

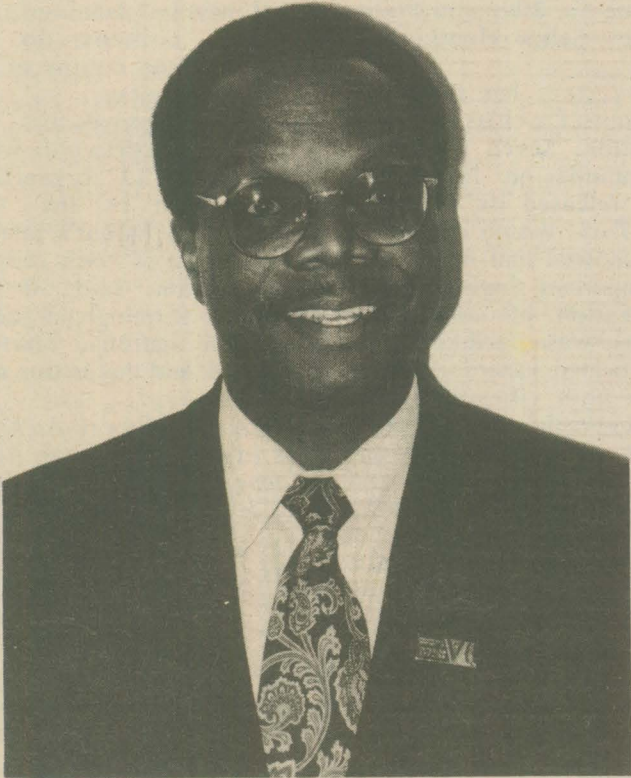
Kitsap County Chronicle

Volume VI, Number 4

Voice of the African American Community

March 9, 1994

Harry Wedington Selected to Retsil Post



HARRY WEDINGTON

Harry Wedington of Tacoma has been appointed the new superintendent of the Washington Veterans Home in Retsil by Veterans Affairs Director Beau Bergeron.

Wedington is a two-tour Vietnam combat veteran who

Blood drive slated for Sherry McGrady

"Uniting for Life" is a national recruiting campaign to assist the National Marrow Donor Program in increasing the number of registered donors among African Americans.

A local Bremerton resident, Sherry A. McGrady, is suffering from a fatal blood disease curable by a treatment called "Marrow Transplant."

For some, marrow is available from family members. For others, the situation is critical since they must find a related match. This is the case of Sherry McGrady.

A blood bank to recruit possible donors for her is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 in Bremerton (location to be determined).

For more information, contact Pastor Sam Rachal, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist at 377-9167 or Marla McGrady at 792-1063.

Sinclair church holds Chorus Anniversary

Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church will hold their pastor's Chorus Anniversary at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at 4900 Kean Street in west Bremerton.

The Reverend A.B. Obie and the New Life Baptist Church of Olympia will be the guests.

For more information, call 373-3170.

Boxer Joe Walcott, 80 dies in New Jersey

Jersey Joe Walcott, a Hall of Famer who became the oldest man to win the heavy-weight boxing championship, died Friday, February 25 in Camden, New Jersey. Walcott, whose real name was Arnold Cream, was 80.

Walcott lost six heavy-weight title fights, more than any man in history, although he had two memorable bouts with Joe Louis.

He was a little more than 37 years, six months old when his time finally came—on July 7, 1951, at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh. He knocked out Ezzard Charles with a left hook in the seventh round to become champion.

for the best possible individual as the new superintendent," Bergeron noted. The process was extremely rigorous and featured complete involvement by the Veterans Home staff and notably its residents, according to Bergeron.

"I'm absolutely delighted to have been selected for this post," Wedington said. "It's my definition of an ideal job, for it will give me the opportunity to serve veterans who have collectively done so much for this nation," Wedington added.

Bergeron introduced Wedington to the Veterans Home Resident Council on January 25 where he met staff and residents at a hosted reception immediately following.



Ebony Fashion Fair Set for April 24

The Seattle Section, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will sponsor the 36th annual Ebony Fashion Fair "Rapture of Fashion" set for Sunday, April 24 at the Westin Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1900 Fifth Avenue in Seattle. Dinner/Show is \$52, Show is \$30. Dinner begins at 4:30, Show at 6 p.m. Ticket price includes a one year subscription to Ebony or EM or 6 month subscription to Jet. For tickets or additional information, contact the Kitsap County Chronicle at 692-7595. Pictured above, creation by Jean Louis Scherrer.

Gospel Music Workshop On Tap for April 9

The Washington State chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. will be presented in a choral concert featuring contemporary and traditional gospel music in Bremerton at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the First Baptist Church at 14th and Ohio.

The 65 voice choir is based in the Tacoma area. They have performed in concerts all over the west coast from Canada to California.

Founded in 1968 in Detroit, Michigan by the late singer and songwriter, Reverend James Cleveland, Gospel Music Workshop of America is a nonprofit, interdenominational, interracial association.

There are now functioning chapters in most of the 50 states and in the Bahamas. The Washington state chapter was formed in 1991 under the leadership of Brother Willis DeVone (composer of "God Said It, I Believe It.")

"One of the goals of the association is to perpetuate, promote and advance the Christian ideals through the medium of music," said local coordinator Bea Smith.

"Another of the ministries of the chapter is the teaching and training of young people to enhance their appreciation of religious music through the Youth Division," she added. The concert will include selections from the youth and

children's choirs.

Approximately 15 adults and 10 children from Kitsap County sing with the group as well as musicians from Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is free. (A free-will offering will be accepted.)

The event is sponsored by the choir of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, contact Pastor Sam Rachal at 377-9169.

Mural restoration set

Bremerton's only public art project created during The Depression is in dire need of restoration. Painted by eminent northwest artist Ernest Norling, the Bremerton main post office mural has become a victim of 55 plus years of environmental deterioration.

The Historic Sites Committee of the Kitsap County Historical Society and the Mural Restoration Committee is seeking financial support for the project.

The public is invited to the Mural Restoration kick-off program to be presented by Dr. David Hecker, professor of American Cultural Studies at Olympic College.

It will take place on Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. in the Washington Mutual Community Room, Fifth and Pacific, Bremerton.

Ebenezer AME Holds 21st African Tea— See Page 3