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LINDA YERGER

Linda Yerger Appointed New Human Resource Officer at OC

Linda Yerger of Port Orchard has been appointed Human Resource Officer at Olympic College. In 1991, she began work at Olympic College as a Program Manager in the Office of Admissions and Records.

She holds a bachelor's of arts in business education from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma and a master's of arts in Human Resource Management from Chapman College, Orange, California.

Yerger's previous work experience includes education administration for other colleges, as well as employment and training counseling for Employment Security in Bremerton.

She is the Youth Director at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Assistant Secretary of the NAACP, and a member of the Student Outcomes Task Force for the South Kitsap School District. She enjoys reading, crafts and camping.

The OC administrator is married with three children, Michael, 23; Daniel, 17; and Jamiil, 15. Her husband Cardis is an Ordinance

Mechanic at Keyport.

Of her new opportunity Yerger said, "This is a great challenge and I

appreciate all the support I received from my family, friends and co-workers."

MLK Luncheon is Sunday

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund of Kitsap County will hold their annual "Scholarship Award" luncheon this Sunday, January 17, at the Kitsap Golf and Country Club in Bremerton.

Keynote speaker will be Thelma Jackson of Nat Jackson & Associates, Inc of Olympia. Social hour begins at 2 p.m. followed by lunch at 2:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and the public is invited.

Thelma Jackson is the senior vice-president for Management Services of Nat Jackson & Associates, Inc., a diversified services and telecommunications company she and her husband founded in 1977.

She provides consultant services in the areas of strategic planning, retreat facilitation and staff training and development to both public and private sectors. With a strong experience base in education, she

frequently addresses educators and other decision makers on the topics of Leadership, Employment, Vocational Education, Workforce Readiness, Cultural Awareness, Adapting to Change, and Serving Special Needs Populations.

Jackson has been a member of the North Thurston School board since 1977, twice serving as its president. She is the immediate past president of the Washington State School Directors Association and Vice President of the Pacific Region Conference of the National School Boards Association and a charter member of the African American Affairs Commission.

Jackson has been a published research scientist and holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. She and her husband, Nat, are the parents of two daughters and one son. They have lived in the Thurston County area for 20 years.

Danny Glover Performance Set for Temple Theatre in Tacoma

As part of its 1992-1993 arts and entertainment series, Pierce College will present actor Danny Glover in a unique performance commemorating Black History Month on Monday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple Theater near downtown Tacoma.

One of America's brightest stars, Glover teams with actor/director Felix Justice to present "An Evening with Langston and Martin," a heartfelt tribute to poet Langston Hughes and Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. This original and exceptional performance, on a limited nationwide tour of college campuses, offers powerful interpretations of the philosophies of these two men. Through the tremendous talent of both Glover and Justice, the words of Hughes and King come to life on stage.

Following the theatrical reading, Glover and Justice will answer questions from the audience.

Glover, one of America's most respected, versatile and beloved

actors, is well known for his interest in children and young adults. He spends one month a year on a corporate-sponsored U.S. tour speaking to them about the importance of education, saying no to drugs and a variety of other youth-related topics.

Since receiving widespread critical acclaim for his portrayal of cotton farmer Moze in the Academy Award-winning film "Places in the Heart," Glover has starred in such films as "The Color Purple," "Silverado," "Predator 2," "To Sleep with Anger," "Grand Canyon," and the "Lethal Weapon" series. He earned an Emmy nomination for his supported role in television's highest rated mini-series, "Lonesome Dove," and his second NAACP Image Award for his performance in the title role of HBO's "Mandela." In February 1991, he was inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

One of the more bankable talents in Hollywood, this superstar's idea of time well-spent is to visit schools nationwide, encouraging literacy and discouraging drug use. Says Glover, "I have to be part of something real. Fame is fleeting. I'm going to be the guy next door long after I'm a celebrity, and I try to keep that in sight."

Tickets to "An Evening with Langston and Martin" are \$12 and \$10 and can be purchased by calling

Pierce College at 964-6614 or any Ticketmaster outlet. The Temple Theater is located at 47 St. Helens

Avenue near downtown Tacoma. For more information, call 964-6780.



DANNY GLOVER

MLK Celebration Scheduled

The Paul Robeson Community Theater will perform "A Tribute to Martin" at the Olympic College Bremer Student Center, Monday, January 18 at 1 p.m.

"A Tribute to Martin, is a musical/drama collage that highlights the historic contributions made by African Americans. The production features historical heroes, including: Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson and Rodney King.

Also, the production showcases such historical events as Jim Crow, the Civil War, Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement and African culture/heritage.

In addition, there are also musical renditions of Billie Holiday, Fats

Waller, Paul Robeson, Noble Sissle and more. The production will be presented by members of the Paul Robeson Performing Ensemble, directed by Anita Kuroiwa, and musical direction by Doug Barnett.

The selection of "A Tribute to Martin" depicts African Americans personal and collective struggles in the United States.

Basic Tutor Training Classes Scheduled

A basic tutor training class will be held Saturday, January 16 and 23. For registration information, call Literacy Council of Kitsap, 373-1539.

Special Martin Luther King Jr. Feature—See Page 4

TONY BROWN'S COMMENTS

'Malcolm X' Flops at Box Office

by TONY BROWN

Never has the U.S. media so energetically promoted a commercial movie. Literally, the cover of every general market magazine hawked "Malcolm X" for the moguls at Warner Bros. and director Spike Lee.

And, to my knowledge, never has a director been so Machiavellian in the promotion of a Hollywood product. To be sure, Lee has succeeded where many of us have commercially failed. But Lee's desperation to cash in on "X" and with the legacy of a Black icon has revealed his inner motives in a way his greatest enemy never could have.

Spike Lee, on salary to Warner Bros., and not the independent he claims to be, went so far as to ask Black children, who need education more than they need their mother's milk, to skip school and bring Warner Bros. \$5 at the nearest theatre — all in the name of educating them. Leave school to be educated by a movie director who can hardly complete a sentence?

"Shorty The Hustler," as critic Amiri Baraka calls the self-promoting Lee, then tried to sell Malcolm as a racial integrationist,

in a failed attempt to get Whites to buy some Warner Bros. tickets. In addition to getting a piece of the action, a huge box office would have made the diminutive hawker a higher paid director the next time.

Assuming all along that he had Blacks in his hip pocket, the tee-shirt, cap, and sweater salesman then tried to bolster Warner Bros. sales by suggesting racism and conspiracy, claiming that ticket sales were being diverted from "X" to movies made by Whites. White people hired Lee to make "X," financed it, promoted it like they have never before promoted any movie — and he calls them racist because the public stays away?

You can't say that Lee didn't try to exploit "Malcolm."

But you can say that the White people who run Warner Bros. and put up \$28 million to make the movie told the director that \$28 million was all they were going to risk on him. So Lee went to a few rich Blacks for the additional \$6 million or so if his final \$34 million.

To break even, a movie has to gross three times its production budget. In Lee's case, that's \$102

million — and he's about \$64 million short. That's because in addition to the \$28 million spent for production, Warner Bros. had to surrender one third of the gate to theatre owners and probably spent an additional one third of the production budget, \$20 to \$30 million, on advertising.

Although Blacks bought 80 percent of the tickets, at least at one theatre chain in California, and 80 percent of \$38 million is \$30,000,000, the White media and White people got the lion's share of the advertising dollars and only 20 markets targeting the Black Press and Black people.

Moreover, when you insult Black radio station owners and Black publishers, you have insulted the most powerful people in the Black community.

"You can't call 20 markets the Black press," said Robert Bogle, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Bogle called it "an insult." It was Lee's intention, expressed at the NNPA's June convention, to use

Black Press "to get out the message," Bogle stated.

Perhaps Lee should have been honest and admitted to the publishers that he is just a hired hand — not this "independent" moviemaker he pretends to be. However, "Malcolm's Revenge" settled the score. Although Warner Bros. and Lee disappointed the Black publishers and exploited the Black community once again, the public sent "Malcolm" into intensive care.

As of last week, the 3-hour, 20-minute film had only grossed \$38 million — and the big opening weeks are gone forever. "Home Alone II," with hardly any free media support, did that well the first week; it's already over \$100 million.

Not only did Black youths not skip school to see Lee's treasure hunt, but they stayed away from the congratulatory "Malcolm" after school also.

Whites stuck to their tradition of ignoring serious Black people and not falling for Lee's let's-all-love-each-other "Malcolm" promotional

facade. If Lee wants Whites to come back, he will have to return to his themes of sex-starved Black women and Black men hoodlum stereotypes. Even dwelling on Malcolm's salacious "pimp" days didn't do it for Whites — or Lee's box office.

A spokesman for Pacific Theaters, a California chain with 300 screens, said over-25-year-old Blacks bought about 80 percent of the tickets, White didn't like the pain enough to pay \$7 a ticket for it.

Don't worry about Lee, he's made millions from his Warner Bros. salary and the sale of tee-shirts, caps and books. And he and the White studios will be back next summer with a new hype and another "epic."

You can hear Tony Brown's weekly commentaries on the Buy Freedom 900 Network by calling 1-900-454-0411 (\$1.99 first minute/99 cents each additional minute).

Information on the Buy Freedom 900 Network: 212-575-2389.

Tony Brown's Journal TV series can be seen on your local public television station.

CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNAL

Hopes, Aspirations and Struggles for 1993

by BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

For the vast majority of the more than thirty million African Americans who live in the United States, 1993 represents more than just a "new" year. For many in the African American community this is the "year of relief" from twelve consecutive years of racially motivated economic exploitation, brutality, and disillusionment in the national context, of an Administration in Washington that just did not genuinely care about the socioeconomic condition of the community.

This is not intended to lay blame on Presidents Reagan and Bush for all of the ills and problems resident in people of color communities in the nation. It is important, however, to candidly say that the failure of the White House to set a clear moral tone against the steady rise in overt racist behavior in most of the major institutions of this society during the last twelve years, is an abhorrent reality that should be challenged by the incoming Clinton Administration.

Thus, we begin this year with a sense of renewed hope. It is a hope that our nation will accelerate

toward becoming and welcoming the transition into a truly multiracial and multicultural society where justice, prosperity, and happiness are no longer mitigated by race and skin color. But we know this hope will only become realized when the destructive forces of racism are exposed and eradicated.

One thing is absolutely clear: "We must continue to struggle for justice on all fronts simultaneously with relentless vigor and steadfastness of faith." 1993 is the year of renewed struggle for economic justice, racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice.

Our hopes and aspirations must be articulated in a manner that gives voice to those who are most oppressed in this nation and throughout the world. The immorality of human exploitation and degradation requires a stronger challenge and bolder national effort than the challenges and efforts made during the 1960's. The disparities and inequities of this society demand an urgent revitalized "Civil Rights Movement."

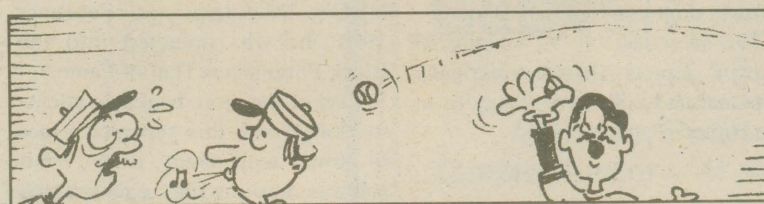
We have to move beyond just describing the problems. We have to

even move beyond just analyzing the problems that beset our communities. 1993 has to be a year of effective action in terms of the formulation of public policies and the building of sound economic development programs at the community level. A priority has to be placed on youth leadership development in all academic disciplines and vocations.

The national call to invest in America must be re-translated to investing in communities in ways that help communities become self-empowered with a sustainable economic base. Job training must be toward business ownership with the ultimate goal of overall community development. Thus, public education must receive renewed support by all levels of government as well as support from the private sector.

The bottom line is that the hopes, aspirations and struggles for 1993 are similar in content to the immediate past years, but the real difference is there now appears to be a new opportunity to express our hopes and dreams with a sense that there will be more receptive ears in Washington with the Clinton Administration. Yes, expectations are high. Some will argue that expectations are too high to possibly have a chance of being fulfilled.

We say, "We will make our demands known, we will share our dreams and hopes, and we will fight with renewed determination to achieve racial and economic justice by all means necessary!"



A presidential custom was started at the opening of the 1910 major league season when William Howard Taft threw out the first ball in a game between the Washington Senators and the Philadelphia Athletics.

Words of Life

We learn from experience. A man never wakes up his second baby just to see it smile.

—Grace Williams

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Members Sought for Youth Commission

The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners is requesting letters of interest and resumes from county residents who would like to be considered for appointment to the Kitsap County Commission on

Children and Youth when vacancies occur.

Positions are currently available for people representing the business community, young adults, and school administrators.

Preference in appointments will be given to applicants who have a strong interest in current program areas and the ability to actively participate in Commission projects. Members are expected to serve at

least one standing committee and to attend the monthly Commission meeting every fourth Thursday. Prospective members are encouraged, though not required, to become involved in committee

activities prior to submitting a formal application.

The Commission on Children and Youth was established in 1988 by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners. Up to 21 members from business, education, the media, labor, the military, health care, social services, mental health, law and justice, and youth are appointed to advise county government on issues affecting the health and safety of children.

The Commission also facilitates the coordination of services to maximize resources and provides information to county residents and public officials about local resources and needs.

Over the last four years, Commission members have examined issues and developed programs related to school dropout, homeless and runaway youths, child care, and parent education. The focus for 1993 is on child safety, violence and youth, the link between child abuse and neglect and substance abuse, and strategies to promote positive parenting and a safe environment for children.

Letters of interest may be sent to the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth, Department of Personnel and Human Services, 614 Divisions Street, MS #23, Port Orchard, 98366. For more information, phone 876-7185 or 1-800-872-4503.

NAACP Installs New Officers This Thursday

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will install its officers at its January 14, 1993 meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Jane Ruley Community Building,

1301 Lafayette, in Bremerton.

A business meeting will follow the installation, which will be the executive committee, including the chairs of each NAACP committee. Those who will be installed are:

First Vice President, Alyce Eagans; Second Vice President, Hildegard Patton; Third Vice President Hurene Jackson; Treasurer Clem Modisett, Secretary, Gloria King; Assistant Secretary, Linda

Yerger; Freedom Fund, Larry Robertson.

Holiday Seals, Shirl Ewing; Parliamentarian, Barbara Peyton; Press & Publicity, Teresa McDermott; Program, Wanda Moore; Senior Advisor, Larry Greene; ACT-SO, Patricia Thomas; Legal Redress, Susan Daniel; Membership, JoAnn Miller; Life Membership, Emmajean Haynes; Community Action, Albert Buster.

Communications, Loxie Eagans, Jr.; Education, Leroy Williams; Historian, Dianne Robinson; Political Action, Sam Rachal, Jr.; Religious Affairs, Cherry Rachal; Veterans, Postel Green; Housing, Marty Crutcher; Labor & Industry, Tim Lavin; Memorial, Phyllis Eagans-Molina.

The public is invited. For more information, call 478-6976 or 373-8825.

Olympic College to Hold Reading of MLK's 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail'

Bill Harvey and Kwame McDonald will be featured in a Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

(brown bag lunch) on Dr. King's 64th birthday, Friday, January 15 at 12 noon, in the Olympic College

Bremer Student Center, Room 140.

Harvey, an english professor at Olympic College, will read the open letter from Alabama's white clergy, who questioned King's tactics. King's response, his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" will be read by McDonald, director of Multi-Cultural Affairs and Affirmative Action at Olympic College. He is also the president of the Bremerton NAACP.

A discussion will follow. For further information, call 478-6976.

Education Conference Scheduled

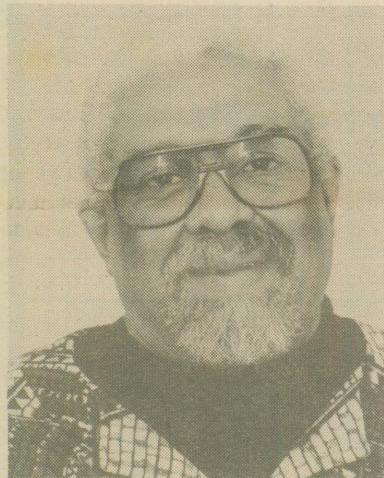
"What We Know About How Kids Learn and What We Can Do!" is the title of the keynote address by Constant Hine for the Saturday, January 23, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Early Childhood Education Conference at the Olympic College Bremer Student Center.

Constant Hine, MA, is a well known early childhood/child care consultant with "Horizons In Learning." She will also conduct a workshop on literacy and language development for young children.

For registration information, call Kathy Urich at 698-6539.



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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— Martin Luther King, Jr.



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FEATURE

Important Dates In The Life Of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15, 1929 — Martin Luther King Jr. is second of three children born to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs. Alberta Christine Williams King in Atlanta.

September 1944 — He enters Morehouse College at age 15 after passing entrance examination and skipping 12th grade.

February 25, 1948 — He is ordained to the Baptist Ministry.

June 1948 — He graduates, at 19, from Morehouse with bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

September 1948 — He enters Crozer Theological Seminary where he was one of six black students.

June 1951 — With an A average, King is graduated from Crozer, where he was most outstanding student, president of the senior class and recipient of graduate fellowship.

June 18, 1953 — He marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama, Martin Luther King, Sr. officiated.

May 17, 1954 — Racial segregation in public school is declared unconstitutional by U.S. Supreme Court which ruled unanimously in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case.

September 1, 1954 — Dr. King becomes full-time pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

June 5, 1955 — He is awarded Ph.D. in systematic theology at Boston University.

December 1, 1955 — Mrs. Rosa Parks is arrested and charged with violating Montgomery city segregation code after refusing to relinquish her bus seat to a white man.

December 5, 1955 — Montgomery Bus Boycott begins.

January 10-11, 1957 — He is elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at founding meeting.

May 17, 1957 — Dr. King delivers the speech, "Give Us The Ballot," at Lincoln Memorial during Prayer Pilgrimage For Freedom on the third anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's desegregation decision.

September 17, 1958 — *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*, Dr. King's first book, is published.

September 20, 1958 — Izola Curry, later alleged to be mentally deranged, stabs Dr. King while he is autographing his book at Harlem.

February 2 - March 10, 1959 — At the invitation of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. and Mrs. King spend a month in India studying Gandhi's techniques of nonviolence.

October 19, 1960 — In Atlanta, Dr. King and 51 others are arrested for participating in a sit-in and are jailed on charges of violating the state's trespass law.

October 27, 1960 — Dr. King is released on \$2000 appeal bond after Robert F. Kennedy, campaign manager for presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, intervened.

October 16, 1962 — Dr. King meets with President John F. Kennedy at the White House.

April 16, 1963 — Dr. King writes his "Letter From Birmingham Jail" during his imprisonment.

June 12, 1963 — Medgar Evers, a Jackson, Mississippi NAACP leader is assassinated before dawn by a rifle bullet at his home.

August 28, 1963 — The largest integrated mass protest, The March On Washington, is held, Dr. King delivers his "I Have A Dream" speech before 250,000 at the Lincoln Memorial.

September 15, 1963 — Four children attending Sunday School at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham are killed and 21 others are injured when the church is bombed.

November 22, 1963 — President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas.

June 21, 1964 — Three civil rights workers (James Chaney, black, and Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, both white) are reported missing after traveling to Philadelphia, Mississippi.

July 2, 1964 — Dr. King is present at the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House,

The bill, which guaranteed access to public accommodations, are submitted to Congress by President Kennedy.

August 4, 1964 — FBI agents discover bodies of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner buried in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

September 18, 1964 — At the Vatican, Dr. King has an audience with Pope Paul VI.

December 10, 1964 — In Oslo, Norway, Dr. King receives the Nobel Peace Prize.

February 21, 1965 — Malcolm X is assassinated at Audubon Ballroom in New York City.

March 9, 1965 — Civil rights worker Rev. James Reeb, a white Unitarian minister from Cleveland, is beaten by four white men in Selma. He dies two days later.

March 15, 1965 — President Johnson addresses a joint session of Congress to call for the passage of the Voting Rights Bill, using the Civil Rights slogan, "We Shall Overcome."

March 25, 1965 — The wife of a Detroit Teamsters Union business agent, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, is shot and killed while driving to Selma after the rally.

August-December 1965 — Dr. King and SCLC spearhead voter registration campaigns in Alabama.

August 6, 1965 — President Johnson signs the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

August 11-16, 1965 — Thirty-five persons, including 28 blacks, are killed during riots in the Los Angeles' Watts neighborhood.

May 16, 1966 — At a large Washington rally to protest the Vietnam war, an anti-war statement by Dr. King is read.

June 6, 1966 — Activist James Meredith is shot after starting a 220-mile "March Against Fear" from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. King, Floyd McKissick and others continued the March.

July 23-30, 1967 — In the worst race riots of the century, 43 persons die and 324 are injured.

July 26, 1967 — Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young call for rebellions to end, terming them "ineffective and damaging to the civil rights cause..."

March 28, 1968 — Dr. King leads 6,000 civil rights protesters on a march through Memphis in support of sanitation worker's strike.

Against his wishes, disorder breaks out. One 16-year-old is killed and 50 persons are injured.

April 3, 1968 — At the Memphis Masonic Temple, Dr. King delivers the speech, "I've Been To The Mountaintop."

April 4, 1968 — As he stands talking on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Dr. King is shot in the neck by a sniper and dies at St. Joseph's Hospital, James Earl Ray is later convicted for the murder.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
January 15, 1929 — April 4, 1968

Ways To Live The Dream

Few 20th century leaders have inspired our nation as profoundly as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His moral, spiritual and political courage turned the cry for equality and justice into a reality.

By inspiring individuals of all races to join together in peace to work for peace — even in the face of violent attacks — Dr. King convinced millions that discrimination and brutality have no place in a democracy.

So that our children will understand the legacy of Dr. King, it is important to celebrate the holiday in ways that highlight the spirit of his dream.

The following activities were designed by the American Federation of Teachers for elementary and secondary school students to help them rekindle the spirit of Dr. King's work for peace and to help them understand his importance in their lives.

WHAT YOUNGER CHILDREN CAN DO

Learn the words and sing the song sung by protesters at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington, where 250,000 people, both black and white, con-

gregated to fight for human and civil rights.

They sang:

We shall overcome

We shall overcome

We shall overcome someday

Oh deep in my heart

I do believe

We shall overcome someday

Black and white together

We'll walk hand in hand

someday

Show your support for Dr. King's plea for justice, freedom and peace by hanging our nation's flag outside your home.

Talk to relatives that lived through this historic era. Ask them to share their memories.

WHAT OLDER CHILDREN CAN DO

Read Dr. King's speech, "I Have

a Dream," that he delivered the day of the March of Washington. Think about its meaning and the changes in our society in the past 25 years.

Commit yourself to a cause or volunteer time to an organization that reaches out to those less fortunate. Possibilities include some of the same causes that Dr. King fought for — education and train-

ing, housing, health care, the hungry, the homeless and the poor.

Learn more about Dr. King and his crusade for human and civil rights. Suggested reading:

Stride Toward Freedom, by Martin Luther King, Jr. *Why We Can't Wait*, by Martin Luther King, Jr. *Martin Luther King, Jr., A Profile*, edited by C. Eric Lincoln. *King — A critical Biography*, by David L. Lewis. *Eyewitness: The Negro in American History*, by William Loren Katz.

WE ALL CAN PLEDGE...

To keep the Dream alive by taking the "Living the Dream" pledge: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work, I pledge to do everything that I can to make America and the world a place where equality and justice, freedom and peace will grow and flourish.

On this day commit yourself to:

Living the Dream by:

Loving, not hating,

Showing understanding, not

anger,

Making peace, not war, and

Helping freedom exist for all people everywhere in the world.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations Scheduled

Friday 15 at 11 a.m. — Aboard the USS Nimitz at PSNS. Contact Chief Ward or Senior Chief Smith at 476-3070.

Saturday 16 at 6 p.m. — Blacks in Government Banquet. Guest speaker Tony Brown. SeaTac Red Lion Hotel. \$35 per person. Call 1-800-286-0756.

Sunday 17 at 2 p.m. — Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund of Kitsap County annual luncheon. Guest speaker Thelma Jackson. Kitsap Golf and Country Club. \$15 per person. Call 871-7146.

Monday 18 at 11 a.m. — Ebenezer AME Church, 902 Park Avenue in Bremerton. Movie and snacks at no charge. Service begins at 12 noon. Call 377-4071.

Monday 18 at 1 p.m. — Olympic College Bremer Student Center. The Paul Robeson Theatre presents "A Tribute to Martin". Call 478-6976.

Monday 18 at 12 noon — Seattle Center House Stage. No charge. Call 684-7334.

Monday 18 — Tacoma Dome.

AND THAT'S FOR REAL

The Sun Shines Bright

by KWAME MCDONALD

The continued battle for freedom, justice and equality is a tough one. It is sometimes perceived to be very lonely. We sometimes feel that we are the only ones, or at least among the few, who are really committed to the proposition that all people must have equal rights, opportunities and access.

As one who has fought, and continues to fight for our liberation, I can attest to the fact that there are many Afrikan Americans who are sincerely interested in seeing, witnessing and experiencing justice for all.

There are many in Kitsap County who I could mention. To do so, however, would surely result in leaving someone out. There is, however, a compelling need for me to make an exception. It is rare for a columnist writing for one newspaper to give praise to another. The *Sun* deserves praise for its efforts in working toward racial diversity in Kitsap County.

I am sure, if we sat down and really got down to the real nitty-gritty, we would find many areas of disagreement. But reasonable people can disagree on tactics, strategies, methodologies and even goals.

Why is the *Sun* an exception? Because of its potential, alleged and real power. It is accepted that the media influences minds, actions and results. It has been a contention of mine that it was the media that convinced us to love, hate and love the Russians—all within my lifetime.

The *Sun*, through its news and editorial policy, has shown consistency in its interest in bettering relationships between the races. As a diligent student of the nuances and subtleties of media expression, believe me, I know the difference between what is **For Real** and what ain't.

Of course, no one is perfect. The *Sun* does feature a columnist of questionable depth, breadth and intellectual capacity. That columnist is quite narrow, simplistic and backward in her views about race. Also, I wish the *Sun* would quit publishing police reports as if they were fact based.

So, what else is it that the *Sun* does that is so great? Many of its employees are active volunteers in such organizations as the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce, Kitsap County Human Rights Council's

Diversity Committee, Community Resource Center and the NAACP. *Sun* employees are also involved in coaching youth teams that resemble the United Nations.

The *Sun's* personnel department is aggressively pursuing people of color to become employees. They do employ writers, feature columnists and have supervisors

who are people of color. As impressive as all of this is, they are going further.

As a public service, they have provided advertisement, promotion and information about activities that encourage better relationships among people.

The full page ads featuring Martin Luther King, Jr. is a current

example. Incidentally, you may get a copy of that ad in poster form by simply going to the *Sun* and requesting the number you need.

The most impressive act of all, however, was an announcement that the *Sun's* editor, Mike Phillips, made at a recent Diversity Committee meeting. He said, "We are going to take a page out of

MADD's (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) book. We are going to make bigotry and discrimination socially unacceptable."

This is a bold move by an organization that is vulnerable to subscription withdrawals and advertisement cancellations.

Thanx *Sun*, we are with you.
And That's For Real!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Impressed With Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

To the editor:

I worked my way through the University of Washington by washing dishes and working in mental institutions. My grades were good enough for graduate school.

My first job was as a social worker, giving away money. It did not take long to realize that giving away money did people absolutely no good in the long run.

I remember being disgusted at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) workers coming out from work, all dirty and smelly.

Then I took a machinist

apprenticeship at PSNS. It was a great deal more difficult than it had been to be successful at the University of Washington.

I taught machinist apprentices for five years at the apprentice school. I was greatly impressed with the motivation, intelligence, and practicality of apprentices. Almost all of them could have had college degrees very easily.

I have read over a hundred of the heaviest books of Western civilization that I could get my hands on in the past five years.

I know first hand how inferior the academic structure is in this country. The average planner and estimator at PSNS has more background in his little finger than the average public school teacher has in his whole body.

Being able to do things with one's own hands is immensely satisfying. Background and planning make it possible to accomplish anything a person wants to accomplish.

I have almost completed reading a book about Macauley, the great English statesman. I look at the

politicians in England in the 1830's. They were all out of Oxford and Cambridge. Most American politicians are barely literate.

I muck-rake a lot of things in society, but I will never muck-rake PSNS, because I was greatly impressed by the general intelligence and practicality there.

America is dedicated to inferiority. I was lucky enough to escape much of it by working in the Yard for 30 years.

KEN SPURLING
Silverdale

Kwanzaa Display Was Informative

To the editor:

On behalf of the Harrison Hospital Foundation and the Festival of Trees, I would like to thank the Kitsap County Chronicle and the NAACP for providing your

display "Kwanzaa — A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture." This was my first introduction to this Black celebration, and your handout was very informative. Thank you for

your involvement in this years event.

We will soon be involved with the planning of next years event. It would be great to have you more

involved, if time allows. Please call me if you're interested or know of anyone who would like a fun community project.

SUSAN J. PHILLIPS
Special Event Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

SBA Offers Counseling for Small Businesses

Beginning January 14, the Service Corps of Retired Executives co-sponsored by Small Business Administration and the Bremerton, Central Kitsap, and Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commercies are offering counseling at no charge.

Persons contemplating a new business or persons in business who would like to discuss management, financing, marketing, or various other business matters with an experienced, retired business person should call one of the above chambers for an appointment.

SBA and SCORE also host three regular workshops designed especially for beginning entrepreneurs:

- Loan Proposal Packaging — No

workshop in January.

- The Business Plan — January 14, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$35.

- Starting a New Business — January 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$35.

All workshops held at the Jackson Federal Building, 915 Second Avenue in Seattle. For further information call: (206) 553-8403 or (206) 553-1420.

Parent Education Classes Available

Project Family will introduce two new classes to the regular Parent Education offerings for winter quarter.

"Parenting the Distractible or Difficult Child" will focus on the

needs of parents of children with symptoms of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.

This nine-week class will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Woodlands Elementary School, 7420 Central Valley Road.

Project Family will also introduce "The Next STEP", the new seven-week follow-up program to the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting series.

The class will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ridgeway Jr. High, 10600 Hillsboro Drive NW, Beginning February 10.

Project Family will also offer other classes at various times and locations throughout the county.

The cost for all STEP classes is \$30 for a single and \$35 for a couple.

For more information and registration, call 373-3030.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
January 18

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

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AROUND KITSAP

Seniors Offered Free Medication Check-ups

The Kitsap County Pharmacists Association and the Kitsap County Area Agency on Aging are offering a free medication check-up for people over 55 years of age on Friday, January 29 at Bainbridge Island Senior Center, 370 Bjune Drive SE, Bainbridge Island.

Call 876-7068 or 842-1616 to register.

'Women In Transition' Classes Offered By OC

Olympic College will offer a free 50-hour class for "Women in Transition", Tuesday, January 26 through Thursday, March 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Central Kitsap High School in Silverdale.

The class helps women make a change from the home life to the work force or school.

To register, call 692-3171.

African Storytelling, Drum and Dance Slated

Stories from Liberia with storyteller/performer Won-Ldy Paye will be given along with dancing, playing African drums, harp and the kora, Saturday, January 30, 11:15 a.m. at Island Center Hall on Bainbridge Island.

Won-Ldy Paye was born in the

Republic of Liberia, West Africa, into a family of the Dan Tribal Group, who are known for their artistic expertise in mask making, carving and storytelling.

The storytelling is free.

Beginning at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Won-Ldy Paye, Jo-Gbaryu and members of Village Drum and Masquerade will teach a drum and dance workshop.

Preregistration is \$10 per class, \$12 at the door.

For information, call Sue at 842-2306.

Parks Department Offers Winter Classes

The Bremerton Parks and Recreation Department's Winter 1993 brochure is now available! You may pick one up at all Parks & Recreation facilities, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, or any branch of the Kitsap Regional Library. If you would like to have a brochure mailed to you, call the Parks & Recreation Office at 478-5305.

This quarter they are featuring over 100 classes, programs, and Special Events for preschoolers, youth, teens, adults, and seniors.

Classes begin the week of January 11.

Classes Offered By CK Community Schools

Taking a class is a great way to get to know your community. Central Kitsap Community Schools offers more than 250 low-cost classes in 20 subject areas, including youth sports and enrichment, family activities, parenting, foreign language, gardening, cooking, business and personal finance, computers, arts, exercise, and dance.

Winter/Spring class brochures are available at your local library. Call Community Schools at 692-3171 for more information.

Boating Courses Slated

Two Bremerton Power Squadron (BPS) Boating Courses are slated to start in early winter.

The first one will begin in Belfair on Wednesday, January 20, at Sand Hill Elementary School, N.E. 791 Sand Hill Road, at 7 p.m. Call Elton Cleveland, 275-3779 or 426-4012; or Jack Hensley, 373-2423, for more information about this one.

The second course will start in Shelton on Tuesday, February 2, at the Shelton Yacht Club, East Pine Street, at 7 p.m.

Alzheimer Support Group Meeting Set

Do you know someone with Alzheimer's? Would you like to

learn information about Alzheimer's, Care Management, Resources?

If so, then come to Port Orchard Care Center's Alzheimer Support Group meeting focusing on: "Care Management" held at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 1150 Mitchell Avenue, Port Orchard on Saturday, January 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information call 876-8035.

B.B. King In Concert At Seattle Opera House

The King of Blues, B.B. King, will "Let the Good Times Roll" with an extraordinary evening of legendary blues on Saturday, January 23, 8 p.m. at the Seattle Center Opera House.

The unique sound that keeps B.B.'s reign intact is a mixture of traditional blues, jazz swing, mainstream pop and jump.

Tickets are on sale at ticketmaster starting at \$18.50.

Stanley Turrentine Performs In Seattle

The Stanley Turrentine Quintet will be in concert, now through January 17, at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, Sixth & Lenora in Seattle.

Shows begin at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. There is a cover charge. Call 441-9729.

'A Chorus Line' Opens At Playhouse

Performing Arts Guild of South Kitsap's (PAGSK) next production "A Chorus Line" opens Friday, January 15 and continues through Sunday, February 7, at the Bay Street Playhouse in Port Orchard.

Cost of admittance for performances on Fridays and Saturdays is \$9 adults, \$7 students and seniors. For Sunday performances, the cost is \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students and seniors.

Aglow Meeting Slated

Silverdale/Bremerton Women's Aglow, a fellowship of Christian Women meets Saturday, January 16, 9:30 a.m. at the Olympic College Student center in West Bremerton. Jayne Pitts, the corresponding secretary of the Olympic Peninsula Area Board, will be speaking on "Are You Ready?" Newcomers are welcome!

KCTS/9 Televises Matty Rich Film

KCTS/9 will televise American Playhouse: "Straight Out of Brooklyn" on Wednesday, January 27 at 10 p.m. and Friday, January 29 at 3 a.m.

Nineteen-year old writer/director Matty Rich based this critically acclaimed film on the lives of real people—his friends and family. Shot entirely on location, this film follows Rich's desperate attempt to get his family out of Brooklyn's notorious Red Hook housing projects.

Auditions Scheduled

The Performing Arts Guild of South Kitsap (PAGSK) will hold auditions for Neil Simon's comedy "Rumors" on Monday and Tuesday, January 18-19 at 7 p.m. The auditions will be held at the Bay Street Playhouse, 820 Bay Street, Port Orchard.

Roles available consist of four adult men and four women to make up four couples, and 2 police officers.

For more information, contact Carl Olson at 876-3632.

Native American Dance, Music Scheduled

The Kitsap Children's Visual and Performing Arts Association will present an evening of "Native American Storytelling, Dance and Music" at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 29 at the Sheridan Park Recreation Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., in Bremerton.

Tickets are \$5 adults and \$3 children.

For information, call Charleen Burnette at 478-5305.

Civil War Presentation To Be Held At Library

Two men, members of the Northwest Civil War Council, will recreate roles of the common soldier one from the South and the other from the North who have met on the battlefield.

This free presentation will be held Sunday, January 17, at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Central Branch Library. The soldiers will be authentically dressed and carrying gear of the Civil War.

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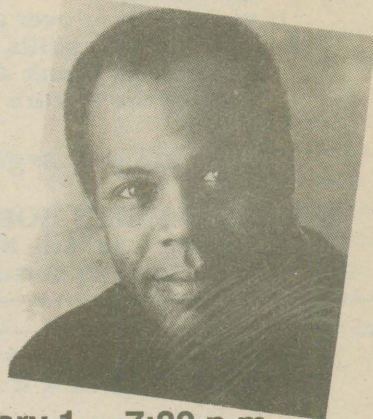
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