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Inside Medina's little green store; and actor Tom Skerritt launches new streaming service

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The Medina Market grocery business is for sale. Not the 112-year-old, popular little green building at 800 Evergreen Point Road, but the business within the historic structure, an enterprise owned for the last 10 years by married couple **Jung Won “Jay” Jin** and **Hae Sun “Ann” You**.

Asking price for the business is \$250,000, and **Susanna Tran** of Seattle-based West Coast Commercial Realty is the listing agent.

While the building itself has been under the ownership of **Hae C. Lee** since the 1970s, the grocery business inside has had a handful of owners since the store opened more than a century ago.

While the formal name is the Medina Market, most residents call it “the little green store” or “the green store” or “Medina grocery.” The couple wants to take time to travel to Korea and visit family after working hard to serve the Medina community every day for almost 10 years.

“We have loved it here,” said Jin. “We like the neighbors because they are so kind. They think this is not just a store. It is part of their community. We have the best customers in the world,” he said.

Who are those customers? Well, there are about 1,200 homes and 3,000-plus residents in Medina — one of the wealthiest ZIP codes in the nation. Residents of 98073 include folks like **Bill** and **Melinda Gates**, **Charles Simonyi**, **Jeff Bezos** and some big names in sports and entertainment, who occasionally drop into this little store, right next door to a tiny post office and quaint city hall, some for actual grocery shopping.

Most popular items are wine and quick grabs, like the store’s ham and cheese croissant; bagels and cream cheese; espresso; organic, handmade dog biscuits; and a variety of candies.



HEIJA NUNN

Hae Sun “Ann” You, left, and Jung Won “Jay” Jin are selling their Medina Market grocery and deli business.

Heija Nunn, longtime Medina resident and volunteer, says the store was one of the reasons her family moved to the waterfront town.

“We moved here because of that Norman Rockwell feeling and the green store was pivotal in that,” she said. “I wanted my kids to be in a place where they could safely ride their bikes to the store, the post office, even the city hall. It’s all here in one place close by.”

She said the little grocery is a charming, much-used business. She loves seeing the Christmas cards from all over the community that flood in and are mounted on the walls each year.

“Most remarkable thing about the store are the generations of people who not only go there but hold it as a beloved memory,” Nunn said, “though there was a time in the early 2000s during which the property owner had to fight for permission to rebuild the store with historical accuracy and to reopen it.”

She says the building itself is the hub of the community.

“If you want to make a point, get information or learn something about the community, just go stand out in front of the green store,” Nunn said.

A STREAM RUNS THROUGH IT

Perennial actor **Tom Skerritt**’s newest creative endeavor, EVRGRN, a free streaming channel featuring content about the Pacific Northwest, is two months old and slowly growing viewership.

“We’ve got the potential for 2 to 5 million viewers,” said Skerritt, pointing to 120 hours of upbeat, uplifting content he has now curated. The videos cover everything from great chefs to artists, to totem pole carvers to musicians to fly-fishers and more, all from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia.

Seattle resident Skerritt, best known for his roles in blockbuster movies like “Alien,” “Top Gun” and “A River Runs Through It,” says no current viewer numbers are available, but says the pandemic isn’t making things easy for his new company.

“It’s a slow grind. We’re competing with a lot of new channels, and learning how things are done in this whole new world of video content. It’s all about one person after another getting wind of what we’re doing,” said the EVRGRN founder.

Company President **Julie Tokashiki**, Skerritt’s wife and business partner in this venture, is pleased with the progress.

“Giving a voice to our wonderful region is the mission,” she said. “We’ve done all of this with a skeleton crew.”

That crew includes product executive and company CEO Leslie Grandy, formerly with RealNetworks.

“We launched this whole company during Covid, with just a handful of employees,” Tokashiki said. “We’re thinking (about) people. We’re thinking (about) life. We’re thinking we have to give voice to all these incredible creatives in this region.”

This spotlight on the cultural impact of the Northwest is available now on Sinclair Broadcast Group’s STIRR app, Channel 284, with the long-term goal to get on several apps using the same content and more.

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