress works toward one version of the crime bill, they will be re-examining such provisions as mandatory sentences for three or more serious crimes.

Even Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware calls the three strikes and you're out provision "wacko," attributing it to who's-the-toughest-on-crime attitude of the Congress.

One of the major provisions in the Senate version of the crime bill is the building of an additional ten federal prisons. Our recent history and statistics show us that building more prisons is not the solution to crime.

Over the past 20 years we have spent \$37 billion dollars in prison construction alone, with another \$5 billion already planned.

But, instead of alleviating the crime problem, the United States has become the world's number one jailer. Some 1.4 million Americans are now in prison.

Americans are more likely to be victims of violent crime

now rather than less likely. Many states with the highest incarceration rates also have the highest violent crime rate.

If prisons worked, logic tells us that violent crime should have dropped over the past 20 years. Prisons alone do not work.

The Omnibus Crime Bill is one of the largest expansions of the use of capital punishment in American legislative history. No longer would capital punishment be reserved for murder cases.

History also tells us that the poor and people of color always suffer disproportionately when the death penalty is imposed.

Indeed, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas once said, "One searches our chronicles in vain for the execution of any member of the affluent strata of our society."

The Congressional Black Caucus has said that the crime bill has stressed the building of prisons and the mandatory

minimum sentencing too much over the more long-term solutions to crime.

What are the real solutions to crime in America? The Congressional Black Caucus bill names some. They have offered their own alternatives, including gun control, training for police, judges and court officials and more police on the streets.

We must also commit ourselves to educating all of our children. Minnesota, for instance, found that 35 percent of its inmates are functionally illiterate.

In large cities it is not unusual for half of the high school students to drop out before graduation, ensuring that they will never be able to get good-paying jobs.

We must commit ourselves to providing nurturing, supportive communities for our children. Over and over again, as we talk with young gang members across this nation, we find they are products of dysfunctional

families, with no outside support systems.

We've got to teach parents how to be parents. We've got to provide positive alternatives for gangs—recreation programs, after-school tutoring programs, and counseling programs.

We must commit ourselves to creating jobs. Tens of thousands of inner city residents have given up looking for jobs and are no longer even counted in the unemployment numbers.

Millions of jobs have been lost over the past decades, impacting all Americans, but especially the poor.

These are not quick fixes or easy answers. But had we chosen to spend that \$37 billion on people instead of prisons 20 years ago, we might not be mourning the loss of an entire generation to prisons and to cemeteries right now.

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

BRUNELL ON BUSINESS

Crack Down on Workers Compensation Fraud

by Don C. Brunell
President

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Recently, there has been a great deal of national attention on workers compensation fraud.

Experts believe cheating is costing employees billions in unnecessary payments, is a primary component of skyrocketing health care costs, eliminating jobs and is seriously eroding our country's competitiveness.

In many states, employers face double-digit premium increases which cause some businesses to close their doors or move elsewhere.

In California, for example, workers compensation payments have trebled over the past decade to more than \$10 billion per year—partly because of fabricated claims.

Fraud is simply stealing and is a crime. It is not just a problem with workers. Cheating also permeates the employer, medical and legal communities.

Sometimes there are networks of doctors and lawyers ferreting out unemployed workers to file fictitious industrial accident claims.

In Los Angeles, an undercover television reporter disguised himself as an unemployed data processor and was taken by a recruiter

stationed outside an unemployment office to lawyers and doctors in workers compensation cases.

A hidden video camera recorded him as suffering from severe abdominal pain, stiff and sore neck, lower-back pain, nervousness, blurred vision, dizziness and too much job-related stress.

The lawyers, expecting a cut of the claim, then referred the reporter to doctors who charged the workers comp system \$1,195 for initial consultations.

When the story was televised, it prompted California officials to step up fraud probes.

Washington's Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) has a special services investigation unit. It identified 69 fraudulent claims in 1992 totaling \$1,084,296 and to date has recovered \$212,241.

In total about 14,000 of the state's 130,000 state fund employers are in collection status for unpaid premiums and the total due is \$80 million.

Recovering that revenue decreases the need for more payments by employers who are conforming with the law.

The state's surveillance units investigated 53 individuals suspected of cheating the system in 1991. L&I estimates the potential savings from the investigations are approximately \$715,000.

In one case, an attending physician said the claimant was totally and permanently disabled due to a lower back injury, yet the supposedly afflicted party was filmed playing baseball in four games over a two-week period.

L&I set aside \$274,000 to pay the claim and had shelled out \$188,000 prior to the investigation. (\$86,000 was avoided after the fraud was uncovered).

Workers compensation was established as a no-fault insurance system. The intention was (and still is) to prevent on-the-job accidents, to fairly compensate injured workers and to treat and return them to their jobs as quickly and safely as possible.

It was not intended as a subsidy for those who do not want to work, or as a pot of gold for some in the medical and legal communities to raid.

Fraud is an attitude among those who are irresponsible. It is simply stealing, must be prosecuted, and should not be tolerated.

It can be stopped if our society adopts the fundamental value that a dollar is earned, not simply gained by "beating the system."

Anyone can report suspected fraud to L&I by calling 1-800-LISTENS. Be patient because this hot line is heavily used.

Words of Life

Hateful to me as the gates of Hades is that man who hides one thing in his heart and speaks another.

—Homer

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IN THE NEWS

Legislation Proposed to Help Foster a Healthy Business Community

Legislation designed to make government less burdensome for Washington's business community was recently endorsed by the state House of Representatives.

House Bill 2510, sponsored by state Representative Ron Meyers, D-Port Orchard, would streamline the state's

regulatory process, making it more reasonable, efficient, and cost-effective.

"It's about time we begin to help Washington's business owners break through all the government red tape," Meyers said.

"Small businesses alone account for 70 percent of the

jobs in Washington. If we want to sustain a healthy economy, we need to take measures to foster a healthy business community."

If Meyers' bill becomes law, precise guidelines would be established for state agencies to follow when developing new regulations.

The measure would:

- Give businesses more opportunity to participate in the rule-making process;
- Make more information available to small-business owners about proposed regulations;
- Designate employees in each state agency to help

businesses comply with rules before handing out violations; and

- Direct agencies to evaluate the economic impacts of a regulation on small businesses before it is enacted.

The bill was introduced at the request of Governor Mike Lowry and incorporates the recommendations of a task force he appointed last summer to find ways to improve agency regulations.

Meyers represents House Democrats on the task force of legislative, business and community leaders.

"The task force heard from citizens and business owners all over Washington. They all told us they want a more efficient government. That's what this bill will do," Meyers said.

"There are simply too many contradictory and confusing rules on the books. It's a nightmare to comply with them all," said House Speaker Brian Ebersole, D-Tacoma.

Regulatory reform was named by House Democrats as one of their top priorities for this legislative session.

The measure now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Dispute Resolution Center Offers Residents Options

The Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County is a private, nonprofit corporation offering residents options for resolving civil disputes themselves, out of court, voluntarily, and within their own communities.

Since opening its office in

January 1991, the original DRC volunteer core has grown to include 21 certified mediators, 35 mediator interns and 6 client intake volunteers assisting the office staff.

The types of disputes resolved include landlord/tenant, student/parent/teacher, neigh-

borhood, consumer/merchant, child custody/visitation, employer/employee, and small claims.

In addition to staff, mediator volunteers and a Board of Directors, much of DRC work and program development is now performed

by four standing committees: the Community Relations and Finance, Rich Rucker; the Human Resources Committee, Val Torrens, chair; the Planning and Operations Committee, Don Drury, chair; and the Training Committee, Susan Daniel, chair.

These committees have the responsibility to assess and mentor volunteer resources, to propose DRC program direction, and to promote DRC service objectives to the community.

To meet these responsibilities, the committees are seeking active members interested in developing and supporting the community services of DRC.

For further information, call 377-4225.

POWER Holds Fund-raiser

People Organized Working for Ethnic Reality (POWER) will hold their first annual "You've Got the POWER" celebration on Saturday, March 5, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 920 Park in Bremerton.

The mixer and fund-raiser according to Robert Boddie, "Is an opportunity to meet all the other concerned citizens working with you in the fight for the future of our young people and stopping the gang

influence in schools and on our streets," he said.

Former Denver Bronco running back Tony Boddie will be signing autographs, entertainment will be provided by Bob Winters and refreshments will be available.

Donation is \$5 at the door. For advanced tickets, call 792-0637 or 373-5390.

WESTNET Receives \$40,000

Kitsap County Prosecutor C. Danny Clem announced that his office received \$40,000 on behalf of WESTNET earlier this month.

Reunion, meeting planner's workbook

The Reunion & Meeting Planner's Workbook is now available from the Bremerton/Kitsap Visitor & Convention Bureau.

The workbook was developed to guide novice convention planners through the complexity of planning a large convention or reunion, and highlights the facilities and services available in the county.

To receive a copy of the workbook, call 479-3588.

The \$40,000 constituted proceeds from the sale of a house which had been seized after it was discovered that the owner, John E. Johnson, was growing marijuana in the house.

Johnson ultimately pled guilty to a felony charge of manufacturing a controlled substance.

After the Prosecuting Attorney's Office subsequently filed an action to forfeit the house, Johnson agreed to the sale of the house and the \$40,000 payment to WESTNET from the sale proceeds.

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Superintendent Calls for Better Job in Providing Equitable Education

Preliminary state results of the 1993 Washington State Student Assessment Program were released last month by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Over 188,000 students in grades 4, 8, and 11 were tested in the fall of 1993. Students in grades 4 and 8 were tested in reading, mathematics, language, science, social studies and spelling. Students in grade 11 were tested in English/language arts, history/social studies, mathematics and science.

According to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Judith Billings, the 1993 score showed little change compared to last year's results. In grades 4 and 8, Washington students are at or above the national norm group performance in the six areas tested, except

grade 4 mathematics and spelling and grade 8 spelling.

In grade 11, Washington students are slightly lower than the state norm group* performance in three of the four areas tested, and the same in one subject area. *(1993 Washington state norm group.)

Both the national norm group (grades 4 and 8) and the state norm group (grade 11) average percentile scores are 50 for all subject areas.

Billings added, "Once again I am very concerned about our students' scores. Maintaining our current level of performance is not good enough."

When students are grouped according to race/ethnicity, a very troubling picture appears, which reveals significant disparities in performance

among our students. I believe we need to do a better job of providing equitable educational opportunities for all students."

The October 1, 1993, school district enrollment reports reveal that students of a race or ethnic background other than Caucasian make-up 20.06 percent of Washington's total student population.

Billings added, "Our state constitution directs the state to make ample provision for the education of all its children without distinction of race, color, economic status or gender."

These disparities in performance among our ethnic groups are significant indicators, which tell us that we need to do a better job in meeting the unique needs of our students.

Based on what we know about our student population, it is clear to me that state funding for education should not be cut, but in fact increased."

National studies indicate that a positive correlation exists between students' economic status and achievement levels.

Between 1980 and 1990, Washington state experienced a 31.8 percent growth in the school age poverty population, according to a 1993 report on school age demographics prepared by the United States

General Accounting Office.

In addition, Washington state experienced a 105.3 percent growth in the school age children in poor immigrant families between 1980 and 1990, and a 28.1 percent growth in the total school age children in immigrant families.

Billings also emphasized, "Parents should review these test results as well as other information about their children's progress on a regular basis to assist teachers with improving their performance in school."

As partners in their children's education, parents have a critical role to play. Schools need parents to reinforce the value of education.

(Note: The school age poverty population is defined as persons 5 to 17 living in families with incomes below the poverty level. Immigrant school age children are defined as those children 5 to 17 who are foreign born or living in a family where the mother is foreign born and immigrated to the U.S. during the previous 10 years.)

Figure 2. Average Percentile Scores by Race/Ethnicity, Grade 8, 1993

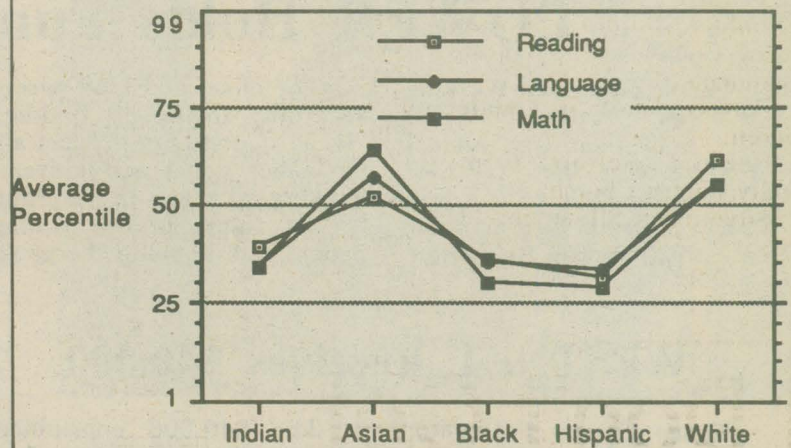
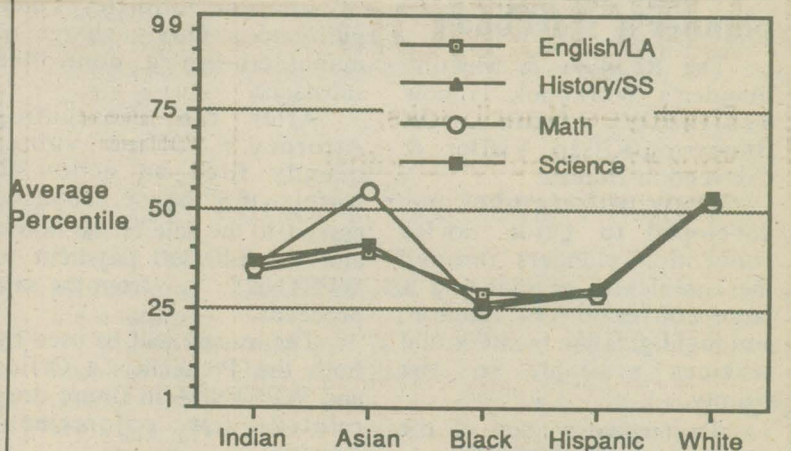


Figure 3. Average Percentile Scores by Race/Ethnicity, Grade 11, 1993



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dropouts is double that of high school graduates. About 90 percent of our welfare recipients have completed less than 12 years of school. Today, we are competing with our brains in world markets, and the only way to succeed is with well-educated workers. An effort to correct our dropout problem now can mean a better future for the whole nation.

What can you do? Start close to home. If you have children, keep them in school. Whether you have children or not, help your local

school board, teachers, and other parents deal with the problem through community programs. Most of all, try to impress the lifelong importance of a complete education on the young people you know.

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Free tax help available

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The service is provided on a walk-in basis, at most locations. There is a service available for those unable to come to a location. To arrange for a home visit, call 479-6630.

To assist the tax counselors, bring last year's return, the current tax pamphlet, and any statements that pertain to your income. Assistance will be provided through April 15.

Participants in Bremerton are: Kitsap Regional Library, Kitsap Community Action Program, Knights of Columbus Building, Kitsap Federal Credit Union, Willows Apartments;

Port Orchard: St. Gabriel Church;

Belfair: Belfair Community Baptist Church;

Silverdale: Silverdale Library;

Poulsbo: Christ Memorial Church, Poulsbo Library; and Bainbridge Island: Bainbridge Island Library.

For date and times, contact the above participants.

If you need federal forms and publications, call the IRS at 1-800-829-FORM.

For tax questions or tax advice, call the IRS 1-800-829-1040.

Rev. Gbolahan starts new church to serve Renton, Skyway areas

Reverend Gbolahan A. Harrison, former pastor of Ebenezer AME Church of Bremerton, has started a new church to serve Renton/Skyway areas.

The name of the church is Kristi Oludande (pronounced Chris-Tee Oh-Lew-Dan-They) a Nigerian name meaning Christ Redeemer.

Located at Skyway Bowl (Banquet Hall), 11810 Renton Avenue South in Seattle, services are held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School), and 11 a.m. (Worship and Praise) and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible Study).

For more information, contact 772-3246.

Kid Stars pageant set

Kid Stars of America Pageants is hosting a Regional Pageant open to residents of the State of Washington on Sunday, March 13, in Bremerton at the Best Western Bay View Inn.

No pageant experience is necessary. There will be a practice rehearsal that day.

The following age categories are offered: Baby Star (3-12 months); Pixie Star (13-23 months); Mini Tot Star (24-35 months); Tiny Star (3-4 years); Little Star (5-6 years); Miss Star (7-9 years); Preteen Star (10-12 years); Young Star (13-15 years); and Teen Star (16-18 years).

All Kings & Queens will receive an official banner, crown, and trophy.

There is a fee to enter. Deadline is March 4, 1994. Call 771-6527.

Volunteers sought for history program

Has the knowledge of a strong women in history ever enriched your life or expanded your vision of life's possibilities? Have you considered how the power and

potential of such knowledge can change peoples lives?

The Burley-Glenwood Elementary School is looking for volunteers to participate in the second year of their "Portraits in History" program.

During the month of March and April women volunteers from the community will "become" a notable woman in history, making several 30-60 minute presentations to school classrooms in costume, describing 'their' lives and accomplishments.

Volunteers do not need to have children at Burley-Glenwood. Assistance is available with resource material and costume arrangement.

For more information, call Coreen Haydock Johnson at 895-1708 or 876-7349.

Kitsap Transit seeks to start new vanpools

Through May 13, 1994, Kitsap Transit is offering free rides aboard all worker/driver buses, vanpools, and on the Horluck Transportation foot ferries.

The free rides are a part of Kitsap Transit's ongoing effort to encourage ridesharing and

to help control traffic congestion and pollution in Kitsap County.

Kitsap Transit vanpools travel to Kitsap County's three military bases as well as to large out-of-county employment centers such as the Everett Homeport, the University of Washington, and Boeing in Everett and Auburn.

Persons interested in taking advantage of the free rides can contact, Kitsap Transit at 373-BUSS.

Kitsap Transit has vans available to start new vanpools. Six passengers and a volunteer driver are needed to form a vanpool.

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BLACK History MONTH

Take the Black History Month Quiz!

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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ON THE SCENE

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.

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.)

Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation—Art & Craft Exhibit and Sale. Featuring over 85 artists, entertainment, espresso, desserts and a light lunch for purchase. \$2. Sat., March 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., March 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Commodore Bainbridge Middle School, 9530 NE High School Road, Bainbridge, 842-2306.)

EXHIBIT

Olympic College—John W. Walker. Charcoal drawings and bone sculpture. Walker has an extensive record spanning 30 years. Through March 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.)

ON STAGE

Seattle Repertory Theatre—"Pericles, Prince of Tyre." An epic tale of romance, loss and spiritual rebirth. Pericles is Shakespeare's magical mystery tour. \$10.50 to \$31.50. Through March 5. (Mainstage of Wright Theatre at Seattle Center, 155 Mercer Street, Seattle, 443-2222.)

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts—"The Best of Forbidden Broadway: Volume II." A hilarious musical that pokes fun at Broadway's best-loved musicals and stars. \$16 to \$20. Sun., March 13. (Rialto Theater, 901 Broadway, Tacoma, 591-5894.)

Tacoma Little Theatre—"The Good Times are Killing Me." Growing up in a Seattle suburb was simple, carefree and fun for Edna and Bonna until one bittersweet summer. Faced with their friends prejudice and fears, these impressionable young girls are forced to make choices which ultimately redefine their friendship and their way of life. Recommended for children nine and up. \$8 & \$9. March 11-27. (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.

Jazz Greats, Wilson and Scott to Perform At Pierce College Jazz Expo

Two jazz greats, Nancy Wilson and Tom Scott bring a dual shine to Pierce College's Jazz Expo '94, Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Temple Theater, 47 Street Helens Avenue in Tacoma. Jazz Expo raises funds for music scholarships at Pierce College.

Prominent among a select group of legendary jazz entertainers, Nancy Wilson boasts a 30-year career built upon and sustained by her distinctive style, innate sense of timing and ability to glean every ounce of meaning from each word she sings.

Tom Scott—jazz fusion pioneer, studio ace, composer and band leader—recently added to his impressive list of albums, "Born Again," which exhibits yet another facet of his musicality and stands as a tribute to his love of mainstream jazz.

Both artists will be backed by their own musicians as well as the talented 17-piece Pierce College Jazz Ensemble directed by Dr. Jere Knudtsen.

On Friday, March 18, the college will host its fifth annual Jazz Expo Festival for Western Washington high school jazz bands. Participating in the daytime festival will be Bainbridge High School along with 11 other bands.

The high school festival runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for the daytime performances.

Tickets to the Saturday evening Jazz Expo '94 concert with Nancy Wilson and Tom

Scott are \$25 and \$23 and can be purchased by contacting Pierce College at 964-6283 or

any Ticketmaster outlet.

For more information, call 964-6780.



Main Attraction at Port Townsend

Seattle's a cappella group The Main Attraction is just one of the many big-name local entertainers scheduled to perform this weekend, February 25 & 26, at the 'Hot Tunes' Festival in Port Townsend—three shows of vintage swing, jazz, blues, and rags. The event features ten bands playing in Port Townsend clubs and restaurants. Tickets are \$10 to \$13 and available at the Kitsap Mall Information Office in Silverdale. For information, call 1-800-733-3608.

Applicants Sought for Theatre Training Program

Every season, the Seattle Repertory Theatre provides over 20 young professionals with the practical experience necessary to bridge the gap between their studies and the world of the professional theatre through the Professional Arts Training Program.

Staff members in every department from Scenic Design to Directing to Development guide the work of each intern to enable them to gain the experience needed to prepare them for work in

professional theatres around the country.

Interns also take part in a number of other activities during the season such as seminars presented by staff members and local professionals.

The Seattle Repertory Theatre is committed on all levels of operations to fostering an increase in the participation of theatre professionals of color within the company, including their Professional Arts Training Program.

Applications are welcome and encouraged from aspiring artists, administrators and craftspeople of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds.

The Rep is now seeking applications for their 1994-95 Professional Arts Training Program in the following areas: arts management, communications, development, directing, education/outreach, finance, literary, production management, properties, public relations/publications, scenic art and design, stage management, technical production and wardrobe.

The stipend for all positions is \$100 per week, and the theatre does not provide housing. No acting or summer internships are available. The Rep's season runs from September to May.

Applications will be accepted through April 15, 1994. Applicants will be notified after May 15, 1994.

Applicants should send resume of theatre and related experience, a letter of intent listing internship desired (maximum limited to three internship areas) and two letters of recommendation from people who know their work.

Send all completed application materials in one envelope to: Interim Coordinator, Seattle Repertory Theatre, 155 Mercer Street, Seattle, WA, 98109.

No telephone calls, please.

OC Play Retells Fairy Tale of Snow White

"White as Snow, Red as Blood" is a theatre piece by V. Glasgow Koste's magical,

poetic retelling of the legendary fairy tale of Snow White.

The show will open Friday, March 4 as Olympic College's annual winter Children's Theatre Production.

It is described by its creator as a play about "a strange, mysterious and dangerous time and world...a place where language is like flowers, where words can save or destroy you."

"Red as Blood, White as Snow—The Story of Snow White" will run March 4 to 6 and 11 to 13. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The production is recommended for children age 5 and up.

For reservations, call 478-4501.

Grants available for artists in residence

Applications are now available for grants to hire artists in residence in the 1994-95 school/fiscal year.

All nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organizations and government agencies are eligible to apply, including schools, school districts, summer camps, local arts agencies, prisons, hospitals, and other organizations interested in providing arts instruction for students, teachers, and community members.

For an application or further information, call WSAC's Arts in Education Division at (206) 753-3861. Application deadline is March 11, 1994.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

The most direct way of reaching the African American population in Kitsap County is through the **KITSAP COUNTY CHRONICLE**— "*The Voice of the African American Community.*" Published bi-weekly, it reaches a very powerful and growing market.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has received the following requests for volunteers in Kitsap County. If you or someone you know might be interested in these or any other meaningful volunteer work, and *are age 60 or above*, please call RSVP at 377-5511 or stop by their office at 5610 Kitsap Way, Suite 201, Bremerton.

THE BREMERTON NAVAL Museum on Washington Avenue is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL of Port Orchard is in need of volunteers for their Thriftshop and someone adept at repairing small appliances.

THE AMERICAN CANCER Society is looking for volunteer help in their Discovery Shop.

HUMANE SOCIETY Thrift Shop located in West Bremerton, on Callow Avenue, needs volunteers to help with sorting and clerking during busy winter months.

CASA of Kitsap County is looking for volunteers who love to work with children—to be trained to be a "Child's Voice" in court.

CHUCKWAGON SENIOR Nutrition program is in need of volunteers at their Port Orchard meal site. The program is in urgent need of volunteer drivers in Kitsap County.

THE LITERACY COUNCIL is looking for volunteers to tutor in various parts of the county.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG Sisters of Bremerton is looking for volunteers to staff the front desk, computer work, and volunteer for short term projects throughout the year. They are also looking for office help at the YWCA and the Department of Emergency Management.

KITSAP COMMUNITY Action Program has several volunteer opportunities available; filing assistant, front office help, secretary for their Legal Aid office and playroom supervisors.

SENIOR OUTREACH Services is looking for volunteers to help at their Senior Day Care sites in Port Orchard.

HOSPICE OF KITSAP County has several volunteer opportunities available. Among them are: general office help, fund raising, bulk mailings and computer work.

DO YOU ENJOY KNITTING and Crocheting? Would you like to join a local group of women who meet weekly and create beautiful afghans to give to the needy. Call RSVP for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

MARTHA AND MARY Nursing Home in Poulsbo needs a volunteer to staff the gift shop on Saturday mornings. Also they are looking for someone to read the paper and poetry to a gentleman.

A number of nursing homes are looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. They are looking for friendly visitors, receptionists, activity assistants, etc. For more information on the nursing home nearest you, call 377-5511.

GREEN MOUNTAIN REHAB is looking for a volunteer to build a bench. Also needed are volunteers to assist with their Adult Health program during lunch time (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

THE YMCA OF KITSAP COUNTY AND RED CROSS are sponsoring a swim program for special education students in the Bremerton School District. Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the program.

BREMERTON HIGH School is looking for a volunteer piano player for two or three days a week.

EAST PORT ORCHARD Elementary is looking for a person to supervise children working as crossing guards.

NK FISHLINE IN POULSBO is looking for volunteers to assist with foodbaskets or desk duties.

BREMERTON HISTORIC Ships Association is looking for weekend volunteer help in their gift shop.

HELP WANTED

WORD PROCESSOR for nonprofit agency. Requires IBM computer experience, knowledge of MS Windows, Excel and Pagemaker. Strong English grammar and proofreading skills, dictation transcription, and extremely accurate typing (65-75 wpm). Full-time, medical/dental benefits. Resume to: ACRS, 1032 South Jackson, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104. EOE.

RESEARCH INTERVIEWERS

Two hourly telephone interviewers for a University of Washington mental health services research study. Interviewers are needed 30-40 hours per week for approximately 10 weeks. Interviewing experience and knowledge about social service systems required. Call Jeanette Semke, Ph.D., School of Social Work, (206) 432-5626 for more information.

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Develop Systems/provide technical assistance to project designed to prevent homelessness in King County. \$10.22/hour, 36 hours/week, 1 year experience or BA plus 6 months experience, generous benefits. Closing 2/28/94. Applicants must complete FPA application available at 2326 Sixth Avenue, #240, Seattle, WA 98121 or by calling (206) 727-0331. Women, people of color and persons with disabilities strongly encouraged to apply. AA/EEO.

HELP WANTED

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER for grass roots campaign in African American community. Experienced, organized, detail oriented person to build strong network. \$2,000-\$2,500/month. Women and minorities strongly encouraged to apply, Tim, 448-0704, leave message.

PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS

needed in Adult Basic Education and Parent Education/Family Literacy Program. Start March 28, 1994. Please call Shoreline Community College for complete application packet. (206) 546-5894. ext. 3306. EEO/AA Employer.

AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION OUTREACH WORKER

Injection Drug Users. Full-time position with People of Color Against AIDS Network, outreach to injection drug users in Seattle. Familiarity with street, drug and ethnic subcultures required. \$23K year and excellent benefits. Send resume and cover letter by 2/14/94 to: User, POCAAN, 1200 South Jackson, \$25, Seattle, WA 98144.

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CLASSES

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The Red Cross will be offering an Earthquake Preparedness course this Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Naval Hospital Auditorium on Boone Road in Bremerton.

There is no cost for the training. Local disaster workers who recently returned from the earthquake in southern California will be on hand to brief the audience.

Additionally, the Department of Emergency Management will present information about the K-PREP program and local plans to respond to a large disaster.

To register, call 377-3761.

Free Financial Planning Workshop is March 1

A Free educational workshop highlighting "IRA Alternatives and Tax Reduction

Strategies" is being sponsored by Financial Service Center, Inc. of Silverdale.

Certified Financial Planners Geri Littlewood and Linda Fortner, Accredited Investment Management Consultants (AIMC) will be presenting the workshop at 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at the Silverdale on the Bay Hotel, 3073 Bucklin Hill Road in Silverdale.

The workshop will be repeated at 1 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3 at the Kitsap Golf & Country Club, 3885 NW Golf Club Hill Road in Bremerton.

For more information or reservations, call 698-2484.

Basic tutor training

The Literacy Council of Kitsap will hold a Basic Tutor Training class on Saturdays, March 5 and 12, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Olympic College.

For registration information, call 373-1539.

Creative, Fiction writing

Central Kitsap Community Schools is now adding Creative Writing and Fiction Writing courses to their class options, with classes beginning in March.

Creative Writing is a six-hour workshop offered on Saturdays March 5 and again on April 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor fee is \$18.

Fiction Writing will be offered on six Wednesday evenings beginning April 27 to June 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Instructor fee is \$60.

The instructor will be Maureen K. Gustafson.

All classes will be held at Ridgetop Jr. High, (Room 106) 10600 Hillsboro Drive NW off Ridgetop Blvd in Silverdale. To register, call 692-3171.

'How to Start and Run a Home-Based Business'

'How to Start a Home-Based Business' class on Thursday, March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. will be an information session dealing with the requirements, problems, and solutions associated with starting and running a successful home-based business.

The class will include permit data, zoning information, licensing, tax considerations, recordkeeping, advertising, and basic strategies for running a business out of your home.

Instructor will be Earle Smith, president of the Economic Development Council.

To register, call 692-3171.

MEETINGS

Altrusa International Club of Kitsap County

The Altrusa International Club of Kitsap County—professionals dedicated to community service—will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Pat's Cookie Jar in East Bremerton.

The topic will be vocational programs.

For more information, call Kathryn at 895-5700.

Kitsap Commission on Children and Youth

The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, at the Silverdale Community Center, A-Frame room.

Bremerton Mayor Lynn Horton has been rescheduled to discuss concerns and goals relating to children and youth and how to promote collaborative efforts.

For information, contact Kay Bidwell at 895-4879.

Neighborhood Meeting City Council District 6

The first neighborhood meeting for City Council District 6 will be held Tuesday, March 1, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Kitsap Lake Elementary School (in the Computer Lab Room), 111 Carr Blvd.

District 6 is comprised of Precincts 13, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 29.

Meet the new City Council Member for District 6, David Farr. David Boynton will also

provide a presentation on the Kitsap Community Action Program's Crime/Gang Intervention Team.

All citizens are welcome. For additional information, contact 478-5280.

NAACP monthly meeting

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold their next monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at 920 Park Avenue in Bremerton.

Guest speakers will be from the Seattle Bone Marrow Donor program.

For more information, call Alyce Eagans at 479-2398.

United Way Board

The United Way of Kitsap County Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the United Way office, 2135 Sheridan Road, Suite D, in Bremerton.

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- 1853 Port Orchard — John Garrison, first Black in Kitsap County.
- 1894 Seabeck — First Black Justice of the Peace — Nathaniel Sargent
- 1897 Sheridan — First Black school teacher — Mrs. Jane A. Ruley.
- 1912 First Black Church — Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal.
- 1917 First Black restaurant — Workingman's Lunch Counter.
- 1943 First Black community — Sinclair Heights.
- 1944 The development of Sinclair Baptist Church.
- The development of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.
- 1962 Dick Turpin "NAVY HERO" died March 10.
- 1982 The Black Historical Society was founded.
- 1985 "For Over One Hundred Years, A Story Untold," was printed by the Black Historical Society Of Kitsap County).

For Membership Information Contact:

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