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FRANKLIN RAINES VISITS SEATTLE

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Initiative 200 presented an extreme challenge to the PNCNBCC, calling upon Dr. Fletcher, the Father of Affirmative Action, to spend most of September 1998 and the entire month of October 1998 educating Washington citizens on I-200. The same organization which sued Dr. Fletcher over the Revised Philadelphia Plan in 1968, the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), was the money and moving force behind I-200's principal backer Californian Ward Connerly.

As a result of I-200's passage and the documented disparity against Seattle and Washington State Black business enterprises in State and local government contracting and procurement programs, on February 2, 1999 the PNCNBCC filed a formal complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI complaint calls upon the United States Department of Justice to enforce Executive Order 12250 requiring Federal funding agencies to enforce Title VI compliance by grantees the State of Washington and the City of Seattle, and their sub-grantees.

Also in February 1999, the PNCNBCC held Community Workshops as a part of the Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Garfield High School in Seattle on the subject of "I-200! What to do now?" The PNCNBCC is in the process of enforcing Initiative-200 to STOP the PRIVILEGED AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT given to a limited number of white-male owned firms. The PNCNBCC Title VI Committee briefed other ethnic minority groups on Title VI, including the board of directors of the National Organization of Women (NOW) to enable them to file Title VI complaints of their own on behalf of their minority groups and White female-owned firms. Although, the Title VI only applies to Race, Color and National Origin, White women have been voluntarily included in most Title VI Assurances by State and Local governments, to allow White women businesses re-dress under Title VI.

A Title VI complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Justice to remedy the clear disproportionate number of Black businesses that were being confiscated in the abatement process by the City of Seattle Attorney's Office. The Title VI complaint itself seems to have slowed down the out right disparity against Blacks.

The PNCNBCC, in conjunction possibly with the Seattle office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), will file a Title VI suit in Federal District. Under QUI-TAMS, the False Civil Claims Act of 1864, as a RELATOR, the PNCNBCC could receive ten percent (%) of all funds recovered by the Federal Government from the fraud in state and local government contracting and procurement programs dating back to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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MANN BITS & PIECES

Have you stopped to notice that the high priced great basketball coaches in the NBA are all home now doing TV commentaries? Guys like Chuck Daly (who just resigned), Lenny Wilkens of Atlanta, George Karl of Milwaukee, Rudy Tomjanovich of Houston, and Pat Riley of Miami, are all high salaried coaches who are out of the playoffs... The Mariners don't look that bad after all. In the West the M's are tied with Anaheim and Oakland for the second spot. All three clubs are 21-23, while front runner Texas is leading the West by three games with a 24-20 record... Can it get any better for Ken Griffey Jr.? The Mariners' Centerfield Slugger is off to one of his better starts. Griffey is hitting .317 with 17 homers to tie him with Canseco for the lead in home runs in the Major Leagues... My bug of the week - Members of Fir-State and East-Side golf clubs don't take enough time to visit their fellow members who are either home recuperating or are in the hospital. Take time fellows, to visit or make phone calls to ask "How Are You?" Been there, done that and I know for a fact that a little visit from your friends means a lot... The past weekend was blessed with beautiful weather and both golf clubs had big turnouts for their club plays. It has been inspirational to see guys like L.B. Curry, Wallace Montgomery, J.J. Jackson and Hershy Sampson still teeing up the ball during club plays. During the past week L.B. was seen teaching his grandson the rules of golf up at Jefferson Park and Hershey was seen riding the links in a golf cart with his lovely teenage daughter... The countdown is close to the opening of Safeco Field.

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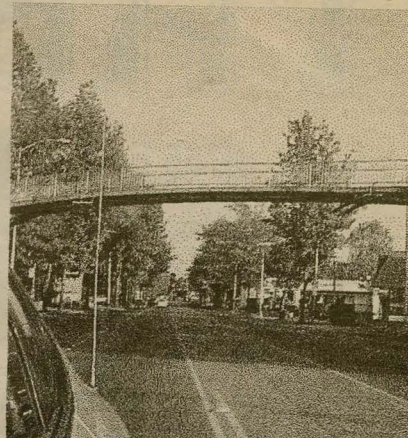
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As I drive through the streets of our community, I find myself in front of Douglass Truth Library on the corner of 23rd & Yesler, overlooking the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic. The majestic Olympic Mountains on one side and the Stunning Cascades on the other, provide a scenic backdrop on any clear sunny day. Pratt Park, Bryant Manor Apts. and Judkins Park, home to the Traditional Black Community Festival.

Ezell's Chicken across from Garfield High, a community landmark. Catfish Corner and The Facts Newspaper on the corners of 23rd and MLK Wy. Jackson Street, the home of Community Radio Station. Pho Bac's City Mini Mart across the street from Chubby and Tubby. Head Hunter's, Galore Paging, De Charlene's Boutique, Philly's Best Steaks and the great Southern Food of Silver Fork. Maya's Mexican, the Beautiful tree canopy in Mt. Baker Park, Lake Washington drive, Downtown Seattle, China Town, I-90 and beyond.

I love our Community! I love our City! That's why I call our community Home. Thank You for being yourselves! Smile, because you're beautiful.

Until we meet or speak, may internal community happiness bring you much peace!