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Celebrating the life of Vera Mae Ratcliff-McCloud



Vera Mae Ratcliff-McCloud



Vera Mae Ratcliff-McCloud was born in Seattle, Washington, on September 5, 1929 to Albert Hendrix Ratcliff and Bessie Dorothy Buford. She was the oldest of five children born to this union. Vera passed away on May 17, 2014.

Vera was educated in the Seattle Public Schools: Bailey Gazzert Elementary School, Edmond Meany Jr. High, and Garfield High School where she graduated and received her diploma in 1948. She later attended Edison Technical Business School in Seattle.

At a young age, Vera accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, by the Reverend Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Pastor. Committed to serving God, she worked diligently in the church as a youth choir member, secretary of the youth ushers, secretary of the Baptist Youth Training Union, an assistant to the church secretary, and a member of the Gospel Chior. Vera remained a faithful member of Mt. Zion until she joined New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in 2007. Vera remained a faithful member of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Baptist Church and enjoyed her Wednesday night bible studies with the Federal Way Connection Group.

In 1948 Vera married Walter Klaus Crallie and to this union was born two children: Vicki Lynn Crallie Polk (who preceded her in death) and Pamela Crallie Hines. In 1955, she married the love of her life Junius McCloud (who preceded her in death) and to this union were born three children: Katherine Ilene McCloud, Dorothy Mae McCloud, and Junius McCloud, Jr.

Vera was one of the first African American women to be hired as a secretary at the Veterans Administration Office in Seattle, Washington. During the 1970s and 80s she worked for the Seattle Opportunities Industrial Center (SOIC) and the Boeing Company. She was employed at the University of Washington Medical Information Technology Systems prior to her retirement.

Vera was not only a devoted wife but a loving supportive mother. She dedicated her entire life to her family. She loved and enjoyed being involved with her family and traveling. She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters Pamela Hines (Philip), Katherine Green (Nathaniel), Dorothy McCloud and son, Junius McCloud Jr.; her sister, Reverend Dr. Phyllis I. Ratcliff-Beaumont; brothers, Albert H. Ratcliff and Andrew V. Ratcliff (her youngest brother Richard L. Ratcliff preceded her in death); her grandchildren: Richard Carey (Cheryl), Marcus Shaw, Leslie Bell Beaver (Dennis), Antina Carey, Vikki Polk, Talonya Gabriel (Moise), Karina Blasco (John), Nathaniel Green Jr., Junius McCloud III, Jordan McCloud, Mya McCloud, Alena McCloud; 17 great-grandchildren (one preceded her in death), ten great-great grandchildren, and a host of cousins and friends who admired and loved her. Viewing will be at Southwest Mortuary on May 23, 2014. The funeral service will be held on May 24, 2014, at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. The Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Braxton will officiate.

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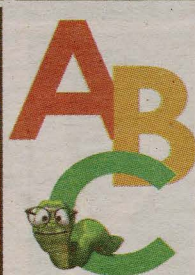
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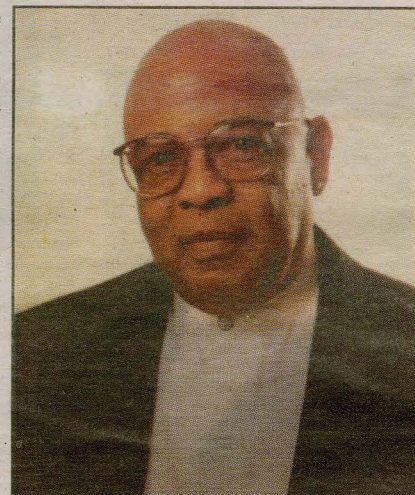
(Previously located at 4730 32nd Avenue South, SEATTLE)

In Loving Memory of Othello Howell

Othello Howell passed peacefully from pneumonia due to Alzheimers disease. He is survived by his mother, Eldora; brothers and sisters, Zeola, James and Roy; his children, Midori, Ukio and Masayo; niece Noni, and a host of relatives and friends.

Othello always believed in living life on his own terms, having an exemplary military career, serving three terms in Vietnam. He firmly believed in supporting his community, becoming a drug counselor and receiving a masters degree in Social Work. Othello was a Past Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, ABIFF Lodge No. 37. He was also very active in the SGI-USA, holding Buddhist meetings regularly in his home, happily introducing others to the Buddhist practice.

A small Military Honors service will be held at the Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 SE 240th St, Kent, Washington, on May 22, 2014 at 11:15am.



In Loving Memory of Inez Armstrong

Sunrise: January 6, 1922 - Sunset: May 5, 2014

Inez Armstrong answered the call and went home to the Lord, on May 5, 2014. Preceded in death, husband, Clifton and son, Richard "Turkey".

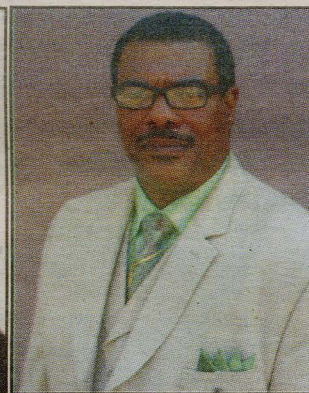
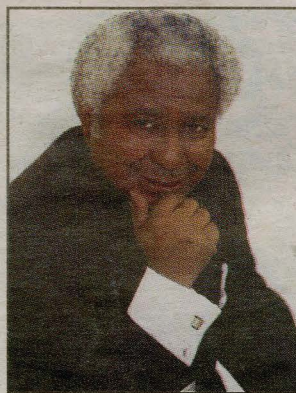
She was born January 6, 1922 in Miami, Florida, with a smile that always brought joy to a room, and pleasure to your heart. Inez was a longtime member of First A.M.E., Seattle, WA.,

She leaves to cherish her memory sons, Samuel (Hattie) Cambridge; daughters Eugenia (Wallace) Cambridge-Howe, Clifton "Bruce" Armstrong; granddaughters, Danielle M. Armstrong, Emily Cambridge; grandsons, Craig and Jason Cambridge and Raymond Howe; god-daughter, Vivian "Chakema" Moore; great-grandsons, Dallas Beason and Cameron Cambridge, along with a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 24, 2014 at Evergreen-Washelli at 11 AM.

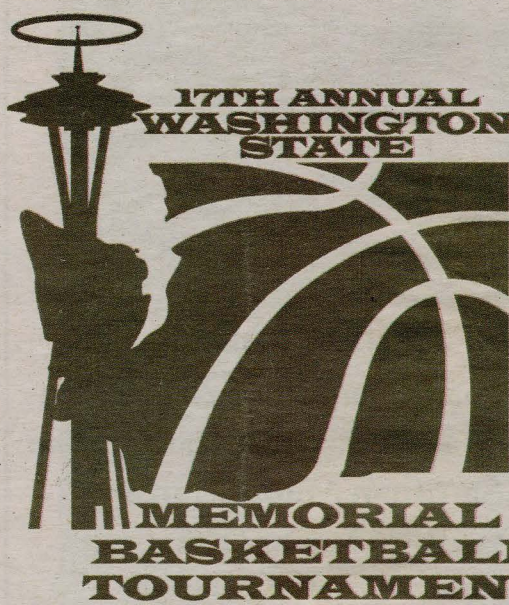


BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



Evangelist Manuel Scott, Jr. in Revival at Greater Mt. Baker, Wednesday, May 21 - Friday, May 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m. nightly, 2425 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA.

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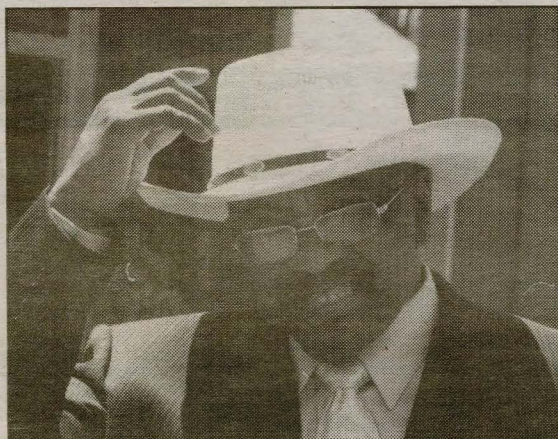
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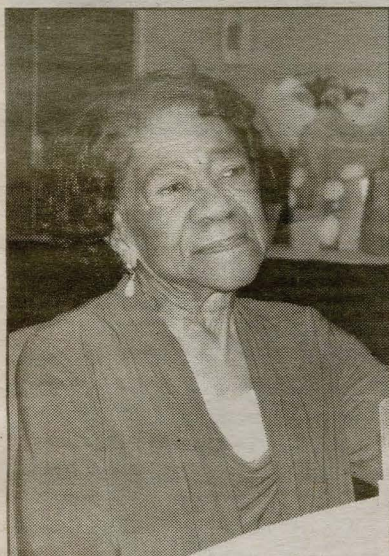
Obituaries

In Loving Memory of Michael Page

Sunrise: October 3, 1948
Sunset: May 3, 2014
The Celebration of Life for Michael Page will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at
Southwest Mortuary,
9021 Rainier Ave South,
Seattle, WA 98118
at 2:30 p.m.
Viewing will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014 2-7 p.m

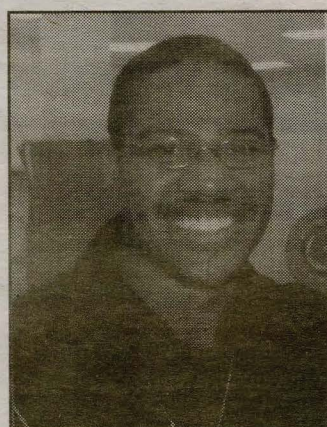


In Loving Memory of Ruby Jewel Jackson



Ruby Jewel Jackson was born on May 2, 1934, in Satin, TX, to the late L.C. Majors Sr. and Alvie Pimpton Majors. She was married at age 17 and in that union she bore seven children. In 1959, she moved her family to Seattle, WA and worked at Boeing for over 30 years, before retiring. Ruby was a loving and devoted mother & grandmother who enjoyed attending family gatherings. She was known for being a competitive bid whist player and she loved playing bingo and checkers. She was well respected and loved by many. Often times, people would seek her out for personal advice. She willingly shared her wisdom and always provided words of encouragement to anyone. On Monday, May 12, 2014, God called Ruby Jewel Jackson home to rest. She is survived by 4 daughters, 1 son, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

A Tribute to Billy His Name Was Sir,



We knight thee! Sir Williams (Billy) Gray Cunningham the III. Born May 23, 1988 - August 18, 2012

I'm writing this letter because I can't let another month or year go by without telling everybody about Billy, he was not just another body or casualty, this was one talented genius of a young 24 year old in other words he was extraordinary.

As a student at Ballard High School Class of 2006, Honors & Awards Program he was awarded the above and Beyond Service Learning Scholarship, and the Achievers Scholarship, The Black Achievers Scholarship and the Seattle School District Scholarship.

Billy was a double psychology and sociology major at the University of Washington, a Clarinet player in a marching band, a photographer, a calligraphy writer, tutored and a cook at the frat house.

In his short life he touched so many many people, we really didn't realize it until his death. People from California, Oregon,

Texas, Taiwan, North Carolina, to the President of the University of Washington and all his Fraternity brothers, who will be planting a tree on the UW Campus in his honor. Teachers from grade school, middle school, high school and his professors all remember Billy, we also have to thank the police officer who worked on him with CPR. He brought people to there knees when they heard of his death because he was the kindest person you could ever meet, always helping others when he could, like while on vacation in Taiwan, a American lady put her trust in him to show her around Taiwan for four days. Billy helped the people on his job, his family and his frat brothers when they had a problem, he is such a great loss and a hero.

We don't know why he took his own life that August 18, 2012, but I guess he did all he was suppose to do on this earth and it was time to leave and go to his heavenly home. He is terribly missed, and on that special day August 26, 2012 we all came together, it looked like the United Nations with all the different races and religions. We all came together in one room an became one, the human race and one God to say goodbye and honor a very special person we named Sir.

Love You!

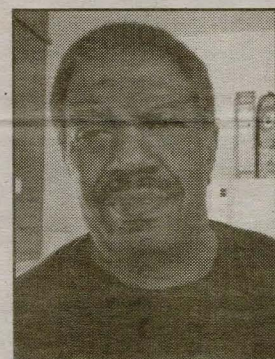
Your family. Mother, Wendy & Duane (stepfather) Winslow, brothers, Cory Wilkins(Cynthia, Divinity (niece) and Josiah (nephew) and Darius Cunningham; sisters, Deanna and Shawntia Cunningham; grandmother Katherine Wilkins and Devaughn Cunningham; great grandmother, Juanita Proctor and many aunts, uncles cousins and friends.

Happy Birthday (May 23, 1988)

"I smile to make myself happy and I help as many people as I can to make me feel worthy"

Sir William (Billy) Cunningham

In Loving Memory of Nathaneil St. Clair Jr.



Nathaniel St. Clair Jr. 12-10-1954-May 15,2014. Services will be at Southwest Mortuary on Saturday, May 24th. The viewing will be at 10:00am and the funeral will be at 11:00am. Repass to immediately follow at Rainer vista boys and girls club.



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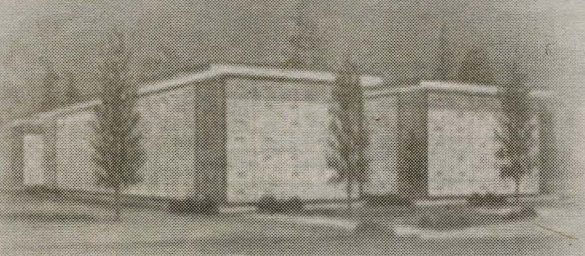
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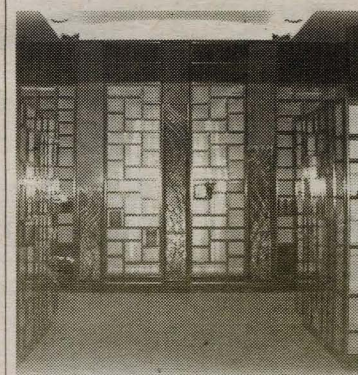
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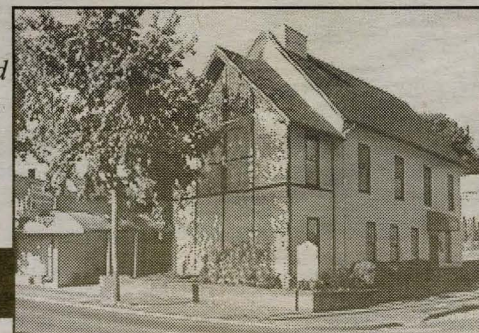
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Appreciation Of Mother Doris Tate First Lady of Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church



You are invited to come and help us celebrate this Woman of God. Our guest speaker will be Bishop Lois Sharpe of Seed of Abraham Pentecostal Church and to her guest churches in the community!

Come with praise in your heart and your shouting shoes on and Don't forget to WEAR YOUR MRS. TATE'S FASHIONS!

Sunday, May 25th, 2014

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church
7550 Martin Luther King Way S., Seattle, WA 98118
Dinner will be served from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

The colors for the evening will be pink, black and silver! Mother Tate's children will have Mrs. Tate's Fashions for sale. Her children will be setting the prices; you are sure to get a good deal!

If you have any further questions, please contact Sis. Wanda Peterson at (206) 763-5055



GROWING GREATER BY DONNA BAILEY

I send you peace, love and light! I've had to check myself during the past few weeks about my mess. I became disappointed in myself as I let my mind (ingrained thoughts & beliefs) & its associated emotions (anger, animosity) control my interactions with others. As with many, I am an individual who does not forget the racist & discriminatory history of this nation. With that being said, I've

allowed my mind/thoughts to consume me in certain situations (to the point of becoming physically sick); one being the interference/involvement of people from certain groups in things that we, as a people, have established/built out of great necessity & exclusion. What I share here in no way means my (our) feelings are unjustified, it just means that I choose to no longer live in turmoil with myself, about things I have no control over. It means that I choose to be kind rather than right; to be in peace with myself. Being consumed by negative thoughts; mind/ego, is what supports counterproductive/pointless living... just look in the mirror & around you; notice how thoughts/actions have negatively impacted our life situations & our relationships with others; even our children. Know that the key is to refocus our attention on inner body energy; just be still/quiet for 5 mins a day & you'll begin to notice it all; this is the great source of calmness, lasting peace & joy. "We have to get out of our minds, before we go out of our minds" © 2014 Donna Bailey, MBA; aspiring writer, poet & artist. To learn more about leading a spiritual (not religious) and self-aware life contact her at dlbaileysgrowinggreater@gmail.com. Or visit www.flickersnframes.com to see her beautiful products.

Rainier Beach celebrates strengths and explores challenges through art and music

SEATTLE – The public is invited to "The Gathering," an interactive event to creatively explore the stories of the Rainier Beach community and identify collective and individual steps to address the negative perceptions of the community and reduce youth violence. "The Gathering" will take place on Saturday, May 31 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Southshore K-8 School (4800 S Henderson St.). Community members will experience the stories of more than 120 local residents through art, video and photography exhibits, audio recordings, and live storytelling. "The Gathering" is a result of a unique partnership between Breaking the Pane, a United Story project, and Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth. For one week in April, Breaking the Pane engaged South Seattle community members through storytelling to explore themes of community identity and perceptions. Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth is an innovative, community-led initiative to address youth violence in the Rainier Beach neighborhood through non-arrest approaches.

"The Gathering" will mark the start of a 21-day challenge designed to address themes that emerged through the storytelling process and kicks-off the implementation phase of the Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth initiative.

Cambrie Nelson, United Story Coordinator, says "Breaking the Pane is an opportunity for Rainier Beach to engage and assert the reality of our community beyond the perceptions some may hold about it. United Story believes that our experiences and stories are the key resource we need to create actions that break the cycle of negative perceptions and unlocks the power of our vibrant community."

Barb Biondo, project coordinator for the Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth initiative commented that Breaking the Pane has been an integral part of getting youth perspectives on how to prevent youth violence. "Breaking the Pane will foster positive relations between youth and the community, which are critical to creating a safe place to where youth can grow and thrive."

The event will include performances by a premier Seattle DJ, a community hip-hop artist Mike Day, and a special guest appearance. The event will culminate with food and recognition of the community volunteers.

A Community Conversation on Housing and Homelessness

"What housing services are available for people experiencing homelessness? And will more housing be developed anytime soon? We keep seeing people who are experiencing homelessness in our communities, and wonder what is being done? And where is the religious community?"

Well, it's time to set the record straight. People of faith, whether affiliated with a religious congregation, or not, want to speak up. To tell our stories of how we are already engaged in providing housing, or developing new housing opportunities, or advocating for housing policies that are more fair and just.

One-hundred people of faith will gather on Saturday, May 31st at University of Puget Sound and we will learn from one another on new funding initiatives, new housing projects like Catholic Community Services' New Nativity House and Habitat for Humanity's The Woods, and new housing program ideas like tiny houses (<http://tinyhouseblog.com/>). And we will talk with one another about our own ideas, and our own hopes for our community.

Associated Ministries is sponsoring the gathering as its 3rd Annual Conference, but instead of people talking at the audience, the audience will be talking with one another, learning more about the issue of, and building sustainable relationships that will lead to action to address housing and homelessness. Come join us by registering today: <http://associatedministries.org> or calling Michele: 253-426-1507.

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Bishop Dr. A.L. Hardy, Pastor

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Disclaimer: I'm not a licensed doctor trained to treat, diagnose or provide medical advice.

Gail

Holistic Wellness Educator



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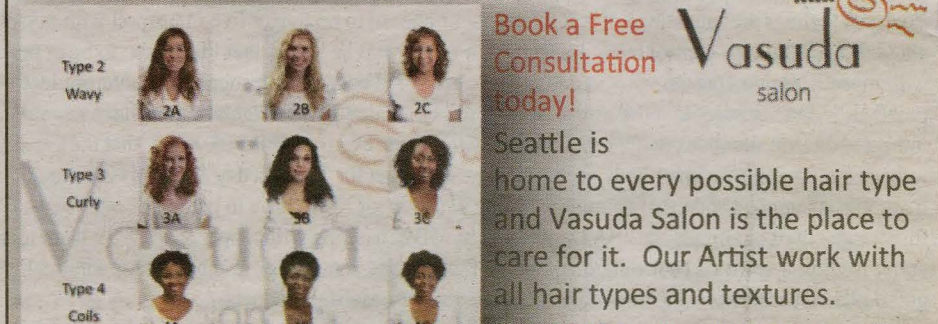
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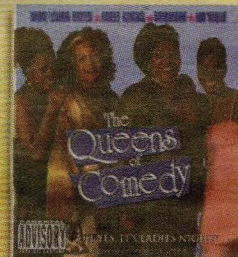
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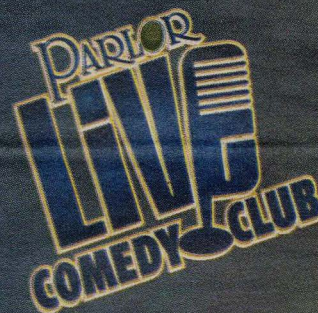
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CENTRAL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

BY DECHARLENE WILLIAMS

Today I am writing to tell you all about our great event that took place on May 10th: "BUSINESS DAY OUT" - Celebrating Dr. Millie

Russell. This event was awesome! I was so pleased with all of

Dr. Millie Russell family, they all showed up with such positive things to say about their love one. Millie herself was unable to attend due to her recent visit at the hospital, however her daughter Dr. Pat Russell stood in for her with such wonderful things to say about her "MOTHER" as all of the family

gave a short talk about what their "Mother" means to them, and Connie Bowen who has been a sister-in-law of Millie's for 18 years, described a beautiful relationship and friendship that they share.

The sons of Millie were so very, very, thankful too the Central Chamber for doing this event in there mothers honor.

I would like to thank everyone for there support for showing up, like Mr. John Sheets formal of Douglass truth library and all the others friends of Millie's for supporting.

Dr. Henry McGee I would like to send thanks for being a personal friend of Millie's, which entails stories of T. Marie Floyd, for reaching out to a dear friend for over 50 years. I would like to Thank Ms. France Carr for donating, to help make things run smoothly.

We had to change the date, on a short notice (1 week before) However we manage to get the news out. I am so sorry for those of you who wanted to attend and could not come out for Millie's tribute, however she felt the "love" and I feel blessed that we kept things going. God was in that place with us! Thank you Mr. Karl Harris and his committee for putting on a great 'BUSINESS NIGHT OUT' program. It was a hard task but they got the job done. (Smile)

As you know Central Chamber's Annual 31st JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL is now called "International Juneteenth" Because Black People from down south (250years ago) have migrated to others parts of the WORLD! Juneteenth was once known to be called the June 19th celebration which took on this name due to the fact that in 1865 freedom came to those en salved people. Free at last, free at last! Salves shouted as they learned of freedom. As we read slaves revived there word at different times because some states knew before other states. The earliest announcement was made in Washington D.C. on January 1st, 1863, which was the date the EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION WENT INTO EFFECT. Two months after the civil war ended the announcement was made in Galveston, Texas by General Gordon Granger and his soldiers that Order #3 had arrived with a proclamation from the executive of the United States that all are free. Which involved an equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves, and connection hereto existing employer who hired for labor must pay up, which would have allowed them to collect at the military post which we know never happen! The people did not get paid! This new state was called Confederate States of America. The stories go on as to why Black American never received payment!

In September 1862 President Abraham Lincoln decided to use his authority as president and commander-in-chief to free salves in confederate States of America. As of today we have not been paid or received our correct benefits, so we must keep our story out there in the open and come up with a solution to correct the things that we did not get at that time! If you are a none believer please keep the

Negative to yourself, because GOD is for us!

In connection with our Juneteenth celebration, we will be working with several different companies and organizations. Please pass the word for June 6, 7, and 8th. at Pratt Park 20th Yesler way zip code 98122.

We are taken booth application for venders, if you need school community service hours, you may obtain them at our event, If you would like to volunteer you can do this too. If you are a entertainer you may be apart of the entertainment program please let me hear from YOU call 206 322 8296 or 206 3252864.

Thank you pass the word and help us keep things going for us and by us.

I love you all and May God continue to bless you. Thanks for reading!



Sports by Mazvita

Revolution roughs up Seattle

The Seattle Sounders FC (7-3-1 22pts) suffered a shocking 5-0 defeat to New England Revolution (5-3-2 17pts) in Gillette Stadium.

The 5-0 defeats was the worst loss in MLS history for FC Sounders.

The loss to the Revolution was a simple case of the Sounders being too aggressive and paying the price for leaving the back line vulnerable.

When you have the leagues best offense an old school strategy of counter attack against the run of play when you get the ball can pay dividends as shown on Sunday by the Revolution.

"It was just one of those days, we had more of the game in the first 15 minutes, but we got caught pushing to many guys up front, Sounder FC coach SigiSchmid said after the game. The Revolution scored four first half goals and there fifth was an own goal with one minute gone in the second half.

The loss still leaves the FC Sounders first place in the Western Conference, while the Revolution remained tied for top spot in the Eastern Conference with Sporting Kansas City.

Game Notes:

Scoring Summary:

NE- Patrick Mullins 14'

NE- Diego Fagundez (Chris Tierney) 29'

NE- Teal Bunbury 36'

NE- Diego Fagundez (Teal Bunbury) 41'

NE- Chad Marshall (own goal) 46'

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Happy Birthday to our favorite Gemini's of the week

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