College comes under new Command

Steve McCreary
Staff Writer

Dr. Ed Command was named the new president of Highline Community College at a special meeting of the HCC board of trustees May 24. The board voted unanimously on Command's induction with board member Martin Ralston saying he won in a vote of all Lake City, Utah.

The board had been searching for a replacement for Dr. Shirley Gordon since her resignation at the Jan. 11 board meeting. Command received high from his executive wife, Marge, and Gordon be- caused the applause of the crowd gathered at the meeting. "I am extremely pleased and very proud to be who currently is serving as mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah."

Command said that he doesn't feel the need for any major changes at HCC noting that the current president, Shirley Gordon, has done an "excellent job."

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Living on the Streets

Jeanne Shockey
Staff Writer

Welcome to Seattle's darker side. Kids wait around on the sidewalks and local porno shops looking with empty eyes at the cars pass by. A young girl 10, maybe 11-years-old, walks with her pimp. Tight clothes still young flesh, Ryan, a 15-year-old prostitute, couldn't handle his home life so he lives and works on the streets in downtown Seattle. He said, "This is my way of making it, people want to use me, they are going to have to pay. I'm making it, I'm making it."

Ryan's mother is a drug addict and his step-father was verbally and physically abusive. He felt he had nowhere to go but the streets.

Street kids are usually long-term runaways or the youth who have become adept at fending for themselves on the Seattle streets, according to staff people at local shelters. Many of these kids are "throwaways"; young people who have been forced out of their homes by their families. Others have ran away because they were physically and/or sexually abused or victims of extreme neglect.

Some of these youth are socially and emotionally troubled. They have experienced a series of personal failures with schools, the law, finding a job, substance abuse and other addictions. They see leaving as their way out.

Most of the kids become street culture veterans very soon after hitting the streets. They get involved in activities which are categorized as street subcultures. These include drug and alcohol abuse, prostitution, hustling and street-related violence.

Angela Brondstetter
Staff Writer

Future breeds little hope for the homeless

Increasing numbers of these penniless and homeless Americans are finding themselves in recession at the bottom rung of the poverty ladder.

Around the Seattle area, men and women can be seen huddled with their belongings on street corners, in alleyways, and in abandoned buildings. According to Emmitt Glanz of the Union Gospel Mission, the reasons there are homeless people today are: lack of low-income housing, progressive breakdown of the family unit, economic changes, and a lack of government assistance programs.

The homeless are a complex breed. Studies suggest that most are substance abusers, military veterans, or are suffering from severe mental illnesses. Also commonly shared among the homeless is the "domino-effect" illness, job loss, a car breaking down, which leads to another misfortune and finally financial disaster.

There are 18 missions, privately-owned shelters and county-operated shelters in the downtown Seattle area, all of which provide for the homeless with limited funds. For Fred, a homeless man who appeared to be over 70, being on the streets is the "best way for me to get rid of 24 hours each day." "Living on the streets can be a heaven within a hell," says Charlie, a 56-year-old homeless man. Charlie's view of "heaven" is being able to do what you want and go where you want to go without anyone telling you how to live. His view of "hell" is not enough public restrooms or a warm place to sleep at night. Charlie, an ex-Harvard lawyer, lost his business five months ago and since then has not been able to get his feet back on the ground. The fastest growing segment of street people, however, is made up of women and children.

"These are single parent girls with children of their own," says Glanz. "We provide opportunities for the homeless or near homeless by helping them establish a work history and providing self-motivation classes so that they may become steady employees," says A.J. Cramberg, executive director of the Millionair Club Charity.

For some that isn't enough. For others, the emotional drain of homelessness has taken such a toll that, according to Freddie Amill, a 39-year-old homeless man and father of four homeless children, "There is nothing to inspire the people of the streets."

Amill says he does not care for the mentality of the shelters. He claims, "The shelters are always begging for more money, yet they consistently turn more and more people away daily.

"We have no choice but to turn people away without identification of some sort," Glanz says. "We are required to keep an accurate record of the state, and so are other shelters, to make sure they have ID. That way, if they are not funded or happen to die while in our care, we'll know who they are."

Gettin' my message out to realize that even though the homeless and their needs have been identified, the future looks gray to muster the political will and the resources to act upon this information.
Child sexual abuse, as defined by Washington's Committee for Children, is "the exploitation of a child for the sexual gratification of an adult or any significantly older person. It is called incest if it occurs between family members." The Committee for Children is a non-profit organization that provides educational materials, training, community education, and original research for the prevention of child, youth, and family abuse.

Child sexual abuse is not always rape nor is it always done by adults. The abuse can include fondling, verbal stimulation and pornography. Most offenders are male and range from juveniles to elderly-predatory. The offenders are usually heterosexual and have access to adult sexual relationships.

An article by Emile Coudert and Karen Bachelder says that offenders "identify needy children, befriend them, target their vulnerability, gradually desensitize them to sexual behaviors, and intimidate them." The article also says that the offender exploits the victim and keeps them quiet by use of threats, bribes, friendship, or special attention. The victim usually knows the offender, and often it is a family member.

School personnel are usually the ones to recognize sexual abuse because they have most contact with the child outside of the home. The law states that school personnel who have "reasonable cause to believe" that a child is abused must report that suspicion to Child Protective Service (CPS) or the police.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), a program that provides a preschool program for limited-income families and tries to empower families to take care of themselves, sees abuse and reports it. Marcia Gamer, ECEAP coordinator and program supervisor says that when a child is suspected of being abused, "We turn in the families. We call CPS and make a referral; we don't actually work with the investigation."

The investigation is done by CPS. Barbara Stone, supervisor for the Speciality Unit for Child Sexual Abuse in Seattle, says that after receiving a call, "We try to interview the child at school because it is a private and difficult thing to talk about. School is a neutral setting and the child is able to spontaneously talk about the situation." The Speciality Unit is the only unit of its kind in the state of Washington.

The interview, which, by law, is permitted without parent's knowledge, is "simple and the least intrusive," says Stone. CPS first states what its job is and asks the child what he/she enjoys. As the child becomes more comfortable, the CPS caseworker asks the child about general safety rules at home, such as not talking to strangers or looking both ways before crossing the street. After this general questioning, the caseworker asks about good touch and bad touch. The child says if he/she has been touched in a bad way. If the child says that he/she has been touched in a bad way, "We thank them and tell them they are not responsible and that they did the right thing telling us the situation," says Stone. "We then contact the non-offending parent, if possible, or a close relative, tell them the situation, ask them to remove the offending parent or parents and elicit support for the child."

If this is not possible, CPS will petition a judge to make a ruling to remove the children from the home immediately. All children in a family will be removed because sex offenders often have several victims, including their spouses.

The Committee for Children offers several guidelines for prevention. These include teaching safety rules, establishing and supporting a set of family rules, practicing "what if" situations and assertiveness skills. Letting the child know that they are likeable, are not at fault, and providing feelings of security and support also aid in helping the child avoid other situations of abuse.

Once the child is back in the school curriculum, "We pick up the pieces," Gamer says. ECEAP helps keep the child in school and productive; CPS only investigates and helps keep the child safe.

" CPS is great to work with, but they're overwhelmed by the number of calls they receive," Gamer says.

"Our biggest problem is that there is a lack of resources for CPS and there are long waiting lists," says Stone, supervisor for the Speciality Unit for Child Sexual Abuse. Another problem is that, "Even though the legal system has improved, especially over the last seven years, the law still is more protective of the offender or accused than of the child," Stone says.

According to the Washington Committee for Children, "Offenders often blame the victim for provoking the sexual assault." The public supports this attitude by saying things like "she led him on" or "she wasn't wearing much."

However, the offender is at fault for violating the rights of another person; even though the victim feels the abuse was their fault, says the Committee for Children. "This self-blame can carry on later into life." Dr. Gloria Rose Koepping, a counselor at Highline Community College, works with adult women survivors of sexual abuse. "Some of the biggest problems are areas in relationships, trusting, emotional intimacy as well as physical intimacy; and sometimes they are overly cautious in approaching people or new experiences," Koepping says. The women may also have low self-esteem which can lead to eating disorders and alcohol and drug addiction. "It's a way to cope with bad feelings, but it just leads to other problems," says Koepping. "These are ways for people to numb pain and not feel anything."

The feelings of low self-esteem are common in sexually abused children. The Committee for Children says, "Positive messages about being 'likeable' and self-esteem, are necessary as the child becomes more likeable, is not at fault, and providing feelings of security and support also aid in helping the child avoid other situations of abuse."

"I want to urge people to start and continue their recovery," Koepping says. "Do something to start recovery, learn how abuse has impacted your life, and learn how to get better."

At HCC, counseling is available for students. In the HCC Bookstore, there is a book entitled 'The Courage to Heal' which provides settings for the child and non-offending parent to explore exercises and steps to recovery. There are also self-help groups such as Incest Anonymous and Survivor Support Groups. Call the HCC counseling center at 878-3710, extension 353.
College sex education

packing a full house

Jeanie Shaw

Content about registering for Human Sexuality classes and you're waiting until next quarter. Human Sexuality classes at Highline Community College fill by the third or fourth day of registration.

The course includes everything from the history of sexuality to current issues. Sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, human sexuality, child "birth and ways to be more "understanding of yourself are all topics discussed in class.

"These topics are of interest to students who may want to find out more about themselves and know that they are normal," said Uitgard, one of four instructors for this class. "The time is right. People are talking about a lot of decisions that were based on myths," said Uitgard. This class dispels those myths and provides students with up-to-date information on sexual issues. She said the course helps激光 experience some of the things that are talked about in the class.

"Most people are getting their sexual information from peers so you get the ignorant teaching," said Uitgard. Much of this information is simply not true, he said. One of the myths mentioned is that you can't get pregnant if you withdraw before you ejaculate. He said that this is not always true. Another fallacy is that abortions are unsafe; however, most of the time is seven times safer for the mother than going to get an abortion. Uitgard added that many people think that women are unable to get pregnant for six months after they stop taking the pill, but that isn't true either.

Four sections are taught: three during the day and one in the evening. In full, there will be 500 people in the class in the last minute. Among the choices of class hours, students have a choice of instructor. The day classes are taught by Carol Uitgard, whom is a sociologist, or Michael Campbell, an anthropologist. The evening section is taught by Monte Burke and Robert Haroun, who are counselors and therapists. "So you can choose the instructor that suits your style," said Uitgard. Originally a class on Marriage and Family was taught at HCC but it changed to Human Sexuality and a demand came to teach it at HCC.

The course is taught from a multidisciplinary approach. Students are exposed to several speakers and a variety of professors to give the student another point of view. Some of the speakers that come to the class include Kathleen Konnelly, who is an instructor for Counseling and member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Judge Uitgard talks about the legal aspects of sexuality. Troy Pflavnsen, of Seattle/King Co. Public Health Department, speaks on contraception, and Harris of the Ingersoll Gender Center speaks on transsexualism. Films, movies, and slides round out the information.

This is not a required course, but it does satisfy five social science credits. Sherri Toledo, senior lead registration clerk, said a waiting list is not kept for this course, which is "very popular and fills every quarter."

Travel: teachers and students make travel plans for summer

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Enjoy a little corner of Japan at the Arboretum

David Wellington
Photo Editor

Understandably, the grass always seems greener and the gardens more cheery on the other side of the fence. Unless you live in Japan. For thousands of years the Japanese have been mastering the fine art of gardening. Whether patiently clipping ancient dwarfed trees (Bonsai), or gracefully arranging flowers in the perfect forms of Ikebana, they have captivated the imagination and fascination of the Western world.

Nowhere is the sensuous delicacy of their talent more manifest than in the Japanese Garden.

The principals of the Japanese Garden date back several hundred years. The first gardens were carefully selected rocks strategically placed to represent various mountain ranges. Trees and shrubs were added until the concept of a separate garden emerged. Often covered patios, or gazebos, were built in the center of the garden for meditation. Eventually the gardens became more and more elaborate, encompassing more space and requiring more laborers and hours for upkeep.

Today, Japanese Gardens both in Japan, as well as in the United States, have become semi-public places for nature lovers to go and soak up the sights, get away from the city pressures and enjoy a few quiet, reflective moments.

The Seattle Parks Department's Japanese Garden located on the grounds of the University of Washington Arboretum is such a place.

In 1957, the Arboretum Foundation set aside three and one-half acres for the construction of the garden. They hired Juki Iida, an experienced designer who had

planned and built over 1,000 other Japanese gardens worldwide. Working from a 34-page blueprint, he began to piece together more than 500 personally selected granite boulders from the Cascade Mountains and thousands of plants into a beautiful collage representing similar scenes in Japan.

Today the garden is accessible to all ages for a small fee. Ideally individuals should experience the garden in the spring, when most of the flowers are in full bloom.
Have an afternoon adventure with animals at Point Defiance

A POINT Defiance sea otter kicks back and enjoys his crabmeat lunch.

Steve Thorp
Staff Writer

Point Defiance Park, located in North Tacoma at the end of Pearl Street, offers many different things to do for many different kinds of people.

A great place to take the kids is the Point Defiance Aquarium and Zoo. Since 1982, the entire Point Defiance Zoo has been remodeled to accommodate the animals in a more natural environment. New exhibits like a sea otter tank make it possible to watch them at play without disturbing them. Two more elephants increase the zoo’s number to four.

The aquarium features all types of Pacific Ocean sea life (excluding whales), with tours daily during summer months. For those of you who’d like to try your hand at angling for the big King Salmon, boats can be launched or moored at the marina. If that’s too rich for your blood it’s an easy hike down to the clay banks at low tide, when the folks in the boats will be fishing anyway. A good cast will put you right out there with them.

Owens Beach offers a relaxing afternoon basking in the sun, watching the sailboats or barbecuing. The road from the beach leads to Five Mile Drive, where the parks department closes the road to cars so people can pedal or push their way through one of the more scenic parks in the state.

For those of you who like flowers, Point Defiance has an outstanding rhododendron garden, although it’s a pretty healthy hike through the trails to see them.

The Rose Garden has a huge sundial in the center, with five trails leading to different points of interest. When in season the trellis covering the trails are so thick with blossoms that a person can walk to the sundial and back in complete shade. The Japanese Garden, complete with a Japanese meeting hall, is often used by seniors and garden clubs for their different functions.

The park officials try to be as accommodating as possible. With reservations, it’s possible to rent the Rose Garden or one of the three different halls available for weddings or other social gatherings.

A Point Defiance polar bear demonstrates his swimming abilities to zoo observers.

Photos by David Wellington
I don't mean to bitch but...
Kevin Tallmadge
Managing Editor

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Summer is finally here. Now there is a real reason to call in sick to work besides the that sociology in the morning.

The summer months are also considered the wedding season. The time for two people who commitmment of marriage. It's the time to spend several thousands of dollars for one afternoon of relations you never liked.

I don't want to give the impression that I am getting married this summer. Rather I was one of the lucky ones to be chosen to be (at least this one) for one day of discomfort, but bunch of people I don't know.

Marty Pierce

Marty Pierce
As this school year comes to a close, we at the ThunderWord close the book on a sordid era of our history. This is the final time that Dave Wellington and I will face off against each other on this page.

Dave will be moving on to greener pastures in Pullman at Washington State University (thank God Mr. Prin and Power will be on the other side of the state). I, on the other hand, have other plans which inspired the topic for our final debate: marriage vs. bachelorthood.

Since moving out of my father’s house five years ago, I have been a textbook example of the lucky ones to be chosen to be 

getting married

of the lucky ones to be chosen to be (at least this one) for one day of discomfort, but bunch of people I don't know.

Marty Pierce tomorrow. They are both good friends, and I am honored to be in their wedding — except for a couple of minor problems.

One, the rehearsal is tonight. I can't think of a better way to spend Friday night, than in some ball in the banquet in Maple Valley with a bunch of people I don't know.

Secondly there's the matter of the tax.

When Marty asked me to be in his wedding, I gladly accepted. Then I found out how much it would cost me. $90 the lady at store tells me.

So I paid my $10 deposit then excused myself and went to the bathroom to check my pants.

Sure it's a lot of money for a college student (at least this one) for one day of discomfort, but I guess it's worth. It could be me getting married.

Marty Pierce

Marty Pierce

Procrastination: everybody's doing it

So, Dave. I guess you win this one. I hate to admit it, but you might just be right about this marriage thing after all. It’s almost refreshing to see you right about something... for the first time in your life.

Good luck with livestock in Pullman, Dave; it’s been fun making you look bad.

David Wellington

David Wellington
Dear Mr. and perspective Mrs. Pierce,

As a wise man once said, “Love is often hard to define but easy to know when it ain’t.” Or maybe I saw that on a bumper sticker. Anyway, I hope you have found it.

As you start your new life with your new bride, I hope you don’t look back too often to reminisce about times past. Rooms that never did get clean. Penicillin cultures growing on stale pizza. Clothes that never did get ironed right. Your newsroom “friends” that came over late at night and just didn’t leave.

As you gracefully traverse the aisle toward your future, I hope you look forward to the bountiful blessings of marriage. I especially envy yourself to the woman of your dreams, the joy of your life, the apple of your eye, the one who will be the most interesting person in the world to you. As the casually points you, her blessed groom, I mean groom, I hope she in turn recognizes the privileges that will come from nurturing her man — a perpetual plumber, painter, carpenter, roofer, dish washer, car washer, mechanic, gardener and general handyman.

Marty, your bachelorthood is over! What are you thinking? Now you actually have to clean up your room, get the garbage, throw out the stale pizza. Your life will be neat, organized and up-to-date. You’ll have to start answering to others for your actions. No more late night carousing with the boys. No more paychecks spent on bad beer at the track. What’s this love thing anyway?

I heard another wise man once say that marriage was like a three-ring circus. First you have your engagement ring. Then comes the wedding ring. Last but not least, you encounter the suffering.

Tomorrow at noon you’ll be a new man. At least Paige hopes so. I have to admit it, Marty, but you may have been right about this marriage thing... at one time.

Whether we like it or not, we all wish you and your bride the best of all things in your future. It’s been fun sparring with you in this column. Probably it’s hard to be with an unarmed man, but you put up a magnificent facade regardless. You faked it pretty well.

P.S. IN YOUR FACE!

Tim Davison

Staff Writer

There isn’t a person alive who has’t said, “I'll do that first thing tomorrow.” Often we have the good intentions of doing this the next day but, inevitably, something else comes up.

During this time of the year, with the days getting nicer schoolwork can seem seemingly, and just a bit of a drag. Besides, with all the procrastination you have done up until now, there’s a stack of papers higher than Mount Everest collecting dust on your desk. Your mother doesn’t know whether to burn them or make them a member of the family. But, why not put off that big test that paper that was assigned at the beginning of the quarter? After all, it’s 70 degrees outside, let’s go cruising. So, off we go to enjoy the weather, spend time with friends, and have a GOOD TIME.

A good time, where for a while we can forget about that evil institution SCHOOL.

Just remember a few things first. There is only a week of school left. Shouldn’t that term paper be started right away so you will be able to save some of your credibility? Your instructor already thinks so poorly of you that she wouldn’t give you a ride to the doctor, but you might salvage something so she’d give you a ride to your own funeral. Also, you are paying for this. Whoever heard of throwing away good money for a bad grade? I can think of better ways to waste money, like giving it to Jim and Tammy Bakker. The summer break will be upon us soon, and after a few months some of you will be complaining that you want to come back.

So get started on those papers because there’s only a day to go! Just think, won’t you feel better when it’s all over? Come on, what are you waiting for? Stop procrastinating.

On the other hand, it is really nice outside. I’d love to go downtown today and, besides, I can always start tomorrow...
Letter to the editor:
I beg to differ

You drew an unfortunate analogue in your recent editorial (Thunder Word May 4) with which I cannot help but take issue. The notion that the heterosexual expression of sexual preference is equivalent in any way with the homosexual expression of sexual preference is not merely simplistic, but historically ignorant. I don't presume to attempt a re-education in as few words as I intend to invest here, but I would like to offer a few points for future consideration.

For the homosexual in this society, prior to the events twenty years ago, known as "Stonewall," which triggered the gay liberation movements, the admission of his or her sexuality (much less the open expression of it) was unthinkable. Such an admission assumed one of unemployment, ostracism and a total vulnerability to hostilities of the most violent kind. Beyond this, the past held no clear and confident models for such admissions. Homosexuality was a dirty, taboo subject, not permitted even implicitly in any of the mass media. For the Hayes office of Hollywood -- the moral watchdogs for films and more than forty years -- even the word homosexuality was unacceptable in film.

Homosexuals -- deprived of any public voice, deprived of any real community, deprived of any acceptable, happy example to follow -- had no reasonable choice but to lie; no choice but to be disowned; no choice but to live their lives an unhappy, silent, furtive. Stonewall ("I'll look you up the reference") changed all that. From that time, no longer has this expression extinguished or forcibly made silent parts of their souls empowered to love having been made.

I have friends that are heterosexual/homosexual, and I don't label them for what they are. I label them for human beings, just like myself. As I read the editorial you addressed to everyone I felt that you still had a problem with your sexuality, so I suggest you keep your speaking. It is a proud, political act. This expression isn't about your bedroom, not about coming out. It's about fuller awareness, about a heightened social consciousness.

If you are truly as egalitarian as you seem to want us to believe, if you truly believe as I do that a person's sexuality is utterly irrelevant, then I applaud you, and point to you as a sign of progress made, a sign that more people understand than once did, that homosexuality is an expression of a person's preference and not, as some have claimed, a preference of the perverts, that homosexuals has always been as commonplace of each and every society this planet has seen. But, don't believe for a minute that there aren't still people that are eager to suppress and violate the rights and person of homosexuals. This suppression is vicious. It is often anonymous, often violent. It can come from anywhere, seemingly anyone.

Those are the people actually being addressed when human sexuality classes invite homosexuals as guest speakers. These are the people actually being addressed when a gay friend confronts you with his truth. Clear, politically motivated expressions of sexuality will only be silly and unnecessary when everyone agrees to their irrelevancy.

Until that day comes, the suppression of this expression -- as is the case with every expression that is hard to come by, that exposes deeply personal, private matters to public scrutiny, that still can be a human everything that gives life meaning -- is equivalent to the suppression of the individuals themselves. Those who would persecute homosexuals want nothing better than for them to be quiet, to be silent. It truly is not on their agenda. I am afraid that, intentionally or not, your editorial has stuck a blow at a movement, a closed-minded, intolerant homosexual on this campus, has slowed to that extent the progress of what I have been writing, has struck a blow against the gay friend you pointedly mentioned in your article.

As I've said, my intention here has not been to educate, but to give a slightly fuller-view of an immensely complicated issue that, frankly, is too often simplified, to the detriment of all people concerned. If homosexuals are impatient, their impatience reflects a frustration with the slow rate of progress toward equality. With a clearly perceived and still-saddening shortfall of tolerance and kindness.

Daniel C. McGlothlen
Summer's sizzling sequels and more

Bill Utterich

Summer's sizzling sequels and more movie season brought us sunshine, but this is Seattle. Few unexpected moneymakers, promises even bigger and better things. Last Cmsade. This summer some of the summer is going to be Paul. This one you to the back wall; expect Verhoven's Total Recall trailers on TV already knock call — Ye direction of Tony Scott movie has the workings of a car driver who dreams of number-one moneymaker, with Ren Beatty and Madonna as opening June 22nd is the most eagerly awaited sequel this year in Die Hard 2. Again, Bruce Willis is New York cop John McClane who is waiting for his plane to land at Washington D.C.'s Dulles Airport as those naive ter- rorists arrive and take control. The success of this sequel re- sides on director Tony Scott and his ability to outside the original. The previews look fair to mediocre, but even if this film can't outdo the original, this still will be a top money maker of the summer. This should break $20 million on its opening run.

Two films which have opened in the Seattle area, Bird on a Wire and Back to the Future Part III are supposedly assured blockbusters. Bird on a Wire a federal witness and Goldie Hawn as his long lost love interests. The two get thrown together by chance and chased by evil doers hunting Gibson. For an action film, Bird on a Wire has some very long and tedious moments, and when action does come it's done with such a h-o-h-a-t attitude that it not exhilarating. Bird on Wire over $13 million in its opening weekend, but both of these actions can do much bet- ter.

Back to the Future Part III is the third and hopefully the final installment in the time traveling trilogy. Again, Michael J. Fox is back as Marty McFly who goes back to the Wild West to save Doc (Christopher Lloyd) from the bad guys that started the genes for that big, bad bully, Biff.

Late June or early July will bring Robocop 2, with Peter Weir as another robotic protector of the peace. The early trailers provide us with a look that resembles the first film with a heavy emphasis on high-tech action. Like the first film, Robocop is battling in the war against drugs with new synthetic narcotics. Dickless — a sequel to the original 48 HRS. Dickless也不是 must face a new and improved Robocop. Dickless one slow song or a couple slow sections in their songs. Death Angel is geared toward the death metal bands that appear in the song of the two. Dickless seems to have lost much of the energy the tune previously possessed.

The flip-side, "Saddle Up" really isn't that bad. It's a powerful song which drives with more en- ergy than the A-side and has a good, solid flow to it. But all things considered, the best thing about the new Dickless single is that it is on colored vinyl. (This means someday it could be worth some money for all you greedy record collectors out there.)

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Sneakers worth killing for

Owning a pair of these shoes could cost you more than money

Tim Davison
Staff Writer

Gold chains used to be the big status symbol for members of street gangs, and still are to some extent. But these days, flashlight beam be the article of clothing "to do for." Not expensive Italian loafers but high-tech basketball shoes—shoes like the Reebok Pump and Nike's Air Jordans, top of the line in style, dependability and price. The Reebok Pump, when you can find it in stock, will sell for a mere $1.26. These shoes are popular, and owning a pair could prove lethal.

The price of these sneakers makes them attractive to the young as status symbols, and also in inner city members of gangs who feel they are a symbol of prestige and power. These sneakers are worn by people the gang members idolize, which makes them a reason worth owning. But, unfortunately, too many of these gang members have no money, and must resort to robbery or worse—murder. It's like something out of a Brian_ Slaughterons novel. It could be called the "Invasion of the Sneaker Snatchers." People are actually losing their lives over a pair of shoes.

The problem isn't just murder, however. It's the silence. It is becoming a national issue, having recently been featured in Sports Illustrated and also on the television show Inside Edition. Yet, people aren't willing to talk. I called the Tacoma Police Department to see how many killings in the Hampton Hill Illustrated and also on the television show Inside Edition. Yet, people aren't willing to talk. I called the Tacoma Police Department to see how many killings in the Hampton Hill neighborhood have been solved, but unfortunately, no one believed have been solved. They never returned my calls. I contacted a Pool's Watch, a chain that specializes in sporting shoes, to ask about these sneakers which often lead to violence for the owners. The store director told me it's corporation office, which never returned my calls.

These organizations are not blind to the facts of what is happening, and they shouldn't try to avoid the subject any longer. The makers of these shoes should take a stand and do something to alleviate this problem.

The real tragedy here is that people don't need to die for their shoes. People don't need these shoes, unless they are really serious about professional sports. In a few years, months, or years, depending on how the fashion winds blow, these newfound status symbols will be nothing or something else. The real problem is that manufacturers have finely tuned their advertising to sell the new status symbol to be nothing or something else. The real problem is that manufacturers have found how to push groups of people across the edge from peaceful user to consumer to consumer to consumer. Maybe changing the advertising styles would help. I don't think a good commercial destined to sell sneakers would start out, "Buy our sneakers and you're sure to get killed the next time you walk into the city."

So, if you're really intent on getting a pair of these sneakers, go right ahead. But remember, you have been warned.

Mountain bike program to open

Education and safety stressed at new center

Paula McWilliams
Staff Writer

The first mountain bike program of its kind in Washington will open June 30 and operate weekends through Sept. 30. Steve Sutherland, manager of Ski Acres Mountain Bike and Hiking Center, submitted a proposal for the program during the spring of 1989. After further research and reverying, the proposal was again submitted and will be put into action. The center, which had no choice but to shut down, would be an ideal spot for people who are interested in the recreation industry origination in the Colorado area, says there is no real good place to go riding in Washington, although "our area is real conducive to it."

The Ski Acres Mountain Bike and Hiking Center, located east of the Ski Acres ski area, will offer bikers, as well as hikers, photographers and outdoor lovers, a place for adventure. Riders and their gear will be transported to the top by the Silver Fir triple chairlift that ascends 1,040 vertical feet. Hooks mounted to the backs of the chairs on the lift will carry your own or rented mountain bike. We prepared for the chairlift to move slower than what you are used to. At 150 feet per m., Sutherland says that people who have a different mentality towards riding a ski lift in the summer and are not in a hurry to get to the top.

Whether you're already an expert, or just learning to master the fat-wheeled, alloy contraption, there will be a route down to challenge your ability. Sutherland says such a choice might be whether to ride over an obstacle or ride around and create a new trail. "Hopefully, we can play a major role in educating the biking public in responsible riding," says Sutherland.

In case of accidents or injury, a safety patrol group equipped with an emergency vehicle and radios will be accessible.

The Ski Acres Mountain Bike and Hiking Center's amenities also include mountain bike rentals, mountain bike instruction, a timed mountain bike race, and bike repair service and Deli Bar. Reservations can be made on a reservation basis by Happy Trails Home / Hay Rides. For information or reservations call 434-6646 Saturdays and Sundays or 232-8182 on weekdays.

This summer pack a picnic. Soak up sun. Photograph wildlife. Cash a fish. Ride a horse. Hike a trail. Bike a mountain. Ride a mountain?
WHATS UP?

For all those lucky enough to finish one makes a HCC graduation ceremony is just around the corner. June 7, 1990 at 8 p.m. in Building #6. HCC graduates will receive their degrees and move on as either a first-year college student or on to their careers. Congratulations to all.

TODAY'S NEWS

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I don't mean to bitch but...  
Kevin Tallmadge  
Managing Editor  

Summer is finally here. Now there is a real reason to call in sick to work besides the talk society in the morning.  
The month of July and August are considered the best months for a wedding. It's the time to spend several thousands of dollars for one afternoon of marriage. The Thunderword news editor Paige married.  

I guess it's worth. It could be me getting married. I can't imagine that and go doing something like getting married?  

Back to reality.  

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**Marty Pierce**  
As this school year comes to a close, we at the Thunderword close the book on a sound era of our history. This is the final time that Dave Wellington and I will face off against each other on this page.  
Dave will be moving on to greener pastures in Pullman at Washington State University (thank God Mr. Prin and Proper will be on the other side of the state). I, on the other hand, have other plans which inspired the topic for our last debate: marriage vs. bachelorhood.  

Since moving out of my father's house five years ago, I have been a textbook example of the young American bachelor. Late nights, dirty socks, unpaid bills, overflowing garbage cans, and basic all-around disorganization have been a way of life - almost a religion.  

Why would anybody want to mess up a good thing like that and go doing something stupid like get married? Who wants some PMS-crazed woman watching over you every second, questioning everything you do, taking your paycheck from you before it hits your wallet, and bitching at you on a daily basis.  

A wise old man once said to me: "50 percent of all marriages end in death." Not the best odds I've ever seen.  

If a bachelor wants to waste his whole check on a Friday night, so what? Besides the landlord, who's going to know the difference. If a bachelor wants to get home at 3 o'clock in the morning, he'd do it (and sleep until 4 o'clock the next afternoon if he wants). Let's see a married man try and do anything like that. Marriage would probably be perfect for Dave. A wise woman just might be the perfect transition for him after he gets out of the Boy Scouts.  

But me? Marriage? Why would I defy all logic and go against the odds to walk down the aisle? There is one fact that defines all logic, one that has made both men and women do illogical things since the beginning of time...love.  

For that reason tomorrow at noon I will be tying the knot with the T-Word's News Editor Paige Kergian.  

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**Procrastination: everybody's doing it**  
Tim Davison  
**Staff Writer**  

There isn't a person alive who hasn't said, "I'll do that this thing tomorrow." Often we have the good intentions of doing this the next day, but inevitably, something else comes up.  

Just during this time of the year, with the days getting nicer outside, I'm sure you've noticed a lot of a drag. Besides, with all the procrastination you have done up until now, there's a stack of papers higher than Mount Everest collecting dust on your desk.  

Your mother doesn't know whether to bin them or make them a part of the family. But why not put off that big term paper that was assigned at the beginning of the quarter? After all, it's 70 degrees outside, let's go cruising! So, off we go to enjoy the weather, spend time with friends, and have a GOOD TIME.  

A good time when, for instance we can forget about that evil institution SCHOOL. Just remember a few things first.  

There's only one week of school left. Shouldn't that term paper be right away so you will be able to save some of your creativity? Your instructor already thinks so poorly of you that she wouldn't give you a ride to the doctor, or she might salvage something to give you a ride to your own funeral. Also, you are paying for this.  

Whoever heard of throwing away good money for a bad grade? I can think of better ways to waste money, liking it off to Jim and Tammy Bakker. The summer break will be upon us soon, and after a few months none of you will be complaining that you want to come back.  

Procrastinating. On the other hand, it is really nice outside, I'd love to go downtown today, and besides, I can always start tomorrow...
**Letter to the editor:**

**I'm a human being**

I am responding to Mary Torcaso's letter (5), published May 4, I'm a heterosexual. I just not going to say whether I am a hetero or homosexual, because I do not want to get labeled for whether I am a heterosexual or homosexual. I'd like to ask, where did you get to establish that they or their friends are demonstrating and parades, they are chance you are talking about gay rights your facts? I don't know of any gay or avoiding being labeled, then she flaunts "privacy is one of the easiest ways to live through a "teenagehood" and eventually into adulthood, it's easy to lose perspective of what it is like to see things through a child's eyes. What little eyes see and hide and what their little ears hear is incredible. This became clear to me after listening to a dozen second and third grade disciplines about their views on marriage and divorce. Becky has parents currently undergoing "divorce treatment." Mom says my dad broke her heart "cause be wouldn't do anything with her. She wanted to go dancing, but he didn't want to. So she left and found a new dancing partner."