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STRAY BULLET



Diane Hood, a 40 year resident of the Central District, places some flowers by a makeshift memorial set up for Madrona resident, Justin Ferrari who was shot Thursday May 24th while driving his van near MLK Jr. Way and E. Cherry Street.

Bystander Fatally Shot in Seattle

Community comes together after father killed in front of his kids

SEATTLE (AP) — A man heading out for a holiday weekend with his parents and his two children was killed by an errant bullet from a stranger's dispute as he drove down a Seattle street Thursday, police said.

The victim's van drove through an area just as a man on foot began firing a gun at people he was arguing with, Seattle police Detective Jeff Kappel said.

One of those bullets hit and killed the man, who was in his

40s but not further identified. No one else in his van was hurt.

"The victim was not involved in the altercation," the police spokesman said. "He was an innocent motorist that happened to be in the area."

Police said they were looking for a man in his 20s who fled on foot.

"Somebody knows something," Assistant Police Chief Nick Metz said at the scene, asking for information on the

gunman.

Shocked neighbors gathered in the area near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and East Cherry Street late Thursday night.

Messeret Habeti, who owns an Ethiopian restaurant, told *The Seattle Times* that the victim frequently brought his wife and two children to her restaurant for dinner.

Habeti said she didn't see the shooting but did see the man as he was dying in his van. She said his father was

cradling the wounded man's head in his hands.

The victim's two children, ages 4 and 7, ran to the safety of her restaurant after the shooting. She said they stayed for about 45 minutes and asked for something to eat.

She told the newspaper the victim was a wonderful person and a caring father.

"What a horrible thing to happen; what a shame," she said.

In late April, a 21-year-old

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Higher Cost of Booze

Liquor store privatization means prices are going up

By Shannon Dininny
The Associated Press

NACHES, Wash. (AP) — You might want to stock up on tequila and rum if margaritas or mojitos are on your summer menu, because prices are likely going up at many retailers this week — and prices are just one of several big changes in store when Washington abandons its long-held place in the liquor business.

Voters approved Initiative 1183 last fall, allowing stores larger than 10,000 square feet and some smaller stores to sell liquor. Supporters touted the initiative, backed by warehouse giant Costco Wholesale Corp., as a free-market reform for an industry monopolized by the state since the end of Prohibition.

Under the measure, restaurants and bars were allowed to begin buying liquor directly from distributors March 1, and they can begin buying directly from retail stores June 1.

However, the initiative also imposed an additional 10 percent distributor fee and a 17 percent retail fee on spirits to reimburse the state for millions of dollars in lost revenue.

Big-box stores like Costco can negotiate volume discounts for some products or sell their own labels. But distributors have exclusive rights to distribute some spirits, and volume discounts for those products may not be as widely available.

Some say that likely means higher prices for consumers, regardless of where they buy their spirits.

"Sky high. They're going up very, very high," said Melody Kennett, manager of a contract store that closed over the weekend in Naches, about 10 miles west of Yakima.

"Sure, big-box stores will be able to negotiate some discounts by ordering in bulk, but the initiative included higher fees to the state for everybody. Prices will go up for everybody."

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Expensive House? You're Probably Thin

Study says property values may point to likelihood of obesity

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The value of your home may be a stronger predictor of your weight than the genes inherited from your ancestors, a new public health study from the University of Washington has found.

Health researchers and government officials usually group people by income or

education level or even by zip code, but this study illustrates a more targeted approach, according to Adam Drewnowski, professor of epidemiology at the UW School of Public Health and lead author of the study.

A random telephone survey in 2008-09 combined with King County tax records showed women living in the homes in the lowest 25 percent of the assessed property values in Seattle and the surrounding sub-

urbs were more than three times more likely to be obese than women living in the most expensive homes.

This study paid for by the National Institutes of Health and published online this week in the journal *Social Science & Medicine* found that within King County, there are many local pockets or micro-neighbor-

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