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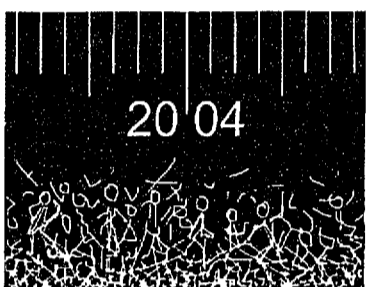
Highline students favor Kerry

But campus unsure about other races

By **Cabrina Ream**
staff reporter

Highline students seem to lean toward John Kerry for president, according to an informal election survey.

Some 70 students were sur-



Count the vote

veyed around campus this week. The survey is not scientific, but does indicate what some students are feeling as the election draws near.

Highline Democrats will be happy to hear that Kerry is currently in the lead with 50 percent favoring the senator and only 37 percent favoring George W. Bush.

Many students say they're leaning toward Kerry because of their strong opposition to the war in Iraq, with both family and friends overseas.

"My cousin is in Iraq," said student Alice Lee. "I want someone in office that I can trust."



For full coverage of this year's election see stories on pages B1-8, plus A11-12.

Economic problems also seem to sway Highline voters towards Kerry. Tiffany McGuyer plans on

giving her vote to Kerry for just this reason, as well as a strong disagreement with the war.

Those who are voting for Bush, however, tend to take a strong stand on the fact that they believe Kerry is "wishy-washy" and "unpredictable."

"Kerry doesn't seem like an acceptable candidate to me," said Darryl Hamilton. "I don't know what he intends to do."

Most answered quickly when asked about who they planned on voting for president, but seemed slightly more hesitant when asked about the U.S. Senate or Washington's governor.

Roman Lopez said he favors neither Democrat Patty Murray nor Republican George Nethercutt for U.S. Senate. "I went Libertarian on that one," he said.

Most responses came back as "I don't know," or "who's running?"

The majority vote for governor went to Republican Dino Rossi with 15 votes, and the Senate vote went to Nethercutt with 11 votes. Those who were currently undecided or uneducated as to who was running, claimed they planned on voting for whoever represented their Republican or Democratic party.

Few people admitted their plans not to vote in the Nov. 2

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Weather or Not?



Thursday
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Des Moines taxes could tax college budget

By **Amanda Downs**
staff reporter

Two proposals being discussed by the Des Moines City Council tonight could make or break Highline's budget.

One proposal involves a \$75 head tax per employees on all businesses in the Des Moines area.

The second proposal involves charging \$2 to park in areas such as beaches and parks.

The meeting will be held tonight at the Des Moines City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Ave. S., Suite B at 7 p.m.

Highline is considered a Des Moines business and could be affected by the head tax proposal; with more than 1,000 employees on campus, the school would have to pay a hefty fine for the faculty and staff if the City Council agrees to pass the new year's budget.

College officials said that the



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head tax would cut into Highline's already sliced budget for services and programs.

"Highline's budget has been cut by the State every year for the past three years," said Lisa Skari, executive director for institutional advancement. "Having a head tax on our employees here would be an extra stress on our resources."

Along with the head tax pro-

posals, Highline's lots could also be subject to the \$2 parking tax.

However frightening the proposals sound, Des Moines Mayor Bob Scheckler said that the ideas aren't set in stone.

"The proposals are just in the discussion phase right now," said Scheckler.

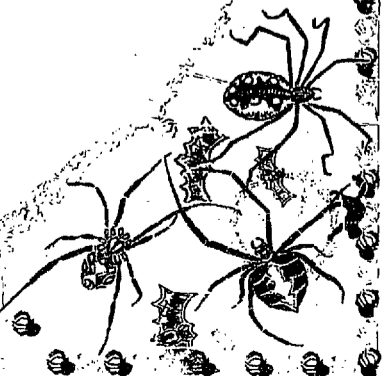
Whether Highline will be

affected or will be determined by the City Council.

City Council member Richard Benjamin does not favor the proposals because of the negative impact they would bring to Highline.

"Highline is one of the top five important institutions in Des Moines," said Benjamin, "and it would be the greatest one affected by

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CSI: Student Services gets scary
HIGHLINE

Car stolen from North Lot

A Honda Accord was reported stolen from the north lot. It was stolen on Oct. 25 around 3:15 p.m.

Another Honda was broken into that day.

The glove box was opened, and trunk latch forced open, but nothing was reported stolen.

Fingers injured in accident

A staff member was hurt while lifting a piece of metal when another piece fell on his hand, cutting two fingers and possibly breaking some.

Campus theft

A computer monitor was stolen from Building 23.

There was no forced entry but the wires were cut.

The monitor was noticed missing around 10 p.m on Oct. 22.

Student taken to hospital

A student reported shortness of breath and back pain on Oct. 24.

Fire District 26 responded. They waited until the student was taken to Valley Medical Center by ambulance.

A staff member was also transported to Valley Hospital. He complained of dizziness and getting sick on Oct. 20.

Illness is cause of hospital visit

A person with mild MS had to be transported to Virginia Mansion Medical Center.

She had loss of balance and numbness of the right side.

- Compiled By Ryan Barkley



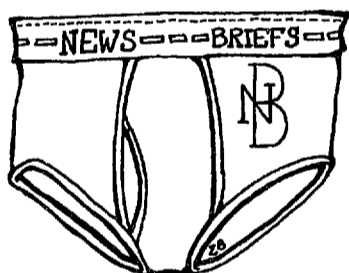
Photos by Sara Loken

From right to left: Laura Westergard, Jackie Velknap, and Diana Baker get dressed up in costume for Halloween and a yummy potluck on Tuesday in Building 6.



Above: Steven Seeman on left and Josh Magallanes as the Dantes Inferno Director of Low Admissions

Below: Carolyn Sinay as a skeleton bride, and Sharon Daniels as a busy bee.



Politics through the arts

The music department is getting involved with politics as they present "Artists and Politics 2004."

The program will feature Misha Van De Veire from the Arts Department and his politically inspired drawings followed by a short talk on arts and politics.

Electro-acoustic music will accompany a recording of a

Dick Cheney speech.

Shannon Proctor, speech professor, will give a conservative's response.

It will be held today in Building 4, room 104 at 1:10 p.m.

For more information contact Sydney Stegall at 206-878-3710, ext. 3880.

Baughter on brain injuries

Science Seminar explores the traumatic effects of brain injuries.

Professor Bob Baughter will be the presenter as he shows the consequences of bumping the head.

It will be this Friday in Building 3, room 102, from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact

Eric Baer at 206-878-3710, ext. 3512.

UW School of Business here

The University of Washington School of Business will be hosting a workshop for students who are intending to transfer into the program. The workshop will be this Tuesday, Nov. 2 in Building 19, room 108. It will be from 1-2 p.m.

To attend the workshop you must pre-register at the transfer center or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3936.

How to balance work and life

If midterms are starting to stress you out, there's workshop that will teach how to balance life and work.

The speaker will be Sandra Wright, and executive personal life coach.

She will teach ways and strategies to achieve a balanced life, said Erik Tingelstad, director of career and employment services.

The workshop is today in Building 23, room 111, from 12:10 to 1 p.m.

Like to take pictures?

The Thunderword needs photographers.

If interested, see us for all the details in Building 10, room 106 or e-mail thunderword@highline.edu

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Midway will disappear in winter

By Tanner Weber

staff reporter

Overflow parking at the Midway lot will end after Fall Quarter, as the Lowe's hardware chain prepares to build a new store there.

Highline's lease was cancelled earlier this year and the Lowe's company has been leasing the property since February. Parking there was supposed to end as of Fall Quarter, but construction was delayed while North Carolina-based Lowe's negotiates with the city of Kent over environmental and traffic impacts of the project.

"Applications have been submitted but no permits have been given to Lowe's at this point," said Nathan Torgelson, economic developer for the city of Kent.

"The Lowe's corporation has been undergoing the largest expansion in company history. There were 130 new stores opened in 2003, 140 new stores opened in 2004, and we plan to open 150 in the year 2005," said Jennifer Smith, spokeswoman for Lowe's at its Mooresville, N.C. headquarters.



File photo

Student vehicles fill up the Midway lot; parking will be difficult when the drive-in is no longer available.

Citing company policy, Smith declined to comment on Lowe's plans for the Midway site, since no official announcement has been made.

Kent officials say that construction, which was expected to start around Thanksgiving,

has been set back and if the applications are approved won't be starting until the beginning of the new year.

"Lowe's has submitted their application for environmental review, as required by the State Environmental Policy Act

(SEPA)," said Sharon Clamp, planner for the city of Kent.

Clamp said approval of such projects takes various amounts of time. A public hearing on the application was held on Wednesday.

More retail development

could be coming to the area.

The developer of the Lowe's project, Los Angeles-based Robertson Property Group, is currently negotiating to acquire the adjacent south lot. The company was unavailable for comment.

Students advised to plan ahead when transferring

By Catherine Matsuura

staff reporter

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college from Highline need to plan, college officials say.

"Many times students come to college and they have an idea of what they want to do, but they just don't know how to narrow it down," said Highline educational planner Denny Steussy.

Highline gives students the option to explore many academic avenues.

For instance, if a student is a communication major he or she may look into the arts, writing, or television.

"The key thing is to narrow the focus by going to the web and finding colleges in the student's area of interest, and finding out what is being offered," Steussy said.

The student's next step is to sit down and talk with someone at the college of their choice, and see what is necessary to help them achieve their goals.

It's also helpful to talk to

someone working in the student's area of interest to see what it takes to get there.

"While the student is attending Highline he or she is being prepared to meet the expectations, challenges, and competition of the four year college," Steussy said.

Steussy gave students an educational planning sheet along with a transfer checklist to serve as a guide. He talked with students about their mandatory requirements at Highline in order to meet the 90-credit requirement.

"A lot of students get confused in the area of methods I and II on the planning sheet. There are two ways this can be done.

"For example, in the area of Social Sciences a student can earn his or her credits two ways," Steussy said.

Under method I, the student must take four classes and earn 20 credits each in arts, sciences and social sciences.

Method II allows the student to take 15 credits in each area, plus 15 credits in the students'

emphasis or major field.

Steussy stressed to students that if they were thinking of attending a private or out of state college, make sure that Highline's credits are transferable.

"It's your responsibility as a student to prepare yourself for the four year college. Get an adviser early to help you plan.

"After you have obtained 60 credits, come back to us for an assessment to see if you're meeting all the requirements, but the responsibility is still yours," Steussy said.

To find out more about what's going on, click onto Highline's website, then go to upcoming events.

Students can see what workshops are available to them to help them prepare for their academic future.

"It's like buying a car, do you buy the first thing you see, or do you plan? It's the same thing with planning for your academic future and choosing the right college," Steussy said.

The Transfer Center is located in the upper level of Building 6.

Men encouraged to take women's classes

By Oksana Melnik

staff reporter

Rosemary Adang wants more men to take women's study courses.

Adang, who is a women's course studies instructor, says that there are not enough men taking those courses.

"Women's study courses are not just for women," said Adang.

Many men at Highline say that they would not take a women's study course. Out of about 30 openings in a women's study course anywhere from 0-2 of them will be filled by men.

"I don't want to be singled out," said student Ian Stephenson.

"Women are half of every man's life. Women's studies is a great opportunity for men to take time to learn more about women as a social group," she said

In most women's study courses, students learn about women's social, creative, economic and political lives to understand how gender shapes their experience. The classes

also cover gender roles, sexuality, self-image and power to see how women are socially constructed.

"I create a climate where people are not allowed to jump on peers for having an opinion. Most women appreciate that men want to learn about them, and are usually protective of them," said Adang.

Male students who took the class said great things about it.

"At first I was worried but by the second day I was intrigued, the class is a great learning experience, I learned so many things that I never even realized," said Jerome Healy, who took the course last year.

"If more men took courses with women as a focus, that could lead to a more just, equitable world and a better personal level, better understanding between men and the women that fill up half of their lives," said Adang.

If any students are interested in taking a women's Course there will be a few this winter quarter, where the instructors will be offering CGG 200, introduction to women's studies.

Editorial

Voting Highline style

Highline students should participate in the 2004 vote, though participating doesn't necessarily mean just showing up. With only a few days before elections, now is the time to ask questions about voting. Here are a few that come to mind:

"When should I vote?" This is an easy one to answer. Elections are always held the first Tuesdays of November. In this case, it's Nov. 2 and the polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Seeing as how that's a school day, everyone should at least be aware that they have to vote at sometime during the day. Force yourself to make time to visit your designated voting area. This brings us to the next question.

"Where do I find the voter's box?" Good question. The place where you should vote (if you have registered) should be listed on your voting registration card matching your district with a specific government institution, like a school.

If you have no clue where to vote, then a good thing to do would be to check out an official website for your county; in the case of King County it would be this website at <https://www.metrokc.gov/elections/pollingplace/birthday.aspx>.

"Who (or what) should I vote for?" This is the main event. Some homework on the candidates and their policies would be useful but the problem is that there are so many issues floating around out there; all that inundation of information can be stressful.

"How do I find information?" Anywhere. With it being so close to election, it's almost impossible to get hit with the subject, either in everyday conversation or through TV.

Students should get a head start while they still can. There are websites out there that can explain the candidates and their plans for specific issues. The facts are there, but you have to look for it.

Data on the presidential candidates should be easy to find. Usually any news website (international, like CNN, or local, <https://access.wa.gov>) will provide some information on the candidates.

However, with all the ads out there, Highline voters shouldn't get so caught up in the main election (the presidential race) while forgetting about the one's in our own state (governor, state representative, state legislator, etc.).

The people in these roles may not seem as important compared to the president, but these are the people that have the most interaction with the goings-on around our state. Most of them have websites and e-mail addresses, and are available to answer questions whenever they can.

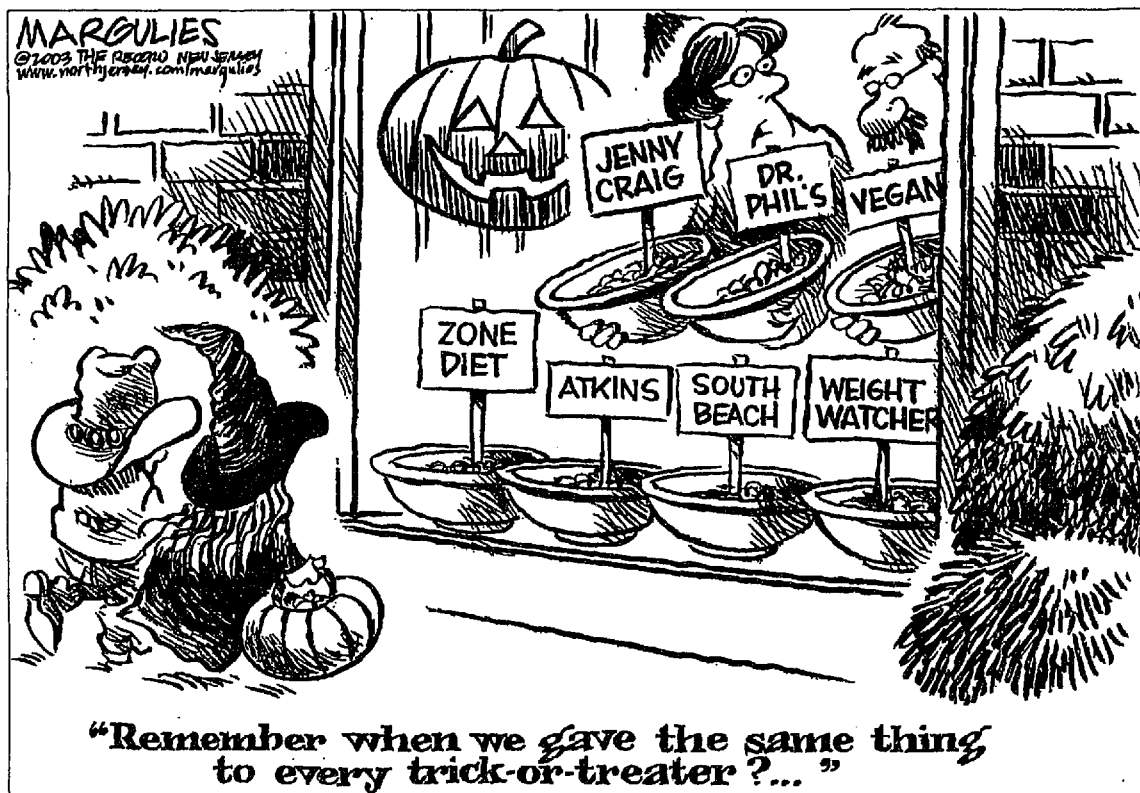
The internet is probably the easiest source to access, but also remember that opinions of other people are just as informing as cold, hard facts. Study the candidates' ideals but also search out for more connotation on them.

At this point, most people have at least some idea on what they feel about the candidates, especially the presidential ones. Keep an eye out for magazine or newspaper editorials that may offer a different view than the one you're used to. Beware, though; make sure that it's an expert opinion you're reading.

Even around Highline you can find good sources. Just ask around. You may want to chat with one of the political science faculty or even just your classmates.

There really shouldn't be a reason to skip this one out. And the issues at large here are important; on a global scale, we have the war on terrorism, and on a local scale, it's a war with the state budget.

Our futures depend on the people we choose, and, mistake or not, these people will be in office two to four years. Whether we have something to complain or praise about, is all up to us.



"Remember when we gave the same thing to every trick-or-treater?..."

Youth must exercise rights

Young people have been murdered in our country fighting for the right to vote.

In the summer of 1964, thousands of young people—mostly white college students from the North—converged on the deep South to register blacks to vote in an effort dubbed "Freedom Summer." Although black men had won the right to vote following the Civil War, racist local laws (such as poll taxes and literacy tests) combined with fear and intimidation, prevented most blacks from voting in the South.

The Freedom Summer volunteers were met with hostility from white supremacists, local residents and even the police. Volunteers were beaten, arrested and threatened.

On June 21, 1964, a black volunteer, James Chaney and two white volunteers, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, were brutally murdered. The white students were killed by single gunshot to the head. The black volunteer was beaten to death.

The murders made headlines across the country and helped lead to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that ended the kinds of racist local laws that kept blacks from voting.



Guest Commentary
By Dave Uphogrove

These three young volunteers gave their lives fighting for the right to vote. Now fast forward one generation. What are we doing today?

Sadly, in recent elections, young people voted less often than any other age group. This is not the legacy these young Freedom Summer volunteers deserve.

Fortunately, there are signs that our generation is finally awakening. The first sign was the huge turnout of young people at the Democratic caucuses in Iowa.

MTV's Rock the Vote and P-Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaigns are registering record numbers of young people to vote.

The importance of voting is infecting youth culture. Green Day, Sum 41 and other bands have put out a compilation punk-rock CD called "Rock Against Bush" with information in the CD case about how to register to vote.

Last Friday night, I was at a concert at the Fenix Under-

ground in Seattle and even there, the band was urging the crowd of drunk sweaty young people to vote.

This awakening makes sense. Our generation is more likely to be sent to war if there is a draft. Our generation is more likely to have gay & lesbian friends whose civil rights are on the line. Our generation will pay the price for the record federal budget deficits. Our generation will pay the price for the gutting of our national environmental laws.

Our generation has the most to lose and the most to gain in the upcoming election.

Some pundits have suggested that the poll numbers in the presidential race may not be accurate because pollsters don't call people (usually young people) who only have a cell phone.

A strong turnout by young people could blow the poll numbers right out of the water. We can make the difference. Honor the lives of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner by casting your vote on Nov. 2.

State Representative Dave Uphogrove, D-Des Moines, is unopposed in this year's election.

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"I love the Macarena! We used to do it all the time without music!"

Zombies, witches and ghosts, oh my!

Local haunted houses worth a gander

By Billy Naylor
staff reporter

If haunted houses are your fetish, you might be left speaking in tongues with your head spinning in excitement, due to all the choices provided this year.

Below is a list of Halloween Hotspots to guide your sweaty hand down the halls of the darkest, foggiest and most scream-inducing horror houses in the area.

The first stop on our tour is the Nightmare at the Center, hosted by Variety Children's Charities and KISS 106.1. Forget being scared by amateur teenagers in Scream masks, in this house you'll have veteran performers and actors in elaborate costumes chasing you down the halls.

On top of having the crap scared out of you by professionals, this house boasts 5,000 square feet of space, which means there will be more scenes of mutilation and debauchery



Monsters do the mall mash at the Federal Way Commons Scare House 7-10 p.m. tonight and until Midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Photo by Chad Martinez

then you can shake a severed arm at.

Nightmare at the Center is located at the Seattle Center, the house will be open on Thursday and Sunday from 7-10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$10 each or \$15 for the VIP Lounge.

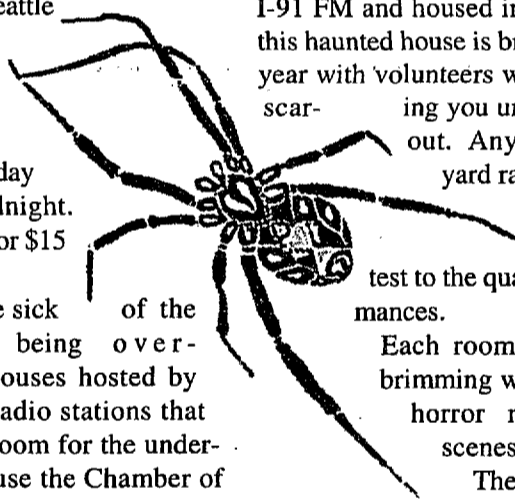
For those who are sick of the Halloween season being overrun with haunted houses hosted by massive corporate radio stations that leave generally no room for the underdog, cheer up, because the Chamber of Dread in Puyallup is just the thing for

you.

Hosted by the Puyallup Emblem Club, I-91 FM and housed in the Elks Lodge, this haunted house is brought to life each year with volunteers whose only love is scar-

ing you until your hair falls out. Anyone within a 50-yard radius of the building can hear the screams that attest to the quality of the performances.

Each room in the house is brimming with recreations of horror movies such as scenes from 13 Ghosts, The Exorcist, and the infamous Pennywise



from the movie IT.

Every cent of the profit made is dedicated to the very much in debt, Puyallup School District. If you plan to support these kids, bring \$6 for an adult and \$3 for children under 11 to 314 27th street Northeast in Puyallup. When dealing with a house like this, you'd best bring a clean change of underwear.

During the summer months Wild Waves and Enchanted Village are brimming with kids and families catching some rays and peeing in the wave pool, but as the days get colder and the Jack-o-lanterns get lit, these grounds are transformed into the Fright Fest.

Along with the Haunted Mausoleum and the Street of Screams, which alone covers 3,000 square feet

of the park, there are 20 rides being operated, a spooky hypnotist who will make the willing do the absurd, and a paintball course in the drained swimming pool where people can go to bruise their pale, winter skin.

There will surely be a high body count at this attraction, but seeing as how this park is offering everything under moon, that's really no surprise.

All of these attractions make the Fright Fest the best choice if you want to do more than run from ghouls all night. Tickets are \$29.99 plus tax or \$24.99 for seniors and children shorter than 4 feet tall.

But whatever you plan to do this Halloween, just remember to do it in style.

Halloweens roots stretch far back in the past

By Chad Martinez
staff reporter

Halloween happens once a year, and once a year we get dressed up in ridiculous costumes, hollow out a vegetable, put a candle in it and call it a "Jack 'o' Lantern." Not to mention, it's the only night of the year we let our young go door to door asking complete strangers for treats.

But do any of us actually know why we celebrate this ancient ritual?

The specific name Halloween is derived from the Catholic Church. However, even the word Halloween has its origins from the Celts and the festival they celebrated in Ireland around the fifth century.

They called it Samhain (sow-un), and it means the beginning of the new season, a time where light and dark collide. It was a time for great feasts and festivities before the long drawn out cold and darkness of the weather to come.

After the rise of Christianity, the

church began to absorb non-Christian festivals that people kept hanging on to. From this fusion came Halloween, known to the church as All Hallows Eve.

Since the ancient times many myths and legends have sprung up around the world claiming the true meaning of Halloween, but it's agreed that there was a Celtic festival called Samhain, which marked the summer's end and the Celtic New Year.

It was thought that on this night, the worlds of the living and dead intertwined. It is also said that the villagers would dress up in ghoulish costumes to warn off any unsuspecting spirit looking for a soul or a house to haunt, although others believe they dressed themselves to make the spirits feel more at ease.

The villagers would also leave food on their doorsteps, as an offering not to be bothered. It wasn't long before the local villager children and beggars begun dressing themselves up as spirits and taking the food for themselves.

The villagers began to catch on and

ceased leaving food out. This eventually led to the children and beggars knocking on doors asking for the food. In return they would give a prayer to the restless souls wandering around.

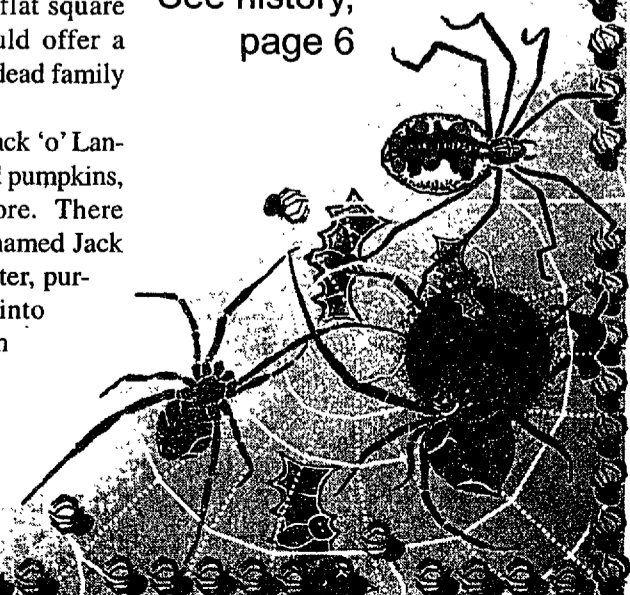
Another popular idea about trick or treating is the Christian ritual of "souling." Beggars would go door to door asking for soul cakes (flat square cakes). In return they would offer a prayer for any of the donors' dead family members.

As far as the silly, spooky Jack 'o' Lanterns we make out of hollowed pumpkins, those come from Irish folklore. There was an old tale about a man named Jack who was a drunk and a trickster, positively he tricked Satan into climbing a tree, and Jack then carved an image of a cross on the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal

with the devil that, if Satan would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

And so the story went. After Jack died, he was denied

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Highline staff member takes the stage

Arts

Calendar

• Team Highline is hosting "The Poetry Exchange" Oct. 28 in Building 7 from 11-11:50 a.m. People can sign up to read their own poetry or the poetry of their favorite authors. To sign up, contact Marquis Faulcon at 206-878-3710 x 3537, or email him at mfaulcon@highline.edu

• The Seattle Reperatory Theater is presenting *Anna in the Tropics* by Nilo Cruz. Directed by Sharon Ott, *Anna in the Tropics* will run until Oct. 30. For tickets and information call 206-443-2210.

• Tacoma Actor's Guild presents *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, a farcical, melodramatic mystery that opens on Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 14. For ticket informaton and directions, call 253-272-2145.

• The Highline Music Department is hosting The Outburst Opera Co., a group from Enumclaw Middle School, on Nov. 3 from 11-11:45 a.m. in Building 4, room 104. The group will be performing *Change*, and the event is free.

• *All Balanchine* is coming to the Pacific Northwest Ballet Nov. 4-6 and 11-14. The performance is a tribute to George Balanchine. For information and tickets call 206-441-2424.

• The City of Auburn is hosting Seattle Opera's young Artists as part of their BRAVO! Series. They will be singing selections from Mozart, Donizetti, Puccini, and others. For tickets and nformation call 253-931-3043.

• The Frieghthouse Art Gallery in Tacoma is hosting a fine art open hour for their newest exhibit, *Waterfalls*. The open house will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and admission is free. For directions call 253-383-9765.

• Team Highline is hosting excerpts from *The Vagina Monologues* on Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. in Building 7. There will be a discussion following the presentation facilitated by Laura Manning.

• The 27th annual Yulefest is coming to Ballard on Nov. 20-21 at the Nordic Heritage Museum. Traditional Scandinavian entertainment, food, and drink will help to put anyone in the mood for the holiday season. For more information call 206-789-5707 or go to nordicmuseum.com

By Jessie Elliott
staff reporter

By day, Mabelle Allman advises international students, and by night, she is a banjo-playing storyteller in Northwest Actor's Studio's latest production, *Kentucky Ghosts*.

Kentucky Ghosts is an original play by Troy Mink and K. Brian Neel. The play is about people who live in the Appalachians in Kentucky and the ghost stories that they have been telling for years.

Professor William Lynwood Montell, an anthropologist at Western Kentucky University, dedicated 30 years of his career to researching and collecting these ghost stories as well as folk traditions for the people in Kentucky. These collections are taking the stage for the first time at Northwest Actor's Studio.

"It's not like a traditional play. It's really about the storytelling," Allman said.

The play began Oct. 8, and Allman said it has been going very well. *Kentucky Ghosts* sold out

Allman joined Highline's staff in June as an adviser for International Student Programs. Prior to that, she worked at North Seattle Community College as a manager in the International Student Programs department.

Allman completed her undergraduate work at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina, where she received her B.A. in Modern Languages. She went to graduate school at the University of Wyoming where she received an M.A. in International Studies.

While she had done various plays in her childhood, Allman said she got serious about acting in graduate school.

Shortly after graduate school, Allman moved to Seattle, where she has been for three years now. She has been acting professionally in Seattle for about a year.

Allman belongs to Theater Puget Sound, and part of that service is sending out e-mails about auditions, which is how she found out about *Kentucky Ghosts*.

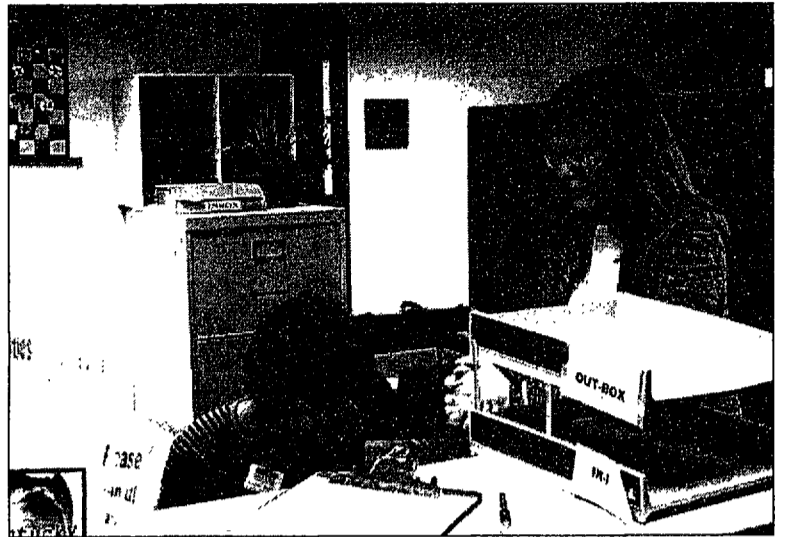
Not only is Allman playing a role in the production, she is playing the banjo as well. Allman and a fellow actor, Matt Perry on guitar, are on stage during the entire show.

Allman learned the basics of the banjo at 12, and took professional lessons when she arrived in Seattle. While she is an experienced player now, Allman has had little experience playing in front of large crowds, and she said that was a challenge.

Another challenge Allman has faced during this performance was to play her role as simply and truthfully as she



Mabelle Allman



Photos by Bryan Yambb

Allman at work in the International Student Programs Department.

could, and not "act," because that would be true to the character she was playing.

"As performers we're trying to be very respectful of the people and respecting the stories they had," Allman said.

Rehearsals for *Kentucky Ghosts* went on for five weeks prior to the opening of the show, and Allman had extra banjo practices as well.

Even with all the preparation, Allman said the cast still faced difficulties with the script. When certain parts didn't work, they had no previous shows to look back on for ideas, she said.

Allman said the important thing was to stay entertaining.

"This show is really neat because it's an original work," Allman said. "No one has ever seen it before."

Allman has a passion for acting, and her goals are great in measure.

She has already met one goal: By working part-time at Highline and part-time as an actress, she

has already begun to rely on acting as a career.

Allman's long-term plan is to become a full-time actress and move to either New York or Los Angeles. Her husband supports her decision, and would move with her and their now 2 year-old son.

The next project Allman is working on is an appearance on a cable television show called *Oh the Humanity*.

It is a sketch comedy show, and she is taping it this Saturday. Allman's appearance on *Oh the Humanity* will air in November on local cable access channels.

This is also the closing weekend for *Kentucky Ghosts*. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.

Tickets are \$10 with student I.D. and \$14 without Friday-Sunday, Thursday is pay what you will.

For more information, tickets, and directions call Northwest Actor's Studio at 206-325-6500, or go to www.kyghosts.org.

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entrance into Heaven because of his evil ways, and he was also denied entrance into Hell because of his run in with Satan.

But the devil gave Jack a single ember to light the way through the darkness, so Jack took the ember and hollowed out a turnip and put the ember in the turnip to light the way.

In America many cults have adopted Halloween as their own or their favorite. But now we know that Halloween did not grow out of evilness. It came from rituals of Celts celebrating a new year, and out of medieval prayers.

A good rule of thumb, your Halloween can be as evil as you want it to be, just try it.

OPEN HEARING

November 9, 2004

12:00pm

Highline Community College

2400 South 240th Street
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Building 2, Room 101

A open public hearing will be held to receive comments on the proposed rule making to Chapter 132I-116 WAC - Parking and Traffic Regulations and Chapter 132I-168A - Use of the Library. Proposed rule making changes are to perform housekeeping for clarification, to change appeal periods for ease of enforcement and clarification of process; and to move fines from WAC for efficiency so that the code does not have to be revised any time fines are changed. Intended date of adoption: November 9, 2004.

To submit written comments or request a copy of the proposed changes by November 8, 2004, contact:

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Gregoire, Rossi offer different visions

Governor candidates disagree on most issues

By Trevor McDowell
staff reporter

Democrat Christine Gregoire says she can create 250,000 new jobs in just four years, start affordable health care that will be available to everyone, especially kids, expand education and end the dropout rate crisis.

GOP candidate for governor Dino Rossi says he can move Washington forward by helping businesses and improving the economy first and foremost.

Rossi continues to blast Gregoire as an Olympia insider who won't get anything accomplished, while saying that he is an Olympia outsider who can get stuff done as governor.

Gregoire fires back, saying that no one who was in the state Senate and chairman of one of the most powerful Senate committees can call himself an outsider.

These two candidates both have experience in state government. Gregoire has worked for more than 20 years in the attorney general's office, first as a staff attorney, then as the top banana.

Rossi has eight years' - two terms - experience in state Senate, after a career in business.

Gregoire was raised in Auburn where her mom worked as a waitress. Gregoire graduated from the University of Washington with a teaching certificate and a bachelor's degree in both speech and sociology. She continued her education at Gonzaga University Law School.

In 1992 Gregoire was elected as the first woman attorney general in state history. She was re-elected again in 1996 and in 2000.

According to her campaign, one of her greatest achievements was the settlement she negotiated on behalf of every state that was suing the tobacco industry back in 1998. She says she negotiated almost \$1 trillion to be split between the states involved and of that, got almost \$5

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billion for Washington.

In 2001 Gregoire's campaign says she led the fight for protecting victims of identity theft and began the first programs to track the criminals and reimburse the victims. She says her actions on that issue prompted other states to institute programs of their own and a bill protecting everyone is going before Congress this year as well.

To create jobs and better the economy, Gregoire says she has a plan that will create 250,000 new jobs. Her campaign says that Gregoire can achieve that by

making this state the nation's leader in the life sciences, reducing the tax burden on small businesses, improving our ports, improving the infrastructure, giving incentives to Boeing to keep jobs here and to improve the education of children.

In regards to education and job training, Gregoire says she has plans to make everything from grammar schools to colleges, better places for learning.

She says she plans to restore I-732, which gives teachers a bigger paycheck and reduces class sizes. She believes in the WASL but wants an independent agency to recommend improvements that may need to be made.

Gregoire has said she wants to address the math gap Washington's students are demonstrating on standardized tests and entrance exams from kindergarten to high school.

Gregoire says she has plans to increase funding for community colleges statewide, an increase in state-funded enrollments at universities and also wants to build a new state university. She also said she wants to adjust state tuition costs based on one's income.

Health care is a big issue this year since 40,000 people that were covered five years ago are not covered anymore. Gregoire says she has plans to reduce the cost of prescription drugs, an issue she gained experience on as attorney general when she sued drug companies for limiting supply and driving up drug costs.

The Gregoire campaign also says that she has a plan to provide all children in this state with health insurance by 2010.

Gregoire has said that she wants to help small businesses with the burden of

providing health insurance costs so more businesses will provide insurance for their employees.

Gregoire also says she wants to stop frivolous malpractice lawsuits and institute harsh penalties for people who do. She believes that by making an investigative panel of experts to look at these cases and determine credibility before they hit the legal system, the state can save money and stop these fake lawsuits.

She says doing that will lower doctor liability insurance and lower health care costs without having to institute caps. Caps, Gregoire says, will also limit awards for legitimate cases.

Gregoire's campaign describes her as "a self-made woman, loving wife and mother of two with 20 years of experience in state government and a highly successful three term career as attorney general."

Rossi says he can move Washington forward through changing the structure of state government, limit business regulations, help the defenseless and make our economy stronger

Rossi grew up in Mountlake Terrace with six siblings. His dad was a Seattle Public Schools teacher and his mom was a waitress.

A spokeswoman from Rossi's campaign says "from these humble beginnings Dino worked several jobs to pay his way through college and graduated from Seattle University with a degree in business. After college he received his commercial real estate license and after working for less than four years saved up enough money to buy his first property at age 25."

Rossi ran unsuccessfully for the state Senate in 1992 but ran again in 1996 and won. Rossi was re-elected in 2000 and became chairman of the Senates committee that is responsible for writing the state budget.

As a senator, Rossi said he instituted harsher penalties for repeat and first time sex offenders that other states around the country modeled their systems after.

He says he also championed the strict drunk driving punishments our state instituted in 1998, his campaign says he reduced drunk driving related accidents and deaths by 21 percent over the last five years.

As the chairman of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, Rossi says his greatest accomplishment was balancing a \$2.6 bil-

lion deficit without raising taxes.

As governor Rossi says he wants to increase jobs and better the economy, his stated number one priority. He says he has a two-part plan to create new jobs, better the economy, gain new business and reduce the regulations businesses are imposed on by the state government.

Part one of his plan is to get government out of the way of business. Rossi strongly believes that because of Washington's strict regulations and taxes for doing business here, the state is not meeting its potential.

To make Washington's labor force more skilled and educated, Rossi says he has an education plan that will increase

teacher pay, and encourage better student achievements.

Rossi's plan will ensure that no teacher in this state makes less than \$30,000 a year and rather than increasing teacher pay based on experience, Rossi would base pay on how the teacher's students perform on the WASL.

Rossi said he believes this competitive wage system will encourage teachers to teach their students better and thus students will achieve higher grades and test scores.

Health care is another big issue for Rossi in this election. Rossi says he will increase funding for health care and crack down on fraudulent malpractice lawsuits that cost the taxpayers and the doctors millions of dollars a year. Rossi wants to impose award caps on all malpractice lawsuits limiting both fake and legitimate case awards.

Rossi says he also wants to reduce and abolish most restrictions Washington State imposes on insurance companies that insure Washingtonians. Rossi says that these regulations don't allow for competition and competitive fees on the part of the insurance companies because only a handful of companies will do business in this state due to the restrictions.



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Voters may gamble on slots, charter schools

By Jackie Graybill

staff reporter

A raised sales tax, lowered property taxes, changes in education, slot machines, a new primary voting system, and changes in radioactive waste treatment are all things to expect this November if the initiatives on the ballot are passed.

Initiative 884

• Initiative 884 would raise the state sales tax by 1 percent and designate the money for educational purposes.

Supporters say that problems in education are only getting worse.

Mark Usdane, executive director of the I-884 campaign, said that "one third of our young people are dropping out of high school, preschoolers are not getting the jumpstart they need to succeed in school, and higher education is turning away students because there isn't room for them.

"We are currently suffering from a decade and a half of underfunding for education and things need to change," said Usdane.

The \$1 billion per year generated by the initiative would go toward preschool, K-12, higher education, a Citizen Oversight Committee, and for statewide projects. It would increase enrollment for community colleges by 25,000 and would expand financial aid opportunities, supporters say.

"The initiative will create short-term pain, but long-term gain; everybody pays a little, everybody benefits," said Usdane.

The accountability for the funds is to come from ordinary citizens who will make up the Oversight Committee.

"One of their functions is to hold yearly hearings so voters can see how their money is being spent," said Usdane. "I-884 is about hope and help."

Critics of the initiative say that the highest tax increase in state history is not the answer to the current education problems. They point out that if I-884 is passed, Washington sales tax will be the highest in the nation at nearly 10 percent.

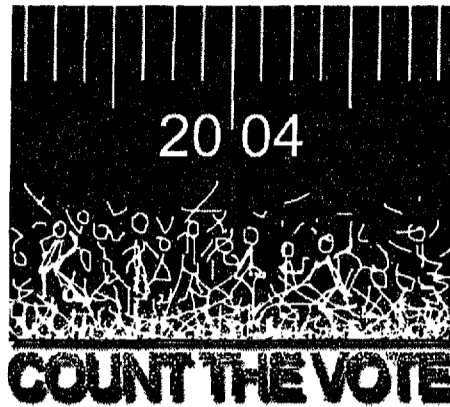
Clyde Ballard, a former legislator who is opposing the initiative, says "It will have a negative effect on jobs and families. It will lead to the loss of 10,000 jobs as many people take their business to Oregon and the Internet; it will make the purchases of new homes more difficult (especially for students just graduating from college) because prices will be driven up by a negative business climate."

With the state spending so much already on education, taxpayers need more return for their investment, critics say.

"We are already spending \$9,400 per year per student. If we spend a billion more per year, there will be no difference in the outcome," Ballard said. He pointed out that the state legislator can, by a two thirds majority, vote to use the money for something else and that after two years, it would only take a simple majority.

He said that this is another example of legislators forcing an essential service

Initiatives



onto the ballot and putting their own pet projects into the main budget instead.

Referendum 55

• Referendum 55 deals with a different aspect of education: it would authorize charter schools.

State Sen. Steve Johnson, R-Kent, who supports the referendum, says that there are real problems with the current educational system and that charter schools will get failing students into settings where they can do better.



Eyman

"It is a no-cost proposition that will take no money out of the state budget because we always have state money moving with the student; charter schools will create no added tax and little cost," Sen. Johnson said.

Supporters point to their widespread endorsements, which range from Bill Gates to Gov. Locke.

"We are in the 21st century. We need to look ahead with education and improve what we can do for students," said Sen. Johnson.

Charles Hasse, president of the Washington Education Association, says that it is better to invest more money in existing schools than to support those that are still unproven in their effectiveness.

He says charter schools will drain funds because programs will still be in effect for students, no matter if the same number of students participate in the program or not.

"When people are asked what needs to be changed in education, they commonly mention discipline, intervention programs, and things of that nature. The last thing people choose is charter schools and 80 percent of teachers oppose charter schools," said Hasse, who is a fourth grade teacher when he is not leading the state's largest teachers union.

Initiative 892

• Tim Eyman says that his current initiative project, I-892, would cut property taxes for those who have been hardest hit by them.

"Think about those who are struggling; if you have a fixed income, the \$215 you will save per year in property taxes will mean a lot," said Eyman.

The tax cut, which supporters say is the largest reduction of its kind in state history and won't cost the government anything, will get its funding from a 35

percent user fee on slot machines, which currently are only used at tribal casinos.

"I-892 doesn't expand gambling, but it allows non-tribal gambling licensees with establishments that serve 21 and older customers to compete with the tribes who already offer the same machines," Eyman said.

He says I-892 provides funding for gambling addiction treatment and that if local communities do not want existing and future gambling in their neighborhoods, they can ban gambling licensees from doing business in their areas.

David Goldstein, an opponent of the proposed initiative, says that if it passes, Washington state will have to deal with 18,000 new slot machines.

"Gambling is an addictive industry and I-892 will increase those who are struggling with that addiction, as well as creating abuse, job and home loss within their families," said Goldstein.

He also said that youth gambling makes up 8 percent of all problem gamblers and that more teens will be starting a lifetime addiction if slot machines are widely available.

"Voters need to ask themselves if the trade-off — a small 2 percent cut in property taxes in exchange for slot machines on every corner — is worth making," said Goldstein.

Initiative 872

• I-872 would change the primary system to allow voters to pick any candidate, regardless of their party affiliation. The two candidates who received the most votes would then go on to the general election.

Supporters say that they wish that we could go back to the blanket primary, but since the major state parties successfully sued to change it, the old system is now unconstitutional in Washington.

David Burr, an I-872 advocate, says that this is the next best system because it gives voters a choice: "It will allow people to vote for the person instead of just for the party. This is a freedom of choice issue."

He also says that it will give voters better candidates because they will have to work hard to get votes and will not just get a free ride to the general election.

"Everyone will get an equal chance and will need to gain a broad range of support," said Burr.

Richard Kelly, a member of the group opposing I-872, says that the initiative does the opposite of what its supporters say it does.

"It is a disaster for choice. It will eliminate third parties because there are only two candidates who can move on to the general election," said Kelly.

He said that people are more likely to vote within the party that thinks like they do because they want someone who will represent their beliefs.

He says that if I-872 is passed, voters could see races in the general election that have two candidates from the same party running against each other.

"Students are more likely to identify with third parties like the Libertarians and the Green party. If they want to impact elections, they should look at how this initiative will affect their vote," said Kelly.

Initiative 297

• I-297 would enforce the cleanup of mixed radioactive and nonradioactive waste at Hanford.

Supporters of the proposal say that the public is being put at risk due to current clean-up practices.

Bob Cooper, press secretary for the campaign, says that "waste is seeping into the Columbia River, a source for drinking water and irrigating crops."

He pointed to the dangers of trucks carrying the waste over such frequently used roadways as I-5, I-90, and I-405.

"You should care about the food you eat, the contamination of the Columbia, the sickening effect of these trucks in traffic, and the potential for devastation both human and economic in the event of an accident or worse," Cooper said.

He said it is time to hold the federal government accountable: "We've been promised cleanup at Hanford for decades. It is time to make the cleanup happen."

Wanda Munn, who prepared the against statement for I-297, says that voters need to keep two facts in mind when they are deciding how to vote on the initiative: "It does not make anyone any safer and it does not give the state any authority it doesn't already have."

She said that the damage has already been done and that there is nothing anyone can do about that, but she also said that the tanks that were causing the leakage have already been addressed.

"This is not just a Washington state and local issue, but it is a planet-wide issue and we are moving forward. We are and have been working with other states. They send us their waste and we repackage and return it to them. We need to take them into consideration. We are not the only ones affected by the waste and they need to be able to trust us because they are working with us on this project," Munn said.



2004 Elections

Candidates promise work, results

Attorney General

A King County councilman faces a former insurance commissioner for the position of attorney general for Washington state.

For Councilman Rob McKenna, Republican, this is his first statewide political bid.

McKenna graduated from the University of Washington with two degrees and finished his schooling with a law degree from the University of Chicago.

McKenna has been practicing business and regulatory law since 1988 with Washington's largest private law firm, Perkins Coie.

In 1995, McKenna sought and won a position as a Metropolitan King County Councilman. He won this same election two more times in 1999 and 2003.

Twice the chairman of the budget committee, McKenna wrote a \$3 billion budget and as chairman of regional transit, he opposed the light rail project, calling it a "boondoggle."

McKenna has three main points that he would address if he should become elected: rebuilding trust in the Attorney General's office, addressing the areas where crime has grown the most and eliminating lawsuits brought against state agencies.

"I want to protect your pocketbooks," McKenna said. "By ensuring that Washington state doesn't pay fines simply by missing deadlines or other irresponsible reasons."

The three areas of crime that McKenna wants to address are identity theft, fraud on the internet and child pornography.

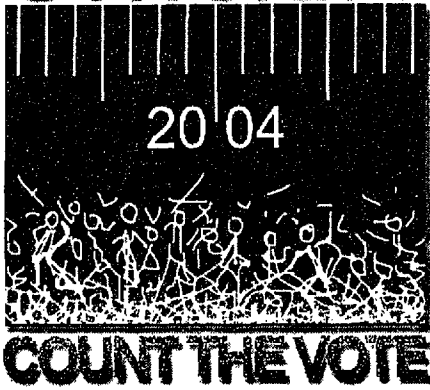
Deborah Senn, a Seattle resident, is the Democratic candidate for the position of Washington state Attorney General.

In 1979, Senn was admitted to the Washington State Bar. She was



McKenna

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elected to be Washington's insurance commissioner in 1992 and again in 1996. In 2000, she ran against Maria Cantwell for U.S. Senator and was defeated.

Senn holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Illinois and received her law degree from Loyola University in Chicago. Senn has spent the last 27 years as an attorney.



Senn

Besides her roles as an elected official and attorney, Senn also spends time as an expert witness in cases testifying against insurance agencies.

If Senn should be elected, she has four main priorities: fighting identity theft, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, observing gasoline prices, and monitoring the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Storage site.

A spokesperson for the Senn campaign stated, "Deborah does not support charter schools and has decided to remain undecided on the referendum regarding education."

Besides her obvious rivals, Senn does have several large groups highly interested in making sure she does not get elected.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce spent \$1.5 million on ads designed to thwart Senn's campaign because of the decisions that she made as the state's insurance commissioner that did not support big business.

-written by Jon McAllister

Secretary of State

Incumbent Sam Reed, Republican, is being challenged by state Rep. Laura Ruderman, D-Redmond.

They both have similar ideas about what should happen when one of them wins the race for Secretary of State.

Ruderman graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology and theater from Wesleyan University.

Before Ruderman was an elected official, she worked for Microsoft.

She was an administrative assistant and worked her way up to a position as program manager.

In 1998, Ruderman became the first Democrat ever to be elected in the 45th Legislative District in East King County.

Ruderman has served three terms and won an award for "legislator of the year" from the Washington Midwives Association for her dedication to their cause and her ability to pass legislation that assisted them.

Ruderman is vice-chairwoman of the Technology, Communications, and Energy Committee and vice-chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus, and Ruderman serves on the Appropriations and Rules Committee.



Ruderman

If she should be elected Secretary of State, Ruderman has one main priority: a voter's bill of rights.

This would ensure that the state responds to the advances of the technology now involved with voting.

Ruderman says she feels strongly that the vote needs a "verifiable" paper trail and that the protection needs to be in place to ensure that companies who count these electronic votes remain unbiased.

Ruderman's other priorities are: protecting victims of domestic violence by enforcing address confidentiality, properly funding libraries by eliminating "wasteful" consultants, increasing voter participation and improving education.

Sam Reed, the current secretary of state is a graduate of Washington State University.

He earned a master's degree in Social Studies, a Ph.D. in Political Science, and graduate studies in the university's School of Public Affairs.

Previously, Reed has been a federal elections observer to foreign countries, an assistant to the Secretary of State and Thurston County auditor for 22 consecutive years.

Reed has also won eight consecutive awards for near perfect finance work from International Governmental Finance Officers Association.



Reed

Reed's accomplishments include opening Washington state's first governmental digital archives and, for the first time, placing Washington historical records online for easy access.

Reed's priorities are: properly incorporating technology into our voting process, preventing any form of voter fraud, increasing the productivity of government workers by maintaining efficiency and eliminating apathy in the voting process.

Reed said that he has taken special interest in modernizing government and has made parts of his office available via the internet.

-written by Jon McAllister

Superintendent of Public Instruction

The incumbent and a former incumbent are facing off to see who will lead the state's K-12 schools for the next four years. The two candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction are Teresa Bergeson and Judith Billings.

Students' SAT scores have gone from the middle of the pack among states to the top tier in the nation, says Bergeson, who has served for the last two terms.

"Statewide learning standards and graduation requirements will make diplomas meaningful," says Bergeson.

Bergeson says she is trying to provide increased training and improved compensation for teachers.

"Washington teachers help students think creatively and apply their skills, not just memorize formulas," says Bergeson. "We can better track student progress, help students in need and challenge high achievers; students are learning skills they need to compete."

Bergeson is trying to redouble efforts to win necessary additional funding and encourage legislatures and business leaders to live up to their shared commitment to education.

"We cannot go back to lower standards, low expectations and no accountability," says Bergeson.

Billings served as Superintendent of Public Instruction for eight years.

"Teachers don't get enough support in the drive to improve student learning," says Billings.

Voters passed two initiatives to increase school funding, and the state has not fully funded either initiative.

"Now it has once again fallen to the people to propose an initiative, I-884, which I strongly support," says Billings. "My highest priority will be to build a strategy for delivering the resources our schools need."

Billings has strong feelings about standardized tests, opposing the WASL.

"We need balance between comprehensive education system and testing. Our state Constitution requires an education system, not a testing system," says Billings. "Today schools are so obsessed with what their scores will be on the state test that providing a great education, including civics, the arts and other important 'untested' subjects, has been sacrificed."

"We must build partnerships and support students from their early years through high school and beyond," says Billings.

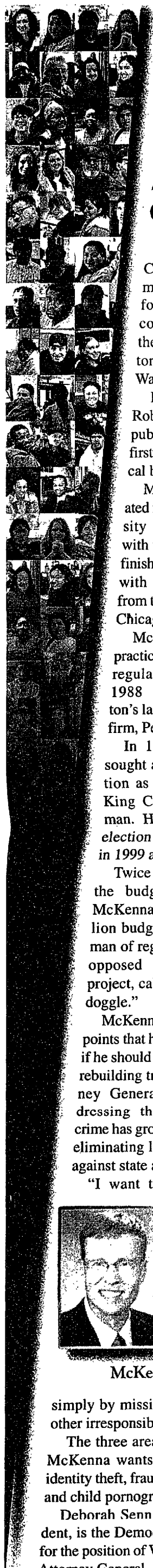
-Written by Maurice Williams



Bergeson



Billings



Four judicial races draw much interest for voters

By Ian Taylor
staff reporter

Local voters must choose from among eight candidates for four judicial seats in this year's election.

The ballot will include two Supreme Court positions and two King County Superior Court positions.

Supreme Court

• Jim Johnson and Mary Kay Becker are running for Position 1 of the Washington state Supreme Court.

Johnson has worked in the Office of the Attorney General for the last 20 years. In that time he has held the offices of Chief of Special Litigation and Counsel for the Environment.



Johnson

Johnson opposes the idea of having to declare a political party while voting.

"In private practice, I continue to apply the expertise in major litigation I developed as Chief of Special Litigation for the State of Washington," said Johnson on his website, www.jimjohnsonforjustice.org

"My experience includes hundreds of trials in both the federal and state systems and nearly one hundred appellate cases up to, and including, the United States Supreme Court," said Johnson.

Becker is currently a judge on the Court of Appeals, and has been for the last 10 years. Becker has also been on the Whatcom County Council as well as being a Trustee of Western Washington University. She served four terms in the state Legislature.



Becker

"I care about access to justice for everyone, and quality and good management in the courts," Becker said in the Voters Pamphlet. "My experience provides the broad perspective a Supreme Court justice needs for making the serious decisions that affect us all."

• For Position 6 of the Washington state Supreme Court, the candidates running are Richard Sanders and Terry Sebring.

Sanders is running for reelection and has already served on the Supreme Court for nine years. He has the support of both the Libertarian and Republican Parties and the Teamsters Union.

"It is a great privilege and joy to attempt to protect and maintain the individual legal rights of every single individual who comes to court," Sanders said on his website, www.friendsofjustice.com. "That, in my opinion, is the job description of a judge, and as it says in Article 1,



Sanders

Section 1 of our state constitution, the purpose of state government as well."

Also running for Position 6, Sebring has been an attorney since 1975 and has held several other positions during that time. He currently is an assistant attorney general and served for 12 years as a Pierce County Superior Court Judge and 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



Sebring

"I have years of experience as a trial judge, and a willingness to improve the law and our courts," said Sebring in his statement in the Voters Pamphlet.

Sebring has lived in Washington all his life and has been a past member of the Higher Education Finance Authority.

Superior Court

Running for Position 23 of the King County Superior Court are Andrea Darvas and Julia Garratt.

"For 22 years, I've represented families, working people, seniors, small business owners and crime victims, helping them achieve justice in our courts. I have judicial experience as a court appointed Arbitrator and Hearing Officer. I adhere strictly to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct," said Darvas on her statement in the Voters Pamphlet.



Garratt

She has the support of many groups in the state, as well as elected officials, judges and hundreds of attorneys.

"I'm committed to equal access to justice and protecting our communities," said Darvas.

Garratt has served as an attorney for quite some time and has also served as a pro-tem judge for the King County Superior Court. Also, she was appointed by two separate Governors of Washington state to be a member of the Washington State Parole Board.



Moore

"I am dedicated to maintaining the public's trust and faith in the judiciary," says Garratt on her campaign website, www.garrattforjudge.com.

• Catherine Moore and Chris Washington are the candidates running for Position 42 of the King County Superior Court.

Moore has the support of the King County Democrats, as well as 12 other district Democratic organizations. Moore has been a Tribal Court Judge in the past, as well as Family Law Commissioner Pro Tempore, King County Superior Court.

On Moore's campaign website, www.catherinemooreforjudge.com, she

claims she is the, "most qualified and committed to our community."

Washington has gained the support of Governor Gary Locke as well as the current Position 42 Judge, Judge Steven Scott.



Washington

On Washington's campaign website, www.washingtonforjudge.com, Washington said, "I believe I offer a unique combination of legal and practical experience. My family life with three children has also taught me to listen to both sides of an argument before making a decision."

Commissioner of Public Lands

By Maurice Williams

staff reporter

The two candidates for the Commissioner of Public Lands are Democrat Mike Copper and incumbent Republican Doug Sutherland.

The Commissioner of Public Lands is responsible for 2.1 million acres of state forests across Washington. These forests provide clean water, jobs, wildlife habitat, wood products, places to recreate and revenues for schools and counties.



Cooper

Their challenge is to protect the most sensitive areas in the forests.

Cooper was a firefighter for 24 years and was named the Washington State Firefighter of the year in 1997 and currently has the rank of lieutenant. Cooper is serving his fourth term in the state House of Representatives, where he is chairman of the House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee.

He is also a member of Financial Institutions and Insurance and Transportation committees.

"There are only about 80,000 acres of old growth left in our state forests; that's about three percent of the total state forest base," says Cooper. "I work with the Legislature to ensure that all of these old growth forests are permanently off-limits to logging."

Cooper has been a member of the Edmonds Planning and Park Board and a local Boy Scout Leader.

Cooper said he brought together the oil industry, environmentalists, shippers, labor unions, tribes and state agencies to craft legislature to protect Washington's shores from an oil spill.

Sutherland graduated from Central Washington University with a B.A. in history. He was elected to the Tacoma City Council in 1980.

Two years later Sutherland became the Mayor of Tacoma where he oversaw a budget of \$450 million and more than

2,200 employees.

He is co-chairman of the Tri-county ESA Task Force responding to the Salmon Endangered Species Act listing.



Sutherland

Sutherland was elected Commissioner of Public Lands in 2000 after serving two terms as Pierce County's Executive.

"During the last four years, we've begun to put the bitter, environmental battles of the past behind us by protecting old growth, creating aquatic reserves in Puget Sound and generating hundreds of millions in non-tax revenue for schools across Washington," Sutherland said on his website. "I hope you'll join me so we can continue to provide revenue for schools and counties, create healthy ecosystems and provide benefits for all the people of Washington."

In 1992, Sutherland was elected as Pierce County executive. He was the county's chief executive officer; he administered the daily functions of 17 executive branch departments and was responsible for a \$626 million budget.

In October 2001, Central Washington University honored Sutherland with the Distinguished Alumni Award for College of Arts and Humanities.

Sutherland serves as a board member of Pierce Transit, the Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington State Association of Counties, American Heart Association Pierce County Chapter, Tacoma Youth Symphony and the Tacoma Urban League.

Sutherland also serves as secretary of the Tacoma/Pierce County Economic Development Board.

2004 Elections

Senate candidates sling mud

By Trevor McDowell
Staff reporter

Senate and House



Incumbent U.S. Sen. Patty Murray says a vote for her is a vote for a better Washington state. Her GOP opponent, George Nethercutt, says, a vote for him is a vote for national security and tax relief.

The Republican Congressional Committee is pumping the airwaves with anti-Murray messages and accusations. One such ad painted Murray as an Osama bin Laden supporter and somehow partially responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Democratic Congressional Committee is fighting the same fight with anti-conservative commercials on the airwaves calling Nethercutt an ex-

trême conservative who will do anything to get elected.

Another ad points out Nethercutt's campaign promise to limit himself to three terms because he believes in term limits. Five terms later he is still a U.S. representative is now trying for the Senate.

The Republicans have good reason to want Murray's seat, and the Democrats have good reason to defend their incumbent. The Republicans have only a three-seat lead over the Democrats in the U.S. Senate.

The Republicans want to increase their lead and the Democrats want to take it back.

It should be noted that neither candidate wanted anything to do with a reporter from a community college newspaper and all the information given here is based on the written history of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Murray is the two-term Democrat senator from Washington. In her 12 years as senator she has introduced and supported more legislation than any three senators combined according to MSNBC.

Murray says she is making the Senate her mission to improve education, women's rights, the environment, transportation, veteran's care, and to improve the sources of energy by finding new ones. Murray is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Budget Committee, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and also the Senate Committee for Veterans Affairs.

Essentially, Murray has a vote in how and where the government spends the taxpayer's money, has a voice for national health care, education and labor and is a part of a committee that takes care of the nation's veterans.

Murray says she will continue her fight for improved education and begin new fights for things like alternative fuels, homeland security and more.

Nethercutt says he wants to become

senator because he says he is a stronger leader than Murray is on terrorism and the war. He says Murray is a danger to U.S. security.

Nethercutt's campaign says he made history when he was elected to represent Washington's 5th Congressional District in November 1994.

His election victory over then-Speaker of the House Tom Foley represented the first defeat of a sitting Speaker since 1860.

Nethercutt has been around for five terms as the U.S. Representative for Spokane and its outlying areas.

He says his agenda in the U.S. House of Representatives has been to strengthen social security, strengthen homeland security, tax relief and protect life.

Nethercutt is on the House Appropriations Committee and on the Science Committee as well. On these committees, Nethercutt says he has fought for tax relief, tried to reduce the deficit, increased funding for the sciences and more.

Nethercutt says that we need to stay the course on the war on terror and in Iraq, support President Bush and constantly fight for tax cuts to improve the economy and create jobs.



Nethercutt



Murray

Lord needs a miracle in District 9 race

Adam Smith holds strong to his seat, leaving little room for Lord

By Sara Loken
staff reporter

Adam Smith has a lot of experience. Paul J. Lord has none. Both think that they're qualified for the position of District 9 House of Representatives.

Smith has been in congress for eight years.

From 1990 to 1996 he served as state senator. At 25 years old he was the youngest senator ever elected in the country.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University and a Law degree from the University of Washington.

He then worked as a prosecutor in Seattle before turning to politics.

In the September Pri-

mary, Smith got almost twice as many votes and the two republican candidates combined.



Smith

Lord has an Associates degree from South Puget Sound Community College. He's the owner of five McDonalds restaurants and oversees 250 employees. This is his first election.

"I am not a politician," said Lord. "I've worked with the folks day in and day out. I understand where they're coming from and what they need."

Both candidates feel that there needs to be a change in health care.

Lord feels strongly in tort reform to remedy the states health care "crisis."

"We have to have tort reform," said Lord. "The trial lawyers are the cause of increased costs in our medical care."

The lawyers get rich off of the people and the people pay for it in higher health care, said Lord.

"I believe we need to teach people to get off the system and lift them up," said Lord.

Smith feels that it's important for Americans to have insurance.

"People who don't have health care get medical attention through costly emergency rooms, for which taxpayers end up footing the bill," said Smith, on his campaign web site. "We need to get these uninsured people paying into the insurance system."

"The trial lawyers are the cause of increased costs in our medical care."

—Paul J. Lord

Smith also supports the Patients Bill of Rights.

It includes, "access to emergency care, the right to see a specialist and a speedy and fair appeal process for patients who believe their insurance company has wronged them," said

Smith. There's no reference to tort reform on his campaign site.

One issue that Lord feels strongly about is the number of illegal immigrants in the country.

Many come into the state as tourists,

said Lord. The workers make more money than they would in their country getting minimum wage here.

"The problem needs to be fixed. There needs to be worker visas or it's going to be a train wreck to Social Security," said Lord. "The president agrees with me but no one wants to deal with the issue."

The candidates also differ in their acceptance of endorsements.

While Smith has eight company endorsements listed on his website, Lord does not accept any outside funding.

"I can only offer you myself. I don't have flashy ads, lots of cash, or lots of people telling me how to vote," said Lord, from his campaign website.

Some groups that sponsor Smith include The Sierra Club, Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs, Planned Parenthood and Washington Federation for State Employees.

For more information on Adam Smith go to his website at, www.electadamsmith.com.

For information on Paul J. Lord visit his website at www.pauljlord.com.



Lord

Incumbents face challenge in 30th

By Danny Kang
staff reporter

The legislative race for the 30th District has two strong challengers competing to take the incumbents' positions.

The candidates for position No. 1 are the incumbent, State Rep. Mark Miloscia, Democrat and Republican challenger Tony Moore. The candidates for position No. 2 are incumbent State Rep. Skip Priest, Republican and Democratic challenger Joe Henry

Miloscia has been in the Legislature for six years. He served as the vice chairman of the State Government Committee and was a member of the Legislative Audit Committee. He currently works as a part-time teacher for the Federal Way School District. He also has served in the Air Force as a pilot and worked for Goodwill Industries.



Miloscia

Miloscia said he believes that the state needs to improve the lives of all people by monitoring regulations. He wants to do this by giving state agencies audits by an independent party and giving them a rating system. He calls this "quality management" for all the important issues like education, health care, and how tax money is allocated.

Miloscia said he wants Washington to have one of the best education systems in the nation.

The state needs to reform the educa-

tion system and make it better for all students and to do this it has to be done together as a state, Miloscia said.

He opposes I-884 since "budgeting by initiative hurts the rest of the budget."

His opponent, Tony Moore, has owned and operated a tire business in Federal Way since 1990. He is also the vice president of the Citizens for Federal Way Schools.



Moore

Moore said he thinks the best way to energize the economy is by reducing the number of regulations, especially the regulations that have been brought to legislation a while ago. He said he feels that this will help small businesses compete against big corporations. Moore believes that boosting the economy will in turn help the rest of the issues that are of main concern.

Moore said he believes that a change in the 30th District is needed due to the six years of service that State Rep. Miloscia has had. Moore says he could do a better job.

Moore said he thinks that if the education system is not reformed in the best way possible the WASL tests that are going to be in effect in 2006 could potentially be a train wreck.

Moore said he does not believe that raising taxes in the business sector is the way to create more jobs. He said the selling of more goods and services is the

main point.

"Profit is the key and jobs are a component of profit," Moore said.

In the race for position No. 2, Democrat Joe Henry hopes to unseat Republican Skip Priest, who is seeking a second term.

Priest is a former mayor of Federal Way and former city council member. He has lived in the city of Federal Way for 20 years. Priest said he thinks the Legislature will face tough decisions in the coming years and that there needs to someone with experience in office.

He says education is the main priority. Education needs a new strategic plan to change the way the system is now so that children get the education they deserve, State Rep. Priest said.

Priest said he feels that the government needs a stronger commitment to higher education so that more opportunities would be available.

"I have some reservations about raising taxes and I-884," Priest said.

The way to get legislation passed is by "a bipartisan approach which is needed so these issues are addressed the best," he said.



Priest

Democrat Joe Henry, a Chinook Middle School teacher, has been a part of the Federal Way schools for 20 years.

Henry said he believes that the people need a teacher in the legislator to give that first-hand experience of what students are facing in the classroom.

"I experienced the health care crisis firsthand while being in the classroom," Joe Henry said.



Henry

Henry said he thinks that education is the cornerstone to a successful society. The reason being that the future depends on a good education system. He says in turn that less crime and unemployment will be the difference.

The state Constitution mandates education as a top priority over tax breaks for wealthy corporations, Henry said.

"I strongly agree with I-884," Henry said.

"You are getting screwed because legislators are not doing what needs to be done," Henry said.

Henry said he thinks education transcends everything.

An educated workforce is what we need because that is the key to business, Henry said.

33rd District candidates differ on views of education

By Danny Kang
staff reporter

Only one of two incumbent state representatives in the 33rd District has an opponent.

State Rep. Shay Schual-Berke, Democrat, is being challenged by Republican Bruce Elliot for Position No. 1. State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, also a Democrat, is unopposed.

Schual-Berke has been in the state Legislature for six years and is seeking a fourth term. She is currently the chairwoman for the Banks and Insurance Committee. Her accolades as a legislator include a 2002 legislator of the year award from the Washington Academy of Family Practitioners, a 2004 award from Planned Parenthood of Washington, and a 2004 legislator of the year award from the Children's Alliance, a non-profit organization that helps children who need it with basic needs like housing, food, and health care. She is a retired cardiologist and a former school board member.

Rep. Schual-Berke said she believes that this election is the election of your lifetime. Due to the issues that surround this election, which are very important, she said she will represent the people's choices.

"I will implement the people's will in the Legislature," Rep. Schual-Berke said.

Her record of service, according to her statement in the Voter's Pamphlet, includes making laws to keep medical services available and affordable to children, seniors and women, creating jobs, reform senior property taxes, strengthen the public school system, and protect consumers against fraud.



Schual-Berke

According to the above-mentioned source, her vision is for quality health care, education and responsible government.

"I believe that everyone has the right to health care and education," Rep. Schual-Berke said.

She opposes Referendum 55, which would allow charter schools because, she said, she feels that we should support our education system as it stands.

"I feel that Referendum 55 is a façade and charade against public schools," Rep. Schual-Berke said.

She said she also believes that schools should have it easier to pass bonds so allow them to get the proper funding.

"I want to eliminate the supermajority rule for education bonds," Rep. Schual-Berke said. Currently school bonds need a 60 percent yes vote to pass, and many

districts in the state have gone years without passing a bond issue. Bonds typically are used to pay for new buildings and major repairs.

She said she believes that representing what her constituents want is the most important part of her job in Olympia.

"The issues that I am most concerned with have to do with helping all people," Rep. Schual-Berke said.

Rep. Shay Schual-Berke's challenger is Republican Bruce Elliot, who is a graduate of Washington State University and is an entrepreneur in transportation and agriculture.

"I have filed for this election because the 33rd district voters should have a choice at the polls," Elliot said.

According to the Voter's Pamphlet, he believes that state government is too complex and regulations burdensome. He said he will propose, no new laws with the exception of those that repeal old laws, allow privatizing or competitive bidding of some government services, and promote performance audits of state agencies.

Elliot said he feels that government agencies need to be accountable and re-

sponsible for the jobs they do.

"That is why government agencies need performance audits and I also feel that government needs to be more efficient," Elliot said.

On the issue of education, he supports Referendum 55 because he feels that there should be a choice for the people.

"We need more innovation in education and I support vouchers," Elliot said.

He opposes Initiative 884, which would increase the retail sales tax by 1 percent to help fund schools. "I feel that raising taxes is not a good idea," Elliot said.



2004 Elections

Democrats favored in 34th District

By Elizabeth Tacke
staff reporter

A pair of Democrat incumbents are being challenged by two Republicans for two House seats in the 34th legislative district.

State Rep. Eileen Cody is being challenged by Republican Savun Neang for Position No. 1. State Rep. Joe McDermott is facing Republican Paul Byrne for Position No. 2.

The 34th district covers West Seattle, Burien, and Vashon and Maury islands.

Though they are all citizens of the same state, their plans for Washington are very different.

Cody has served in the House for nine years. She earned an associate degree in nursing and her bachelor of arts in nursing. She moved to Seattle

in 1978 where she worked as a staff nurse at Group Health Cooperative.

Cody, who did not respond to requests for an interview, serves as the executive board member for both the West Seattle Helpline and the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

She now serves as the chairwoman of the Health Care Committee in the House.

If re-elected, Cody says that she will continue with her legislative priorities, which include assuring health care for all of Washington, protection of worker's rights, and quality education.



Cody

Republican Savun Neang feels that he can share his success with the community. Neang moved to the United States 20 years ago after escaping the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. He moved to Seattle in 1989 and earned a bachelor of arts in administration.

Neang has served as the board director of the White Center Chamber of Commerce and the board director of the Community Development Association for White Center.

"I believe I owe to this country," he said regarding the opportunities given him by the United States. I want to help guide the country that I love; I just want to be part of it."



Neang

Neang feels that the country is moving in the "wrong direction." He said he wants to increase job opportunities, fix the transportation system, lower taxes, and improve edu-

cation. "I succeeded through the American Dream," Neang said. "I understand students' goals."

The second seat for the district pits incumbent Joe McDermott against Paul Byrne to continue to represent the community that he grew up in. McDermott grew up in south Seattle and earned his master of public administration from UW and his bachelor of arts in history and political science from Gonzaga.

When he was elected in the year 2000, he was working for the Seattle School



McDermott

District. He now serves as the vice chairman of the House Education Committee where he sponsored legislation to allow alternatives to the WASL, the ability to retake the WASL, and accommodations for special education and bilingual students.

McDermott also is a member of the State Government and Agriculture and Natural Resources committees.

McDermott has taught at South Seattle Community College. "I am working for more opportunities for community college students," he said.

"I think that it's important to be involved with your community and would appreciate your vote," he said.

Republican candidate Paul Byrne hopes to improve educational opportunities for students.



Byrne

Byrne, a former community college student, says he knows the challenges that students face. He is a Central Washington University alum and Marine veteran. He currently

works as an engineer at Boeing.

"I figure it's now time to serve my country again," he said.

Byrne feels that students' options are limited.

"Right now the UW has told you guys [students] to go away," said Byrne. And he feels that it is the "paramount duty for the state to educate its citizens."

Byrne hopes to reduce crime in the state of Washington and encourages punishment on the first offense. He also wants to get the government to "quit wasting our money."

11th District candidates split on schools, taxes

By Jackie Graybill
staff reporter

Six candidates are running for legislative positions in the 11th district this fall.

Democrat incumbent Margarita Prentice is being challenged by Republican Bill Roenicke, while State Rep. Zack Hudgins is challenged by Republican Elizabeth Harris. Democrat Bob Hasegawa and Republican Ruth Gibbs are competing for an open seat in Position 2.

Prentice has been elected to the state Senate three times and twice to the state House. She is the ranking member of two committees and has received six Legislator of the Year awards from various associations.



Prentice

Prentice said on her legislative web site that she has "built a reputation as a leading expert on health care, a forceful advocate for consumer protection, and a strong de-

fender of civil rights."

Bill Roenicke, Prentice's Republican challenger, has a background in chemical engineering.

"I am a strong believer in the liberties and freedoms our founding fathers created here in this land," said Roenicke.

He also believes that there are problems in Washington that are not being adequately addressed. Among them are "the state's tendency to negative budgets" and high taxes.

He also said that high taxes affect many taxpayers who are "struggling with their own financial problems, who are trying to buy a home, who are trying to provide for a family, and who



Roenicke

are trying to finance a college education."

Zack Hudgins, the Democrat incumbent in Position 1, has been involved in political campaigns in Washington since '84.

"It seems to me that the more good people we have in government, the better it is for all of us," said Hudgins on his campaign web site.

As a legislator, he has been involved in three committees and has helped to pass six pieces of legislation.



Hudgins

He said that his "areas of legislative interest include creating jobs, protecting consumers, solving transportation challenges, and energy policy.

"It's important that we have

people in government with real world experience, who have personal integrity, who aren't afraid to speak the truth, and who will work hard to find creative solutions to the problems working people face," said Hudgins.

His Republican opponent, 19-year-old Elizabeth Harris, hails from Highline where she took advantage of the Running Start program and graduated.

"My summer was open, so I decided to campaign and get involved. It has been a lot of fun and a great experience," said Harris.

She said that she has reached her goal that she set out when she began her campaign-that she would learn more about the political process-and she said that she has enjoyed meeting other candidates and comparing policies with them.

Bob Hasegawa, Democrat competing for Position 2, has a background as a UPS driver and as a leader in his union, Teamsters Local 174.

"We need to create and retain family wage jobs, make health care accessible to all, improve our public schools and re-

duce traffic congestion," said Hasegawa on his campaign web site.

He said that the state legislature needs his "straight talk, community roots and leadership."

His female challenger, Ruth Gibbs, traces her Republican heritage back five generations.

"Everyone should be treated fairly and equally and that historically, Republicans have been the party that has advanced those values," said Gibbs.

Gibbs also has new ideas to help solve the traffic problems.

Gibbs said that one such idea that has been successfully adapted by Los Angeles and Toronto involves building freeways above existing ones and financing the project by charging drivers a toll fee.



Hasegawa



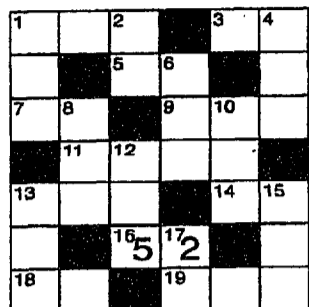
Gibbs



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- Seven more than 17-Down
- Digits of 7-Across reversed
- Sum of the digits of 1-Across
- 1-Across minus 6-Down
- 3-Across times 18-Across
- 1-Across plus 4-Down
- 10-Down minus 8-Down
- Four times 14-Across
- Seven more than 2-Down
- Consecutive digits in descending order

DOWN

- Digits of 9-Across reversed
- 6-Down minus 5-Across
- Four more than 8-Down
- One-third of 15-Down
- Two hundred less than 13-Down
- Two hundred more than 1-Down
- Thirty more than 19-Acr.
- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 7-Across plus 14-Across

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- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the short story called "The Lottery"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In 1952, Pat McCormick became the first woman to become what?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the resort city of San Remo?
- PHILOSOPHY:** Which philosopher said, "Man is the measure of all things"?
- LANGUAGE:** What is the least frequently used letter in written English?
- RELIGION:** Who was the main leader of the Protestant Reformation in France?
- HUMAN MIND:** What is

the psychiatric disorder known as echolalia?

8. **U.S. HISTORY:** The Homestead Act of 1862 granted how many acres of land to each settler?

9. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was the name of the knight who threw King Arthur's sword, Excalibur, into the lake?

10. **TELEVISION:** On "The Andy Griffith Show," what is the name of the town newspaper?

- Answers
- Shirley Jackson
 - Bullfighter
 - Italy
 - Protagoras
 - Q
 - John Calvin
 - A compulsion to repeat the last phrase heard
 8. 160
 - Bedivere
 - Mayberry Gazette

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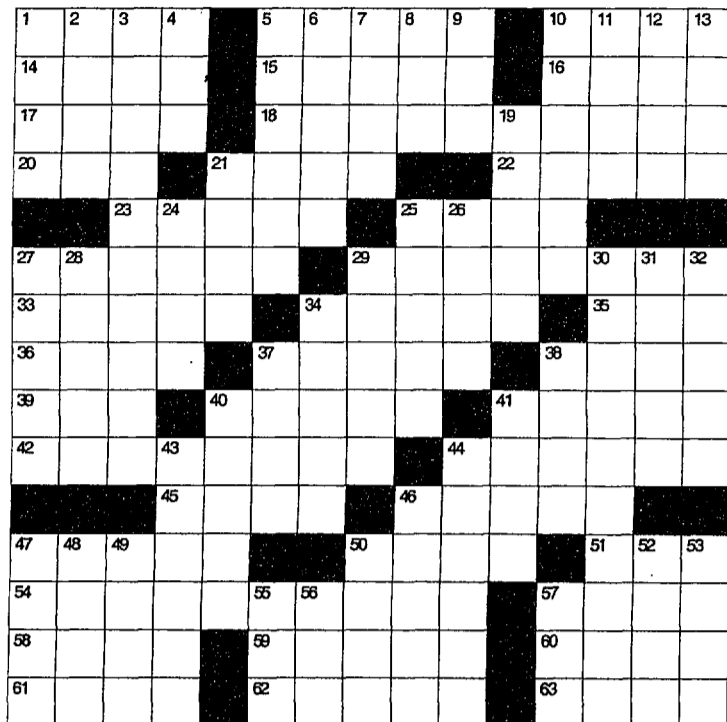
- Picnic leftovers
- Terminate
- Give off
- October gift
- Rascal
- _____ Lisa
- Desi's soul mate
- Bears need one?
- Call for
- Lion's pride
- Arm bones
- Skate part
- Crematorium
- This puzzle grid, e.g.
- Introduction
- Spice mixture
- Swindler's aide
- Goal
- Melon protector
- Imp
- Teenager's woe
- Consumed
- Comedian Chevy
- Word before face
- Cabin window
- Famished
- Wedding, e.g.
- Cleveland suburb
- Smear
- Pleasant
- Follows welcome
- Seen by a blind person?
- Shell, e.g.
- Cosmetic ingredient
- Van Gogh's need
- Armstrong's 1969 goal
- Twisted
- Wide-open
- Like a stamp pad

Down

- Soft drink
- Musical composition
- Place to put things?
- Cunning
- Place of amusement

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- U.S. frontiersman
- Fiend
- Dash
- Tiger's device
- Hammer and sickle, e.g.
- Sigh
- Peru native
- Steal
- Countrified
- Ms. Lincoln
- Hog fat
- Peak
- Bark
- Junk
- Where Ecuador big wigs meet
- Stage
- Game with many points?
- Ship
- Comes before board or paper
- Dieter's need
- Small drink of liquor
- First-rate
- Where the Yangtze flows
- Undiluted
- Pot holder
- Razz
- Arm muscle
- Strikebreaker
- Yaru
- Soon
- Glenn's former employer
- Berserk
- Antoinette Perry Award
- Ship's locale
- Tea container
- Nice friend

Quotable Quote

"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs."

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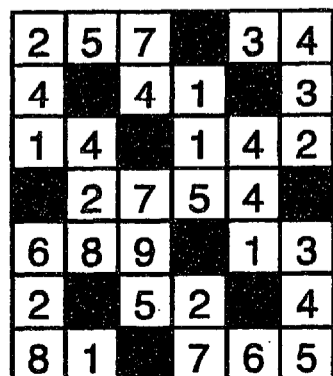
Team Highline is sponsoring a dating game for those dateable dudes and dudettes looking for love on campus.

The dating game will take place on Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. - noon in the cafeteria.

Two games will be played.

Rational Numbers

answers



In each game there will be one contestant, one male and one female, choosing their potential dates.

The potential dates will be hidden from the contestants.

The contestant will base his or her decision off the answer to the questions from the potential dates.

Once the contestant has chosen the date, the lucky winner

will be revealed.

"This game is just like the one on T.V. so it should be really fun and amusing to watch live," said Dominic Lepule from Team Highline.

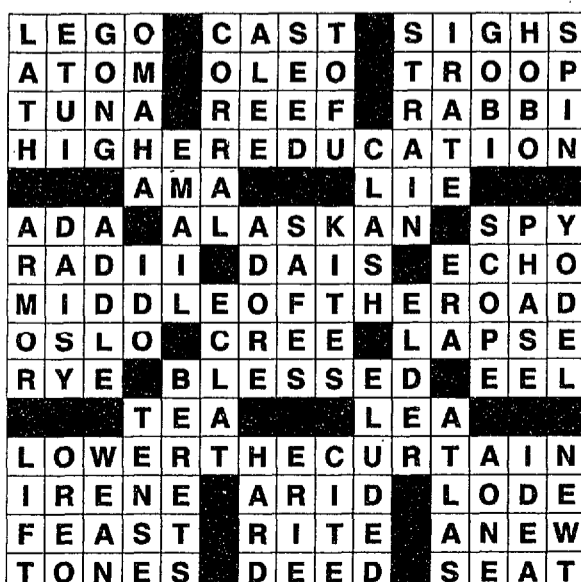
Each winning couple will be given a \$150 gift certificate for

the Space Needle in Seattle to have a romantic dinner.

Contestants for this game have not been chosen at this point in time.

For more information on participating this game, talk to Team Highline in Building 16.

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SPORTS

Loss to Clark doesn't discourage T-Birds

Men's soccer team has a winning attitude and skills

By Jamie Grossmann
staff reporter

The Highline men's soccer team went into last weekend's games looking to continue riding the wave of momentum they have enjoyed over the last few weeks.

Last Thursday, the T-Birds played a hard-fought, and highly intense game against Bellevue. Bellevue came out on the attack and scored early in the first half. Bellevue midfielder Luciano Costa received a volley across the middle and leaped into the air and from a horizontal position was able to get off a shot that found the upper corner of the goal.

"Bellevue scored a great goal. Goals like that go in 100 percent of the time," said Jason Prenovost, Highline's head soccer coach.

The T-birds stepped up their intensity and never looked back after Bellevue's goal.

"The guys impressed me with how they responded," said Prenovost.

"Bellevue got one goal, but we wanted to win the game," said midfielder/defender Daisei Kato.

After being shut out in the first half, the men came out firing in the second half and scored three times.

Brian Koo, William Chang, and Anthony Melchior each had a goal.

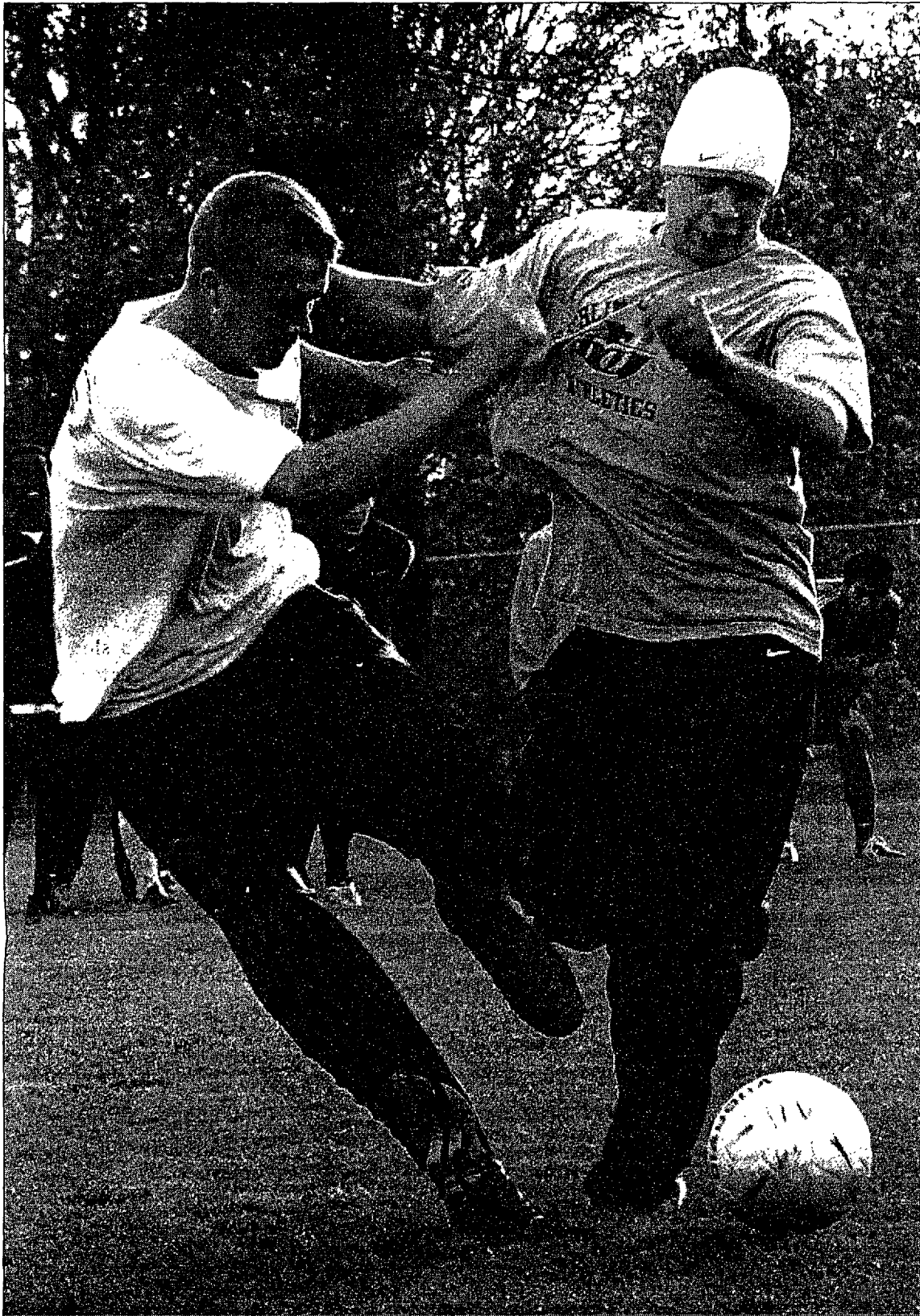
With the score 3-1 Bellevue tried to make a game of it late and took advantage of a penalty kick to cut the lead to 3-2. Despite Bellevue's push at the end, Highline was able to hold on to add another victory.

"Highline always possesses a huge amount of talent, so I knew it would be a challenge," said Peter Kirov, Bellevue's head coach.

"Highline played with a lot of intensity and at a higher skill level in the second half with a lot of one touch passing," Kirov said. "I think 3-2 was a fair score. Highline deserved the win."

Saturday the men traveled to division leading Clark and suffered their third loss of the season 2-0.

"Going into Clark was a chance to measure where we are as a team," said Prenovost. "Also, see how we match up



Photos by Bryan Yambe

Above: Danny Alcorn and Anthony Melchior battle for possession during Tuesday's practice. Below: Jose Menjivar looks to put a move on Jordan Duke during drills on Tuesday.



against the better teams."

"We gave up an early goal in the first half on a mistake that we made," said Prenovost.

Clark scored again in the sec-

ond half on a penalty kick. Highline out-shot the Penguins 16-8, but was unable to find the net.

"We out-shot them but we

really only had four or five good looks," Prenovost said.

"If we see them again in the playoffs we can beat them," said Prenovost.

On Monday, the men returned home to take on Pierce whom Highline beat 7-0 earlier in the season. Pierce was forced to forfeit the game however when they were unable to field a team.

"It's frustrating," said Prenovost. "There was a four year coach here to watch the game and a few guys were going to get some playing time but were unable to."

"It is also a positive thing because it gives us rest, we don't risk injuries, and we did get a win out of it," said Prenovost.

The men have three more games over the next 10 days with two games against teams battling for a playoff spot and another that could play spoiler. The men remain in second place in the NWAACC Southwest division behind Clark with a record of 13-3-1. Currently Melchior leads the league in the scoring with 17 goals.

This also is the time for the reserves to get some more playing time and show what they can do, Prenovost said. The men travel to Shoreline to battle the Dolphins this afternoon. Previously in the season the men shut out Shoreline 3-0 and will be looking to make it two straight wins.

"Shoreline is a dangerous team, they play on a small field and are able to use that to there advantage," said Prenovost.

On Saturday the men come back home to start a two game home stand against Green River. This game will have playoff implication for the Gators. But as with all games from here on out it could change the picture for Highline as well.

"Green River is always tough. The players know each other and some have even played alongside each other," said Prenovost.

"There are players on Green River's team that would have gone here but reconsidered because they would not have gotten as much playing time," said Prenovost.

The men then take a week off before coming back home to play their final regular season home game on Nov. 6 against Tacoma.

The last time these two teams met Highline came out on top with a 3-2 victory.

"We should win. We are a more talented team than them but Tacoma plays with a lot of heart and emotion," said Prenovost.

"Tacoma is another team with a lot riding on the game, which should make for a highly contested match."

Injuries weaken playoff chances

By Martha Molina

staff reporter

After losing two games and winning one, Highline women's soccer slipped to third in the Southwest Division of the NWAACC.

Beset by injuries, the T-Birds are short-handed. Players are learning new positions as the team scrambles to stay in the playoff race.

Highline took a step in that direction when it defeated Bellevue on Oct. 21, 3-2.

The T-Birds got off to a slow start, allowing two early goals in the first half of the game. But the ladies managed to get back in the game, tying up the score with a free kick from Tonya McLaughlin and a shot from Karin Nichols.

The winning goal came late in the game. Bellevue's goalie made a good save on a Highline shot, but the ball went over the net to set up a corner kick for the T-Birds.

"The game winner was a cross from Alicia Wolfskill to Nina Kupu," said T-Bird Coach Jaimy McLaughlin.

The Thunderbirds had a tougher time after that, however. Clark defeated Highline 4-1 in Vancouver on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The T-Birds and the Penguins tied 4-4 when they first met in September.



Photo by Martha Molina

T-Birds' leading scorer Mariana Palermo prepares to push the ball past Bellevue.

Again, Highline allowed two early goals to fall behind. Penguins Katie Zimmerman and Emily Chan scored to put Clark ahead early, then each scored again in the second half to put the game away.

The early goals allowed the Penguins to have a comfort zone, said Clark Coach Troy Sletten.

"Home games are very helpful," said Coach Sletten. "Traveling stresses the team."

With the help of Wolfskill, Mariana Palermo, the T-Birds leading scorer, had a late goal to avert a shutout.

Coach Sletten said that his team played a good 90 minutes

rather than just 40.

The loss to Clark dropped Highline to third place.

Highline came home to play first place Clackamas on Monday, Oct. 25.

The first time around, the Cougars blanked the T-Birds 5-0. Even though both teams shared 10 shots apiece, the T-Birds still came up short losing 2-0.

This time around, the T-Birds made adjustments, such as having Palermo defend the Cougars leading scorer, Vicky Rodriguez. Both teams were playing their third game in five days, and were very tired, said Cougars Coach Tracy Nelson.

The last time these two teams faced each other, Rodriguez scored two goals. This time, the T-Birds' defense slowed her down, allowing her to score just once.

Clackamas' other goal came from Amanda Triller.

"We managed to hold them for a long time," said T-Bird defender Kelli Norris.

A rash of injuries has slowed down the T-Birds in the second half.

Soccer consists of 11 players out on the field. The T-Birds started off with just 15 players on the roster, and added Norris a few weeks ago.

This left the T-Birds with little to no room for injuries.

"Just about all of them (have been injured)," said Coach McLaughlin. "Most play through their injuries."

In the beginning of the season Coach McLaughlin said that injuries would be the only obstacle that would deny the T-

Birds from claiming the Southwest NWAACC championship title for the second year in a row. The T-Birds starting goalkeeper, Sarah Snyder, has missed the past three games after re-injuring her shoulder on Oct. 18 in a game with Olympic. Snyder will return for the playoffs, said Coach McLaughlin.

Katie Keniston, starting midfielder and forward, injured her ankle in a game with Lower Columbia and did not play against Olympic.

Clark had a bad field that forced Keniston to leave the game after about five minutes of play, said Norris.

Defender Krista Cobb rolled her ankle on Sept. 16, the first time the T-Birds played Clark, and did not play at 100 percent until this week.

"With all of our injuries, the players are trying to get used to playing different positions," said Coach McLaughlin. "It takes some time to get the players feeling comfortable with each other in different roles."

Coaches around the league recognize that Highline has a solid team, and has been struggling due to injuries, not because the T-Birds lack skill. They look forward to playing with a challenging team in the playoffs.

"Highline is super tough in the playoffs," said Penguin Coach Troy Sletten. "They'll surprise anyone in the east side (Northeast Division)."

The T-Birds will visit Shoreline today at 2 p.m., whom they defeated 4-1 on Oct. 12.

On Saturday, they will come back home to play Green River at noon, who they shut out on Sept. 23.

Volleyball breaks losing streak

By Kim Ducharme

staff reporter

Highline's volleyball team won two games last week to break their three game losing streak despite losing outside hitter Blythe Howard due to injury.

While at practice last week she explained she pivoted to one side and heard a pop.

Howard is out for about two weeks with a sprained knee. With only four games remaining in the season it doesn't look promising for Howard.

"It sucks really bad, I want to be out there," said Howard.

Howard, who averages about nine kills a game, is a strong asset to the team and will be greatly missed. The team and coaches hope to see her back on the court as soon as possible.

The ladies however, pulled together on Oct. 20 when they played Tacoma at home. The T-Birds came out strong but lost it in the second game and brought it back to win in the third and fourth game, 30-22, 15-30, 30-15, 30-18.

"We came back smashing," said outside hitter Jenna

Bloczynski.

Shelby Avaava had 12 kills. Moana Sau had an amazing 18 kills and eight blocks.

Highline kept up the intensity with another win against Grays Harbor on Oct. 22, 30-19, 30-26, 30-17.

Khia Behrendt had seven kills and four aces. Jennifer Patnode and Sau each had six kills.

With two more wins under their belts, the T-birds remain in fourth place with a record of 6-4. Although fourth place is still good enough to see the NWAACC tournament, the team isn't satisfied with fourth.

"We're not supposed to be there," said Howard. Head Coach John Littleman agreed.

"Fourth is better than fifth but not as good as first," said Littleman.

The rest of the season is looking good. As of now the ladies are only one game behind third place team Green River.

Bloczynski explained that the season is getting more difficult due to injury and sickness, but is still excited for the rest of the season.

"We are focusing on getting better for the playoffs and playing our best ball at the end of the season," said Littleman.

Littleman's main focus for the team is better passing and more aggression to get better for the playoffs.

Highline still has some tough competition to come up against, among them is undefeated Lower Columbia on Nov. 10 to finish the season with their last home game.

On Nov. 3 Highline takes on third-place Green River, hoping to move up from fourth to third.

Highline has a short break when they play last place team Pierce on Nov. 1 for what Littleman calls an "in action practice." Pierce is still looking for a win this season. The ladies played Centralia away on Oct. 27. The results for this game were not available at press time.

The T-Birds next go on to the Mt. Hood Halloween Classic on Oct. 29-30.

Highline hopes to see some great teams and great competition to help the team better prepare for the much anticipated playoffs, which start Nov. 18.

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Basketball to benefit breast cancer

For the past 30 years an ever-changing group of faculty has gathered in the Pavilion on Friday's at noon to play a pick-up game of basketball.

The Friday noon game, as it has become known, comes to a culmination once again when the faculty renews its rivalry with the women's basketball team.

The game is a charity fundraiser to help benefit breast cancer research. In the past the game has benefited area canned food drives. This year's change is a first for the charity game.

"The money raised by the game will be split in half. Half will go to the American Cancer Society and the other half will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation," said Jean Munro of Women's Programs.

The Athletic Department has purchased t-shirts that will be given to the first 80 people through the door who make a donation. The t-shirts are all black with a pink logo that depicts the Highline athletic logo and the breast cancer bow.

Individuals may guarantee themselves a t-shirt with an advance donation of \$50 by con-



Off the Bench

By Jamie Grossmann

tacting Munro at 206-878-3710 EXT. 3365 on Thursday or by contacting Rowe EXT. 3268 or John Dunn at EXT. 3455 on Friday before 2:00 p.m.

It has been three years since the last time these two teams met. The Lady T-Birds have won nine of the 10 meetings between these two teams. The women's only loss came in 1982. That year the women were also the N W A A C C champions.

The faculty will have two members from the victorious 1982 team, Bruce Roberts and Phil Sell.

Although the faculty has not played anybody except themselves, Roberts said, "We are

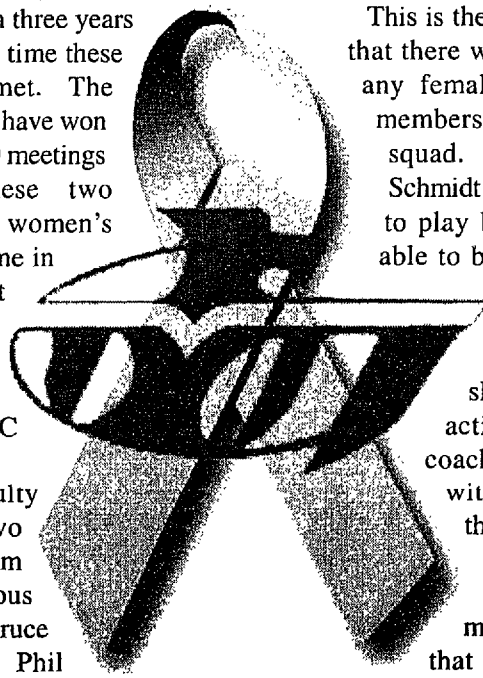
strong, probably unbeatable. We haven't lost all year-why start now."

"This will be the first scrimmage for the women. We don't scrimmage much during practice so it should be fun," said Rowe.

"The team is excited to have the chance to play the faculty," said Rowe.

This is the first year that there will not be any female faculty members on the squad. Anne Schmidt was going to play but is unable to because of an injury, however, she will be acting as a coach along with Sell for the faculty.

Some of the familiar faces that will be playing for the faculty include Athletic Director John Dunn, Head Men's Soccer Coach Jason Prenovost,



and Vice President of Student Services Ivan Gorne.

The faculty will definitely have the advantage in size and height as they have four players over 6' tall. Barry Carel, athletic facilities manager, and Anthony Newton, accounting instructor, top out the team at 6'5".

This is also a younger faculty team then in the past, Roberts said.

The women will have youth and speed along with a knowledge of plays with which they will use to break down the faculty's defenses.

"The faculty normally gets beat but it is very competitive," said Dunn.

This game will in a way bring to a close the month of October which is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. However, during February, Women's Programs will be revisiting the subject of breast cancer.

While it is not clear if this will become an annual event, the ability to take advantage of this opportunity to show up and support the faculty, women's basketball, and breast cancer awareness is one that should not be missed.

Come cheer on your favorite teacher or show your support for the women as they kickoff their 2004-05 season Friday, Oct. 29 in the Pavilion at 2:30 p.m. and don't forget to bring your donation.

Jamie has been named a Naptime All-American



By Chris Richcreek

1. Reggie Jackson was the third Oakland Athletics player to have his number (nine) retired by the franchise. Who were the first two?

2. How many times has Colorado's Todd Helton tallied 200 hits and 100 walks in a season?

3. When was the last time before the 2003 season that the Miami of Ohio football team was nationally ranked?

4. Before the 2003-04 NBA season, when they won 50 games, what was the highest victory total in Memphis Grizzlies franchise history?

5. Name the last Canadian team other than Montreal (1993) to win the Stanley Cup?

6. Between 1952 and 1988, either a Japanese or Soviet athlete won the gold medal in the Olympic all-around men's gymnastic event. Which country won the most golds during that period?

7. How many times did Ben Hogan win the British Open?

Answers

1. Catfish Hunter (27) and Rollie Fingers (34).
2. Twice — 2000 and 2003.
3. The RedHawks were last ranked in 1976.
4. The Grizzlies won 28 games in the 2002-03 season.
5. Edmonton in 1990.
6. Soviet athletes won six golds, while Japanese athletes won four.
7. In 1953, Hogan won the only one he ever played in.

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See the Seahawks at a discount

Football lovers get your discount tickets for the Seattle Seahawks now.

Team Highline has provided discount tickets for students and staff.

Team Highline began selling

tickets for the game on Monday, Oct. 25 and will continue selling them until Nov. 21.

The game will be on Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. at Qwest Field at Seahawks Stadium.

The Seahawks will be play-

ing the visiting Miami Dolphins.

Tickets are \$14 for students and \$30 for staff. Remember to pick up your tickets from Team Highline in Building 16 before it's too late.

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

Team	W-L-T
NORTHEAST	
Edmonds	9-1-1
Walla Walla	8-2-1
Wenatchee	8-3-1
North Idaho	7-5-2
Spokane	6-1-4
Treasure V.	4-7-1
Skagit Vly.	3-9-0
Col. Basin	2-8-2
Everett	0-11-0
SOUTHWEST	
Clark	14-0-2
Highline	13-3-1
S Puget Snd	10-4-2
SW Oregon	10-6-1
Bellevue	8-7-1
Green River	8-8-1
Tacoma	7-6-3
Peninsula	4-8-3
Shoreline	4-11-1
Pierce	1-12-4
Olympic	1-14-1
Bellevue 3, Green River 2	
So. Puget Sound 4, Olympic 1	
Clark 3, Peninsula 0	
Pierce, Highline (Forfeit Win For HCC)	
SW Oregon 1, Shoreline 0	
Wenatchee Valley 6, Everett 1	
Spokane 10, Treasure Valley 1	

Walla Walla 1, Col. Basin 0
South Puget Sound 3, Green River 2
Clark 2, Highline 0

Women's soccer

Team	W-L-T
NORTHEAST	
Spokane	9-1-1
Walla Walla	9-1-1
North Idaho	8-5-1
Edmonds	7-2-2
Treasure V.	5-5-2
Skagit Vly.	4-5-2
Col. Basin	3-9-0
Wenatchee	2-9-1
Everett	0-10-0
SOUTHWEST	
Clackamas	13-0-2
Clark	11-2-1
Highline	10-4-1
Olympic	7-4-4
Tacoma	8-6-1
Lower Col.	4-6-5
SW Oregon	4-9-2
Green River	3-10-2
Bellevue	3-10-1
Shoreline	0-12-3
Bellevue 2, Green River 2	
Clackamas 2, Highline 0	

Clark 3, Lower Columbia 0
Olympic 0, Shoreline 0
Wenatchee Valley 3, Everett 1
Spokane 4, Treasure Valley 4
Walla Walla 4, Col. Basin 0
Clackamas 3, SW Oregon 1
Clark 4, Highline 1
Bellevue 2, Shoreline 0
Tacoma 3, Lower Columbia 3
Edmonds 1, North Idaho 0
Skagit Valley 3, Wenatchee Valley 3
Spokane 4, Columbia Basin 0
Walla Walla 4, Treasure Valley 0
Highline 3, Bellevue 2

Women's Volleyball

Team	W-L
NORTH	
Whatcom	9-0
Shoreline	7-2
Bellevue	6-3
Edmonds	5-5
Olympic	3-7
Skagit Valley	2-8
Everett	1-8
WEST	
Lower Columbia	11-0
Clark	9-2
Green River	7-3

Highline	6-4
Tacoma	4-7
Centralia	3-8
Grays Harbor	2-8
Pierce	0-10
EAST	
Spokane	1-8
Walla Walla	7-1
Columbia Basin	7-1
Big Bend	4-6
Treasure Valley	3-6
Yakima Valley	2-6
Blue Mountain	0-10
SOUTH	
Clackamas	9-1
Chemeketa	5-4
Mt. Hood	6-5
Linn-Benton	3-7
SW Oregon	2-8

NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches' Poll

School	Lea.	Rec.	Votes
1. Clackamas	9-1		66
2. Col. Basin	7-1		63
3. Spokane	8-1		52
4. Whatcom	9-0		46
5. Walla Walla	7-1		25
6. L. Columbia	11-0		24
7. Chemeketa	5-4		11
8. Mt. Hood	6-5		7



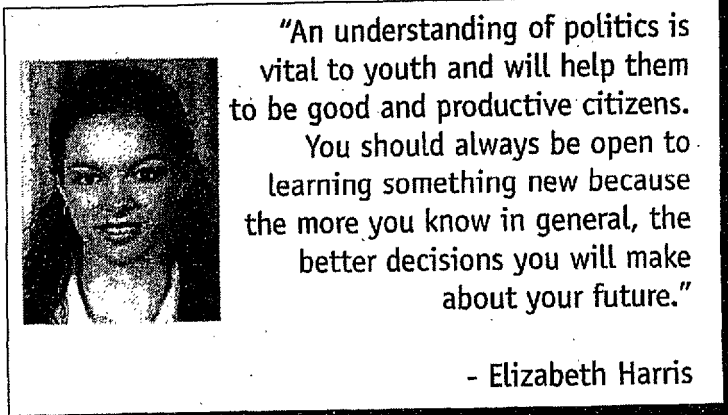
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Highline alumnus runs for State House

Elizabeth Harris credits college for her strong foundation

By Jackie Graybill
staff reporter



"An understanding of politics is vital to youth and will help them to be good and productive citizens. You should always be open to learning something new because the more you know in general, the better decisions you will make about your future."

- Elizabeth Harris

Elizabeth Harris started running through college and now she's running for office.

Harris, 19, studied at Highline via Running Start.

Having graduated last spring, she is now running for the State House of Representatives in the 11th District.

The 11th District stretches from Seatac to South Seattle and includes parts of Burien, Tukwila, and Renton.

"I decided to begin my campaign when I found out that only one candidate was vying for Position 1.

"When I began, I didn't know much about politics and I have come into it with no expectations.

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to learn up close how a campaign works, the logistics of running, and how laws are passed," said Harris, who is running as a Republican. She says that one of the things that surprised her was the strictness of the financial reporting requirements.

Harris credits her go-do-it mentality to her pre-college background as a home-schooler, but also says that Highline helped to give her the foundation she needed.

"The classes were hard and I believe that the kind of training offered there is essential to the success of young people be-

cause youth will rise to the level you expect them to," she said.

Although campaigning has put her outside of her comfort zone, Harris says that her education at Highline has really helped.

"Without the training of awesome teachers like Shannon Proctor, I would not be where I am at with the numerous speaking engagements the campaign has required.

"Thank you Shannon Proctor," she said.

While Highline has given Harris what she calls a "wonderful learning experience," she thinks that K-12 students are not receiving the same level of

quality education.

"The failures of the public school system are obvious; I don't know why anyone would think that the current system will work effectively. It needs reform," Harris said.

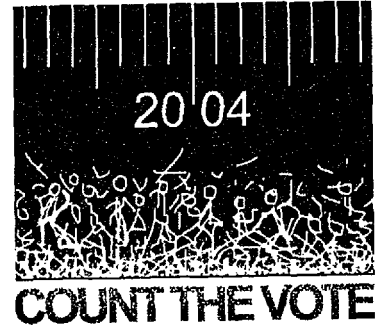
Her pursuit of a nursing degree at Northwest College has led Harris to an interest in America's health care system.

The nursing field also played an important role in making tort reform one of her key campaign issues.

"We need to have caps on lawsuits because they have been costing taxpayers money and have been hurting the quality of health care," said Harris.

She says that she hopes that other young people will follow her example, get involved, and learn first-hand what the political process is all about.

"There are many misconceptions about running and a lot of



people are intimidated by it, but really, you just have to be willing to run and to put in the time; people really support you when they find out they believe in what you believe in," she said.

"An understanding of politics is vital to youth and will help them to be good and productive citizens.

"You should always be open to learning something new because the more you know in general, the better decisions you will make about your future," said Harris.

Domestic violence seminar today

Highline students are invited to attend a Domestic Violence Awareness and Safety Planning seminar presented by Domestic Abuse Women's Network

(D.A.W.N.).

The seminar is in Building 2 today from 10 to 11 a.m. Questions will be answered until 11:30 a.m.

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Kledzik is committed to checks and quilts

By Madeline Jagger
staff reporter

If you get a paycheck at Highline, Denise Kledzik has something to do with it.

Kledzik started at Highline in 1982 as a student at the Federal Way Center. While she was a student, she was asked to be a teacher's aide.

"I continued to be an office assistant, then went to human resources hourly," Kledzik said.

"The opportunity was there," said Kledzik, a Federal Way resident.

Today she is Highline's payroll and benefits manager, overseeing payroll and managing benefits for Highline employees.

As committed as she is to Highline, so is her husband, Ted Kledzik, computer science teacher.

"We don't see each other that often, because of the different schedules," said Kledzik.

"Though we do get to have good conversations about what's going on at Highline since we know some of the same people. Though we don't talk about anything confidential to do with my job."

Kledzik's work for the college was recognized at the end



Denise Kledzik

of last school year, when she was named Outstanding Employee of the Year.

In nominating Kledzik for the award, others described her as "very dedicated to Highline and her work."

Kledzik moved to Washington from California 25 years

ago. A mother of four and a grandmother of five, Kledzik finds time to be with her family and work hard for Highline.

In her spare time she likes to quilt and put together wall hangings to give away or even hang in her own house.

Kriedler and Adams vie for insurance job

By Quentin Taminhart
staff reporter

Democratic incumbent Mike Kriedler is facing Republican challenger John Adams in his bid for re-election as state Insurance Commissioner.

Adams has said the state's insurance system is broken and must be fixed while Kriedler's campaign is quick to tout his achievements in protecting consumers over the past four years.

Adams has worked in the insurance industry for 34 years, in a variety of positions including underwriting and brokering.

At one time he was responsible for all marine insurance sales in the New England region for The Hartford Insurance Co.

He now runs his own Seattle insurance firm, Seattle General Agency, which deals largely in marine-liability insurance.

Adams has pointed out that it's been 24 years since someone with an actual license to sell insurance has held the office of insurance commissioner.

However, Adams has had no political experience aside from holding the position of district director for the Lake Washington School District.

Adams says he'll push to remove mandates on what health

plans must cover. The Health Reform Act, passed in '93 with backing by then Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn, lays out 40 types of health care that insurers must cover in order to operate in Washington state.

Adams asserts that such policies are stifling competition in the insurance industry by making it painful for insurers to do business here. He says people should be able to get bare-bones plans, with just the basics.

"Having affordable insurance is essentially a jobs issue," said Adams, citing Washington's high unemployment rate.

"Employment in this state isn't all about Boeing anymore. Small businesses need to have access to flexible plans for their employees."

Before being elected insurance commissioner in 2000, Kriedler had served as both a Washington state legislator as well as a one-term U.S. congressman. As a legislator, Kriedler was the chairman, vice-chairman or ranking minority member of the standing committee addressing health care policy issues for 16 years.

Previous to his political career he worked as an optometrist for 20 years for Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound.

Election

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voice in deciding who will be their next president.

Students were also asked about how they felt about various state initiatives. Initiative 892 promises to cut property taxes in exchange for legalizing slot machines in local venues. Most students seemed moderately opposed to the idea, with 28 votes against it.

"Gambling is illegal," Hamilton said. "It just gives people another reason to waste money."

The 17 who voted in favor of the initiative said that they think gambling is fine, or that they don't really care about the issue.

Initiative 884 states it would raise taxes to provide extra money for schools. Some 44 percent said they opposed the initiative, versus 30 percent who said they favor it.

Students opposed said that the state already has high enough taxes as it is, and that money for schools could be raised by cutting the costs of other city and state projects.

Reporters Ian Taylor, Olivia de Leon, Mark Knight and Madeline Jagger contributed to this story.

Des Moines

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als."

Benjamin is also against the two proposals because they might not be needed after cuts are made to the budget and the city receives \$2 million from the Port of Seattle for right of way

regarding the third runway.

"They [the proposals] are not necessary," said Benjamin.

These two proposals are solutions to Des Moines' projected \$3.3 million budget deficit.

Three factors are labeled as the main cause for the deficit.

The city's budget issues began in 1999 when Washington voters passed Initiative 695.

The initiative abolished the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, which was a major source of funding for Des Moines.

Initiative 747, passed in 2001, restricted the increase on property tax to 1 percent per year.

In the past, the city was allowed to increase property tax rates as much as 6 percent. With

inflation, the 1 percent tax increase does not keep up, city officials say.

Initiative 776 eliminated the \$15 vehicle-licensing fee. The fee provided at least \$267,000 for Des Moines' budget.

Critics of the city point to money spent fighting the Port of Seattle over the third runway as another source of the shortfall.

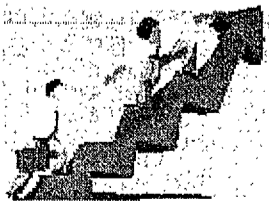
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Tommy Hilfiger

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