Brawl mars basketball game

Longview trip turns into Monday Night RAW

By Portia Aikens and Peter Bannan Staff Reporters

One basketball player has been expelled after a brawl following Monday night's basketball game at Lower Columbia Community College in Longview. Bruce Williams has been suspended and both teams have

been placed on probation by the league, the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Williams's visit to Lower Columbia's version of the NBA's First Night is a case study in bad form. The incident started under investigation by the league, and the basketball players and coaches consistently say they have never witnessed such a brawl in the last four years. After a brief comment game, with what Williams states was "a fight of a few people," another broke out on the court involving both players and fans.

While going through the ban, playing hands with the opposing players and coaches, and attempting to calm the situation down, Williams was hit in the face and kicked in the stomach.

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Speaker tells of Holocaust

By Joy Thrall
Staff Reporter

Larry Blades, a writing instructor here at Highline, presented a unique view of the Holocaust to a group of over 50 students on Feb. 9. His lecture was part of a series of speeches titled Honors Colloquy that is held in Building 7 every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Blades views the Holocaust as perhaps the most important event of the past century. He said that much contemporary philosophy is a response to the Holocaust.

"I decided I wanted to get away from the typical portrayal of the Holocaust," he said. "I decided that I want to focus on the positive side of the Holocaust."

He said that when most people view the Holocaust, they see the Jews as innocent and helpless.

People, especially Americans, tend to ask, "Why didn't they fight back?"

Blades said that we ignore the fact that the Jews did try to resist the Nazis.

"People often look at things in black and white, and they ignore the complexity of things such as the Holocaust," he said.

He gave an outline of the reasons why resistance was so hard to set up. These included the lack of a strategic base, lack of outside help due to anti-Semitism in the countries where Jews lived, a sense of collective responsibility (if Jews revolted, the Nazis would often kill their friends and families), and religious beliefs.

After showing how difficult it was for Jews to resist, Blades then pointed out the instances in which they did revolt against the Nazis.

They fought back in the ghettos without weapons by emphasizing their culture and religion. There were even instances of armed resistance both in the ghettos and in the concentration and death camps.

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Alarm on campus startles students

The campus alarm was set off Feb. 7 sometime in the early afternoon.

A contractor was doing some welding on campus and the heat set off the sensitive alarms startling students.

Compiled by Tahitha Yanez

Crime Blaster for week of Feb. 4 - Feb. 9

Ever heard of a bungee cord?

A Toyota parked in the east lot Feb. 3 was found by campus security with its trunk wide open. The trunk had tools, a spare tire, and other miscellaneous items inside. It was sitting out in the open.

Security tried to close the trunk, but the latch would not catch.

Bumper cars!

A student parked his '97 Nissan in the upper south lot Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. and returned to it at 2:30 p.m. only to find that the back bumper and been pushed out on both sides.

It was possible that someone hit it in the middle, perhaps believing the lot to be a bumper car arena.

I didn't see no stinkin' car

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Homosexuality: nature or nurture? Ex-gay man speaks out

By April Pennix-Garvin
Staff Reporter

Can sexual orientation be switched on and off like a light switch, or are our sexual preferences predisposed?

This question anchored a lecture by Robert Taylor, in Building 26 on Feb. 4.

The seminar, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, dealt with the circumstances and consequences of Taylor’s past homosexual life and the changes wrought when he began a personal relationship with Christ.

Taylor began with the story of a man he called David. After he concluded this story about “David’s” experience with homosexuality and reformation to heterosexuality, Taylor admitted that David was a non-existent character and that this was actually his own testimony.

The elements Taylor said had contributed largely to his homosexuality were the emotional and physical separation of his father, the loss of innocence due to molestation, and his parents’ eventual separation.

Through his relationship with Christ, counseling, support groups, and his church, believes he was able to leave the gay lifestyle and convert to a heterosexual one.

Taylor believes that while he wasn’t born gay, but that certain factors in his environment played a major role in his homosexuality.

Some audience members disagreed with Taylor’s five causes of homosexuality. Student Chris Brandmeir said that he thought Taylor’s theories contained “a significant amount of misinformation.”

“The environment making someone homosexual is a bunch of bull,” said Brandmeir. “He’s basing all homosexuality by his five steps and it just isn’t true. I don’t have any of those five attributes.”

“Homosexuality is not a sin,” he said. “In a question and answer period after the lecture, one audience member asked if Taylor believed Christianity was a cure for homosexuality.”

Taylor said he believed that it could be. “There is, through Christ, a way out of homosexuality,” Taylor said. “Homosexuality is one sin among many. It’s up to him (Jesus Christ) in time, to work with those issues. This goes for any sin. Just take out homosexuality and put your sin in its place,” he said.

In response to a question of whether or not Taylor believes there may be a homosexual gene, Taylor said that “they haven’t found a heterosexual gene to prove heterosexuality, let alone a gay gene to prove homosexuality.”

“Homosexuality is not a sin,” he said. “I think it’s an attribute and a gift,” said Brandmeir.

Some audience members, however, did agree with Taylor’s opinion.

“I believe this was a wonderful speech,” said student Angela Appleton. “It gives people hope and opportunity that they do have a choice, and that they aren’t predisposed to the gay lifestyle.”

Taylor did strive to point out that this was just his point of view, and that his purpose was to “challenge beliefs and give a different perspective to allow us open mind.”

He also commented on the benefits of diversity in our society, and urged that we continue in attempts to further that diversity.

“A group fails to be diverse when it can except homosexuality, and not except reformed homosexuality,” said Taylor.

“I recognize that there are Christians who don’t agree with what I say. There are different beliefs among people regarding this issue, I bring a different view,” said Taylor.

Speakers, films to promote Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Women’s Programs hopes to raise awareness

By Rachel Corella
Staff Reporter

Eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia are something that every student needs to know about, said Linda Zobrist.

Zobrist, from the Swedish Medical Center, will be speaking at Highline in Building 7 on Feb. 15 as part of this year’s Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

The event which will be recognized throughout the week of Feb. 12-19, is an effort that will be put on by Women’s Programs and the Counseling Center.

The week is a nationally recognized event sponsored by Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention (EDAP).

“Eating Disorder Awareness Week activities and events are designed to enhance public awareness of eating disorders and to challenge cultural attitudes and values contributing to eating disorders,” said EDAP, in Building 7. It will be followed by a discussion of the film’s themes.

Zobrist’s presentation will give information on types of eating disorders, cultural and media influences, and how to help a friend who has an eating disorder.

Zobrist definitely believes that eating disorders are more common than we might expect. “I think most college female struggle with some kind of body issues,” said Zobrist.

“They’re eating disorders are extremely common and they on its website.

Highline’s events include the viewing of a film entitled A Sense In Nell as well as a presentation by Zobrist.

The film is a documentary chronicling one young woman’s struggle with an eating disorder. The film has won numerous awards including Best Documentary at the USA Film and Video Festival.

The issue of eating disorders is addressed from the point of view of her family. It was awarded Best Documentary at the USA, Film and Video Festival and is 59 minutes long.

Dawn Merydith, coordinator of Women’s Programs, believes that this film gives a realistic portrait of the impact that an eating disorder can have on a family.

“This one problem that nobody takes seriously has severely affected the whole family,” said Merydith.

The film will be shown on Thursday, Feb. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cookie Room.

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“Movies, and advertising,” said Zobrist.

Men can also have problems with eating disorders, but they often go undiagnosed, according to Zobrist.

“Doctors don’t look for eating disorders as much in males as in females,” said Zobrist.

According to the EDAP, recent studies reveal that 81 percent of 10-year olds are afraid of being fat, and that eighth and ninth graders have reported that the ideal female proportions are 5’7” in height and between 100 to 115 pounds.

Supermodels seem to be the desired mold in which young girls seem to be trying to fit. “Society’s ideal image for men looks different, but it is just as unrealistic,” said Merydith.

Zobrist has her master’s degree in counseling and has been working as an eating disorder specialist for seven years. Both her presentation and the film viewing are free of cost and all are welcome.
Show some pep for Highline's players

It is a shame many students and staff do not take some time out of their schedules and show some pep for Highline athletes. It is very disappointing to attend a sporting event at this college and see the stands nearly bare. Although most student athletes are playing their sport for their own benefit, it would be good to show them some support.

Let's take our women's basketball team that is currently in first place and the men's basketball, which is in second place, as an example. Both teams are doing very well, but barely anyone is attending their games.

These athletes spend countless hours a week practicing for games. Hard work and effort deserves extra cheer. People on campus should take time to recognize the athletes who do so much to represent the school.

This doesn't mean that people should show up to sporting events and cheer obnoxiously for the players. When points are scored is the appropriate time to cheer. The people who attend the games and cause unwanted distractions are more annoying than supportive. Belittling the other team is not the proper way to support ours. Plus a lot of people bring their children and they don't need to be subjected to rowdy fans.

The pending renovation of the soccer field will make home games possible in that sport, too. And women's fastpitch is coming up soon. Show some support for Highline's athletes and try to attend a sporting event this year.

Let there be light, even at night

Finally there will be light on campus after dark. The lights that are currently installed are over 30 years old and have lost their shine. Many evening students fear walking to their cars because the campus now is very poorly lit.

Any type of educational establishment a student attends should be a safe environment. Some issues relating with safety measures are uncontrollable. Then there are others, such as lighting, that can be controlled.

It is comforting to know that the college recognized the lighting issue and is making a positive change. Construction will begin this summer on new light poles and sidewalks on campus. This may bother some staff and students during the summertime, but the end result is very worthwhile.

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The Island of Dr. Moreau

By Teresa C. Moreau

It's Valentine's, where's candy?

Yes it is once again almost Valentine's Day and I still do not have a Valentine. Actually I have never had one. Just for the record I am not writing this column as a desperate attempt to obtain one. Cupid just has yet to shoot any worthwhile arrows in my direction.

In the past I saw Valentine's Day as giving boxes of chocolates or flowers to that special someone. You know, the one who makes you feel gushy inside. I never had that special person, so in past the thoughts of this day made me bitter. That is, until this year.

I'm glad to know love does exist. Jennifer Valdez an 18-year-old student, feels that Valentine's Day is a day when you remember someone special. "Valentine's Day is when you think of special people," she said.

Valdez recently got together with the man she has had a crush on for a year. They were really good friends until last Thursday. That is when he decided to make Valdez his Valentine. Happy one week! Forty-one-year-old Karen Majorki thinks of her sweet husband on Valentine's day. "I still have the first gift he gave me for Valentine's Day," she said.

She keeps the heart-shaped soap, peacock feathers and box of candy as souvenirs. She met her husband at a bar and says that their marriage proves meeting someone in a bar isn't always bad.

Student Government student Kyle Manchoff says Valentine's Day is about love and caring. This Roman led a past girlfriend balloons and a rose petals message in her bedroom. Meanwhile, she was at a high school Toto winning the night away, as he blew up balloons. Kyle's Juliet is still to be announced.

This year Valentine's Day makes me happy. I'm glad people are still taking the time to do something special for the people they love. And I have decided to think about the people I care about. My friends, family, teachers and cats.

In a past life, Leonardo DiCaprio used Teresa as a flashlight device on the Titanic.
Hollywood serves cold leftovers

Year after year, Tinseltown shelves out rehash after rehash, sequel after sequel, and remake after remake. Hollywood, a town recognized for its liberal mentality, is in fact, more conservative than Pat Buchanan. Most unnecessary sequel: Beyond Poseidon Adventure. Not even a sequel really, but simply a cheap, uneven remake, that deservedly sank big at the box office.

Best Sequel: A three way tie with Terminator II: Judgment Day, The Empire Strikes Back, and Godfather II. Common theme here: the creative minds behind the originals (James Cameron, George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola) stayed on board, in some fashion, for the second outing.

Worst Sequel: Scream 3. The movie begins as Sydney, Gale and Dewey again get caught up in a string of murders, this time on the set of Scream 2, a movie inspired by the "real life" story of the characters who survived Scream and Scream 2.

This movie holds the same basic plot as the first two, a psycho is killing off the characters one by one, the whole time torturing Sydney and making failed attempts on her life. A few good looking newcomers, saved this movie from falling into straight-to-video oblivion. Unfortunately they everywhere will enjoy watching Scott Foley in a small but pivotal role. Unfortunatly he can't act, but he is OK to look at.

Patrick Dempsey comes back to the big screen fairly well. After gaining fame in the 80s for his nerd-turned-heartthrob role, he knows the blonde always dies in the beginning. It's OK though; just think of it like this: Jenny just went to blonde bombshell heaven with Drew Barrymore and Sarah Michelle Gellar. If you are OK with spending $7 to drool over some good looking actors for two hours, go see Scream 3.

Sorry boys, but if you remember the first two movies, you know the blonde always dies in the beginning. It's OK, though, just think of it like this: Jenny just went to blonde bombshell heaven with Drew Barrymore and Sarah Michelle Gellar. If you are OK with spending $7 to drool over some good looking actors for two hours, go see Scream 3.

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Staff Reporter

The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

Parker Posey, Courtney Cox-Arquette, and David Arquette gaze upon something surely shocking in Scream 3, whose only shock is that it actually managed to be worse than the first two.

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New film kills off mediocre series

By Ericka Wood

We all know how a trilogy works: the first movie sets the rules, the second movie bends the rules and in the third movie you can forget the rules.

As far as Scream 3 goes, don't forget the rules, forget the movie.

Director Wes Craven finally brings to a close this story of Sydney Prescott (Neve Campbell) and her ill-fated friends, TV tabloid journalist Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox-Arquette) and small town deputy turned Hollywood insider, Dewey Riley (David Arquette).

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The scenes that are intended to be funny are unoriginal, the kind where the annoying guy next to you is going to be able to say every punch line before the actors.

I know, however, that this is one of those "just have to see" type of movies, so if you aren't going to heed my advice, at least go to the matinee and save yourself $3.

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Winslet, Keitel star in strong new feature

By Patrick Alloern

Kate Winslet and Harvey Keitel make for an interesting duo in the new Miramax release Holy Smoke.

The movie was directed by Jane Campion (The Piano) and written by Campion and her sister Anna.

It's a story about a young woman, Ruth (Winslet), who travels to India on a trek to find herself.

She becomes involved in a cult and decides that her new life involves staying in India with the other devotees.

Ruth's parents find out and decide to hire the famed American spiritual expert F.F. Waters (Keitel) to save her daughter and show her how wrong her new friends are in their beliefs.

The plot is a realistic one, but...
Film tells of life in Bhutan during World Cup

By John Taylor
Staff Reporter

The Cup is the first ever movie made by Bhutan, a remote country on the border between Tibet and India. The film chronicles the true events that happened inside a Buddhist monastery during the World Cup in the summer of 1998.

In the beginning of the film, Lodo (Nen Chenhung) and his nephew Palden (Kunsang Nyima) have been sent to live in the monastery to avoid the political uprisings in China.

They quickly learn to adjust to the monastery's way of life until they meet Orgyen (Jamyang Lodro), who constantly asks them to sneak out of the temple with him to watch the World Cup games at a house where the games are being televised.

After refusing the first few offers, Lodo and Palden finally give in to Orgyen's pleas and go to the house to watch the game. But when they return, they find the head Buddhist monk Geko (Orgyen Tobgyal) is waiting at the gate.

Geko punishes the group by forcing them to do kitchen duty for a month, and warns them if they sneak out again they will be exiled from the monastery.

Since they can't risk sneaking out again, Orgyen asks Geko and the Abbot (Lama Chanjor) if they can bring a satellite dish and television into the monastery to watch the World Cup final.

Geko replies, "Two civilized men know that soccer is, soccer is," and agrees. "Two civilized nations fighting for a ball."

In the end, The Cup does not follow that up 13 years later with an equally spectacular film. The entire cast of the movie was made up of citizens and monks from Bhutan. Some of the cast were the actual monks who were in the monastery when the World Cup was taking place, but they did not play themselves.

The movie did have its high points of unexpected comedy. When the Abbot asks Geko what football (or as the American culture knows it, soccer) is, Geko replies, "Two civilized nations fighting for a ball."

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Boston band prepares for Seattle

The Slip tours in support of their latest release, From the Gecko

Alana Slayton
Staff Reporter

Jazzy lounge music with an alternative edge, The Slip has a hard sound to label. In their CD, From the Gecko, they prove that they do not belong under any specific musical category.

Andrew Barr (percussion), Marc Friedman, and Brad Barr (guitar, keys, vocals) create a unique trio of versatile talents. After meeting at Berklee School of Music in Boston, the three joined up and decided to focus exclusively on their music.

By doing so, The Slip has created a sound that can not be easily compared to any high-profile band today. On From the Gecko they successfully add Cuban and African rhythms in seven songs, which provides a little unexpected extra fuel.

Sister Seven fails in latest full-length

By John Taylor
Staff Reporter

Going to the music store to purchase a new CD by a new artist is an avid hobby for many music lovers.

But if they are going to go out and buy the second album by Sister Seven, they should also buy a bottle of aspirin for the headache they will receive from the realization that they just spent $16 on music that they will never listen to again.

Sister Seven will release their album Wrestling Over Tiny Matters in late March.

It is a thirteen-track album that has no original sound and lyrics that are sometimes difficult to understand.

The melody sounds very familiar to that of Milli Vanilli's songs from the late 80's. If it is the music that the music lover is after, they can buy the works of Milli Vanilli for $7.99.

The lyrics in their songs Under the Radar, and Elijah are tough to make out and the lyrics that can be understood make absolutely no sense. Some songs were harder to follow than Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" and any Three Tenors performance combined.

February performances set for symphony

By An Nguyen
Staff Reporter

Highline music instructor Dr. Paul Mori also moonlights as the Music Director of the Rainier Symphony.

Mori spent his time between being an instructor at Highline and directing the over 70 piece non-profit orchestra. Although the orchestra members are volunteers, they must audition and have a strong background in music.

Mori has juggled both positions since 1996.

He earned his doctorate in orchestral conduction in Baltimore, MD.

He attended Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University. This season's "Festival of Music" includes the upcoming concert, entitled Masterpieces. The show will include classics by Weber, Haydn, and Brahms.

The Rainier Symphony will perform at Kentwood High School on Saturday, Feb 12 at 7:30 p.m. and at Foster High School on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are $6 for students. For more information, call 206-781-5618.
Valentine's Day is a day to show some one that you love them, but others wallow in their self-pity on this glorious holiday. Feb. 14 was originally set aside to honor the sanctity of marriage, back in the day when Rome was under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, who campaigned in many unpopular wars. In need of all the men available to fight for his cause, the tyrant cancelled all marriages and engagements, thereby increasing his time. In lieu of this hasty cancellation, a priest by the name of St. Valentine aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples. Unfortunately the emperor caught wind of the priest's defiance against his decree. St. Valentine was apprehended and condemed to be beheaded. That day happened on none other than Feb. 14th.

Many find Valentine's Day to be a time in which couples celebrate their love and devotion to one another. To take time in our busy schedules by showing our significant others what they mean to us. Then there are those who, well, don't.

Some feel that this holiday is worthless and a waste of time. They find it difficult to part with their hard earned cash. Money spent on frivolous trinkets of all sorts and not to mention all the "cheesy" love cards and candies that say "Be Mine." Could we let a poor man die in vain? He who sacrificed his life to bring justice to those who were unjustly done?

Look deeper within yourselves. What would society be like now if we didn't have the ability to marry the ones that we loved? All the poor souls who are unattached are walking about the paraphernalia bomed at them in the shopping mall in rays of pink. Life isn't always fair. If you aren't one of the lucky ones to have received a card or a bouquet of flowers from someone special, don't despair it will only last 24 hours, you'll get over it.

Be happy though if your mom does present you with a gift. Unless there are deeply rooted issues within, I couldn't understand the hostility I encountered when merely asking what people's plans were for V-Day. Now I realize that not everyone has someone special to celebrate it with, but the bitterness must surely be done away with! Love is a good thing. Be joyous and celebrate it.

Yong Ellis is a Thunderword staff photographer, and despite her disclaimers, something of a romantic. Ericka Wood is a Thunderword staff reporter who worries too much about her hair.

The flowers are wilted, he didn't even take the "half-price" sticker off, half of the chocolates are missing, though he swears he's sorry, but he was just flustered in the car. He takes you to the latest Jean Claude Van Damme or Steven Segal bloodfest in the theater, only to add, after the movie if it would be all right if you went over to his buddy's house for a while because he just got a new Sega Dreamcast.

And this my friends, is a realistic description of Valentine's Day. Forget the movies or the cheesy love stories, we all know that in the real world your chance of him surprising you with a romantic dinner for two at the fanciest restaurant in town is somewhere between zero and, well, zero. First, let me just state that Valentine's Day is the most ridiculous, over-commercialized joke of a holiday there is. It seems that the day after Christmas you walk into the store only to be bombarded by Pepto-Bismol-pink paraphernalia.

The actual intention of this holiday is seemingly a good one, a day set aside to tell your loved ones just how much you care about them. HELLO? Don't you get it, even that's a sham. A bunch of guys in suits with window offices perpetuate this holiday only because it fills their pocketbooks.

The horrific occurrences of Valentine's Day begin in elementary school, though every student brings every other student a Valentine, someone is always short-changed. You can even see the disappointment in the eyes of those little kindergartners, when the person they are most fond of gives them the little Valentine, and gives a big one to Stacey the crayon queen, or Billy the king of the jungle gym. It only gets worse as years go by. In junior high, no one wants to send anyone a Valentine for fear of the ultimate humiliation, rejection.

High school has to take the cake though. When some girls are walking around with huge bouquets of flowers and other girls aren't going to get a Valentine that doesn't say "Love, Mom" on the inside. So, as you go about your Valentine's Day, whether you will be receiving unforgettable gifts from someone (besides your mom), or wallowing in self pity for 24 hours straight (which is completely acceptable on Valentine's Day), fall right up there with the day you get your wisdom teeth pulled, remember the true meaning of the day. As for my Valentine's Day plans, I'm thinking a movie marathon, Carrie, Silence of the Lambs, and maybe a documentary of the 9-11. So, what are you doing with your Valentine's Day?
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Karrghh! I'm gonna eat you!!

Wahhh, Kid! Hold on! I'm *just* joking!!

Sorry, Men, But you don't need to call me names.

Dude, shut up! That IS you yelling!!

Gaaaaahhh!!

**Where it's at**

- *Mr. Death,* previously reviewed in the T-Word, opens at the U.S. Theatre on Feb. 11. *Mr. Death* is a documentary about Fred Luechter, an engineer who's claim to fame is his designs for electric chairs and lethal injection machines.
- *Wrestling,* a writers' group, critiques and provides exercises for writers. The group is scheduled to meet Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at Valley View Library. For more information, call 206-424-6044.
- *Talk Time,* an English conversation class, meets every Wednesday until March. 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. The goal of the class is to meet new people and improve your English. The class is co-sponsored by Valley View Library and Literacy America. For more information call 206-664-4996.

This week in celebrity birthdays...

- Sleepy Hollow actress Christina Ricci turns 20 on Feb. 12.
- Feb. 12 also marks the birthday of former talk show host (and current phone company pitchman) Arsenio Hall, who was born in 1955.
- The Simpsons creator Matt Groening celebrates his 46th birthday on Feb. 15.
- Also born on Feb. 15 is Italian mathematician and physicist Galileo Galilei. Born in 1564, Galileo was found guilty of heresy in 1633 and placed under house arrest until his death in 1642.

**Crossword 101**

"Feline Frenzy" By Ed Canty

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**Quoteable Quote**

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Thunderbirds advance five to nationals

By Evan Heck

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By K.M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbirds won two straight games at home against teams that were at the bottom of the division before suffering a brutal loss at the hand of the Lower Columbia Red Devils.

The three games leave the T-Birds with a league record of 10-3, good enough for a slim half-game lead for second place in the Western Region. Also, the games began a rough stretch in the schedule of five games in 10 days, three of which are against some of the league's top teams.

The stretch began with a home game against South Puget Sound, in which the T-Birds used stifling defense to set the tone in a 69-51 win. "We had a good defensive effort," Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said. "I was pleased." Yuaf Aziz kept up his trademark, playing an extremely strong all-around game, with 15 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and five steals. Bruce Williams scored 18 points, Tom Hubbard scored 12 with eight rebounds, and Michael Moore distributed the ball well, with 10 assists.

Three days later, Highline hosted Peace, which had only out for divisional play. The Raiders played tough in the first half, but we played overall an extremely good game for 40 minutes, and we go our offense going in the second half," Albrecht said. Williams fell just short of a triple-double, with 18 points, eight rebounds and eight assists to go with three steals. Yuaf Aziz scored 21 points and five steals, and Moore scored 12 points with five rebounds and six assists.

The next game was to be a test of the team's heart, heading into a tough matchup with Lower Columbia. It was a very physical game, full with extremely hostile crowd and occasional vocal outbursts between players, fans, and coaches. Highline kept its composure perhaps better than it has all year, keeping tight in the face of adversity before falling at the end by a score of 102-97.

"We didn't do a very good job defensively," Albrecht said. "Any time you give up 102 points, that's obviously a very good job.

Albrecht added that the team did well offensively, but didn't do what it needed to do defensively to win a tough road game.

"We had 22 points with 15 rebounds, a season-high; Williams scored 23 with five assists; and Hubbard poured in 21 points, many of which were in a key stretch run. Moore continued in a string of solid games, with 12 points, including a big three-point bucket late, and nine assists. Justin Thompson led the way for the Red Devils, with 14 points, 15 rebounds, and 4 assists; Marvin Noble scored 25 with six rebounds and six boards; and Larry Guest had a triple-double, with 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists to go with six steals.

But, despite the prolific offensive totals for both teams and key shots throughout, the main aspect of the game for viewers was its physicality. The game was consistently subject to an extreme amount of trash talking and thuggish behavior, primarily coming from the Lower Columbia players, bench, and fans. In the game's earlier moments, officials warned both coaches of trash talking taking place between Williams and Noble, yet they did nothing further to help curtail it.

Shortly after the warning, Williams received contact to his facial area while fighting for an offensive rebound and hit the ground. As is typical in a situation with a player who appears injured, the officials stopped the game. Lower Columbia Coach Jim Roffler began complaining about his fast break that my player being hurt, so I had some things to say to him, and he had some stuff to say to me, and we got kind of in each other's face.

The incident seemed to open the floodgates. Everything suddenly became a personal battle for players and fans, and throughout the second half, it appeared as if it was solely an intimidation contest.

Midway through the second half, an episode happened as the free throw line where a cluster of players needed to be separated by officials. No technical fouls were called during either team during any skirmishes, even when Lower Columbia players took it upon themselves to push stationary Highline players waiting for free throws around for no legitimate reason.

Then, after the game, all hell broke loose. As the players and coaches went through the customary handshake line, an argument broke out in the middle of the line. Within 30 seconds, a clump of people, comprised of about 30 Lower Columbia fans, four Lower Columbia players, three Highline players, and a Highline manager surged toward the Lower Columbia locker room.

"Throughout the game, there was nothing else going on, and there was one point in the game where their coach got in my brother's face, and just un-called for stuff," Adam Aziz said. "Usually, in a game, you talk a little bit, and after the game, it's all love, it's all done with, but they were saying stuff just to blatantly disrespect us.

"After the game, we went through the line to shake hands, and something was said, and Guest pushed Bruce, or someone like that, and he tried to swing at me, and from there, stuff just got out of control; everybody just started throwing blows," he added. "It's unfortunate, what had to happen, but in a situation like this, it's like, when I see my brother in there, and Darnell (Jonas), who's basically my little brother too, and my teammate Bruce, you gotta do what you gotta do; it's unfor-tunate, but they had fans on the floor and everything, and somebody could've really gotten hurt.

Some people pointed the blame directly at Williams, but Albrecht had a very clear viewpoint on the issue.

"Bruce was right next to me, and you'll get conflicting stories from both sides, but Mr. Williams was by my side, and by the time we got down there to try and pull everybody off, there was 20 to 30 people down them," Albrecht said. "For that report to say that, it's kind of three different reports of three different things.

Returning from the battle, so to speak, the season continues, and remains just as tough as the final three league games.

Results from last night's game at Centralia were unavailable at press time. On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Thunderbirds host Clark. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m., and the game is a special family night, with pregame festivities featuring the Sonics' Squatch and Chuck E. Cheese, beginning at 5 p.m.
Lady T-Birds lead division after three wins

By Jahmal Comer
Staff Reporter

Still reminiscing about the Super Bowl? Forget about it, the real game took place Wednesday, Feb. 2, in our own Pavilion.

The Highline women’s basketball team took on the South Puget Sound Clippers, and put on a show worthy of Broadway acclaim or another Oscar. It was a prelude to later victories over Pierce and Lower Columbia.

The game didn’t open with the familiarity of most home games. Specifically, the Thunderbirds were trailing after 10 minutes.

The Clippers took it to them early with their imposing presence that towered high above any T-Bird defender. South Puget’s guards also made an early statement, continually hurting Highline with long range jump shots.

The half ended with the T-Birds trailing 28-36. A sense of apprehension seemed to accompany the long walk to the locker room.

Highline was facing a team that could play with them, and they knew it.

The Thunderbirds returned to the court for the second half rejuvenated and ready to go.

Chandre Rathke started the third quarter with a baseline jumper, and Kristin Zompetti fearlessly pulled the trigger on three consecutive three-pointers that got Highline going.

Zompetti finished with four triples, as her knack for shooting the rock proved second nature.

“I never worry about having the green light,” she said. “The coach told me from the beginning (of the season) he wanted me to shoot more.”

The fourth quarter was one to behold. Both teams tirelessly answered the bell like two prizefighters willing their way to the end.

Chandre Rathke hit another big jumper from the corner-pocket, tying the game at 72-72.

After South Puget took the lead by a deuce, Lisa Milne came up with a big steal and a score to even things up.

She would again play the passing lanes resulting in another lay-up, putting Highline ahead 76-73.

With ten seconds left South Puget in-bounded from the sideline, and when Rathke missed a free throw, the winner was decided.

Milne calmly drained two free throws sealing the deal, 77-76.

The contest left little room for words. Only a dissection from Cal-Jean Lloyd.

“It was a game of sports,” she said. “That’s basically what happened, we had one big one.”

Loyd gave her own opinion of what was key.

“It was all about defense,” she said. “That’s what the coach talked about at halftime, we had to make adjustments.”

For an encore the Thunderbirds spanked Pierce 74-50, on Saturday Feb. 5. And despite squandering a 17-point lead managed to slip by Lower Columbia 75-73.

Among other players Dru White took some positives from the stretch.

“We’re showing a lot of confidence and patience right now,” she said. “We’re doing a great job of holding teams off.”

Results from Wednesday Feb. 9, against Centralia were not as per our wish. Highline will have its hands full Saturday Feb. 12, when they host Clark, the co-leader in the Western division.

They’ll have a week off before concluding the season against Grays Harbor Saturday, Feb. 19, on the road.

Zompetti shines in new shooting guard position

By Pete Wilson
Staff Reporter

Being an all-around basketball player is more than being able to shoot well or dribble circles around people. One must first have a strong defensive game in order to be successful.

This is exactly what freshman Kristin Zompetti has discovered in her trip to Highline to play for this year’s women’s basketball team.

“Kristin has been beneficial to the team,” said co-captain Druzella White.

Since making her decision, Zompetti has graduated from point guard to shooting guard.

“Kristin comes off the bench play-ball after Highline or not.”

White took away some positives from her shooting guard assignment.

“Kristin’s parents didn’t play basketball, so she was on her own to figure out the basics of the game. Although, growing up with an older brother constantly gave her someone to play against.

“My brother and I were very competitive when we were growing up,” said Zompetti. “I used to have a hard time beating him, but now that’s not the case.”

Zompetti caught on quick and in high school played point guard, pushing the ball up the court and directing the offense.

With that position already taken by several talented women at Highline, Zompetti was left with only one decision: find a new position. For Zompetti, shooting guard was a golden opportunity and proved to be just the spot for her shooting skills.

“I like playing off the ball better now,” she said. “It gives me the chance to shoot more.”

And shoot she does. Zompetti plays her position with a lot of confidence.

“After I hit my first two shots, I just know that the ones to follow are going in too,” she said.

The 5-foot, 5-inch tall Zompetti graduated from Kennedy High School in June 1999 and had every intention of playing basketball at the community college level but was unsure on which one at first.

“I attended an open gym session at South Puget Sound along with some sessions here at Highline,” said Zompetti. “I didn’t feel at home down in Olympia. Plus, Highline was much closer to home so I chose to come here.”

Since making her decision, Zompetti has been beneficial to this year’s T-Birds and is appreciated by her teammates for all her hard work.

“No one goes will help me choose to play ball after Highline or not.”

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Vote paints Washington in primary colors

By Alyson Martin
Staff Reporter

Washington citizens will be able to have their first say in this year's presidential race on Feb. 29. Both the Republican and Democratic parties will hold their respective primaries on that day, with the party caucuses just one week later on March 7.

The presidential primary is the first step in selecting candidates to go to the national nominating conventions for each party. Each registered voter in Washington is able to select either a Republican, a Democrat, or an unaffiliated ballot. The two major party ballots have only that party's candidates, whereas the unaffiliated ballot has candidates from each party on it.

According to Arlene Hilmer, the vice chairwoman of the Washington State Republican Party, 12 out of the state's 37 delegates will be selected from the Republican primary. The remaining delegates will be selected at the party's caucuses.

The Democratic primary is a little different. Their primary is non-binding, meaning that they don't select any candidates at all. Jim Kainbein, the executive director of the State Democratic Party, said that the Democratic National Committee ruled against a plan brought forth last summer that would have allowed for the selection of delegates in Washington State. The DNC only allows for delegate selection in Iowa and New Hampshire, and then nothing until after Super Tuesday (March 7, the date that 14 states hold their primaries on the same day).

That leaves the Democratic party as a beauty contest.

One question that seems to be on the minds of many is whether the unaffiliated vote will really count for anything. While it is a good choice to let the two major parties know who our citizens support, neither of the parties are required to include independent voters in their counts.

The "independent vote counts for absolutely nothing," Hilmer said. She also said that one reason for this might be that the party is in the job, even duty, of the party to select its delegates. And by taking into consideration the votes of those who choose not to associate themselves to only one party, it might distort the desired outcome of whether the actual party members.

The Secretary of State's office, which oversees elections in Washington, suggested that the independent candidate could have influence on delegate allocations when they are completed at the state conventions in June.

The caucuses are completely different than the primaries. At caucuses, for either the Republican or Democratic primary, voters cast votes on delegates who will support certain presidential candidates. These delegates then go on to the state conventions, and possibly then to their respective party's national conventions in the summer.

Hilmer said that the first thing one must do upon entering a Republican caucus is to sign and take an oath to be a Republican (ill death do you part!). This might pose a problem for the unaffiliated voter, but unlikely, the price one must pay to attend the caucus for the Republican Party.

After the oath, the party platform is read. Then it is opened up for discussion, allowing everyone to voice his or her opinion on what issues they feel to be most important.

Kainbein calls the caucuses a "vehicle for electing delegates," as well as one of the "last vestiges of a real grass-roots opportunity."

A night at the Democratic convention is very similar to the Republican version. Both select delegates to go to the next level, and both conduct open discussions about their party's platform. One is required to sign a vow to a caucus, the other to sign a vow to their Democratic Party at their caucuses also.

You have to be a registered and have gone to them. If you're not already registered to the party, you can't really do much unless you want to be in person, and it must be done no later than Monday, Feb. 14.

The closest King County Elections Department is located in the Nation Center building on Fourth and James. It will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and Friday, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. They will also have extended hours on Monday, staying open until 6 p.m."

Mascot Network pitches campus intern site

By Alana Slayson
Staff Reporter

Internet company wants to sell Highline a student-centered website.

The service is $5,000 a year, less than $1 per student, and the first year is provided for free. Which leads to the question: is this something the college could produce ourselves on campus for less money?

Anderson doesn't think so. She said that without the resources, timeline, and staff available to create something as good as Mascot Network's product it might be considered worth the investment.

"We want a partnership on campus, making a service students run themselves," explained Mascot representative Jason Palmer. Will Highline decide to join with Mascot Network? No decision has been made. But should this be the future of Highline in the 21st century it would only take eight weeks to build and become available to Highline students, most likely going into effect Fall Quarter 2000.

The company would plan to become very involved with the school of the site. Advertising on campus, providing literature and promotions to ensure everybody is familiar with what is now available to them.

For more information check out www.mascot.com for their demonstration site.
Tet celebration rings in the new year

By Au Nguyen
Staff Reporter

The Tet celebration at Highline had everything that comes with any other ethnic event that happens at Highline. Everything that members work very hard to put together an event to share Highline, there is always the group of people for others.

Analysis

Highline:

The organizers and the club members work very hard to put together an event to share their cultures and customs and there is always the group of people who seem to lack respect for others.

On a more positive note,

The Tet festival had an excellent turnout from the Asian student body.

The program included singing performances, a cultural fashion show, and a raffle drawing for a CD burner.

Although the performance seemed a little choppy and disconnected at times, the highlight of the program had to be the Tet fashion show, the traditional red envelopes and the yellow "Bong Mai" flower, which symbolize good luck.

The audience did very well and it seems that everyone put time to rehearse.

This year faculty advisors are educational planning advisors Nga Pham and Denny Steussy, coordinator of student programs.

"Everything was good, needs some improvements with the sound system, but there was not much we could do," said Nga Pham.

"Congratulations to Khoo Nguyen on winning the CD recorder.

The audience did not seem as attentive as they could have been, which may have been possibly because of the language barrier. It would be difficult to understand or even enjoy the music since the language is unfamiliar.

The students were seemingly getting restless, and when the Vietnamese Student Association President Miyoung Tran announced that the final song was about to be sung, and the show would then end, someone faintly uttered, "Finally."

That was the general reaction from the audience, but other students reacted differently.

"...The performance was. Good for awareness and pleasant to listen to," Student Association President Marta Drobn said.

The Vietnamese choir dressed beautifully in traditional dress, sang about the New Year.

"It motivates people of other cultures to do the same," she said.

When the audience has insufficient knowledge about a culture, or do not know where they are coming from, everything seems awkward and foreign.

Overall, the event was festive and gave Highline students an insight on Vietnamese culture.
Hall's body recovered

The Vernon County Coroner's Office released the name of the identified body recovered from Lake Anna on Monday, according to the Sheriff's Office. The body was found in a wooded area behind the Bigolino residence, which was Megan Hall, 19, who was a student at Highline College.

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