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PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION 2021



Another Election Day is almost upon us and, for better or worse, it's time to choose who will be making the critical decisions that impact the present and future of our lives as individuals, collective communities, and as a city. In Tacoma, ballot choices will include the mayor's office and city council, as well as the school district, Metro Parks, and the port.

Unfortunately, however, this will be a lackluster election because of one reason that is being repeated over and over here and around the country: the absence of candidates that voters can truly get excited about. This is not a blanket statement to characterize every new Tacoma candidate; it's more an assessment of the primary election and how predicable the final results will be come end of day Nov. 2. There just isn't any reason to get pumped over politics anymore, as a sense of burnout and voter fatigue are making people disgusted with politicians and the two-party system we're stuck with.

There is, though, a way that we can take charge and that is to get involved citizen-to-citizen rather than wait and rely on politicians to set our course. It's up to us - the people who live in Tacoma - to take care of ourselves and each other while at the same time holding our electeds responsible since they are public servants paid well to work for us. The Tacoma mayor's race is a fine example for us to remember the campaign statements that likely-winner Victoria Woodards is making now and how they'll pan out over the next four years.

THE MAYOR'S RACE

It pays, literally, to be Tacoma mayor. Prior to 2020, Victoria Woodards was taking home \$100,006 annually then she got a \$2,000 raise that year that upped her salary to \$102,006.

Woodards' early history is similar to Mello's and Campbell's in that she served on boards and commissions as well - chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health, president and commissioner of the Metro Parks Board, and on the boards of Puget Sound Regional Council, Sound Transit, Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board, Pierce Transit, Foundation for Tacoma Students, and Workforce Central.

After being elected to the city council in 2011, she ran for mayor in 2017. She won the race, but her competition didn't exactly set up stiff challenges for her. On the ballot that year were two weak candidates, neither of whom brought any noteworthy level of political expertise to the table.

First there was Evelyn Fielding Lopez making her first run for political office. Lopez hop-skipped from tarnishing her executive directorship at the state Public Disclosure Commission to running for mayor and she failed that in the primary.

At the time of her PDC departure, Lopez said she was leaving to pursue other interests, but she was facing repeated calls for her resignation from state Republican leaders who accused her of bias in favor of Democrats. Others had issues with her as well including the Port of Tacoma, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, and a private citizen who filed a PDC complaint against her for overstepping her authority by dismissing this citizen's PDC complaint against a Democratic candidate, again showing her party favoritism. Now Lopez spends her time policing the PDC website, looking for Republican candidates to blow the whistle on.

Jim Merritt was Woodards' other opponent in 2017. A business owner and architect, he had no real political experience either and was seen as a self-promoter who took too much credit for big city projects. As he stated in that year's Voter's Guide: "My leadership made Point Ruston, the Foss Waterway, and Tacoma Union Station possible."

This was the level of challenge Woodards had to contend with then. Now in 2021, she again found herself among opponents that don't pose a threat. Only two people stepped up to run against her, Jamika Scott and Steve Haverly, perpetuating the lack-of-quality-candidates syndrome we're seeing more and more in American politics.

On Nov. 2, voters will have a choice between Woodards and Haverly. He has never held public office and has had little involvement in communities. He also has no real online pres-

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BLUE MOUSE MARKS 20 YEARS OF 'ROCKY'



Andrea Allen has loved played Frank-N-Furter for three years. Photo: Steven Smith

The good people at the Blue Mouse theater are feeling extra celebratory this Halloween and for good reason. It was 20 years ago this Oct. 31 that "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" premiered at the historic movie house and it has been showing ever since, making the Blue Mouse host of the longest running screenings of the film in the Puget Sound area.

To mark the occasion, the Blue Mousekateers are planning some special treats for the anniversary fete on Saturday, Oct. 30. In addition to this group of talents bringing their live performance of the movie as it plays on the screen, local band Fishy Mushroom will play live, and tarot reader Madame DeLyte will be there to see what the future has in store for you. Travis Bundy, the artist who created the outstanding Blue Mouse movie poster commemorating the anniversary,

will attend as well.

Prop bags will be sold for \$2 so that you have everything you need to participate in the action including rolls of toilet paper, glow sticks, rice, toast and more. Other traditional props like lighters and water guns are not allowed. The Blue Mouse is approaching its 100th birthday so safety, and not ruining the cloth seats, is most important.

Just be sure to get in line early, as it is bound to sell out especially since tickets are only \$10 each. Doors open at 10:30 p.m.

Not only is "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" still a riot of a time at the Blue Mouse on the second and fourth Saturdays each month; the film basically saved the theater back in the day.

"Before 'Rocky' came here, the theater was just kind of limping along,"

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Sisters match real people for real dates

As professional matchmakers, Maribeth Messina and Megan Bostic run their business, Date with Reality, under this one mantra: Everybody deserves companionship and love. From their highly affordable rates to their embrace of people from all walks of life, Messina and Bostic connect real people for real dates, doing away with the disappointments that so many singles experience on dating apps.

Date With Reality is a new matchmaking and dating service in Tacoma, having opened just this year. After their professional lives were disrupted due to COVID, sisters Messina and Bostic joined forces, as both have experience in bringing people together. Messina has long been a natural matchmaker in putting together friends who click with each other, and she is also a writer on the topic of wellness. Bostic has been involved in administrating singles groups on Facebook and planning singles events at the urban winery she owned until the pandemic hit. Bostic has written for a relationship website and is a certified matchmaker, which Messina is working to become.

Born and raised in Tacoma and both single themselves, Messina and Bostic know firsthand how frustrating it can be to meet people, especially quality people who are serious about finding love.

"We know what it's like to try dating apps," Bostic said. "We know how hard it is to go out and try to meet people, and how time consuming it is. I would spend an hour or so a day on dating apps and it never panned out. We've been in those shoes."

It's expensive too. It isn't uncommon for people to spend thousands of dollars on matchmaking and dating services, which creates a form of elitism that Messina and Bostic want no part of. Date With Reality welcomes everyday people from all races, creeds, sexual orientations, income levels, and if you have children, that is no problem at all.

Date With Reality takes the guesswork out of the dating process because all clients receive an extensive interview that can go for up to an hour and a half. This is how Messina and Bostic apply their personal touch to every individual who turns to them for help, discovering their personality and what they're looking for in a partner, what deal-breakers they may have, their family background, past relationships, and even their sexual preferences. Everything is on the table before you meet the person you're being matched with.

"We really want to get to know them so we can pair them up with that person they're looking for and not waste their time on a date they really wouldn't want to go on," as Messina explained.

Once Messina and Bostic decide on a potential match, they present this information to both parties and explain why they think a good match has been made. Then it's the clients' choice of whether they want to go forward and meet. Date With Reality can assist with this too, suggesting what kind of date to go on and where, and providing coaching for those who could use some professional advice to feel more confident, especially coming out of the seclusion of the pandemic when it's hard to get back into socializing.

Whereas dating apps can attract the same people



Megan Bostic (left) and Maribeth Messina, owners of Date with Reality.

across different platforms and limit the field to only those who turn to the internet to make a love connection, Date with Reality opens it up to a whole new group of people who may not be online. Providing a safer experience is an added bonus since you won't be meeting a stranger off the internet or someone you think you got to know but upon meeting discover that the selfie they posted was from 10 years ago.

"I went on a date once and walked right past him because he looked nothing like his photo," Bostic said, recalling another time when she and a man she met on a dating app arranged to meet but he stood her up.

"My experience has been that a lot of guys, and this may not be the majority, but they just message and message but they don't ever get around to wanting to meet, or they say they want to meet then they don't."

Another way that Messina and Bostic are alleviating that initial awkwardness of meeting someone is to hold "singles socials." Their first one is on Thursday, Nov. 4, at The Social Bar & Grill, 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance through the Date with Reality Facebook page and Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/39us8evj. At the time you register, add on a friend and you will receive two-for-one admission to enjoy appetizers, two free drink tickets, and the chance to learn more about what Messina and Bostic can do to aid you in your dating endeavors.

Date With Reality offers three different packages, a VIP option, and a selection of add-on services to enhance your matchmaking experience. From now until the end of this year, Messina and Bostic are "doubling the dates" so that clients who sign up get twice the number of opportunities to find their perfect match.

Learn more at DateWithReality.com, email info@datewithreality.com, or call (253) 316-6013.

News Bites

More shootings

Four people were killed in a shooting Oct. 21 in east Tacoma's Shalishan neighborhood. Tacoma Police confirmed that a 42-year-old female, a 22-year-old female, a 22-year-old male and a 19-year-old male died, three at the scene and one of the male victims died later at the hospital. Last year there were 32 homicides in Tacoma. This most recent shooting brings the city's 2021 homicide rate so far to 27.

COVID declines

The Washington State Department of Health reports that recent declines in COVID trends indicate the effectiveness of vaccinations and masking. The latest COVID-19 modeling and surveillance situation report from the department shows case counts, hospital admissions and hospital occupancy have declined, yet these levels remain high. Hospitals across the state are operating at full capacity, and projections suggest high levels of occupancy are likely to continue through the fall months. Transmission rates and COVID-19 prevalence declined in September, and average daily COVID-19 deaths have varied but are still high.

Lakewood clean-up

The City of Lakewood will host a community clean-up on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3869 94th St. SW, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community cleanups are free events for Lakewood residents to dispose of trash, recyclables, and bulky items. The spring event attracted thousands of participants and demand overwhelmed the event. In response, a five-minute unloading time limit is in effect. Entrants must show a utility bill or I.D. with a Lakewood address. Participants have five minutes to unload their vehicle. No box vans or vehicles taller than seven feet may enter. Commercial dumping is prohibited.

School improvements

Over the summer, many Tacoma Public Schools received improvements to their buildings, grounds and playgrounds, changes approved by voters in the 2020 bond measure to replace aging neighborhood schools and make needed upgrades across the district. New safety and security upgrades across the district will start this year with 15 schools to secure building entry systems and improve access control, and 11 elementary schools will receive new playground equipment. Plans continue to be made for the capital needs of the district to provide Tacoma Public School students, teachers and staff with updated and safe facilities.

Jury award

A federal district court jury in Tacoma has awarded \$500,000 in damages to a former

special education student at Bethel High School. The student (identified as CKM) was subjected to persistent sexual harassment and abuse by a special needs classmate who had a known history of sexual assault against lower functioning peers in the neighboring Clover Park School District. The jury found that the Bethel School District violated CKM's federal, constitutional rights during the 2012-2013 school year by not stopping the harassment and by failing to report the abuse to the proper authorities. The jury also found the district negligent for failing to protect CKM at school.

Tons of food

During August 2021, the Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest conducted a peanut butter/food drive at the Green Firs Safeway to benefit Families Unlimited Network food bank. Thanks to the generosity of Safeway customers, the UP-Fircrest club collected 2,524 lbs. (110 lbs. per club member). This bested last year's total of 78 lbs. per member. The Families Unlimited Network food bank distributes food to 41,000 individuals facing food insecurity in the UP-Fircrest area.

\$6 million saved

Clover Park School District recently refinanced a 2010 bond, an action that will save district taxpayers \$5,963,099 million over the next 10 years. Taxpayers will see the savings reflected by lower property taxes. The district took advantage of declining interest rates to issue new debt to pay off the previous balance. This process, called bond refunding, provides a refund because of the new debt's low interest rates. The 2010 voter-approved bond paid for construction of Huddloff Middle School, Four Heroes Elementary School and Harrison Preparatory School.

APCC celebrates 25th anniversary

Asia Pacific Cultural Center is celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2021, not only reminiscing about their past accomplishments and successes, but also looking to the future with a new building project for their existing home. The project will include the rehabilitation of their current 10,500 square foot building on South Tacoma Way and the construction of a new wing that will add 10,000 additional feet.

Included in the expanded facility will be gallery space along with cultural display space, a Tea Room, martial arts and dance studios, a performance auditorium with a full commercial kitchen, a small library, more classrooms, a gift shop, and an Asian Pacific garden space. Another addition will be a culinary kitchen that will be utilized to teach Asian culinary skills to aspiring students, preparing them to enter the food industry workforce.

The AAPI Garden will focus on the beautiful florals and trees from the islands, fountains, and sculptures from Asia. Large floor to ceiling windows will allow natural light to flow through the building and illuminate the cultural floor displays while creating an inviting museum-like quality. Much needed office space will be added to better accommodate the APCC staff and their storage needs.

"Our expanded classrooms will also be used to teach



APCC Executive Director Faaluaina Pritchard

entrepreneurship courses which will be led by successful, local AAPI business leaders volunteering their time to direct the classes and experiences," said APCC Executive Director Faaluaina Pritchard. "To better meet the needs of the community, the entire space will be upgraded and pull in traditional features and colors from Asian and Pacific Islander cultures."

APCC will be highlighting the new building project at a celebration at the Tacoma Convention Center on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 5-9 p.m. Attendees will enjoy a wonderful night of socializing, a delicious dinner, music, and cultural performances including a special presentation from South Korea's Kunjang University. To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/apcc25thanniversaryticket.

ence where voters could learn more about him, and he hasn't done any outreach to the media to help educate the electorate. The scant information on his website is the exact same as his statement in the Pierce County Voter's Guide and that's about it.

The point is that Woodards won her first run for mayor, and will likely win re-election, because no one of political quality stepped up. This is a plague on elections across the country and all the way to the White House. And the troubling outcome for Tacoma is that we are facing four more years of Woodards as mayor when she really hasn't accomplished much of real note in her first four years.

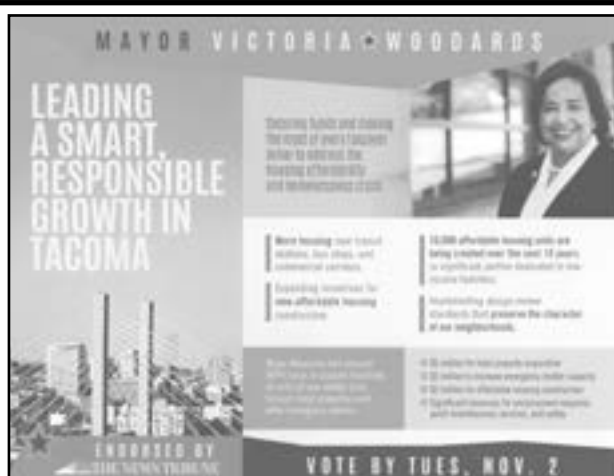
Woodards is great at public speaking and that seems to be the most useful to her in her political toolkit. She can get in front of an audience and leave the podium with everyone in the room feeling great about what she said, but what has she really done? Granted, no one saw COVID coming and that set up unique challenges for her, but this is when a true leader would shine the brightest.

When the pandemic first hit, Woodards was holding press conferences and speaking to the public with a lot of feel-good "we can get through this together" rhetoric, but those addresses to the city soon fizzled out. She championed programs like Heal the Heart of Tacoma to transform Tacoma into an "anti-racist city," and Project PEACE to foster more trust in the city's police force, and it still isn't clear what specific and measurable outcomes are occurring from those two initiatives.

In the meantime, homelessness increased, the crime rate rose, and there is still nothing being done to attract major corporations to our city while the pandemic forced the closure of flagship Tacoma businesses like the Pacific Grill and The Swiss. The city could have done something to prevent those closures, but both of these major attractions to bring people downtown were left on their own under Woodards' watch.

As the election draws nearer, Woodards and her city administration appear intent on making cosmetic fixes around the city to, one would deduce, ultimately shore up more votes for Woodards since these are short-term efforts for the moment. Homeless encampments have been left to their own devices for the past year, but now the city is suddenly bringing the hammer down with sweeps and threats to arrest and prosecute the homeless people who don't, or can't, comply with being kicked out. Where is our mayor to detail a long-term plan for homelessness?

The "Tidy Up Tacoma" drive the city launched this month is another example of a band-aid approach to make the city streets look better, and before election day. Tidy Up Tacoma is set to last only through next month. Again, where is a long-term plan to address



Woodards' mailer is all about building affordable housing and addressing the homeless crisis but her agenda does more to support her campaign donors than to make Tacoma a more livable city.

our littered roadways on a regular basis? Graffiti is one more blight that the city should take more seriously, but it's the property owner who is responsible for graffiti removal and if they don't do it within 18 days of being cited, the city will remove it and send the property owner the bill.

Tacoma's growing crime rate is another area where the city is not doing enough. Assaults, homicides, burglaries, robberies, vandalism and arson are up in Tacoma and this was made even clearer when four people were shot and killed in Salishan on Oct. 21. This past Saturday, citizens gathered at the Eastside Community Center for the unveiling of a bronze statue memorial to Billy Ray Shirley, a youth gunned down in Tacoma 10 years ago. It was a perfect opportunity for Woodards to stand with the community and show that she cares, but she chose not to attend the unveiling.

When the Tacoma Weekly asked Woodards what she feels is her greatest accomplishment of her political life, she had this to say: "Securing over \$61 million for the City of Tacoma in Federal ARPA funds to address COVID-19. Our city has rallied to provide millions of dollars of support to families with rent, utility, mortgage, and foreclosure relief.

"By utilizing disparity studies on homelessness, we were able to direct over 50 percent of our rent relief to communities of color. As a result, Tacoma is seen as a nationwide model for how to equitably provide relief that addresses racial inequalities and the disparate impacts of COVID-19."

And what is Woodards' vision for Tacoma's future? "I am working every day to make Tacoma a place where everyone can achieve their destiny. That means bringing good paying jobs, a high quality of life, and lower cost of living to our city. We can and will tackle our toughest challenges, homelessness and affordability."

CITY COUNCIL

In addition to mayor, there are four positions on the ballot for Tacoma City Council, presenting a prime opportunity for voters to cause a shift to the council that has grown more detached from Tacoma citizens than ever.

Three of these positions are open for brand new members to bring much needed change to this council that continues to meet virtually and away from the kind of public participation that must be accessible to everyone in Tacoma, not just those with internet access. By not opening its chambers again to the people who live here, at least with a hybrid method of in-person and online, the council is giving the appearance of wanting to avoid open government, and it's time for that to stop. If we've all been going into crowded grocery stores every day throughout the pandemic, we can certainly at this point sit masked and social-distanced with the Tacoma City Council.

Only the District 4 position includes an incumbent candidate. In this race, Catherine Ushka is looking to stay where she's at, which is probably how it's going to. Her opponent, Israel James McKinney, brings no urge to unseat her, with his lack of any elected experience and few community involvements.

After serving one term, current council member Chris Beale is giving up his seat, leaving it for newcomers Joe Bushnell or Anne Artman to take his place. For District 2, current council member Robert Thoms is being term-limited out. After eight years of being on council, Thoms will not be looked back on as any great statesman so his departure will allow either Sarah Rumbaugh or Kelly Blucher to get their chance.

At-large Position 6 council member Lillian Hunter has chosen not to seek re-election as well, so Kiara Daniels and Brett Johnson are vying for her seat. They both come with no elected experience, which can be a good thing since Tacoma and Pierce County have enough career politicians to go around.

POLITICS PAYS OFF

Choosing politics for their life's occupation is great for the politician and a detriment to the rest of us. They get to work their way up to a fat paycheck and choice benefits and we get more of the same level of service from the same people. Going from the Tacoma City Council to the Pierce County Council is a common path some have taken for their own upward mobility to the point that it's almost expected for a city council member to use that as a vocational springboard.

Tacoma City Council members currently make \$44,990 a year. Once they win a county council seat, their pay increases to \$120,284.97. This was the route that, for example, Marty Campbell and Ryan Mello took. Mello started out in 2003 as an aide to Rep. Hans Dunshee then was elected to the Metro Parks Board of Commissioners in 2005. He served on additional boards and committees at the city and county level, continuing to get his name out there. In 2010, he was elected to the Tacoma City Council where he remained until he ran for, and won, his current position on the Pierce County Council.

Campbell also started out serving on local boards and commissions, and his downtown small business, Buzzard's Discs, gave him some face and name recognition in Tacoma. He was elected to Tacoma City Council in 2010 then moved up to the County Council in 2019.

Tacoma isn't the only place where city council members have hungry eyes for a county council position. Last year, Lakewood Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen and University Place Council member Javier Figueroa both went for it and lost and now they're back on the city council ballot telling voters how committed they are to the cities they were eager to leave just a year ago.

So, what's the incentive for public service? The money and prestige? Or would there be as much interest if these were minimum wage jobs? Taking out the hefty financial reward would give new meaning to why someone would run for office, emphasizing more the desire to get in and get busy rather than plot a next move for more power and wealth.

FOLLOWING THE MONEY

The amount of money that both mayoral candidates have raised for their campaigns reveals a stark difference in who is supporting them.

According to his Public Disclosure Commission filings, Haverly has received \$4,695 in cash contributions and \$4,908.70 in-kind contributions for a total of \$9,603.70. His contributors are listed as individual donors except for \$1,000 from Integrity Construction Group.

For her re-election campaign, Woodards reports \$176,449.19 in cash and \$4,343.50 in-kind contributions, which totals \$180,792.69. Her list of donors includes consultants, developers, realtors, construction, and attorneys, which plays right into her campaign materials that focus on building what she calls "affordable housing."

Her most recent campaign mailer highlights the following points:

"More housing near transit stations, bus stops and commercial corridors." This is Sound Transit's overall plan to redefine how our city is built and it's already outdated. The pandemic created a major shift in the workforce with people now choosing to work at home so the need to transport commuters has been considerably diminished. Woodards is on the Sound Transit board. She should be leading the way in putting the brakes on Sound Transit's agenda for Tacoma and rethink how it's going to affect our city. Right now, there is no real future plan that meets the needs of what's going on in the world today.

"Expanding incentives for new affordable housing construction." The incentives amount to a huge tax break for construction companies and major builders like the Cohen family and others who have donated to Woodards' campaign. The city's Multifamily Property Tax Exemption Incentive exempts property taxes for eight to 12 years on multifamily housing developments, which ultimately makes rich people richer. The Rook is Tacoma's most recent housing project to receive the tax exemption. Under its "affordable rates," a 446-square-foot studio will rent for \$1,211.

"10,000 affordable housing units are being created over the next 10 years (a significant portion dedicated to low-income families)." According to Pierce County Growth Management, Tacoma's population is projected to grow by nearly 62,000 people by 2030. The intent should be to create long-term stability by building housing that people can afford to live in and buy, not rent.

"Implementing design review standards that preserve the character of our neighborhoods." Woodards wants to preserve neighborhood character while at the same time advocating for the city's Home in Tacoma project, which will implement zoning laws to allow multiple type dwellings to be built in established neighborhoods. A lot of Tacoma homeowners aren't too thrilled at the idea of a triplex going in next door.

Woodards has even more on her agenda as stated in this mailer. She proposes \$5 million for hotel property acquisition, a temporary method to house drug addicts and hoarders with no consideration for Tacoma's hotel base when things start to pick up again. And if the city buys properties, it takes these properties off the tax roll.

She aims to earmark another \$2 million to increase emergency shelter capacity, \$2 million more for affordable housing construction, and "significant resources for encampment response, youth homelessness services, and safety." This will mean even more money contracted out to the Low-Income Housing Institute, which currently oversees management and operations at the city's emergency micro-shelter sites.

Woodards' mailer continues with promises like, "Putting money directly into our pockets through the Growing Resilience in Tacoma Demonstration." That is a pilot program giving 100 families \$500 a month for one year with no idea of what the success rate is.

"Supporting small businesses and attracting employers to create more good-paying jobs." Our downtown is vacant. We don't even have a Starbucks there anymore. The cost to own and operate a business in Tacoma is outrageous. It's the worst city in the state of Washington to do business. A 2021 report from The Tax Foundation puts Tacoma at number one among major cities in the U.S. for the highest combined state and local sales tax.

"Expanding childcare options by creating summer and after-school activities for our kids." Here, Woodards is taking credit for something that is a function of the parks department working with the school district.

What Woodard's isn't talking about is the city's \$24 million deficit. It was at \$67 million last year but was whittled down by requiring every city department to cut spending by 15 percent. To avoid losing city services, departments focused mainly on cutting contracts, hiring freezes, and putting some projects on hold.

Woodards has her work cut out for her, and her feel-good speeches aren't going to get the job done. It's time - past time - for her to stop talking about what Tacoma could be and start making it happen.

COVER STORY: 'ROCKY'

said Blue Mouse manager Sue in the red and the first year we showed 'Rocky,' it pulled the theater out of the red. We opened that Halloween in 2001 to a sold-out show."

Evans said she had heard of the film but hadn't yet seen it. Once it played at the Blue Mouse, her eyes were opened to what "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is all about, especially when she saw the condition of the theater afterward.

"It was completely trashed!

What did I get into?" she said, laughing out loud. "We didn't have a janitor, so I had to clean it all up. I'm sure 10 years from now there will still be rice in here."

A cast of actors dressed as all the characters in the movie was also there that opening night to "shadow" the movie as it played, taking their place at the front of the audience to "Do the Time Warp" again and again. Over the years the cast changed, with the current line-up of Blue Mousekateers approaching their third year as outer space aliens from the planet Transsexual in the galaxy of Transylvania.

Andrea Allen plays sweet transvestite Frank-N-Furter and is also producer of the Blue Mousekateers live cast.

"It takes a lot of work because your Frank carries your show," she said. "The rest of the show, there can be little stuff that people don't notice but Frank is front and center for almost every scene of the movie, so you have to be on point."

Allen said she didn't even know she has what it takes to be Frank-N-Furter until artistic director Jazmine Herrington, who also portrays Janet Weiss, saw her audition for a different role.

"There's a lot of cast members who are afraid to come out as their true selves," Herrington said. "Coming to 'Rocky' and being part of the environment that harbors self-love and inclusivity, a lot have come out and not be afraid to be themselves because of their experi-



Blue Mousekateers' director Jazmine Herrington also plays Janet Weiss. Photo: Steven Smith

ence here and that makes me really happy."

This is because "Rocky Horror" is more than just a film. For countless audience members over the years, this 1975 midnight movie turned social phenomenon has worked its magic of bringing people from all walks of life together in an atmosphere where you can do more than dream it - you can be it - whether you're gay, straight, or outside of gender norms. This is how the Blue Mousekateers operate, embracing a rainbow of people for who they are in heart and soul.

Allen knows the impact of "Rocky" herself. She was 16 years old in 1987 when she first saw the movie and it had a profound effect on her as it has on so many others. At the Blue Mouse, she brings a new take and authenticity to her role. When Frank-N-Furter sings, "Don't judge a book by its cover," Allen knows exactly what this means.

"I could be myself," she said of her first "Rocky" experience. "I could dress how I wanted, put on some make-up, and let it loose. As far as we've come in the 35 years since then, there are still places not far from here where you can't. When they come to 'Rocky' the first time and see it, they find that place where they can," she said.

"I have to lead this cast and make sure this keeps going because like me, that 16-year-old is out there somewhere. They're going to walk through those doors, and this is going to be the place where they can be themselves. We still need 'Rocky' in the world."



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The show includes all the beloved characters. Shown here are Mrs. White (Deya Ozburn), Mr. Green (Frank Roberts), Professor Plum (Jason Sharp), Colonel Mustard (Mark Peterson), Miss Scarlet (Robin Mae Becar), and Mr. Boddy (Keith Orodenez)

When the Hasbro board game “Clue” hit store shelves decades ago, it quickly became iconic in the American gaming landscape largely because of its intriguing challenge that you can play again and again with a different outcome each time. The game’s cast of characters has been another beloved aspect, so much that Paramount Pictures produced the movie “Clue” in 1985 with an all-star cast portraying Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock and the rest of the zany lot trapped in a creepy mansion trying to figure out who among them murdered their host.

Complete with all its laughs and murder mystery charm, Tacoma Little Theatre is presenting “Clue: On Stage” to continue TLT’s 103rd season “The Start of Something New.” Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, “Clue: On Stage” is directed by Jennifer York who also applied her noteworthy stage skills to TLT’s hilarious and thrilling mystery “Holmes for the Holidays” in 2019.

“The cast is ridiculously talented,” TLT Managing Artistic Director Chris Serface said in a recent episode of TV Tacoma’s CityLine. “The underscoring for the show is great, and the coming timing is wonderful. Jen York is known for her comedic chops with the shows she’s done in the past, and it’s just going to be a lot of fun for the Halloween season.”

Parade celebrates Dia de los Muertos

The Dia de Muertos celebration returns to the 6th Avenue Business District on Friday, Oct. 29 from 3-10 p.m. It’s going to be a collaborative product through the participation of many Hispanic community organizations, Tacoma Sister Cities, and 6th Avenue Business District with the support of the city’s Tacoma Venues and Events department.

This Dia de Los Muertos event is free. Families are invited to participate in remembrance of those who have passed and in celebration of the living. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a “Skeleton Parade” beginning at 6th and Pine, going through the business district and coming back at its starting place at the festival tent for a ritual honoring of ancestors at a community altar or ofrenda. Participants will partake of “dead bread” and hot chocolate, and listen to Latin music. Anjali Silva’s band will perform from 3-5 p.m. at the tent located at 610 Pine St. directly across from Engine Number 9. At 8-10 p.m., Flor de Luna, Tony Orozco’s Latin rock band, will take the stage.

There will be food trucks and other booths in the main tent at 6th and Pine directly behind O’Reilly’s in their parking lot. Restaurants and cafés along 6th Avenue will also be open for business.

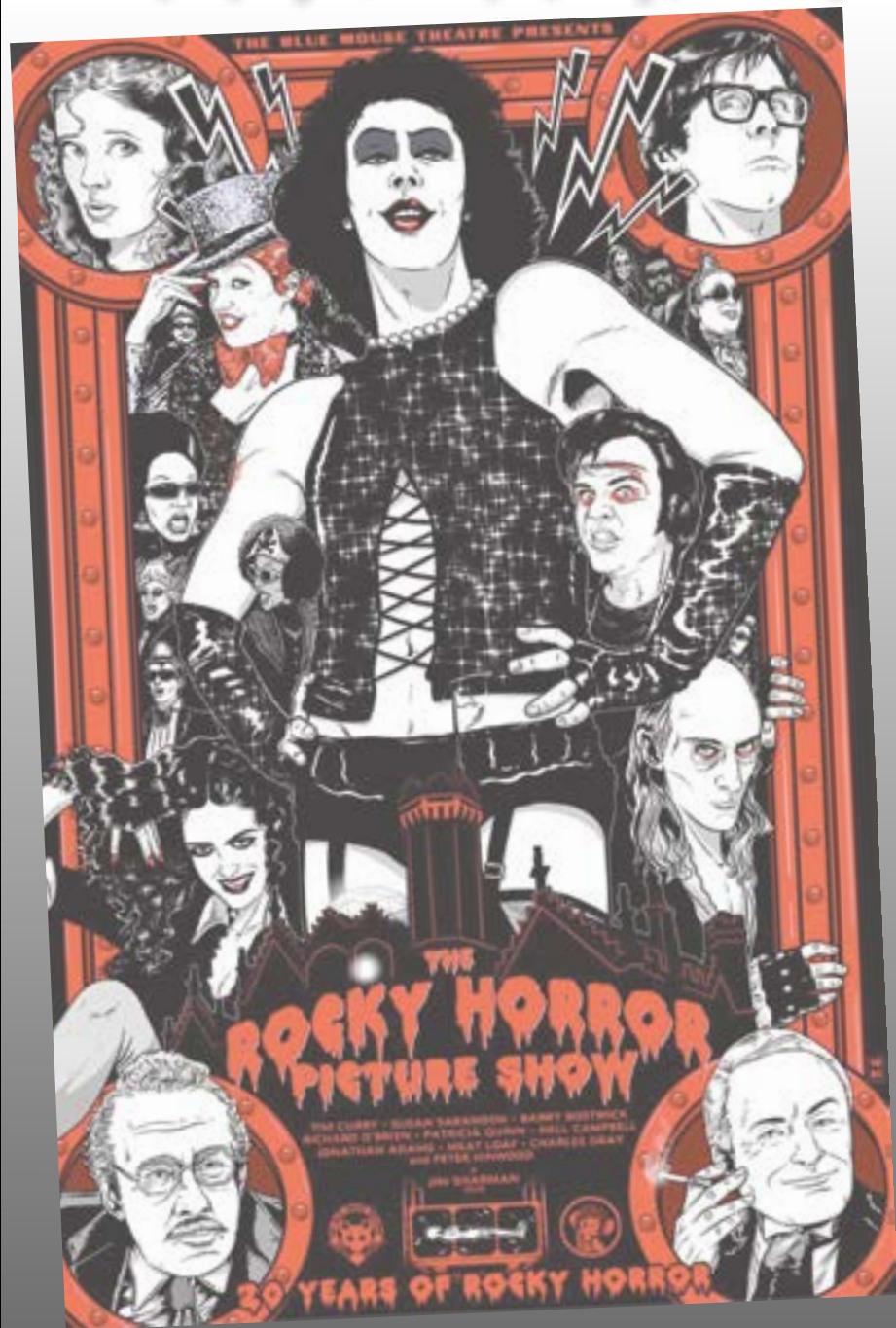
The organizers want the parade to be colorful, creative and full of skeletons and masks, so be sure to come dressed for the occasion.

The Dia de Muertos Planning Committee is under the auspices of the Boca del Rio/Cienfuegos Sister City Committees which are part of Tacoma Sister Cities in collaboration with the 6th Avenue Business District and networked with organizations like Mi Centro, Siete Dias newspaper, the Seattle Latino Chamber of Commerce, and other Latinx groups as well as members of the Tacoma Sister Cities Boca del Rio, Mexico committee. Many other sponsors are joining in to support this community event.

Safety of attendees is truly being considered so that all events are outdoors or in a tent with lots of ventilation. Masks are required. Parade participants will be socially distanced.



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Hilltop driving school goes beyond expectations

A new driving school has opened in Hilltop that is as unique in its teaching methods as in its devotion to community. Complete Driving Experience provides clients with everything they need to know to pass the state's written and driving exams, and that is just the beginning of what CDX brings to new drivers, youth and adult alike.

Who would have thought that driving school could be a fun and memorable experience? Tara DuBois did and with husband Richard DuBois, they opened a business that attends to each new driver's needs and where they are in life. At CDX, students proceed at their own pace and she's with them every step of the way.

"I have learned in my past that not everybody learns in the same capacity or same manner," she said. "I let each student know that they are supported in the way they need to be."

Tara DuBois has years of experience in driver's education, having worked at Burien Driving Academy, Defensive Driving School in Kirkland and North Star Driving School in Auburn.

"After working for those wonderful companies, I decided I had gained enough experience and I went full speed ahead and opened my own school," she said.

CDX gives the option of remote or in-person learning, and students can do both if they choose. For students that come in person, DuBois provides healthy snacks and drinks for them. Her lessons are entertaining with games and are interactive to keep students engaged. Take-home workbooks allow students to study at times that are right for them. CDX also



Tara and Richard DuBois, owners of Complete Driving Experience.

offers a pick-up and drop-off service for their adult learners who need this transportation assistance.

When it comes time for behind-the-wheel drives, DuBois is well practiced in working with those who may be nervous rolling out into Tacoma traffic.

"I specialize with people who are absolutely terrified of driving and help reduce that anxiety and build confidence," she said. A driving simulator in the classroom helps them get used to the feel of driving before they get in the vehicle with her.

To get your driver's license is a big step in life, and DuBois celebrates this achievement with her teen students. While they're taking their final exam, she prepares a special graduation ceremony by cooking a homemade meal for them.

"We just kind of hang out and have a nice experience together," she said, "and they get certificates of completion that look like license plates that they get to take home for themselves to save or for

future reference."

Complete Driving Experience is not your average driving school, and this shows best in the fact that Tara and Richard created it with a higher calling in mind.

"We really created this driving school to meet a need in our community and to build confidence in our people," she said, referring to her BIPOC community.

For people of color, especially Black and Brown drivers, being safe on the road means more than just knowing how to drive. Parents of children who are Black or Brown experience unique worries over the idea of their child getting behind the wheel and what could happen when he or she might get pulled over by a police officer. That is the reality that these families live with, which DuBois is fully aware of.

"In today's day and age with the Black Lives Matter movement, it's really important that our teens of color have their driver's license. This not only limits the interaction and anxiety that's caused by

being stopped by the police; it builds confidence in these teens knowing that they have a piece of the puzzle and that they don't have to be terrified in that interaction. They've got their driver's license and we help them on the path of being responsible."

This is why she teaches about the importance of having car insurance, what to look for when buying a car, and other things outside of the standard driving school lesson plan.

"It's not just the class and the curriculum, but all the things that are important to us as people of color and us a community that's low-income and we're not given all of these opportunities," DuBois said.

CDX is located in the Hilltop RISE Center, which stands for Restoring and Igniting Self-Empowerment in Community. There, the community can access rental and emergency shelter assistance, counseling, drug treatment, a food bank and a clothing bank, a Big Homies program for ex-gang members and young teens that are in trouble and need some guidance, a program for adults with learning disabilities, a service that helps individuals just being released from jail or prison and need re-entry services, and more.

Contact Complete Driving Experience at CompleteDrivingExp.com, call (253) 387-7733, or stop by at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. COVID screening and social distancing are in place, and training vehicles are disinfected in between students. Story by: Matt Nagle. matt@tacomaweekly.com

Meet Amy Wigstrom with Music and Memories

Amy Wigstrom can do anything she sets her mind to. Sit down with her for 15 minutes, and you will learn how she came to music and follows her passion for helping others.

Amy is the newest member of the Dementia Services team at Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) joining us as the new Music and Memories Instructor. With a pastor for a father and a mother who played the piano and organ and conducted the church choir, it was natural that Amy would have music as part of her life including playing the trumpet and French horn. Amy attended Pacific Lutheran University to study music and vocal performance, spent a year in Vienna, and earned a degree in Music Education.

Amy taught music and drama in public schools and has worked with the Seattle opera, the Sun Valley Center of the Arts, and the Tacoma Symphony. When her father survived a heart attack, Amy was drawn to the mission of the American Heart Association. As the Executive Director there, her family perspective gave her focus, empathy, and a desire to improve people's lives.

In 2009, her mother began to have tremors. Eventually, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's and later dementia and moved into memory care. There were many activities provided but the sing-along sessions were particularly treasured by Amy and her mom. Amy quickly realized the impact that music had on her mother's demeanor, her anxiety, and her overall well-being.

"The music would help her find her



Submitted by Dementia Friendly Pierce County - LCS Northwest

way back," Amy says. "When we would play music and sing together, it was as if she was more like herself again."

Music sessions together became their memories. In her room, at her bedside, they would listen to their favorite songs and talk about the first time they heard them or the meaning they had in their lives. They would sing together, laugh, and just be together. Then, as her mother began to decline, her last words during one such visit were, "I don't know how to tell you how much I love you." Such profound moments are the treasured memories that Amy has carried with her since her mother passed away. The moments of lucid expression of love and sharing the joy of music.

When Amy saw the job posting for the Music and Memories program with LCSNW, she thought to herself, "This is me. I can use my experience to help people." And LCSNW couldn't agree more.

Amy immediately went about educating herself for the challenge. She read,

she researched, and she attended similar music classes held for people living with dementia. Even though she doesn't have a medical or music therapy background, Amy's family perspective gave her an insight, a drive, a passion along with her Music Education degree. You can hear it in her voice as she describes the program she'll be heading.

"We are getting to know the participants and selecting customized music, listening excerpts, and movement opportunities for the sessions." Music from many eras, styles, and fun things like the YMCA or the Brady Bunch theme song, as well as classical music listening sessions, movement, and seasonal songs. Each session we also do a Music and Memories moment where participants share about an experience they had with music or show-and-tell a special item like an album cover or program from a musical. "We're creating moments of joy," Amy says.

The Music and Memories program for residents of Pierce County is currently virtual and will involve take-home music kits with hand percussion instruments. Amy is excited for in-person sessions in the future because there is a large collection of drums and instruments that can be utilized. And if you or a loved one is living with dementia you can be excited too. Amy Wigstrom is pouring her heart into the Music and Memories program, and helping your loved ones is exactly what she wants to be doing.

To learn more, contact us at dementia@lcsnw.org, visit our website at www.dementiafriendlypc.org.

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With the pandemic driving us apart for so long, coming together again has taken on new meaning, and your hometown newspaper has offered a way to do just that long before COVID came along. The Tacoma Weekly is not about socially distancing; we're about socially connecting. While there's plenty going on in the world that divides us, in Tacoma there is something that unites us across all races, levels of income, and political persuasions. Our city's diversity is one of its greatest strengths and we have a lot to learn from each other. Contact Matt Nagle for more information: matt@tacomaweekly.com.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON (rcw46.55.130), GRAHAM TOWING #5124 WILL SELL ABANDONED VEHICLES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON November 3, 2021 AT 11:00am. PRIOR INSPECTION WILL BE FROM 10:00am UNTIL 11:00am. THIS COMPANY CAN BE CONTACTED AT 253-262-2869. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE AUCTION. THE SALE IS LOCATION IS: 10015 213TH ST E GRAHAM, WA 98338 Published in the Dispatch October 27, 2021

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; THE ESTATE OF BARBARA A. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BARBARA A. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA A. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; SHANNON ANNE. GRIFFIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANNON ANNE GRIFFIN; FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, Defendants. Case No. 20-2-06425-0 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AS TO DEFENDANTS THE ESTATE OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; THE ESTATE OF BARBARA A. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BARBARA A. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE C. NEWCOMBE, DECEASED; SHANNON ANNE. GRIFFIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHANNON ANNE GRIFFIN: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 6th day of October, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff Planet Home Lending, LLC, and serve a copy of your answer upon the under-signed attorneys for plaintiff, David Coats of IDEA Law Group, LLC at 2001 Western Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98121; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of said action is for declaratory relief involving the insurance proceeds relating to the following described foreclosed real property: PARCEL A: LOT 4, PIERCE COUNTY SHORT PLAT NO. 80-171, RECORDED IN VOLUME 41 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 34, BEING A RE-RECORD OF PIERCE COUNTY SHORT PLAT NO. 79-585, RECORDED IN VOLUME 37 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 64, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON; EXCEPT THE WEST 2.5 ACRES THEREOF; (ALSO KNOWN AS REVISED PARCEL "C" OF BOUNDARY LINE REVISION RECORDED UNDER RECORDING NO. 9203090270.) PARCEL B: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DELINEATED ON PIERCE COUNTY SHORT PLAT NO. 80-171, RECORDED IN VOLUME 41 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 34, BEING A RE-RECORD OF PIERCE COUNTY SHORT PLAT NO. 79-585, RECORDED IN VOLUME 37 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 64, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON; SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 28 X 60 SQUARE FOOT 1978 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING VIN NO. 1430 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN TITLE ELIMINATION DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE AUDITOR OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 21, 1997 UNDER RECORDING/AUDITOR'S NO. 9701210408. Commonly known as: 10918 Cramer Rd. Kpn, Gig Harbor, WA 98329. DATED this 30th day of September 2021 IDEA Law Group, LLC By: /s/ David Coats David Coats, WSBA #47375 Attorneys for Plaintiff Published in the Dispatch October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3 & 10, 2021

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS: Lucille Wright NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled Court by Ally Bank, Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is on file at the Pierce County Courthouse. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. The object of the complaint is to foreclose a deed of trust dated March 27, 2019 and recorded as given by Lucille Wright on property commonly known as 1050 S 86th Street, Tacoma, WA 98444 and legally described as: The complaint seeks to foreclose and terminate all interest of Lucille Wright and all other interests in the property. The "motion" or "answer" (or "reply") must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. The date of first publication of the summons is September 29, 2021. If you are in the active military service of the United States, or believe that you may be entitled to protection of the SCRA, please contact our office. If you do not contact us, we will report to the court that we do not believe that you are protected under the SCRA. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Washington State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.wsba.org or by calling (206) 443-9722 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Washington at (800) 945-9722. Attorneys for Plaintiff, JANEWAY LAW FIRM, LLC By: /s/ James A. Craft James A Craft WSBA#47763 [jcraft@janewaylaw.com] 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 (360) 260-2253; Fax (360) 260-2285 Published in the Dispatch September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 2021

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES INC., MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OA1, Plaintiff(s), vs. LAURIE STODOLA A.K.A. LAURIE KIERANS A.K.A. LAURIE HARPER AND KEVIN KIERANS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND THE MARITAL COMMUNITY COMPRISED THEREOF; ET AL., Defendant(s). Cause No. 18-2-08028-8 **SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO: IN REM ONLY AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 408 FREDERICK STREET, STEILACOOM, WA 98388, Judgment Debtor(s).** The Superior Court of PIERCE County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Pierce County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is 408 FREDERICK STREET, STEILACOOM, WA 98388. The sale of the above described property is to take place: Time: 10:00 A.M. Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 Place: 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402 2nd Floor Entry Plaza The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$1,172,307.38 together with interest, costs, and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below: Dated at Tacoma, Washington, September 27, 2021. ED TROYER, SHERIFF OF PIERCE COUNTY. By: Christine A Eaves, Deputy Civil Section, 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room, 1B 203, Tacoma, Washington, 98402 (253) 798-7520 See legal description below or reverse: **LEGAL DESCRIPTION THE NORTH-WESTERLY HALF OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 34, BALCH'S STEILACOOM, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE(S) 3, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON; TOGETHER WITH THAT NORTHERLY PORTION OF ALLEY ADJOINING LOT 6, AS VACATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 357 OF THE TOWN OF STEILACOOM, RECORDED UNDER RECORDING NUMBER 2173828, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON. PARCEL NO.: 2305001402 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP, ATTORNEYS GRACE CHU, ATTORNEY 108 1ST AVE S, STE 300 SEATTLE, WA. 98104 (206)596-4856**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY MICHAEL RIGNEY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN L. RIGNEY, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM A. O'DONNELL AND DR. ARTHUR P. O'LEARY, both deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARCELLA C. HENLY AND NEIL HENLY, both deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RAYMOND CORMIER, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS R. CORMIER AND MARTHA CORMIER, both deceased;

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THERESA E. BAISCH f/k/a THERESA ELENA CORMIER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NORBERT RAYMOND CORMIER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES T. EUSTACE and JENNIE GIBERSON EUSTACE, both deceased; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants. NO. 21-2-07831-3 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION The State of Washington to the said Defendants: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN L. RIGNEY, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM A. O'DONNELL AND DR. ARTHUR P. O'LEARY, both deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARCELLA C. HENLY AND NEIL HENLY, both deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RAYMOND CORMIER, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS R. CORMIER AND MARTHA CORMIER, both deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THERESA E. BAISCH f/k/a THERESA ELENA CORMIER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NORBERT RAYMOND CORMIER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES T. EUSTACE and JENNIE GIBERSON EUSTACE, both deceased; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN. You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 20th day of October, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court, to quiet title to the property set forth in the complaint to the Plaintiff, declaratory relief and damages, pertaining to the real estate located in Pierce County, Washington, commonly known as 3804 S. 74th Street, Tacoma, WA (Subject Property)". Assessor Tax Account No. 0220254142. DATED this 15th day of October, 2021. BURNS LAW, PLLC By Martin Burns, WSBA No. 23412 Attorney for Plaintiff 524 Tacoma Ave. S. Tacoma, WA 98402 253-507-5586 Published in the Dispatch October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2021

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE Trustee Sale No: 131600-WA Loan No: 561-8155247 Title Order No: 1990218WAD APN 348501-1392 ABBREVIATED LEGAL: PORTION OF LOTS 1-4 AND LOTS 44-48, BLOCK 5, DENNEY ADDITION, BOOK 8, PAGE 99 WHEREAS, on 09/09/2005, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by EVELYN L. MCCANN, as trustee in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as beneficiary and H AND L SERVICES INC as trustee, and was recorded on 09/14/2005 as Document No. 200509140719, and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment recorded 4/26/2010 in document no. 201004260456, of Official records in the office of the Recorder of PIERCE County, WA, and WHEREAS a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 (A)(i), OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS "AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT IN FULL. AS DEFINED, THE LENDER WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AND ACCRUED INTEREST IF; A BORROWER DIES AND THE PROPERTY IS NOT THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OF AT LEAST ONE SURVIVING BORROWER." INCLUDING ALL FORECLOSURE FEES, ATTORNEY FEES AND ADVANCES TO SENIOR LIENS, INSURANCE, TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 5/18/2017 as Document No. 201705180168, notice is hereby given that on 11/12/2021, at 10:00AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Lots 1 to 4, inclusive, except the West 10 feet thereof conveyed to Pierce County for 17th Avenue Court East and Lots 44 to 48, inclusive, Block 5, Denney Addition, Pierce County, WA., according to Plat recorded in Book 8 of Plats at Page 99, in Pierce County, Washington. Commonly

known as: 1706 168th STREET EAST, SPANAWAY, WA 98387 The sale will be held: At the Second Floor Entry Plaza Outside Pierce County Courthouse, 930 Tacoma Ave South, Tacoma, WA 98402 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$270,721.04. There will be no prororation of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$27,072.10 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$27,072.10 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for a 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee will be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$270,405.96 as of 11/11/2021, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. DATE: 09/30/2021 FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER: MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Fax: (916) 962-1334 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com LAUREN MEYER, VICE PRESIDENT A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State of California County of Sacramento On 09/30/2021 before me, MARSHA TOWNSEND, Notary Public, personally appeared LAUREN MEYER, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose

name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. Marsha Townsend MARSHA TOWNSEND COMM. # 2255346 NOTARY PUBLIC CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO COUNTY MY COMM. EXP. SEP. 19, 2022 NPP0396452 To: DISPATCH (PIERCE) 10/20/2021, 10/27/2021, 11/03/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EATONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL on Monday, November 8, 2021

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Eatonville Town Council shall hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting public input on Ordinance No. 2021-12 an Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, adopting the budget for the Town of Eatonville, Washington for the calendar year 2022. This meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. Public comment for the Public Hearing will be opened up during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. To access the Zoom meeting please use the link below. You will need the passcode to access this meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82333946662?pwd=amc4RzFjNjJxajFkQWwVXVxpOenpXUT09> or by calling +1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 823 3394 6662. Passcode: 98328 Published October 27, 2021 and November 3, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF EATONVILLE

On October 11, 2021 the Eatonville Town Council voted to approve Ordinance 2021-8. An Ordinance of the Town of Eatonville, Washington, approving a site-specific rezoning for the real property located at 331 and 333 Washington Ave N and amending the Eatonville Zoning map by changing the zoning classification for the property from Multifamily residential district (MF-1) to downtown commercial district (C-1). Ordinance 2021-8 may be found on the Town's website at www.eatonville-wa.gov or at Town Hall. Published October 27, 2021.

Superior Court of Washington, County of Pierce In re parentage: Petitioner: Anthony Garcia-Wolff And Respondents: Jimmy Inman Jessica (Fletcher) Montes No. 21-5-00558-9 Summons Served by Publication: Notice about Parentage (SMPB) Summons Served by Publication To the Respondents: Jimmy Inman and Jessica (Fletcher) Montes: I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Petition to Decide Parentage. You must respond in writing for the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published. The first date of publication is October 20, 2021. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: -No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and -The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps: 1. Read the Petition and any other documents you receive with this Summons. These documents explain what the Petitioner is asking for. 2. Fill out the Response to Petition to Decide Parentage (FL Parentage 302). You can get the Response and other forms at: -Washington State Court Forms: www.courts.wa.gov/forms, -Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or -The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). 3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. 4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Pierce County, 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, Washington 98402 5. Lawyer not required: It's a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. LOMBINO^c MARTINO, P.S. Dated: October 14, 2021/tabLeann K. Paluck, WSBA #25225 Attorney for Petitioner File original of your response with the clerk of the court at: Clerk - Pierce County Superior Court County-City Building, Room 110 930 Tacoma Avenue South Tacoma, WA 98402 Serve a copy of your response on: Petitioner's Lawyer Leann K. Paluck Lombino Martino, P.S. 9315 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, Suite 201 Lakewood, WA 98499 Published in the Dispatch October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2021

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CANNABUSINESS CONFERENCE COMES TO THE MURANO

The Washington State CannaBusiness Association's (WACA) fall conference is coming to the Hotel Murano. For two days, Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, the Association's membership and interested people from the public are being invited to engage in the critical topics facing the cannabis industry on both local and national levels.

WACA is a trade organization that represents our state's licensed and regulated cannabis and hemp businesses, providing general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of hemp businesses and cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the cannabis industry created by Initiative 502, as well as the burgeoning hemp industry following passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, WACA's mission is to advocate on behalf of its member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal, and public policy arenas.

WACA is comprised of representation from all sectors of the cannabis industry: licensed producers, processors, retailers, labs and transportation and ancillary entities like law firms and CPAs. Vicki Christopherson is executive director and lobbyist, a seasoned advocate for a wide variety of efforts benefiting businesses, non-profits and industry organizations at the legislative, executive and agency levels. Attendees will hear from her on the second day of the conference, as she discusses what's ahead for the 2022 state legislative session and the legislative and regulatory outlook for the cannabis industry here and nationally.

The first day of the conference is for WACA members only, a dinner gathering where WACA's entire membership will deliberate and vote on the Association's final legislative and regulatory agendas for the coming year. WACA is very much dedicated to a democratic process which is led by the members overseen by a board.

Day two is the Fall Policy Conference and is open to non-members who have registered (registrations are still being taken at WCAA.memberclicks.net/2021fallpolicy). This will be a full-day conference to present the Association's 2021-2022 legislative and regulatory agendas and an opportunity to get updates on what is happening in the industry. Confirmed speakers include Senator Derek Stanford (D-01), Senator T'wina Nobles (D-28), Representative Cyndy Jacobsen (R-25), Representative Brandon Vick (R-18), as well as Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Director Rick Garza, Director of Enforcement & Education Chandra Brady, Chief Financial Officer Jim Morgan, Director of Licensing Becky Smith, and Board Member Ollie Garrett.

Facilitated Q&A session are included in each presen-



WACA Executive Director Vicki Christopherson (at podium) led a WACA Policy Conference in June (post-mask mandate when vaccines were widely available).

tation. Morning presentations will include insights into the work of the state Liquor and Cannabis Board and in the afternoon, attendees will learn about current topics in the legislature; research being conducted at the Washington State University Center for Cannabis Policy, Research and Outreach; and the economic impacts of the cannabis industry in Washington State.

WACA is focused on a host of priorities, one of them being the ongoing battle to overturn Washington's residency requirement whereby cannabis licensees, including investors, must live within Washington State borders. Ours is the only cannabis-legal state to have that restriction and it's a major obstacle for local cannabis businesses to get established according to WACA spokesperson Aaron Pickus.

"You need quite a bit of capital even before you open your doors whether you're a producer/processor or retailer," he said. "If you don't have access either to a personal nest egg or network of wealth inside the state, it can be very challenging to get going."

This regulation also affects cannabis businesses already in operation that want to grow and prepare for competition from other states when federal legalization occurs.

"If you're someone who lives in Oregon and you want to invest in a company in Washington, you're going to want something in return for your investment and typically that's equity in the business. That's not possible

right now in Washington," Pickus said.

Another priority is fostering social equity in Washington's cannabis industry, something the state has been struggling with ever since cannabis legalization here nearly 10 years ago. Other states are dealing with the same issue at various levels, however being the first to legalize cannabis (with Colorado) put Washington in a position to catch up with social equity progress in other states.

"Since we went first, and for any number of other reasons, social equity was not contemplated in the text of the initiative or in the subsequent rule making," as Pickus explained. "States that have legalized more recently have proactively included specifics on social equity within their broader legal policy structure for cannabis that weren't included in Washington's."

With next year being the 10th anniversary of I-502's passage, WACA is using the occasion to analyze what has been learned and what lies ahead for Washington State and federal legalization, whenever that will occur.

"There are some pretty hard-earned lessons that have been learned and some things that have gone well, so how can we prepare for the next 10 years?" Pickus said. "That is going to be a pretty big theme this year."

Learn more about the Washington State CannaBusiness Association, including how to become a member, at WCAA.memberclicks.net.

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