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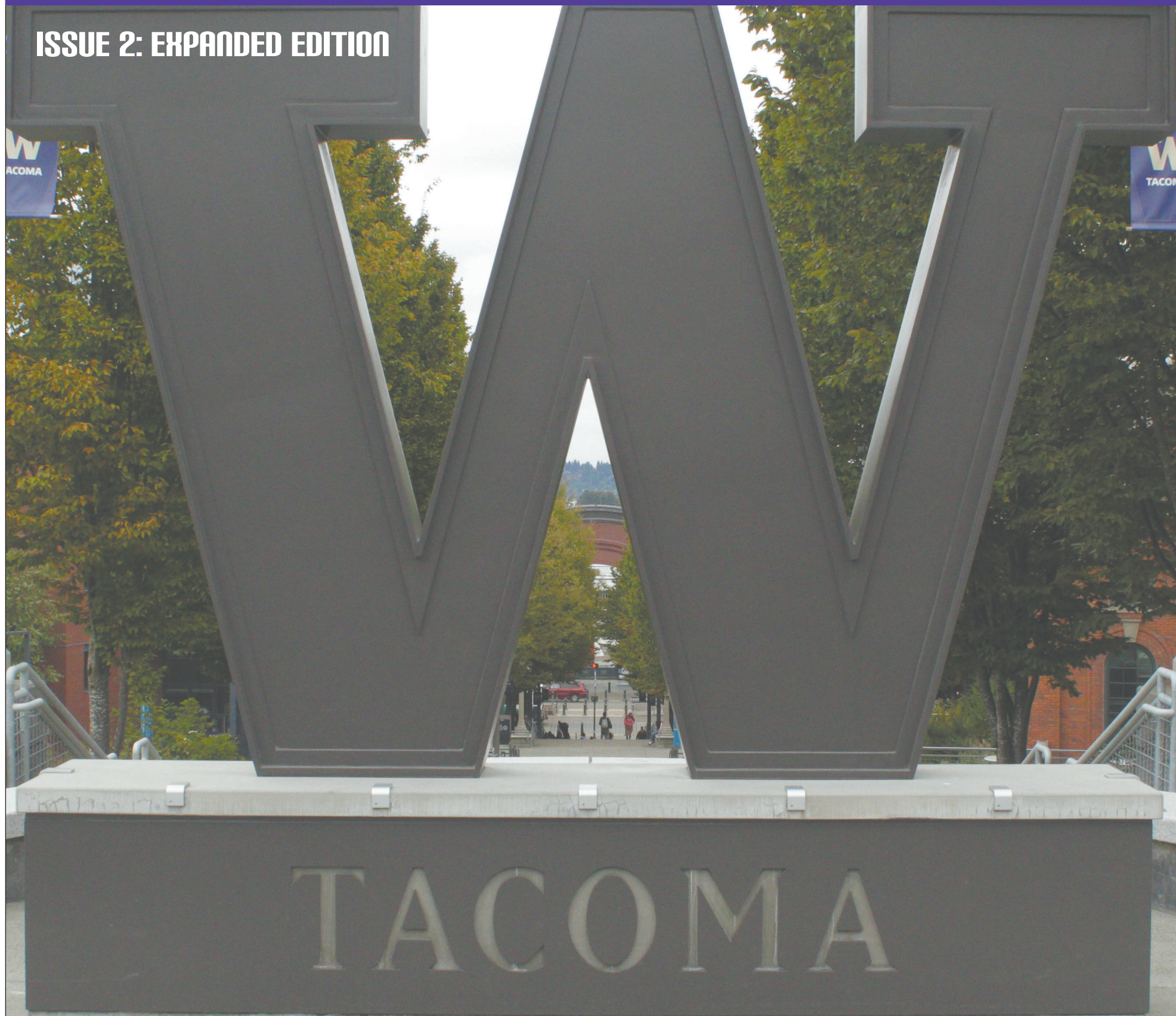
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By MADELINE HILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the Editor-in-Chief of the on campus newspaper, The Ledger, it is my joy and pleasure to finally be able to say welcome back to campus! We know it has been such a long time since we've seen your faces but we're so happy you're back.

Along with the changes to how we learned in the last year or so, there have been several changes made to the campus. From Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) moving locations to a whole new building rising from the old Cragel lot, it is likely the campus will look a little bit different this year. That may sound daunting at first but that is exactly why we're here.

"...we strive to keep you in the know of all things happening on campus..."

Here at The Ledger, we strive to keep you in the know of all things happening on campus, in Tacoma, and on a tri-campus level with our

sister campuses in Seattle and Bothell.

Every Monday, a new issue of The Ledger will be available to you, free of charge. Papers can be found throughout campus on the newspaper stands usually by the entrance of a building, but we will also be sending out a newsletter every Monday as well. Aside from holidays and troublesome weather, The Ledger is sure to keep you updated on all changes every week, especially pertaining to the pandemic.

There is a vast amount of creative talent that goes into our newspaper. We have three main writing sections that provide you with information on what is going on in the world. First, we have news. Our news reporters are the ones who bring up factual information of not only the happenings around the campus, but also around the sound in general.

This is where you will find information about events on campus like town hall meetings or RSO events. They also may feature a faculty/staff member spotlight or two to advertise some of the talented professors on our campus.

Our second section is our opinion section. This is the section where our writers get to use their voice and

give their opinions on issues that can range from local to global. From smaller, more lifestyle based pieces like study tips to controversial global issues like the pandemic, these articles are always an iterating read.

Our final section is arts and entertainment, more commonly known as A&E. These are the writers that give a little dash of creativity to our paper. They feature various artistic and fun pieces from film reviews to best local places to eat. If you're looking for just some fun things to do around Tacoma, this is the section for you. While we do not have a designated sports columnist this year, we will do our best to keep you up to date with our Husky athletics.

Our Ledger office is located in MAT 151, right next to the Dawg Den in the Mattress Factory. Writers, Editors, and Designers have office hours through the week and are happy to chat with you about anything you may need. If you're a part of an RSO, and have an event you want us to share or you know of a story you think we should cover, let us know! We are generally reachable and always happy to help.



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Books, Plants, Records and More: Parable Tacoma

Co-owner LaKecia Farmer spoke about their new bookstore for all Tacomans



By ROSIE MENDOZA-BAUTISTA
NEWS REPORTER

Parable is a new bookstore within the Tacoma community. It sells new and used books alongside plants, records, clothing/accessories and local artisan goods. It is family-owned, community-owned, LGBTQ+, black-owned and woman-owned. Co-owner, LaKecia Farmer spoke to the Ledger about Parable coming to fruition with their family amidst the overturn and changes in 2020.

"We always wanted to start a business together, we have the entrepreneurial spirit. I was walking in our neighborhood and saw an empty space and we all dreamed of what it could be used for. We thought of multiple generations - from new parents reading to their toddlers to elders sipping tea - enjoying our space. So we started fundraising at the end of the year," they said.

Their early supporters included friends and family, but it very quickly expanded from a viral post through Ijeoma Oluo on her account as well as through the News Tribune.

Before their opening, LaKecia and their family were met with challenges. The space they found was an older building, so while renovating they had several mishaps. However, this past

month, LaKecia was finally able to open Parable with their twin, Le'Ecia Farmer (she/they) and cousin Deatria "DeeDee" Williams (she/her).

"We kept getting derailed because of it, but it only proved our tenacity and gave us time to know our community more," Farmer said.

They named their bookstore Parable for its meaning and as a reference to Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower. Their books are centered around stories that most shops don't generally focus upon.

"We look at local; queer and trans; Black, Indigenous, and/or authors and characters of color; and/or woman and non-binary identifying authors and themes. We also center social-justice and speculative oriented themes," Farmer said.

LaKecia's favorite part about being a bookseller is learning and getting to read all the time and discover what people enjoy reading. Recently, a book they read that really struck them as something to share with others was "All We Can Save" by various authors.

"Climate injustice is already here, and these women inspire us to think big (and small) about ways to navigate, mitigate, adapt, and resist it," they said.

Aside from this new find they have a plethora of other favorite books and authors. Including but not limited to

"Parable of the Sower" by Octavia Butler, "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi, "Broken Earth Trilogy" by N K Jemison, "Bridging Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer and "Emergent Strategy" by Adrienne Maree Brown. Some favorite authors of theirs also include Toni Morrison, James Baldwin, Angela Davis and bell hooks.

For students, staff and faculty who want to get into reading but find reading difficult to do, LaKecia suggests reading a variety of genres.

"I've noticed over the years that I will get stuck on one genre or the next and then give up on reading. But when you mix it up every once and awhile, it will spark interest, I promise! Also, don't knock Young Adult fiction. It's probably my favorite exploratory genre," they said.

LaKecia's passion for books and learning is a focal point of Parable in that they remember being an avid reader at an early age.

"My mom was a single mom raising 4 kids, usually working 2-3 jobs so I didn't see her as much as I wanted to. But no matter what, whether it was working

graveyard shifts into daytime, she would always read us a book before bed or tell her own story," Farmer said.

Fostering education within the community is another central point to Parable. This is a top priority. They have only had their doors open for less than a month but they have already hosted community events in their space.

"We will be hosting other community events including book clubs and children reading circles but coming up in October will be our monthly Black Mamas Meetup, which I think is unique," they said.

These are some events for the future. They are planning on having a grand opening series in the next few weeks that include food and small shows of comedians, DJs and musicians. They have many future goals but current ones are to serve tea and possibly other food.

"We have such a beautiful space to just sit down, drink tea, and read a book. So we are currently working on getting the back space ready for that as well as the appropriate permits and such down

the line," Farmer said.

If students, staff or faculty are interested in Parable, there are various things they can do. You can donate to their venmo or the shop as a community space for you, your friends and family.

"Stop in and say hi! You don't even have to shop, we have a low-pressure atmosphere. We just recently put up a bar you can sit at and there's multiple couches so folks have been working from here, playing chess and checkers, and so on!"

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Maybe this is your first time on campus or maybe you're a returning student, either way we're here to help. The team at Student Affairs is ready and excited to make your experience at UW Tacoma a transformative one.

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Skip delivery: Food right here on campus

Being a college student is hard enough; worrying about lunch is just one more concern to add to the pile. Luckily, the University of Washington Tacoma has a plethora of food options on-campus and within easy walking distance. Here are a few places you can chow down this Autumn Quarter:

Anthem

Another great coffee shop near campus, Anthem's spacious, outlet-filled seating area along with the chill vibes of downtown, makes for a wonderful stop for students. For prices, expect anywhere from \$3 - \$5 for coffee, and \$4 - \$7 for the food, depending on what you grab.



Starbucks

Right on Pacific Ave. connected to the bookstore is the Pacific Northwest's favorite coffee company Starbucks. They offer online pick up so if you are in a rush and in need of a quick pick me up on your way to class Starbucks is the way to go.



Metro Coffee

If you are looking for a hole in the wall experience, look no further than Metro Coffee. Not only will you be able to enjoy coffee, tea and pastries; you will be supporting a local business! Metro can be found just above the Prairie Line Trail going up the stairs towards the big W. Prices will range from \$2 - \$4 depending on size.



Jimmy John's

The beloved sandwich chain has its own locale near campus on Pacific Ave., with all the good food that's expected of it. For prices, expect to pay between \$8 - \$12 depending on what you get, and what you add.



Pho Thanks Brother

Formerly a Tacoma location for the Seattle-based Than Brothers pho chain, the restaurant rebranded in June 2020 under new ownership. Located right on Pacific Ave. With a wide array of Pho, Teriyaki, Appetizers and Rice dishes, it's a must-try for students. For prices, you'll pay around \$12 for the entrees, and around \$5 for any of the delicious appetizers.



Senergo

If you are looking for a filling smoothie after a workout at the Y or after class Senergo can be found on Pacific Ave. right by Abellas. Prices will range from \$7 - \$9.

Abella's

Located on Pacific Ave, toward the East side of campus, Abella's is a small and lively Pizzeria with big portions and big flavor, with plenty of entree options. For non-pizza options, prices range from \$7 - \$10. For Pizza, you'll find it to be around \$13 for a small (10-inch), \$18 for a medium (14-inch), and \$21 for a large (16-inch).

Harmon

The Harmon is a large American restaurant with a rotating menu of delicious entrees. It's one of the more expensive options near campus, with prices ranging from \$15 - \$20.



Hot Rod Dog

Connected to BHS Building on Pacific Ave, Hot Rod Dog has delicious hot dogs and sausages with plenty of condiments to shake it up. With the average price being just \$3.60 for the hot dog itself, and the side options not being any pricier, it's a good stop for a quick and affordable lunch.



The Pantry

While it may not be a restaurant, we can't understate the convenience of The Pantry. Located in DOU 104 on the Western side of campus, The Pantry is a free resource for groceries available to any and all students. Stocked with essentials and non-perishables to get you through the day, along with providing alternative meal options for students' needs, including Halal and Kosher products. To schedule an order for quick and easy pickup, visit their website at tacoma.uw.edu/thepantry

Bubbles Tea Shop

Needing a bubble tea after you pho? Well Bubbles Tea Shop is only a couple steps away and is affordable. Experiment with different flavors with different add-ins to find your perfect bubble tea. Prices will range from \$3 - \$5.



Subway

Located on Pacific Ave. at the bottom of the stairs to your right is everyone's known sandwich place is Subway. You can't go wrong with a classic that everyone knows.

Freighthouse Square

At the end of the Link's current line at the Tacoma Dome Station, the Freighthouse Square is home to a plethora of restaurants, each with their own type of cuisine and delicious options. Prices will vary from store to store but all stay in an affordable range for the size and quality you'll receive.

The Old Spaghetti Factory

If you take the Link to Commerce Street Station and walk down to Pacific Ave. and take a left you will find the Spaghetti Factory. With a little bit higher price the three course dinner is something you don't want to miss.

Zeeks Pizza

On the other side of campus, we have Zeeks Pizza. A more modern pizzeria, Zeeks is no less delicious and has a good amount of options for toppings, sauces, and drinks. For prices, expect about the same as you'd find at Abella's, with about a \$2 - \$5 increase depending on toppings and ingredients.



OPINION: Abortion bans don't work

Abortion can't be stopped by criminalizing the people involved

By REMI FREDERICK
OPINION EDITOR

Recent laws passed in Texas have made the issue of abortion front and center. Luckily, in Washington, there has been legislation passed to make sure that even if Roe v. Wade is overturned, the right to have an abortion will still be protected here.

RCW 9.02.100 is the law that protects the right to abortion. This long-standing law, approved in 1991, assures actions such as; allowing women to have the right to choose or refuse birth control and the right to have an abortion. This means the state will not interfere with the right to have an abortion and that the state will not discriminate against those who exercise these rights.

However, there are some limitations to this law. For example, private medical facilities can refuse to perform abortions and can discriminate against women based on whether or not they are on birth control or had an abortion.

We Washingtonians should consider ourselves lucky to have a law that protects the fundamental right to have an abortion in place. The new law criminalizing abortions that was put in place in Texas is ridiculous as it will not help with the number of abortions.

Studies have shown that

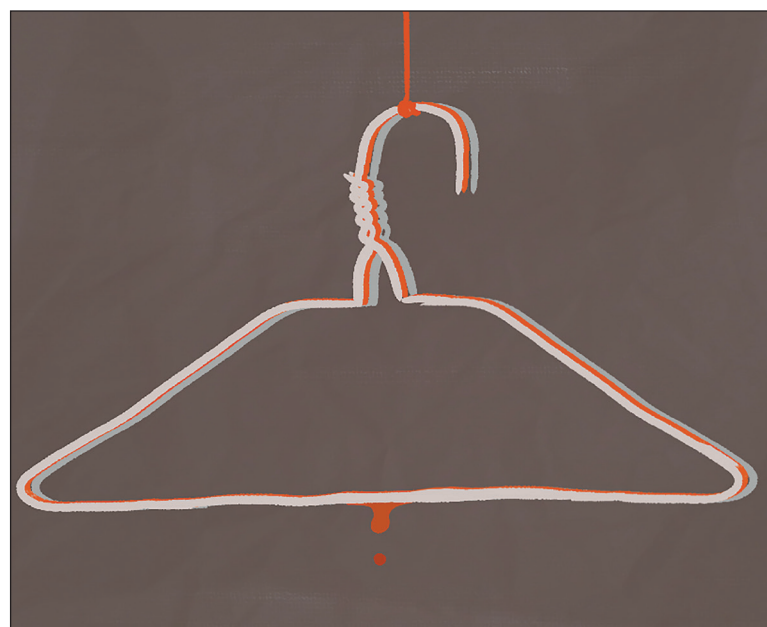


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The coat hanger is a long-time symbol of the fight against criminalizing abortion. It represents the different methods that women used to have an abortion before the decriminalization of abortion.

banning abortions does not reduce the number of abortions. It only reduces the number of safe abortions. Instead, unwanted pregnancies are gotten rid of in a variety of unsafe ways. These unsafe abortions can have horrible outcomes such as causing serious harm and can even be lethal to the mother, even if it doesn't terminate the pregnancy.

Kenneth Meier et al., the authors of "The Impact of State-Level Restrictions on Abortion" did an "11 year analysis of 23 separate policy actions..." and they found that "... no evidence that these policies either individually or aggregated, had an appreciable impact on states' abortion rates". This means that bans on abortion do not actually stop abortions, instead, they only impact safe ones.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), between 2010 and 2014 about 45% of all abortions worldwide were unsafe. In addition to this, "each year between 4.7% and 13.2% of maternal deaths can be attributed to unsafe abortions."

While deaths caused by unsafe abortions happen

in the US according to the CDC, the WHO says "The rate of unsafe abortion is higher where access to effective contraception and safe abortion is limited or unavailable."

The only way to help limit the number of abortions, unsafe or safe, is to teach people about their reproductive health and to help them with contraceptives.

A study was done by Elizabeth Sully et al. entitled "Adding It Up: Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health in 2019" found that by investing in sexual and reproductive health there would be a drop in unsafe abortion deaths by 72% and the number of unintended pregnancies would drop by 68%.

Abortion is a controversial topic, but it is part of a much bigger issue: The lack of reproductive health taught all around the world. No matter what you believe about abortion, you should be able to recognize that teaching people about their reproductive health and making access to contraceptives easier will help many issues including unwanted pregnancies and therefore abortion.

ARTS: Blue Mouse Theatre re-opens

Proctor's independent arthouse theater is open for movies, space rentals, and special events

By NATHANIEL WITHERS
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Unlike the theater multiplexes run by large theater chains such as AMC and Regal, the Blue Mouse Theatre is small, with only one auditorium. However, the theater has its own charm that comes from its nearly one hundred year history and its presentation. For example, even the start of a movie at the Blue Mouse shows the change in atmosphere from a large chain, where the blue curtain covering the screen moves away as the lights dim and the film begins.

On June 4, 2021, it re-opened to the public with limited capacity and masking requirements. On June 30 the theater removed the mask requirement for vaccinated individuals. However, with the new statewide mask mandate prompted by the delta variant, masking is most likely required again.

Currently, Blue Mouse has showings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m. and matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 4p.m. Admission for the current film, Cry Macho, is \$6. Concessions are also less expensive than larger chains. A large popcorn costs \$8.50, but comes with free refills if needed. The theater also offers free coffee for patrons who bring their Blue Mouse mug. Not only that, but by buying concessions for the movie, audiences can provide support for a local small business. For the most current information, check the website for updates on showtimes, pricing, and other updates.

Audiences can look forward to special events such as Friday Night Frights on the third Friday of every month at 10 p.m. The Blue Mouse is also known for its bi-monthly showings of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, with its own cast "the Blue Mousketeers" performing alongside the movie every second and fourth Saturday of each month at midnight. Admission for both Friday Night Frights and The Rocky Horror Picture Show events is \$10.

Blue Mouse also offers theater rentals by reservation. Patrons can rent out the theater and watch a movie of their choosing for parties or any other special occasion. The theater is also available for non-movie rentals. The projector screen supports any HDMI enabled device, including but not limited to modern game consoles. One of the services the blue mouse offers is "gaming on the big screen", where patrons will connect their console to the projector and enjoy their games on what may be the largest screen available to them in Tacoma. These rentals start at \$250 per hour, and then \$75 for every additional hour.

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