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TATTOO EXPO



Derm F/X Tattoo artist Scotty Tague works on the arm of Seahawks Defensive Back Roy Lewis at the Seattle Tattoo Expo Saturday, Aug. 10. The Expo, held at the Seattle Center Aug. 9-11, draws tattoo artists from around the world and included tattoo contests, seminars and entertainment.

Griffey in Hall of Fame

Griffey honored by Mariners as team's 'greatest player'

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. kept telling stories, continued to acknowledge his appreciation to the fans and reminisced about his career, even as the scheduled game time came and went.

On this night, as the Seattle Mariners honored Griffey with induction into their Hall of Fame, no one was going to stop the greatest player to ever wear the team's uniform.

Griffey became the seventh member of the team's Hall of Fame on Saturday night during an emotional ceremony that's likely just a precursor for when he is inducted in Cooperstown in the future.

What was supposed to be a ceremony lasting about 30 minutes instead went on for nearly an hour. Griffey spoke for nearly 25 minutes in an unscripted speech and nobody seemed to mind its length.

Griffey joins late Hall of Fame broadcaster Dave Niehaus, and former teammates Alvin Davis, Edgar Martinez, Jay Buhner, Randy Johnson and Dan Wilson in being honored by the team.

But Griffey is clearly the head of the class. "I am truly honored and humbled to be associated with these people here," Griffey said.

The current Mariners roster — coaches and players — all stood on the railing of the first base dugout for the ceremony with their hats backward, a nod to the unique style Griffey brought to baseball. Naughty by Nature's "Hip Hop Hooray" — Griffey's walk-up music for much of his career in Seattle — blared over the speakers and '24' jerseys were worn throughout the stands.

There weren't many surprises in the ceremony, except for his son Trey — a football player at the University of Arizona — popping up on the screen for a message to his dad that finally started the tears.

"I can't be more proud of you and the way you did it," Trey Griffey said.

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Take Our Financial Rights Quiz

Know your rights when dealing with financial products and services

By Helen Silvis
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It's easy for ordinary people to be ripped off by big corporations, banks and financial profiteers. When you take out a loan, sign up for a credit card, send money across international borders, take out a mortgage or deal with debt collectors, you could be dealing with a businesses operating on the edge of the law — or outside it. In fact, every time you sign a contract, you take a risk. So who

is in your corner when it comes to dealing with financial products and services? Do you know your rights?

1. Which federal agency is charged with helping Americans get a fair deal from banks, debt collectors and reporting agencies, loan, credit, and money transfer companies?

- A. The General Accounting Office
- B. The Securities and Exchange Commission
- C. The Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau
D. The General Services Administration

2. Federal law protects consumers from "abusive, deceptive and unfair practices." Which of the following examples of debt collection are illegal under that law?

- A. A collection agent calls you at all hours to recover a debt, sometimes even at 2 a.m. or 3 a.m.
- B. A collection agent calls and

says if you don't pay your debt you will be arrested and jailed.

C. Without your knowledge or permission, a collection agent calls your workplace and tells your co-worker she is collecting a debt from you.

D. You pay your debt installment on time, but it takes a week for the collection agency to process it. It posts two days after the due date. The agency charges you a late fee.

E. All of the above

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Korean Political Prisoner with NW Ties

Kenneth Bae hospitalized as family fears he is a political pawn

By Gene Johnson
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — An American man detained in North Korea for the past nine months has been hospitalized after losing more than 50 pounds, and the need to bring him home is becoming more urgent, his sister said Sunday.

Kenneth Bae, a 45-year-old tour operator

and Christian missionary, was arrested in November and accused of subversive activities against the authoritarian government. He was sentenced in May to 15 years hard labor, and in letters to his family in the Seattle area he described working in the fields weeding and planting beans and potatoes.

Bae's sister, Terri Chung, of Edmonds, said Sunday the family recently learned that he has been transferred from the labor camp

to a hospital. Her brother suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain, she said.

"He's considerably weaker," Chung said. "There's more urgency than ever to bring him home."

A deputy ambassador from Sweden met with Bae at the hospital Friday, Chung said.

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