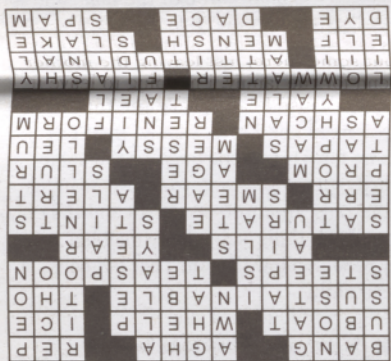


Street Roots Jingle

by Cynthia & Don

Trying hard with all our might
 20 more sales gets us in tonight
 One can hope, two can succeed
 purchase Street Roots
 you'll help those in need
 to all people this we say
 May peace and blessings
 surround your day
 When we're lost and unsure of what to do
 we look up 'cause we trust in you.

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VENDOR PROFILE Dani Wyatt

BY LEONORA KO
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Dani Wyatt may be one of the flashiest vendors on the street. She wears a blue wig, twirls the Street Roots paper like a baton, and often calls out: "One dollah, hollah, hollah, Street Roots, root it up!"

If a passerby is still oblivious, Dani may throw in a: "I'm sorry to bother you sir/ma'am, but you dropped your smile back there." Or she might use sign language and dance moves that are at once delightful and mesmerizing.

The sign language comes from a high-school class that Dani took because her best friend was deaf. The dance moves come from her early days of cheerleading and rhythmic gymnastics in the Puget Sound area. Both are part of the joy that Dani feels in any act of skillful movement.

But some days Dani can barely walk because of health issues.

"It's called conversion disorder," she said. "I want to raise awareness about that, big time."

Mayo Clinic describes conversion disorder as a condition that starts with an emotional crisis and converts into physical symptoms.

In Dani's case, she said, "I've been through every abuse you could possibly think of. But the good, final outcome is: I wouldn't be who I am today if I hadn't gone through that. But I still believe no child should ever have to go through what I went through."

She suffers from post-traumatic stress and has had seizures. Sleeping on the street makes matters worse.

"I'm a bit tired because I've been up at night because of tweakers," Dani said. "I'm

talking about people that do meth. They come by and wake me up out of a dead sleep, and I've got to protect our stuff because (my husband doesn't) wake up."

Dani and her husband are disabled and qualify for low-income housing. But all of the affordable places, from Hillsboro to Gresham, have two- to five-year waiting lists.

"All that's available is single-room occupancy," she said. "And I can't do that, unfortunately, because my husband is my caretaker, and he is the only one who knows how to deal with my medical issues at this point."

Dani manages to stay positive because, she said, "there is always somebody out there worse off than you." She has literally taken the coat off her back and given it, an extra sleeping bag and a backpack to another homeless woman.

Most of all, Dani looks up to her

grandmother, Katherine, who taught her: Be who you are inside. If someone can't accept that, they're not worth your time. Stay calm, stay peaceful and keep smiling no matter how bad it gets.

It's Dani's attitude that makes the businesses, at her corner of Southwest Morrison Street and Southwest Fourth Avenue, compete for her Street Roots presence.

"You know, I've been through this," she said, "but do I want to sit there and dwell on it? Or do I want to do something positive with it? I choose positive over negative."



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