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MURAL BRINGS ATTENTION TO FAIR TRADE FARMERS

When the Tacoma Weekly caught up with mural artist Mari Shibuya, she was in Friday Harbor on a site visit for another mural she is looking to create – and this comes just days after she completed the new mural that now graces the exterior of Central Co-Op on Pearl Street in Tacoma.

Friday Harbor is where Shibuya helped paint the mural on the Whale Museum in 2016, one of the first murals she worked on. At that time, she assisted more seasoned muralist Lindsay Carron, painting little fish swimming alongside Carron’s giant whales.

Fast-forward five years later and Shibuya, now a seasoned muralist herself, worked solo on the Co-op mural depicting a detailed portrait of Carmen Mueses, a cocoa farmer and member of the Fairtrade-certified CONACADO cooperative in the Dominican Republic.

“You gotta love that each project’s different,” Shibuya said with a laugh.

Through painting numerous murals around western Washington, Shibuya has come a long way from a being a freshman learner to an accomplished muralist. Each one of her murals is indeed very different but with her signature artistic excellence that will greet Co-op shoppers every time they pull into the parking lot.

Shibuya began this mural in early October, recognized annually as Fair Trade Month. Working closely with Fairtrade America and Co-op staff, together they decided that Mueses would be the chosen farmer to honor from among several different photographs of



Artist Mari Shibuya, creator of the new mural at Tacoma Central Co-op.

farmers and the cocoa making process that Shibuya was given to choose from.

“Carmen was my first choice,” Shibuya said. “She’s amazing, a really powerful and strong woman. I’m just so impressed by the organizing that she’s doing within her community and the gentle, compassionate leadership that she is exuding. That central image of her tending to the beans I just found so beautiful and evocative in terms of the story of her hands and her expression.”

Mueses demonstrates resilience and ingenuity to make a living from her cocoa crops, and she even started a small business selling sweets and liqueurs

made with her cocoa pods and coffee beans to diversify her income. She expanded her farmland by purchasing an abandoned plot next door and cultivating the land to become fruitful once again. She enjoys coming together with her neighbors during harvest to help one another pick their cocoa crops.

CONACADO is one of the longest standing fair trade certified cooperatives, operating for about 30 years. Joining CONACADO enabled Mueses to secure a better price for her cocoa, scale production, and diversify her crops. That she is a woman in the largely

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BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS Whatcha gonna Do!

The results of the Pierce County Council’s investigation of Sheriff Ed Troyer were released on Oct. 26, just a week after the state Attorney General’s office revealed the findings of their criminal investigation. Both stem from Troyer’s Jan. 27 confrontation with newspaper carrier Sedrick Altheimer and the sheriff’s handling of it, which now have him facing criminal action. Meanwhile, Altheimer has filed a federal lawsuit against Pierce County and Troyer, the follow-up on the precursor \$5 million tort claim Altheimer filed in June.

On Oct. 19, Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed two misdemeanor charges against Troyer in Pierce County District Court. Troyer is charged with one count of false reporting and one count of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant. If convicted, he faces up to 364 days in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine.

On Oct. 29 in the District Court, Troyer entered a plea of not guilty to both charges. An arraignment scheduled for Monday has been canceled. A pretrial hearing is set to be scheduled but the Attorney General’s office has not confirmed the date.



More news about Troyer came that same day when the Pierce County Prosecutor’s Office added his name to its Brady List, a roster of law enforcement officers with credibility issues as potential witnesses. Police officials are put on the list when they are found to have engaged in dishonest or problematic behavior that could compromise their testimony in court.

As stated in the AG’s Determination, Troyer told Pierce County 911 dispatcher Conrad Shadel that Altheimer “just threatened to kill me,” which Troyer repeated four times then walked back



on later. Troyer also stated during the call that Altheimer “blocked me in” with his vehicle, which was later found to be not true.

Troyer’s 911 call was sent to all law enforcement agencies in Pierce County at the highest priority level. More than 40 officers from multiple agencies rushed toward Troyer’s location. According to the AG, Shadel likely relied on the false or misleading statements in the course of his duties as a police dispatcher, and that Troyer knew the statements were false or misleading.

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ELECTION RESULTS

As the Tacoma Weekly went to press Tuesday night, the results of the 2021 Pierce County General Election were being tallied. In Tacoma, one of the most closely watched contests is between Victoria Woodards and Steve Haverly for mayor. Considering the wide margin between them in the primary, it bears watching to see if Woodards will repeat that lead to serve a second term. Five more open seats on Tacoma City Council means a majority changeover going into the New Year.

- Tacoma Mayor**
Victoria Woodards: 12,285 (57.78%)
Steve Haverly: 8,871 (41.73%)
- Tacoma Council Pos. 6**
Kiara Daniels: 11,861 (57.91%)
Brett Johnson: 8,562 (41.80%)
- Tacoma Council Dist. 2**
Sarah Rumbaugh: 3,238 (63.84%)
Kelly Blucher: 1,801 (35.51%)
- Tacoma Council Dist. 4**
Catherine Ushka: 1,850 (65.98%)
Israel James McKinney: 928 (33.10%)
- Tacoma Council Dist. 5**
Joe Bushnell: 1,477 (56.14%)
Anne Artman: 1,137 (43.22%)
- Port Commission Pos. 1**
John McCarthy: 67,877 (79.92%)
Laura Gilbert: 16,713 (19.68%)
- Port Commissioner Pos. 2**
Dick Marzano: 52,388 (61.45%)
Elizabeth Pew: 32,559 (38.19%)
- Port Commissioner Pos. 4**
Don Meyer: 47,827 (56.20%)
Mary M. Bacon: 36,974 (43.45%)
- Lakewood Council Pos. 1**
Mary Moss: 3,548 (96.83%)
- Lakewood Council Pos. 2**
Mike Brandsetter: 3,180 (75.68%)
Amelia Isabel Escobedo: 1,005 (23.92%)
- Lakewood Council Pos. 3**
Jason Whalen: 3,277 (77.43%)
Siabhon Ayuso: 937 (22.14%)
- Lakewood Council Pos. 5**
Patti Belle: 3,277 (80.24%)
Ria J. Covington Johnson: 769 (18.83%)
- Ruston Mayor**
Bruce Hopkins: 221 (95.26%)
- Ruston Council Pos. 1**
Jennifer Jensen: 165 (62.26%)
Lyle F. Hardin: 100 (37.74%)
- Ruston Council Pos. 2**
Deborah J. Kristovich: 198 (97.06%)
- Ruston Council Pos. 4**
Bradley Huson: 192 (96.48%)
- University Place Council Pos. 1**
Javier H. Figueroa 3,224 (96.21%)
- University Place Council Pos. 3**
Steve Worthington: 3,271 (97.85%)
- University Place Council Pos. 4**
Edward Wood: 2,765 (67.74%)
Joey Jones: 1,303 (31.92%)
- University Place Council Pos. 5**
Denise McCluskey: 3,258 (97.54%)

The Tacoma Weekly has posted the full list of Pierce County candidates in every race at [www. TacomaWeekly.com](http://www.TacomaWeekly.com). Visit the website for continued updates of the election results.

Arson arrest

On Oct. 28, Tacoma detectives arrested a 20-year-old male suspected in six arsons that occurred between Oct. 23 and Oct. 25 in the city, including the arson at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, a debris fire on South 12th Street that damaged a condo garage, and a fire that burned a door. The suspect was booked into the Pierce County Jail on two counts of first-degree arson and four counts of second-degree arson.

New grants

The City of Tacoma has established two new grant programs with \$3.25 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The programs are designed to cover allowable expenses not covered by other COVID-19 funding sources. Small Business Recovery Grants of \$15,000 each will be available to micro-businesses of 15 or fewer full time equivalent employees, including the owner(s). Nonprofit Recovery Grants of \$10,000-\$75,000 each will be available to federally registered 501(c)(3) organizations impacted by the pandemic. Applications are accepted through Nov. 15 at MakeItTacoma.com.

GET program

Enrollment reopened on Nov. 1 for Washington's Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program. Washington families will have an opportunity to prepay for tomorrow's tuition at today's price. For the first time in its 23-year history, GET will offer a unit purchase price that does not include a premium over current in-state tuition rates. GET's governing body voted to set the GET unit purchase price for the 2021-22 enrollment year at \$114.01. This is the first time in GET's history that the unit price matches the current payout value, which is based on the cost of tuition and state-mandated fees at Washington's highest-priced public university (currently UW Tacoma, \$11,401). For more details, visit WaState529.wa.gov.

MLK awards

The nomination period is now open for the 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards. The deadline to nominate someone is Nov. 8. The city's Events & Recognition Committee selects the honorees to receive awards and oversees the annual production of the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration, which will be held virtually in 2022, airing on TV Tacoma and live on Facebook on Jan. 17. Submit nominations at CityOfTacoma.org.

Business forum

Business leaders are invited to attend a Business Resources Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The event is hosted by Pierce County, the Economic Development Board Tacoma-Pierce County, and the City of Lakewood. Guests will include Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, and Lakewood Mayor Don Anderson. Topics will include funding options; health care situation report; tax code changes and business impact; real estate market report; vaccine records, HIPAA compliance and employment law; hiring practices and inclusivity; and BIPOC awareness and resources. Free registration is at tinyurl.com/waft4r4a.



School board honor

Tacoma's School Board of Directors earned a 2021 Board of Distinction award this month from the state agency that supports school boards across the state. Tacoma's board was recognized for addressing opportunity gaps among its more than 28,000 students, enhancing its professional development activities, and developing equitable policies in ways that meet the high standards set by the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA). For 2021, the Tacoma School Board of Directors honorees include President Andrea Cobb, Vice President Elizabeth Bonbright, Enrique Leon, Lisa Keating, and Korey Strozier.

Statue honors legacy of Billy Ray

Were it not for mom Shalisa Hayes, Billy Ray Shirley would not have grown into the exemplary young man he became during his brief 17 years of life. The love that his mother wrapped him in was the greatest gift any son could hope for and even in death, he continues to be blessed under Shalisa's watchful eye and heart.

Thanks to Shalisa's unyielding determination ever since her son's death, now anyone who walks through the doors of the Eastside Community Center will be brought into that magical love. On Oct. 23, a bronze memorial statue of Billy Ray was publicly unveiled at the Center, marking the third anniversary of this place of safety and togetherness that Billy Ray had dreamed of for his community.

It was on Aug. 27, 2011, that Billy Ray was caught in the middle of gun violence and died. His life here ended before he was even able to start fully living it, but that doesn't mean his spirit died as well. In fact, it is more alive and vibrant than ever.

"Billy Ray had the ability to dream beyond his own limitations. He modeled resilience," Eastside Community Center supervisor Antonio McLemore told the crowd at the unveiling. "His life story was about getting hit down and getting back up. The reality is that although Billy is no longer here today to pick himself up, his mother, his family, and Team Billy Ray have been lifting his story. They have been carrying the weight to ensure that Billy Ray's story is forever cemented in this community."

Shalisa spoke eloquently of Billy's story that day - about her little rascal with the huge smile, the funny way he had his mind on his money when he was only in elementary school and, most of all, his compassionate soul.

As Shalisa told it: "I remember when he came home and told me he had been literally watching a student at school for days because he had taken notice of the young man's clothes, which appeared to him to be very worn, and he was certain the young man didn't have a large wardrobe based on how long he watched him. So, he decided he was going to take some clothes out of his closet and give them to that young man.

"His ask of me was to tell him the best way to approach the young man because the young man didn't really know him and I'm sure he would have been kind of put off if some kid just walked up to him with some clothes. But, in teenage fashion, I remember when he didn't take any of my advice. The kid declined his offer.

"But then I remember when that same young man changed his mind a few days later and took Billy Ray up on his offer. I remember Billy Ray was so excited that he doubled the amount of stuff he was going to give and packed up a duffel bag full of clothes and shoes to give to that young man. I also remember when that young man walked up to me at the vigil and said I want you to know what your son did for me."



Mom Shalisa Hayes and Billy Ray's younger brother Jameez.

Like all of us, Billy Ray had his down moments too. "I remember his freshman year of public school when he became the kid I didn't recognize as he struggled with learning who he was as a person, dealing with pressure from his peers, and learned how his environment and the people around him impacted his life. I remember when he became so unrecognizable as the person I birthed and raised that I walked into his school one day and told the administrative staff that he was never coming back.

"Then I enrolled him in online school for a year. I kept him home for that year so that we could improve his grades and help him focus on correcting any behavioral issues. I remember when he did so well with this change that he was Billy Ray again. He was the kid who always had something to say to make you smile and make you laugh. The kid who showed care and love and concern for others."

This is one of the great lessons that Billy Ray Shirley left all of us with as his legacy. "The adults in this building play a huge role in each child's life by showing them that no matter their environment, their circumstances, their challenges and even their bad decisions, we still recognize their humanity, their hard work and simply the good in them," Shalisa said. "We teach them and we love them like they're our own through all things good and bad. And when they're ready to spread their wings and impact the world, we help them."

Titled "You Got This," his signature phrase of encouragement, the Billy Ray Shirley memorial statue was created by Salishan resident and artist Jasmine Iona Brown. It was commissioned by Metro Parks Tacoma as part of its public art collection and funded by Metro Parks and the Gary E. Milgard Foundation.

COVER STORY: MURAL

male-dominated farming industry makes her even more special.

"We are working in a community based on trust and equality to earn a fair price for all of our farmers where there is no difference based on gender," Mueses said.

Mary Linnell-Simmons is director of marketing and external relations at Fairtrade America. She said that while the fair trade system encourages and actively enables gender equity, Mueses is "an above-and-beyond case for this. She has organized groups of women farmers to get training, have more say in their communities, and generally just band together and become united within the cooperative. She's really shown that leadership quality in such an incredibly humble way."

While oftentimes murals are created to memorialize someone who has passed away, the mural that Shibuya painted exudes life not only by the fact that Mueses is alive and well with us today, but by the circling lines that give movement and meaning to this mural. At first casual glance, one might see these lines as merely decorative elements. Look more closely and you'll see that they are purposeful and specific. Bringing motion to what otherwise would be a static image, the lines illustrate the cycle of cocoa from the farm to your favorite chocolate bar on grocery store shelves. They also represent Mueses' journey in her life as she grew as a farmer and community organizer setting an example for the women around her.

"I have been very much obsessed with geometry and how to use it to activate the space and tell the story of how our actions go out into the world," Shibuya said. "I find it to be one of those visual illusions that can add that depth. My hand is so drawn to drawing harmonic wave patterns."

Linnell-Simmons said that Fairtrade America's mural project is an effort to offer inspiration, hope and connectivity. "Even though you may not meet the people who grow your food, they're still part of your daily life. Internationally, Fair Trade works with almost 2 million farmers and farm workers around the world growing over 300 different products. It's about celebrating these farmers and acknowledging their existence as human beings and their rights as human beings too."

With her eye always on the health of our planet and equity for all people, Shibuya said small scale agriculture is part of the solution to the state of the world we're facing.

"The more we can uplift those who are growing our food and uplift our connection to where our food is coming from, the more mindful we are of our interdependence with the nutrition we're taking in - where it's coming from and where it's going. It's so important for the future of our planet that we start centering that conversation."

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Navy contract reignites shipbuilding at Port

SAFE Boats International has signed off on its remaining \$90 million U.S. Navy contract to manufacture and build Mark VI patrol boats headed for the government of Ukraine. This contract solidifies the company's maritime expansion on the banks of Tacoma's tideflats and will add 75 new maritime workers to the shipbuilder's South Sound workforce.

The award includes firm-fixed-price modification to a previously awarded \$20 million contract for design, construction, outfitting, reactivation, and training for six Mark VI patrol boats with an option for two additional vessels. Final delivery on the contract is slated for March 2025, or March 2026 if the option is exercised.

"This award is the culmination of hard work and collaboration by the SAFE Boats team, our supply chain partners, and the U.S. Government," said Richard Schwarz, CEO of SAFE Boats International. "We are excited to be part of this important program and to have the opportunity to expand our workforce; no small feat in our current economy."

SAFE Boats International's home base is in Bremerton at its more than 100,000 square foot state of the art facility. Vessels more than 65 feet in length are produced at its Large Craft Production Facility (LCPF) located in the Port of Tacoma. Originally developed to build ships for the U.S. Navy during World War II, the LCPF provides 37,000 square feet of production space as well as offices for administration, engineering, operations, and service personnel directly supporting large craft production. The LCPF also provides ready access to the water, which alleviates the need for vessel road transportation. Launch and retrieval is conducted



EBD President and CEO Bruce Kendall

immediately adjacent to the fabrication facilities.

"Congratulation to SAFE Boats on the award of this significant contract," said Port of Tacoma Commission President Dick Marzano. "It is exciting to see the growth of shipbuilding in the tideflats and the new jobs and economic vitality this project will bring to our region. The Tacoma tideflats is a working waterfront that supports thousands of manufacturing and industrial jobs. The addition of these high-skilled jobs is important to the maritime industry and an integral part of Pierce County's economic recovery and growth. We are proud to have SAFE Boats in our Port family of tenants."

SAFE Boats received \$39,400 in grant funding from the Washington Job Skills Program to fund onsite

hands-on technical training in welding, troubleshooting, metallurgy, technical math, blueprint reading, and Marine Standards certification. Training will be overseen by Invista Performance Solutions in Lakewood, a collaboration of four Pierce County community and technical colleges that will fund and deliver the training: Clover Park Technical College, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, Pierce College Puyallup, and Tacoma Community College.

"Re-opening the Tacoma shipyard and hiring skilled workers is a significant commitment by (SAFE Boats International) and we value our continued partnership as the company moves forward into production," said Jeff Robinson, Tacoma Community and Economic Development Director.

Mark VI patrol boats are used by the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command for escort of high-value ships, coastal patrol, and other maritime security missions. In January, SAFE Boats International was awarded the \$20 million contract following two years of collaborative work among SAFE Boats, the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County (EDB), the Port, Impact Washington, the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, workforce connections and other resources to support the project and get operations in Tacoma up and running.

"Large economic development deals like this takes years of planning, perseverance, and hard work across several organizations," said EBD President and CEO Bruce Kendall. "Tacoma-Pierce County's business expansion team looks forward to SAFE Boats successful relaunch."

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Program eases military housing crisis

The all-veteran real estate company Red Dot is preparing to launch a unique and affordable program to help new military families with housing that can give them security now and into the future. It's called Operation: Red Dot, and the \$20 million investment drive to support it is underway now.

Operation: Red Dot is a unique rent-to-own program for arriving military families at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) or Naval Base Kitsap. Here is how it works: Before moving to Pierce, Thurston or Kitsap counties, a program family will shop virtually or in person with a Red Dot agent for a local rent-to-own property, leveraging the firm's local real estate knowledge of better homes, schools, neighborhoods, and access to shopping and entertainment. Once a military family selects home candidates, Red Dot Real Estate will purchase the best deal on behalf of the family, serving as the landlord with fixed market rental rates and the option to buy the home within the first five years.

Family income from military pay and a working spouse will combine with each family's guaranteed military housing allowance to make the program viable for most military families E-5 and above in rank. During the five-year rent-to-own period, the Operation: Red Dot program provides critical education and support on home maintenance, reducing family debt, improving credit scores, and shopping for the best mortgage.

Additionally, if the family decides to exercise their home purchase in the program, they will pay the original Red Dot home purchase price and not the market rate when they decide to exercise their option. Red Dot will only add an average cost-of-acquisition fee of 4 percent, all rolled into the family's initial 30-year mortgage. In most cases, home appreciation over the first one or two years will more than make up for the acquisition fee, essentially starting the family on the road to family investment at the time they initially started the program, not when they finally purchased. In recent years, the median price of homes in Pierce, Thurston and Kitsap counties have appreciated by 10 percent annually.

"We've been kind of baking this program in the oven now for a couple years and we finally have it put together in a way that we can meaningfully make a difference, not just here at JBLM but all over the country," said program founder, veteran Red Dot Real Estate founder, and Chief Investment Officer James Marszalek. "This is not an isolated problem just to Washington so we're excited to get the news out there and get our first partners so we can get this thing off the ground and start putting military families that are currently homeless into houses. That's really what drives this whole thing."



The Operation: Red Dot rent-to-own program team: Jessy Vazquez, Showing Agent; James Marszalek, Red Dot Founder & CIO; Maija Albenesius, Housing Resource Advisor; and Steve Lynch, Director of Operations.

Red Dot Real Estate is targeting the spring of 2022 to launch Operation: Red Dot. Marszalek is now on a \$20 million fundraising campaign, meeting with large investment firms, mortgage lenders and banks.

"My biggest mission right now is getting our initial partner who's going to be investing the first chunk of change to actually open the doors on this program," Marszalek said. "Once the money is there, we literally have everything else ready."

Marszalek has a little over four dozen families that are in hotels around or on JBLM right now that have already submitted rental applications for approval and have been approved.

"The second that we have our first major partner that writes that first check to get us started, we have the ability to put those people in homes within the next 30-45 days," he said.

As an Army veteran and avid supporter of our nation's Armed Forces, Marszalek points out that it is

unfair to blame military installations for the on- and off-base housing shortage.

"The big picture here is that many installation commanders lack sufficient resources to address this need. We need to focus federal attention and resources on changing that. I believe what we start here in Tacoma will serve to eventually build solutions here and in other installations across the country.

Operation: Red Dot is a good investment in Tacoma as well.

"Of the 6,500 military service members that currently arrive in Tacoma each year, 3,800 (58 percent) remain or return here after their military service," Marszalek said. "While in service or as veterans, they contribute to the region's economy. These are not visitors; they are our families, and we owe it to them to provide support during their times of hardship."

Learn more at OperationRedDot.com.

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Gritty City Sirens go to OZ

Tacoma's own burlesque troupe, the Gritty City Sirens, prove they are an unstoppable show business force with their upcoming production "Adventures In OZ," Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 at Tacoma Little Theatre.

Just in time to ring in the New Year, the Gritty City Sirens are thrilled to bring to life a bawdy retelling of L. Frank Baum's classic. As told by the dog Toto, with his best friend Dorothy, they are swept away by a magical tornado into the land of OZ. This journey takes them on an adventure to find the Wizard and get some perspective on life. On the way, they meet a witch going through an identity crisis, a scarecrow that loves to thrift shop, a tin woman that wants to be kissed, and a lion that gets teased for being different. Together their fates are tied to finding the Great and Powerful Oz who can solve all their problems...allegedly. Will they discover the true path to self-discovery and living their most authentic self? Mark your calendar and buy a ticket to find out.

This will be the Sirens' third production in the land of OZ. Their artistic creation is bigger and bolder than the first production presented in 2014 but lends a more intimate connection with the audience. Guest acts from Seattle and Olympia will join the talented Tacoma stars: Ava D'Jor, Rosie Cheex, Adora & Fedora Borealis, Funny Face Fanny, Heather Hostility, Kitty Kisses, Lady GoDiva, Polly PuckerUp and Pink Champain. Special guests include the Leone Sistaz, Ms. Hattie Hotpants, Papaya Magic Cabaret, Lucy Morales, Mister Monkey, Scarlett Sky,

Truly Scrumptious, and Violet Defile.

Since 2010, the Sirens have performed hundreds of shows in sold out venues in Tacoma and beyond, as well as hosted nationally and locally acclaimed performers. They've had the honor to give back to their community working with local charities and nonprofit organizations such as Rainbow Center Gayla, FEED253, Carol Milgard, Mary Bridge Festival of Trees, and various individuals throughout the Puget Sound.

Now is a perfect time to join as a sponsor for this incredible production. Sponsors are partners, working with the Gritty City Sirens to not only make the show a success, but to highlight our local business leaders as investors in the best of Tacoma.

Sponsorships do more than ensure the show happens: Sirens sponsors align their brand with all the creative, risqué, savvy gorgeousness of our Gritty City Sirens. The Sirens build relationships that result in brand and message placement live and online, as well as in person appearances and tailored events. They look forward to meaningful connections with all supporters, sponsors,

guest performers, press and fans.

Connect with the Sirens to find out what opportunities work best with your budget. There are opportunities for branding and outreach at every level. Want to support the Sirens as a community member? They have a crowdfunding through "Buy Me A Coffee" at Buymeacoffee.com/GrittyCitySiren.

Everyone can support the Sirens at their fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 20: the "Road to OZ Gala" at the



The Gritty City Sirens bring a bawdy retelling of L. Frank Baum's classic.

Alma Mater Lounge with performances by the Sirens and guests. Don your sparkly best for an intimate evening of glamor and giving. This will be a ticketed event and the last push to meet their fundraising goal.

"Adventures In OZ" is presented in partnership with the historic Tacoma Little Theatre, Alma Mater Tacoma, and Valhalla Coffee Co., with additional support from community sponsors: Airport Tavern, Church Cantina, Dusty's Hideaway, Doyle's Public House, Mary Mart and Zodiac Supper Club.

Visit Grittycitysirens.com for up-to-date information on the events and links to support this production. For further information on fundraising, sponsorship and other items, email grittycitysirens@gmail.com.

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toxication the night of January 27 as the report details," Mello stated via email. "The Council does not have supervisory authority over the elected sheriff and therefore at best can do things such as a public vote of no confidence or make recommendations, but we do not have direct oversight on him personally other than the budget of the Sheriff's Department and some policies associated with running the Sheriff's Department."

Mello has his own history of public intoxication and its repercussions. In 2013, he was pulled over for suspicion of drunk driving and arrested by the Washington State Patrol. After a story on the incident was posted on Patch.com, website user "Stacy" made the comment: "Ryan's arrest for this crime follows a long list of supposedly responsible elected officials who choose to make immature and irresponsible decisions to drive while drunk, endangering the lives of everyone around them. There will likely be no political consequences for the favored-by-some Mello, however he may be hit with having to pay \$5,000-\$10,000 and have a blow tube in his car for a year - or he may plead down to a WETNEG (negligent driving)."

Mello did succeed in avoiding a criminal record. In a plea deal with Kitsap County prosecutors, he had to pay \$900 in fines, attend a DUI victim's panel, get chemical dependency treatment, not drink and drive, and complete a six-hour defensive driving class. He was given a slap on the wrist for his wrongdoing, but he is certainly making sure that Troyer pays dearly for his.

Of course, Troyer should be held accountable for the crimes he is being charged with, the same way that Mello was held liable for his DUI. But let's compare the charges and sentencing. For Troyer, he is charged with misdemeanors for making false and misleading statements to law enforcement and making a false report. For Mello, a DUI in Washington state is a more serious gross misdemeanor. Mello had to pay fines, attend classes, and accept chemical dependency treatment. Shouldn't Troyer receive a fine, chemical dependency treatment, and training on racial sensitivity and sheriff's department policies? A plan for better leadership within the department is also necessary.

That Mello is pointing his finger at Troyer is disappointing and hypocritical. Mello writes, "Integrity and wise decision making are the most important qualities of any person in the challenging career of law enforcement. One thing the report makes clear is that Sheriff Troyer was seriously lacking in both of those during his interaction with Mr. Alzheimer on January 27. The consequences of that failure could have been truly tragic."

Mello was seriously lacking in both of those as well the night a state trooper smelled alcohol in his car, and with passengers inside. Mello's own decision making to get behind the wheel could have been truly tragic. He shames Troyer while knowing that he himself is by no means without tarnish. Mello wants Troyer to step down because of his offense. Wouldn't it then be appropriate for Mello to do the same?

In his responses to the charges against him, Troyer has called it an "ambush" and "a blatant and politically motivated anti-cop hit job." Troyer is making it political, trying to shore up support from conservative voters with these sorts of loaded statements. "We can either have a safe community where police are allowed to do their job or we can have the cops handcuffed and the criminals run free," he said. No one is talking about criminals running free. It's all about our sheriff who made a foolish decision and now being held accountable for it.

Mello is just as guilty of politicizing the situation. Rather than unite his voice with the council, which is made up of Democrats and Republicans, he chose to step out on his own as an individual and an elected Democrat. He has every right to do so, but prudence in this case would have been wiser so as not to play into the type of party politics that drive a wedge between those he took an oath to serve, which is everyone in Pierce County.

Using Troyer to reinforce one's political popularity, and career, just creates more division and offers no real solutions. The only way to get Troyer out of office is for a voter signature gathering campaign to place the question on the ballot of whether to retain or remove him.

The county council can't fire him so why not offer constructive alternatives? This is called "leadership" and it's something the county, and City of Tacoma, have lacked for a long time. Mello's take on Troyer repeats what the loudest voices out there are saying about him. There's no critical thinking or novel ideas that shed new light. There's just redundancy and the perpetuation of getting nothing done, and that is certainly not new.

The outcome of the county council's independent inquiry released this week asserts that Troyer violated several Sheriff's Department policies and standards and that he exhibited "improper bias" toward Alzheimer. In his fact-finding, former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington Brian Moran concluded that Troyer deviated from his department's policy to not initiate law enforcement procedures when off-duty and that he showed bias toward Alzheimer by referring to officers that he appeared "homeless." This statement led Moran to conclude that Troyer knew Alzheimer was Black before Troyer made his 911 call, which Troyer denies. Troyer has not been charged with any racially related crimes. It was only Moran's opinion of Troyer's use of the word "homeless" that caused Moran to think that Troyer has other prejudices.

"People with biases and prejudices do not generally manifest them openly if they are aware of them and, in fact, may seek to conceal them," Moran wrote in his report to the county council about why Troyer didn't say anything about Alzheimer's race.

Moran further found that the way Troyer conducted himself at the scene with Alzheimer was against Sheriff's Department policy, as it reflected unfavorably on the department and its members and went against standards in how law enforcement officers are expected to interact with the public.

"Had Sheriff Troyer exercised good judgment and followed his department's policies, he could have simply remained at home and made a non-emergent call to 911 about his suspicions, however wrong they ultimately proved to be. But he did not, and as a result, he put others at risk and fell short of meeting the public's - and his department's - expectations of how its employees should do their jobs," Moran's report states.

Moran was also expected to look into Troyer's statements regarding the death of Manuel Ellis at the hands of Tacoma police. While he was still public information officer for the Sheriff's Department, which was investigating Ellis' death, Troyer told news media that officers did not use a taser on Ellis. Video evidence later showed Troyer's statement to be untrue, and the county medical examiner found that Ellis had taser probe injuries on his chest. Moran said he wanted to keep the scope of his investigation focused on topics pertinent to Troyer's Jan. 27 interactions with Alzheimer.

The full county council has not yet released a statement on its investigation, but council member Ryan Mello expressed his thoughts in his newsletter, calling for Troyer to resign.

"I have lost faith, trust and confidence in Sheriff Ed Troyer and urge him to step down to allow the brave individuals of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department to not be distracted by these actions," Mello wrote. He wants the Pierce County Prosecutor to put Troyer on the "Brady List" of untrustworthy law enforcement officials and the State Criminal Justice Training Commission to suspend, deny, or revoke Troyer's commissioned officer status.

The trouble with Mello's demands, though, is that he himself is not innocent of running afoul of the law and for the same reason as Troyer: alcohol.

For years, Troyer has been a regular patron to numerous bars and restaurants in Tacoma. It's no secret that he can drink to the point of intoxication, so it would not be shocking news to learn that he was under the influence the night he met up with Alzheimer. As part of his investigation, Moran looked into whether Troyer may have been impaired the night he called 911. Two deputy sheriffs who responded to the scene were interviewed and listened to Troyer's call. One said that Troyer's speech was a little bit "off" and the other deputy thought Troyer sounded "a little impaired," but also stated he didn't know Troyer well enough to be certain.

When asked if the county council would consider getting Troyer some help through alcohol treatment and racial sensitivity training, Mello said this would be outside the scope of the council's authority over the sheriff.

"There is evidence in the Moran report of likely in-

While there were no real surprises for Tacoma in Tuesday's election, voters sent some clear messages in other parts of the country, particularly where policing is concerned. Crime is rising, and it looks like voting Americans in some areas have traditional law and order on their minds. Tacoma could use some of this as well, and what awaits us all is where and how our newly-electeds will steer us in the coming years on our city's own crime problems and much more.

Looking at the election in the eastern U.S., voters in New York City chose former police chief Eric Adams over Curtis Sliwa, founder of the unarmed crime prevention group Guardian Angels. In the Midwest, voters in Minneapolis - where George Floyd was killed at the hands of police - rejecting to replace the city's police department with a new Department of Public Safety.

Here in Tacoma, where assaults, homicides, burglaries, robberies, vandalism and arson are all up in number, our newly elected city council will hit the ground running where this is concerned. Applications are currently being reviewed and finalists selected for our city's next chief of police, projected to be appointed in December. Starting in January, incumbent city council members will be sitting beside a selection of new arrivals coming into political service for the first time. Whether the new blood will make a difference remains to be seen, and there's a lot of difference they need to make considering the condition our city is in right now.

Victoria Woodards got what she wanted by winning another four years in the mayor's seat, and she has a plate in front of her full of leftovers from her first term. Homelessness, crime, a city floundering from the pandemic - this is just some of what's before her, issues that have gotten worse under her watch.

So far, Woodards has presented herself as the feel-good mayor, making audience-pleasing speeches and always with her "great things happen when we all work together" signature. These words sounded good when she said them on the campaign trail in 2017 but so far, her soundbite slogans haven't solved any problems.

In addition to crime across the city, homelessness is worse now than it has ever been. Nothing was done about it once the pandemic began, and now the city is moving toward it in fits and starts. The heavy-handed plan to clean up encampments just off 6th Avenue last month with threats of arrests and prosecutions was a failure since tents are still there. Pierce County's intention to get all the homeless off the streets by Nov. 2 obviously didn't happen either. The big question before Woodards is, "Now what?"

Most recently, the City of Tacoma partnered with Lakewood and Pierce County to help the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) purchase the Comfort Inn on South Hosmer Street for homeless people to live in. This \$8.8 million deal will offer 94 beds to 120 people to start with in the first two years. That seems a small number of people given the price tag and shows once again that throwing big money at the problem is still as ineffective as it has always been. LIHI will benefit though and paid well since its staff will be managing operations at the hotel.

Woodards and the council will also have to get serious about bringing our city back from COVID. It's going to be a big job, what with all the boarded windows we can all see at businesses clearly hit by criminals. How will our city leaders get Tacoma back on its feet?

And it isn't just Tacoma politicians that need to be held accountable. Neighboring cities must do their part as well meaning that their city council members can't be left off the hook for what's going on around them. In University Place, Javier Figueroa will stay on that city's council for his second term so he should be expected to get in front and take some responsibility. Same in Lakewood where Jason Whalen will stay on as deputy mayor. Both of them proclaimed their assets while campaigning. Now let's see if they live up to their hype.

These are rough times we're living in. Everywhere, people are fed up with politicians and our broken systems of government. CNBC reports that "the U.S. economy is expected to post another roaring growth spurt...before a slow and steady dose of reality starts to sink in." According to Goldman Sachs Group Inc., U.S. economic growth will likely slow significantly in 2022 as the services sector's recovery fades, people don't go back to work, and the global supply chain attempts to link back up again. Tacoma is going into the new year with a \$20 million deficit, something else that our city council will have to face by cutting services, stalling projects that could be good for our city, or trimming its workforce if it comes to that.

The end of an election means the beginning of lots of work to do. Let's all pay attention and make sure those we chose to do that work live up to their campaign promises.

Santa for Seniors spreads holiday joy

Santa's little helpers are quite busy these days at Lutheran Community Services Northwest. The holiday season is just around the corner, and they have a lot to get ready for helping make the season bright for area seniors who may otherwise go unnoticed at this most wonderful time of the year.

Through LCS's Santa for Seniors program, volunteers and service clubs partner with LCS staff to fill gift bags with presents for seniors who need that holiday joy the most - those experiencing isolation, are homebound, or on a fixed income. COVID has made the isolation even worse, so Santa for Seniors has taken on an even more important meaning. During the pandemic of 2020, it exceeded its goal to gift 3,150 seniors.

"This year our target was 3,600 and we are going to be way over that number," said Santa for Seniors Program Manager Susan Nocella.

Santa for Seniors distributes gifts to seniors in eight counties throughout the Puget Sound region. The program kicked into high gear this month and gift bags are already being distributed to dozens of LCS partner organizations for delivery to seniors that they care for.

"For instance, I partner with the home delivery meal program in Clallam County so in the next week or two I'm going to bring them their bags and they will distribute them out on their Meals on Wheels routes," Nocella explained.

LCS gifts their own client list as well and welcomes local residents to let them know of any seniors in their community

who could use some holiday cheer. In fact, Santa for Seniors couldn't do its good works without the support of a caring community. High school honor clubs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, youth groups, church groups and others give of their time and energy to collect donations and help pack them up in festive bags. LCS's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) makes it easy, and rewarding, for volunteers 55 and older to give back as well.

Some volunteers and service clubs will organize gift drives on their own and bring them in to LCS as Santa for Seniors donations. This year in Tacoma, Geiger Montessori School, Bryant Elementary and Grant Elementary are doing just that.

In fact, anyone who would like to honor the spirit of the holidays can take part in Santa for Seniors. Items to donate like fleece throws, socks, mittens or gloves, and toiletries are most welcome, and Nocella has listed a variety of items at Amazon.com (tinyurl.com/4xzzd8ff) where you can place your order or get ideas for the next time you're out shopping.

Seniors appreciate receiving holiday cards as well, so Santa for Seniors is collecting homemade cards, letters, and artwork, which make for a simple and personal way to let seniors know that they're in people's hearts and minds. Gather your friends and family to make your own cards or pick up LCS card making kits to help you get started. Email Teri McKeown at tmckeown@lcsnw.org for more information and kit pick-up.

"We just got a donation of 200 hand-written cards put together over the past couple months. It's pretty amazing," Nocella said.

Santa for Seniors bloomed from the vision of William Looney who was touched from seeing seniors in his mother's nursing home who had no one to visit them. With his wife Trudy, the couple decided to do something about it and launched a blessed mission to dress as Santa and Mrs. Claus for cheery visits to these seniors with gifts for all of them. William passed away in 2015 and the William A. Looney Family Foundation was born. Partnering with LCS, the Family Foundation made it possible for 165 homebound seniors in Pierce County to be gifted that first year. The Santa for Seniors program officially began two years later and every year since then, the number of seniors gifted has grown steadily.

LCS doesn't limit the sharing of gifts to just the holidays. This love is shared in the springtime and fall seasons, with birthday boxes, Valentine's treats and more.

As Nocella said, "This past year we partnered with Tacoma Public Utilities



Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers help fill gift bags. Santa for Seniors Program Manager Susan Nocella.

twice and we provided low-income housing in Tacoma with locally baked cookies, cupcakes for Valentine's Day... That's the kind of community connection we want to create and foster. All of those little touches throughout the year really make a huge impact."

To learn more, visit lcsnw.org. Story by Matt Nagle: matt@tacomaweekly.



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff(s), vs. ANITA LOVETT HAWES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY D. LOVETT AKA DONNA D. LOVETT; ANITA LOVETT HAWES; ET AL., Defendant(s). Cause No. 17-2-06623-6 SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO: ESTATE OF MARY D. LOVETT AKA DONNA D. LOVETT (IN REM), 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 41913 MERIDIAN E, EATONVILLE, WA 98328. The sale of the above described property is to take place: Time: 10:00 A.M. Date: Friday, December 10, 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 \$90,057.53 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, October 25, 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 THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST W.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE EATONVILLE CUT-OFF (SR161), SAID POINT BEING SOUTH 745.9 FEET AND EAST 1008.55 FEET FROM THE QUARTER CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 10 AND 15, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, W.M.; THENCE NORTH 04°25'30" EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE KAPOWSIN-EATONVILLE-LAGRANDE COUNTY ROAD, (AS CONVEYED TO PIERCE COUNTY BY DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 4, 1968 UNDER RECORDING NO. 2267552) A**

DISTANCE OF 350 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SR 161, A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04°25'30" WEST TO THE NORTH LINE OF SR 161; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SR 161 TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON PARCEL NO.: 0416151026; 5555513545 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 SURVIV-

ING 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 proration 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 of 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
Notice is hereby given pursuant to RCW 53.35.020 that on November 18, 2021 at 12:00 Noon or as soon thereafter as it may be called on the agenda the Port of Tacoma Commission will meet remotely for the purpose of a hearing and adoption of the statutory budget for the Port District for the year 2022. The meeting will be held remotely via video/teleconference only in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402 and Proclamation 20-28. To attend by phone, dial: 1-253-617-4257 and enter conference ID 242 381 643#. Members of the public may submit written comment via email to comment@portoftacoma.com. Written comments received by 9:00 a.m. PT, Wednesday, November 17, 2021 will be distributed to Commissioners. To deliver public comment via telephone during the public comment portion of the budget hearing, please email comment@portoftacoma.com. Subject line "Speaker Public Comment", please provide your name, the telephone number you will be calling from, and indicate "Budget hearing" as the agenda topic you wish to speak to. You will be contacted with instructions. Public comment time is limited to up to three minutes per individual. The meeting will also be streamed live on the Commission Meeting page of the Port's website: www.portoftacoma.com. The 2022 preliminary budget for the Port of Tacoma has been prepared and is on file at the Port of Tacoma Administrative Offices, One Sitcum Plaza, Tacoma, Washington; a copy may be obtained by any taxpayer at that address. A copy is available for review on the Port of Tacoma's Website at https://www.portoftacoma.com/about/financial-information. Notice is further given that The Port of Tacoma (Homeport) budget impacts The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) budget, as the NWSA acts as the manager of the marine interests of the Homeport. Dick Marzano, President Port of Tacoma Commission Published in the Dispatch November 3 & 10, 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/8233946662?pwd=amc4Rz-FUNjJxFlQbWxVXp0enpXUT09 or by calling +1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 823 3394 6662. Passcode: 98328 Published October 27, 2021 and November 3, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE LAND PATENT

SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTS THE INDUSTRY



With the global supply chain being yet another victim of the pandemic, shortages have impacted just about every industry in the world, including cannabis.

Ironically, cannabis sales during the pandemic experienced a huge surge but now as COVID numbers are decreasing, all sectors of the industry are feeling a pinch of supply shortages. From growers to producer/processors to retail shops, getting products on the shelves has been increasingly challenging such that High Times published a story this week advising lovers of pre-rolls and stuff-your-own cones to stock up due to paper shortages.

Paper for the cone brand RAW, for example, is produced in the Alcoy region of Spain then rolled in Indonesia. As the article states, "According to Alen Nguyen, CEO of supply chain management platform MainStem, the majority of the world's cones, regardless of what company ends up sticking their labels on them, are assembled by hand in 'less than 10' factories in Indonesia. The rest are handmade in India, for the most part, with just a few exceptions. Rolling papers, in general, are mainly produced in factories in Europe, India and China, with the majority coming from European countries like Spain, France, Czech Republic and other continental nations."

Shortages in human labor are compounding the pre-roll problem. While rolling paper production is largely automated, cones require hand assembly to maintain their shape and structure.

Tacoma cannabis shops are feeling it too. "There's been a significant shortage of rolling papers and cones," said World of Weed owner Alden Linn. "I've found other suppliers to ensure we have them, but it might not be the brands we previously carried. The wholesalers are limiting us to how much we can buy. It creates a lot of extra work behind the scenes, but we've maintained stock by expanding how many vendors we work with."

The lead times for things like bags to put customer purchases in or anything coming from a long distance has increased dramatically, Linn said. "We're very proactive with our suppliers and they often let us know of shifting supply schedules which helps. We move our projections and forecasting around considerably and hope the customers don't even realize it."

For Emerald Leaves owner Duane Dunn, holdups are affecting his connection to Leafly where customers can place orders online for pickup at his shop.

"In order for me to get that completely set up, because it's proprietary software I need to purchase a new printer. When Leafly orders come through, they can't come through my point-of-sale system and go directly to my printer because I need one that works with Leafly. I've been waiting on that printer for at least two months now just so I can complete the set-up portion on my end."

Dunn is taking a proactive approach to keep his shelves stocked with product by recently introducing 20 new vendors for customers to choose from.

"We're really revamping our entire product line and expanded our selection," he said. "We're just trying to have as many new vendors as we possibly can and give customers the best options for selection."

When you stop by Emerald Leaves to check out the new products, you can also check out the new mural Dunn just had painted on the side of his building as well.

For House of Cannabis owner Kevin Heiderich, he is seeing supply chain issues as more a pain point for the suppliers he works with being unable to source sufficient stocks of mylar bags and glass jars.

"The backlash for this is that when this happens to producers and processors, they overreact as everyone would. Instead of placing their usual 5,000-unit order, they place a 10,000-unit order then their rep tells them that they get a price at 12,000 units and that puts a lot of strain on the overall supplier serving them," he said.

Some companies are turning to Amazon and buying small amounts of suitable containers to fill their orders as fast as they can, which drives up costs for producers/processors and in the industry.

"It doesn't end there," Heiderich said. "What I'm hearing from the producer/processors is that some of them are getting shoved to the back of the line as well because they're just not placing the same volume for orders as other cannabis companies do. They have to compete with developed businesses for mylar bags and glass jars. If the factory wherever they do mylar bags and glass jars, which is mostly China, is getting nothing but orders that



Paper cone products like RAW are feeling the import pinch.

are massive from stateside companies, they're going to prioritize them based on the volume."

That "stoners are a very resourceful lot," as Heiderich aptly described them, will be a big benefit as we wait and see how the supply chain interruptions play out.

"I would urge people if they see their mom and pop brand's prices go up in the next couple months, just have a little love and faith with them because it's probably not profiteering on anyone's part. It probably has to do with the global supply chain at the moment.

"In the immortal words of one of my business partners: 'Improvise, adapt, overcome.'"

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