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Highline's Marine Science and Technology Center, located at Redondo Beach, is a resting place for flocks of pigeons.

Pigeons leave MaST in deep doo-doo

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

Pigeon poop is a problem for the Highline campus and the MaST center.

These non-native birds are coating each of these places with their excrement.

The MaST center, currently being rebuilt, will be the home of the marine laboratory for Highline. It is used to educate students about the South Puget Sound ecosystem.

Although there are poop problems around Buildings 8 and 29 on campus, Phil Sell from Facilities said the more serious problem is in Redondo.

"There are a lot of them (pigeons). There's pigeon poop everywhere," Sell said.

With the MaST center scheduled to open in Spring 2008, the poop is cause for concern.

"It's corrosive, messy, and it takes a lot of time and money to clean it up," Sell said.

Sell said he doesn't remember pigeons being a problem five to 10 years ago, but they are becoming a big problem.

Port of Seattle Wildlife Biologist Steve Osmek is in charge of pigeon control at the airport and he says people are contributing to the problem.

People who feed the pigeons think they're helping out, but they are making the problem worse, Osmek said.

Providing the pigeons with food is an issue at the MaST center due to a nearby restaurant and the amount of people who spend time at the pier in Redondo.

The city of Des Moines put up signs discouraging the feeding of pigeons, but Sell himself has seen people ignore the signs.

"I went down to observe and there was a couple feeding pigeons right in front of the sign," Sell said.

The signs have even been torn down once, before being put back up by the city of Des Moines.

Feeding the pigeons increases their possibility of mating.

"The feedings allow pigeons to mate a couple of times, compared to only once, or maybe not at all," Osmek said. That means

more pigeons.

Osmek said pigeons do very well around humans, which makes it easier for people to feed them.

If the feedings don't stop, the population of pigeons will skyrocket.

"Another 10 years and the numbers will be twice as high," Osmek said.

Osmek is doing his part for controlling the population at the airport as airport staff traps between 300 and 500 pigeons a year.

"It's still not enough. They are still increasing," Osmek said.

The trapped pigeons are euthanized and donated for study, Osmek said.

Osmek predicts the slanted roofs of the MaST center will be a haven for pigeons because they like to have a view of their surroundings.

With the increased real estate for the pigeons to roost, it makes it difficult to use any other method than trapping.

"You can't cover the whole roof with spikes," Sell said.

Shooting the pigeons is always an option, but Sell pre-

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Highline students not aware of Tuesday vote

But transit, insurance, school levy measures may greatly affect them

By Jocie Olson
Staff Reporter

State officials project a high turnout next Tuesday at the election polls, but many Highline students don't even know the election is taking place.

In an unscientific survey done by the Thunderword of 80 students, only 18 students - 22.5 percent - knew the date for the election while 62 didn't.

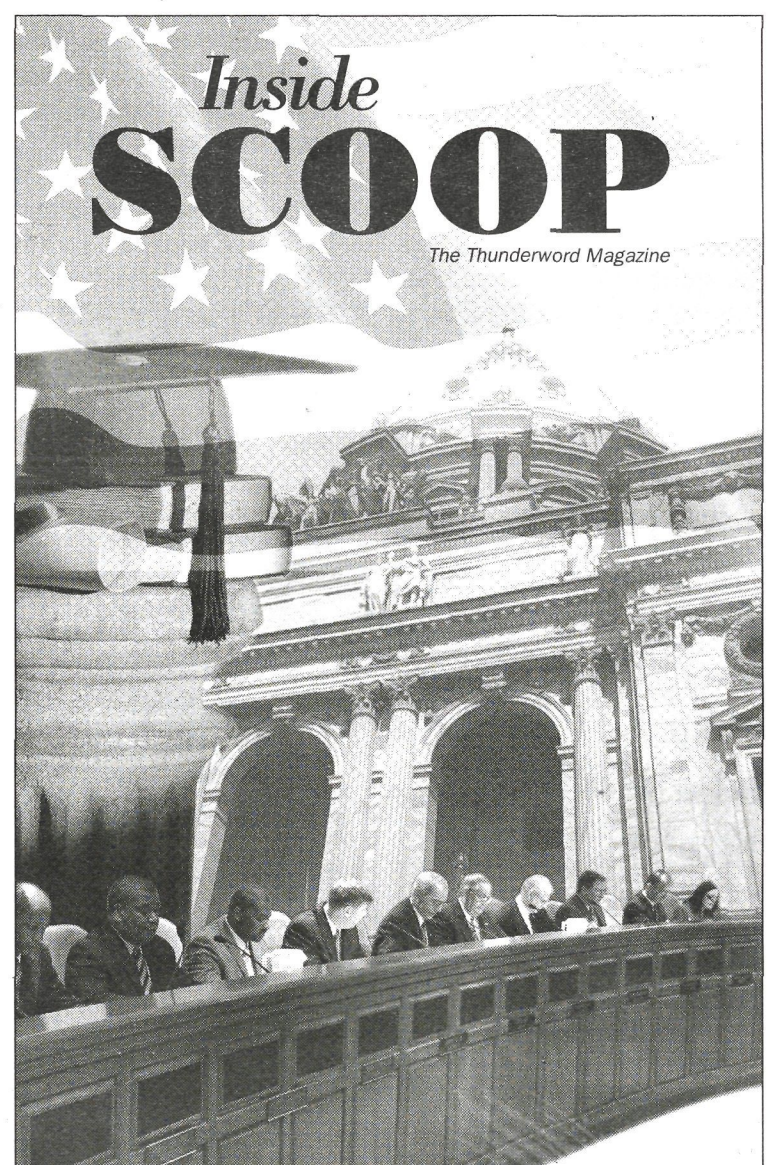
"I'm not registered to vote

and I don't know when the next elections are coming up," said Kyle Crabtree, a Highline student.

Of the students surveyed, 35 students -- 43.7 percent -- were registered to vote and 45 -- 56.3 percent -- said that they were not.

"Yes, I am registered to vote, the election ends on Tuesday midnight for absentee voters. I

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CST: Highline

Officer Noyer gives students some advice

Despite the robbery last week at Highline, officer Richard Noyer said that Highline is a safe campus and there's nothing to worry about.

There have been more arguments between students this quarter Noyer said, but there is nothing going on around campus that any students need to worry about, but it is always a good idea to use precaution.

"Some quarters there are more car thefts or stolen property and there just seems to be more arguments between students this quarter," Noyer said.

All of the incidents are reported to the Dean of Students, who decides how to take action, Noyer said. None of the incidents have been a concern.

Students should always use precautions on campus and trust their instincts. If any student or employee feels uncomfortable about a situation, Security does escorts day and night, Noyer said.

There are also blue phones located in the North and South lots that directly connect with the Des Moines Police Department when you pick it up. Highline is also working to get another emergency phone put in the East Lot. Two Security officers are on duty, day and night, patrolling the campus.

Some safety tips that Noyer suggests for everyone to use are: watch your belongings, lock your vehicles, walk with others (especially at night), know your surroundings and trust your instincts.

If anyone wants to know more about the security and safety at Highline, you can log on to the Highline home page and click on "Security and Safety." This sight gives an overview of Highline's security policies and steps that people should take to stay safe.

Fender bender

One student's car collided with another's.

Hannah Mason said that she was driving past the exit of the East lot when another student's car pulled out and hit her.

The other car was smaller and according to Mason sustained more damage, the two car owners exchanged information, and then waited while there cars were towed.

The other student refused to comment on the accident.

The accident occurred around 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

- Compiled by A. McClurg



Workshop prepares students for interviews

Students can learn how to be confident in an interview in a workshop next week.

The Counseling and Career Resource Center is putting on a workshop that will teach students how to interview with confidence. Carel Neffenger, a speech professor at Highline, will be presenting this workshop.

"This workshop will be mainly preparing people for a regular job interview," Neffenger said. "Most people don't know how to prepare for a job interview."

This workshop will help students prepare themselves for going into a job interview. It is going to be a really interactive workshop, said Neffenger, at one point the students will break into groups.

"We're going to do what I call telling stories," Neffenger said. "A good interview will look at a person's background information, etc."

In an interview, you have to be prepared to say what skills you have. There are a few different types of skills, said Neffenger.

"For example, a good transferable skill would be good customer service, and a good adaptive skill is having a friendly and outgoing personality," Neffenger said. "It's always good to be prepared."

This workshop takes place on Thursday, Nov. 8 in Building 6, room 151 from noon - 1 p.m.

For more information on this event contact Carel Neffenger at cneffeng@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 6030.

Students have a chance to watch a movie *Sideways*

Sideways, the Academy Award-winning film will be showing this Movie Friday.

The movie will be introduced by Mary Barkley, director of Puget Sound Early College.

The movie is about two guys who take a weekend trip up to California's wine country where they explore the nature of their failures, and question their relationships. This is a story about life, longing and second chances.

Sideways is sponsored by International Student Programs and the World Languages Department. It will be playing on Friday, Nov. 2 in Building 7 at noon.

For more information on this event, contact Roman Wright at rwright@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3999.

Students will speak out against Nonviolence

Students can discover the power of nonviolence by attending First Fridays Leadership Institute on Nov. 2.

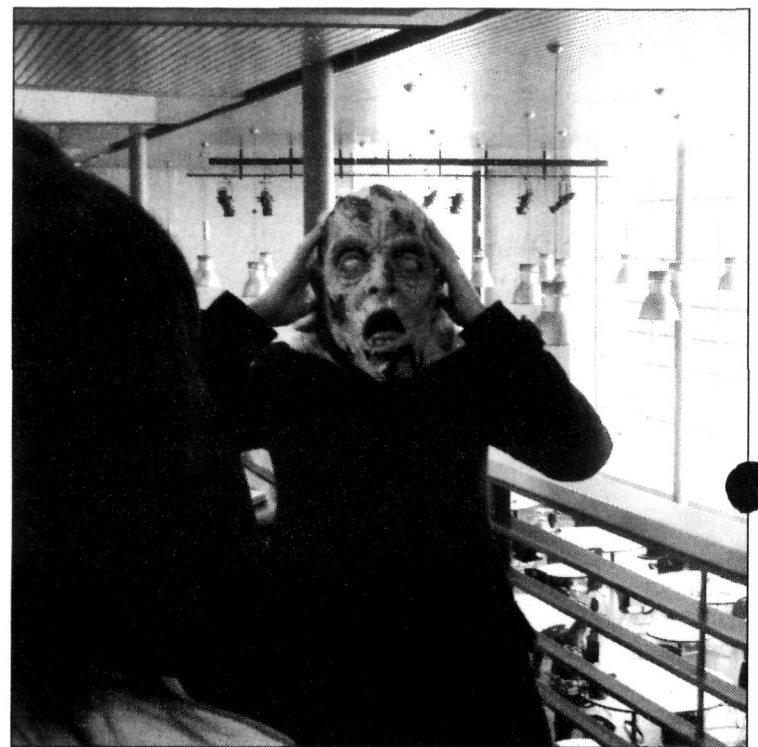
First Friday's workshop The Power of Nonviolence: Social Justice for Conscious Leaders is going to be held in the Mt. Constance room located in the Student Union Building, from 2 - 4 p.m.

First Fridays are workshops that take place every first Friday of the month. They are free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about this event, contact Natasha Burrows at nburrowe@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3256.

Students can learn more about their finances

Students can learn more about financial aid by attending



Patricia O'Neil/ THUNDERWORD

Student wears a mask in the Student Union Building to celebrate Halloween.

a workshop next week.

The Counseling and Career Resource Center is putting on a workshop that will give students helpful information on financial aid.

There will be a question and answer section, in which Cheryl Reid, interim director of Financial Aid, will answer student's questions and provide them with specific information about financial aid, such as the different types of financial aid.

The event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in Building 23, room 310 from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

For more information on this event, contact Cheryl Reid at creid@highline.edu

Voting is mathematically proven to be unfair

This Friday students can find out why we will never have a totally fair voting system.

This Science Seminar is going to discuss why the process of voting is inherently flawed.

The topic will be Nothing's Perfect: The Mathematical Impossibility of a Fair Voting System. This seminar will be given by Erik Scott, a mathematics professor at Highline.

Science Seminars are held every Friday in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20-3:10 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Eric Baer at ebaer@highline.edu.

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When: W, Th, F, Sun: 1pm-9pm through January

Where: Kent **How Much:** \$11.50/hr.

For more information, log on to Interfase at www.myinterfase.com/highline/student or visit Student Employment in Building 6.



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ENGINEERING A CAREER

Highline graduate Elaine Gero refused to take no for an answer

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Elaine Gero was told multiple times she could not go back to school, but she decided to go against the nay-sayers and become an inspiration to many Highline students.

Gero was the keynote speaker at The Engineering and Applied Sciences Club Banquet last week at Highline.

Gero has gone through an educational journey that started later in her life. She was working at Boeing as a word processor. She was bored with the job, and needed to make more money for her and her two daughters.

Originally college was not in the plans for Gero, but boredom and making more money quickly motivated her to go back to school.

"It was time to do something else. I wasn't motivated to learn to type faster or make a box faster, I mean how many ways can you make a box?" Gero said.

Her journey started at Highline. She began taking classes to get an associate of applied

science in Client Server Programming. In all Gero ended up graduating three times from Highline: in 1998, 1999, and 2000.

"I had three graduation ceremonies at Highline. It was great! I felt like I deserved it. I walked proudly every three times," she said.

After she earned her degrees from Highline, she got a job as a level one programmer at Boeing. She had received a better job, with better pay, but her education did not stop there. Gero decided to start earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix. In 2001 she earned a degree in business administration.

In 2003 she earned a master's in organizational development. Gero went from a programmer to a manager at Boeing. She says she uses the knowledge from all her degrees every day.

At the banquet close to 100 women from the math and engineering departments, students, and women from industry attended the dinner.

Alina Stepchuk, an engineer-



Melody Ericksen/THUNDERWORD

Elaine Gero earned multiple degrees at Highline before going on for bachelor's and master's degrees. She now works at Boeing.

ing student at Highline, helped plan and organize the event. The idea started from a dream that a former Highline student had. Erin Severeid was one of only two female students in her engineering classes. Her dream was to have an event that honored women in the field. Stepchuk and Severeid shared ideas

and planned the event in five months.

"I sat there in awe. It was successful because of the people who planned the event, led the event, and took the time to participate," Stepchuk said.

Helen Burn, a math professor and a chairwoman of the science division, spoke at the

event. She spoke about how Highline's programs help the success of female students because of the high quality learning environments. The small class sizes, technology in classrooms, and the teachers serving as great role models and mentors, are just a few reasons why students succeed she said.

"Gateways are open, women have opportunities. The programs at Highline make all students, including women successful in science," Burn said.

The women who attended were a mix of people from the engineering and math fields. They were talking enthusiastically to each other through the night, mostly giving tips and ideas on how to balance work and family life.

Dr. Elizabeth Chen, who serves on Highline's Board of Trustees, spoke about the great influence women have on each other.

"It is important for students to see real women in the field. They can see their dreams are reachable," Chen said.

Gero is able to keep her dream and motivation alive through something she calls her "Gold Card." When she was a student at Highline she took Speech 100. She wrote a speech in that class and now carries it around everywhere she goes. It reminds her that it is important to always believe in yourself.

"You have to have the endurance to keep going. When I am struggling, I back up, and rethink the situation, I determine that I have that power," Gero said.

Students will invest some time to learn about finance

By Melody Ericksen
Staff Reporter

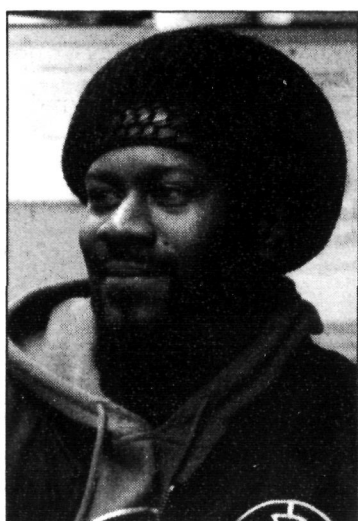
A series of events next week will give students information on how to manage their finances.

The Student Small Capital Investment Club (SSCIC) will be hosting three events that will serve as a kick-off for their club, which was started in Spring Quarter.

"This will be sort of like a 'meet-n-greet' type of thing," said Rashid Abdulla, president of the SSCIC, and the coordinator for these events.

"I think that this will most likely be a more successful club (compared to others), because people want to find out about their finances," Abdulla said. People who want to take control of their finances would probably be interested in this club, Abdulla reiterated.

The club's meetings will be held every other Monday in Building 10, room 101.



Rashid Abdulla

Abdulla said that there is already a curriculum laid out for the club, which will serve as a guideline for the meetings.

The first event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room in the Student Union Building from 11 a.m. - noon.

During this event a short documentary will be shown,

and the itinerary for the rest of the week will be given.

The first speaker will be Leslie Lum, who started the financial education program at Bellevue Community College. She is now working with a team whose goal is to get investor and financial education in all the community colleges in Washington state.

Lum is also the author of the book *Personal Investing*, and the co-author of *Marketing and Managing in a Multicultural Environment*.

"She is going to be sharing her expertise with us," Abdulla said.

Lum will be present an overview of a college financial education, help people to scrutinize their personal financial life, and provide a plan to improve that situation.

She will be providing students with information on how to take hold of their financial situation, and come out of college without a massive debt.

The second event will take place Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the Student Union Building, Mt. Skokomish room from noon-1 p.m. This event will feature business professor Bill Webster (also a professional stockbroker) speaking on commodities, stocks, and valuation and online investing, including information on how to properly invest your money.

Webster will be providing a few helpful sites on the web to get people started.

Anthony Newton, an accounting professor at Highline, will talk about your financial life, how to set goals, creating a spending plan, how to distinguish needs and wants, credit card quiz, Do's and Don'ts on student loans, tax credit, tax advantages, and the cost of early withdrawal of 401K, IRA, Roth IRA.

Everyone will be urged to keep track of their expenses, make careful buying decision, and put money away for emer-

gencies.

"The most important aspect of understanding your financial situation is to understand your financial time-line, so that you can thoroughly gain a perspective of how important it is to plan for your retirement now as oppose to a later time," Newton said.

The third and final day of the Investors Education Week will be mainly a game day, with games from the book *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* by Robert T. Kiyosaki.

Abdulla said this is a must read. Kiyosaki was inspired to write the book by his father, who always suffered from financial troubles.

The games that will be played include the Credit game, Financial Monopoly, Cash Flow 101, Investor, and other finance related games. This last event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Student Union Building, Mt. Skokomish room from noon - 1 p.m.

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Editorial comment

Vote next week and give yourself room to complain

This Tuesday there is an election and many Highline students aren't aware of it.

This is a major problem. We live in a democracy that only functions if people vote. It is your civic responsibility to vote.

If you are registered to vote, we urge that you do vote in this election. Read up on what the issues are and who the candidates are.

If you are not registered, please get registered for the next election and vote. That is how our country works, by people voting.

We surveyed many students this week and very few of the students knew there was an election this year.

Most students could not tell us what any issues on the ballot were or any candidates.

More than half of the students we surveyed weren't registered to vote. And of the ones who were registered very few planned to vote in this election.

This may not be a presidential election but it is just as important. Local elections usually have more of an effect on your life than national elections.

This election features several constitutional amendments and initiatives that are very important.

Also, school board elections can have a major impact on what direction local schools districts are going.

City councils can make major changes to their city by attracting more businesses and making a city have more of a downtown area.

This year there are many races for county positions. Positions such as prosecuting attorney can build task forces to prosecute certain criminals such as sexual offenders. The Port of Seattle commissioners decide what the plans for the port are.

That's just a few of the elections that are being held this year. Most of the positions will have some effect on Highline students.

However, if students want to stay apathetic and not vote they will lose their voice.

People who vote have more power than those who don't.

Senior citizens vote, that's why everyone tries to pander to them. That's why politicians are always talking about how to help them.

People who are college age don't vote as much.

Now we can see some of the effects of that.

Recently, the amount of money spent for student loans by the federal government have been cut dramatically.

This year, don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution and vote.



What we need here is a good slogan

Some people didn't like the Obert ads, which apparently have disappeared off the college's website, but at least they were ads.

Highline has never done a very good job of promoting itself, a fact finally dawning among the people whose job it is to promote the college as enrollment stumbles lower.

This isn't just me carping; we once had former mattress maven Sunny Kobe Cooke come on campus to do a presentation about how you can succeed in life without going to college. Hello?

So almost any promotion of the college that doesn't involve inviting hundreds of screaming high school kids onto campus for free so Josten's can sell more jewelry is probably an improvement.

And there's always room for improvement. First, we need a slogan beyond the current model, which seems to be "Highline: We've never heard of you either."

We need to market what we have, so how about "No parking, but think of the exercise!"

Or what about "Compared to the UW, we're on sale!"

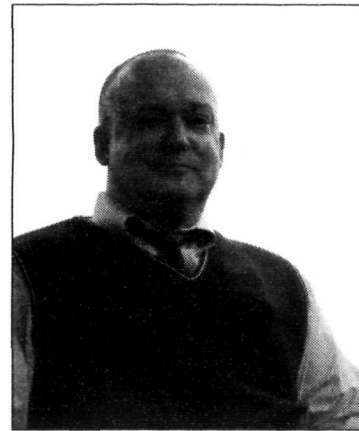
Or my personal favorite: "Once you get to graduate school, they'll never know you went here."

Seriously, Highline has lots of fine programs and great professors in addition to the parking. So it's not like we don't have something to sell.

We ought to get a sign big enough to see on the Outreach Building, where right now the most prominent sign says "HCC staff parking only." Now that's how to greet new visitors.

If we could think a little big-

Commentary



T.M. Sell

ger, we might get a time and temperature readerboard up there on the highway, so that the thousands of drivers who go by everyday would be reminded that Highline is here.

Meanwhile, we're getting our tails kicked by the likes of Bryman College and other instant colleges, which cost a lot more and don't have as distinguished a faculty.

We ought to do a health occupations career day and invite all those high school kids to find out what we're actually doing here. Some of them will probably come in hopes of scoring free drug samples, but some of them may enroll once they find out they won't have to mortgage their future offspring to afford the tuition.

Meanwhile, the Obert ads, which featured an acting student playing this guy, Obert, who may or may not have been a student — it was hard to tell — tried to sell Highline by making it seem hip and funky.

Oddly enough, Obert wasn't like a real Highline student. So what we need to do, perhaps, is

put the funk back in dysfunctional and talk about real Highline students, such as:

Probert: Crabby 30-something paralegal major whose chief goal in life is to sue the pants off her ex-husband.

Dohbert: Has an answer to everything ever said in class, and they're always wrong, if not completely off topic.

Jobert: Wanted to major in journalism, and then he met me.

Snobert: He'd rather be skiing, dude. Best known for saying "You mean we had a mid-term?"

Showbert: Somewhat talented drama major who doesn't need an audience and never stops performing.

Blubert: Not technically clinically depressed, but has mastered the look of eternal tragedy at all times. No one knows why.

Gobert: 217 credits on his transcript, and still no degree.

Kidbert: 15 years old, previously home-schooled, and his mom is convinced that he's ready for college, including when she calls to complain about his grades, etc.

Lobert: Not the kind of physique that should be showing that much midriff, but that doesn't stop her.

Globert: Way too much time in the tanning booth.

Nobert: Won't be in class again today.

The amazing thing is, except perhaps for Nobert, we manage to educate all these types and more. So maybe that should be our campaign: "If we can educate these folks, think of what we can do for you."

T.M. went to Highline, where he claims he was never a Bert.

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"Stupid child-proof lighters."

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Farmer's market builds business for community

By Ariel McKenzie
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines Farmer's Market just finished its second successful year, a director said.

"It (the farmer's market) was successful," said Rikki Marohl, market manager for the Des Moines Waterfront Farmer's Market. "Vendors, shoppers, and sponsors were all happy."

Marohl said that the market had 25 or more vendors each week and 650 to 1,100 visitors each day.

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmer's Market is managed by Farming and the Environment, a non-profit organization that strives to preserve the economic vitality of Washington state farming.

The farmers market takes place in the Des Moines Marina every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from June 2 to Oct. 27.

There were several different vendors featured at the farmer's market in Des Moines this year. Marohl said that vendors ranged from local family-farm vendors, to craft vendors, and even concession and food vendors.

"They (vendors) were happy to be a part of our market—many have said they really like the location," said Marohl.

Although vendors were happy with the overall outcome of this year's farmer's market,



Jocie Olson/ THUNDERWORD

A local farm vendor sells produce and flowers at last Saturday's Des Moines Waterfront Farmer's Market.

they said that the weather was much worse this year than last and that it affected their produce and the number of shoppers that came out.

This year the farmer's market partnered with the city of Des Moines Arts Commission to bring a children's art festival, Kid's Day, and monthly contests. The first annual chili cook-off took place last Satur-

day, which was the last farmer's market of the year.

Marohl said that she hopes the farmer's market brings in more vendors next year and that sales increase.

The farmer's market was not only successful for local farmers and vendors. The city of Des Moines was also pleased with this year's market.

"The farmer's market has had

a tremendous positive impact on the city," said Tony Piasecki, Des Moines city manager.

Piasecki said that the farmer's market has become a gathering place for the residents of the community and that it has stimulated interest in the local business community. He explained that the satisfaction of the vendors who have participated in the market has boosted

its popularity and created financial success.

"Next year, I'd like to see us continue the growth and enthusiasm we've enjoyed this year," Piasecki said.

Piasecki said he thinks the business community can use the farmer's market as a tool to bring in customers to their establishments.

Dianne Jacobson, a local business owner and Secretary Treasurer of Destination Des Moines, said that she can see the positive impact the farmer's market has on the atmosphere of local businesses.

Destination Des Moines is a group of local business owners and members interested in seeing Des Moines grow and become an exciting destination for visitors, said Jacobson.

Jacobson said that she saw people who were at the marina visiting the market walk around to surrounding shops and businesses.

Jacobson, who is a co-owner of a local wine shop called Corky Cellars, said that the people who she has talked with about the market have given her positive feedback.

"It's awesome. Everybody loves the market," said Jacobson.

More information about the market can be found at www.farmingandtheenvironment.org

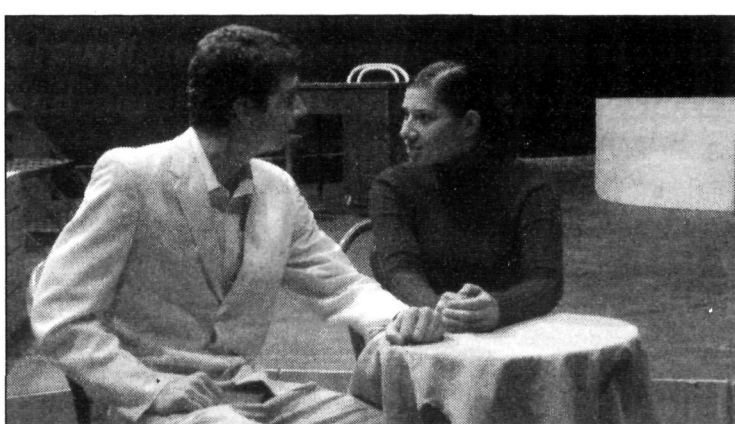
Fall drama production is making progress Classical piano trio to play at Highline

By Ariel McKenzie
Staff Reporter

Highline's drama production lost two of its cast members, but two Highline drama veterans have returned to help.

Dr. Christiana Taylor, Highline's drama, music, and art coordinator, said that they have lost two original cast members, but two graduates of Highline's Drama Program, Carlos Calvo and Jim Cooper, have come back to fill in the positions.

This quarter, the Drama Department will be doing *Earth and Sky* by Douglas Post.



Ariel McKenzie/ THUNDERWORD

Cast members Andrew Cardenas and Sophia Villanueva rehearse for Highline's upcoming drama production.

Dr. Taylor said that this quarter that *Earth and Sky* is a detective thriller that also has a romantic theme.

Earth and Sky will run Friday, Nov. 8, Saturday, Nov. 9, Sunday, Nov. 10, Friday, Nov. 15, Saturday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 17 in the Little Theatre, Building 4-122.

Calvo and Cooper have both done professional work at Breeders Theater in Des Moines. Calvo said that he has not done much acting lately due to personal issues, but he thought that performing for Highline would

be a good way to ease back into acting in a comfortable environment.

Calvo's most recent work includes a short film called *Last Word*.

Taylor said that some of the actors are struggling, but they work hard and take care in the quality of their work.

"They are a nice group of folks," Taylor said.

Sophia Villanueva, cast member of *Earth and Sky*, said she feels the members of the production are making progress.

"We are under the wire," said

Villanueva, explaining that the rehearsal period for the fall production is shorter this quarter than winter or spring. "I wish we had more time."

Villanueva said that she likes the diversity of the cast members and the characters they portray. She said all of the cast members give her something new to work with, and that not all of their acting styles are the same.

"I have had to dedicate myself 120 percent and I have been so tired, so stressed, and so overwhelmed, but also excited," Villanueva said.

The Waterland Music Series will present its first performance next Tuesday.

The first performance will feature Finisterra, a classical piano trio, who have been winners of national and international competitions. Finisterra has played at many concert halls around the country including Benaroya Hall in Seattle.

Finisterra will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Highline in Building 7 at 7:30 p.m.

More information about Finisterra can be found by visiting www.finisterra.org.

Tickets are \$50 for the entire series, or \$15 per show.

Student tickets are available for \$5. Tickets can be purchased through Des Moines Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services by calling 206-870-6527.

Local retailer Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Drive, will also be selling tickets to these performances and they can be contacted by calling 206-824-9462.

Des Moines Florist, 721 S. 219th st., will also be selling tickets to these performances and can be contacted by calling 206-824-5920.

Both Corky Cellars and Des Moines Florist are located in downtown Des Moines.

Arts festival to feature south Seattle artists

Artist's United Association will present their annual Autumn Art Festival this Sunday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Normandy Park Cove, 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive.

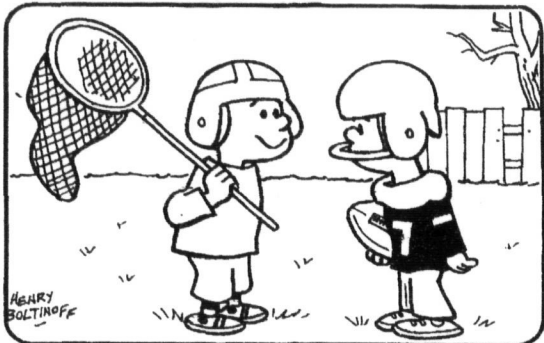
This festival is free to attend and the artwork of several Artist's United members will be on display and up for sale. The artwork of several south Seattle artists will be featured. Artwork

will include oil, watercolor, pastel, and acrylic paintings as well as some sculpture work.

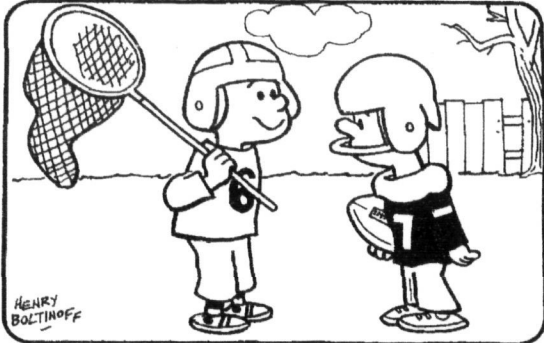
Artists United Association, which was established about 50 years ago, features 92 members from the south Seattle area. Anyone interested in joining the association can attend a meeting, which occurs on the second Tuesday of every month at the Burien Library around noon.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud is added. 2. Grass is missing. 3. Boy on left is taller. 4. Tree is in front of fence. 5. Nose is larger. 6. Number added to shirt.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands?
- 2. ANATOMY: Where is the sacrum in the human body?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Pitcairn Island is a dependent territory of which country?
- 4. LANGUAGE: What is meant by the term "fifth column"?
- 5. HISTORY: In what year did the two unions, American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, merge into the more powerful AFL-CIO?
- 6. MILITARY: What is the code of the Japanese samurai?
- 7. GAMES: What kind of

- game is "Millipede"?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: In cooking, what is arrowroot used for?
- 9. MUSIC: What were the first names of the Allman Brothers?
- 10. THEATER: Who wrote the play *The Iceman Cometh*?

- 10. Eugene O'Neill
 - 9. Duane and Gregg
 - 8. A thickening agent
 - 7. Arcade video game
 - 6. Bushido
 - 5. 1955
 - 4. Enemy sympathizers who might give aid to an invader
 - 3. United Kingdom
 - 2. At the base of the spine
 - 1. Off the coast of West Africa
- Answers
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ARTS CALENDAR

•The Des Moines Art Commission and the Highline Foundation will be presenting Finisterra, a Classical Piano Trio, on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Highline, 2400 S. 240th St., in Building 7.

Finisterra will play as part of the Waterland Music Series, which strives to bring top musicians to Highline. Tickets are being sold at \$5 for students and \$15 for anyone else and more information on this performance or other Waterland Music Series performances can be found by calling 206-870-6527.

•Jazz recording artist Kathy Kosins will present a master vocal class Thursday, Nov. 8, 2:30 p.m. in Building 4, room 104. Ms. Kosins will work with students singing jazz numbers and Broadway musical numbers. The event is free and open to the public.

•Digital travel photography

by Bruce and Patricia Overman will be featured at the Highline Library Gallery in November.

The Overmans have merged their love of travel with their interest in photography to create printed images that they hope will rekindle memories of places you have visited or perhaps inspire you to make your own journey.

All of the photos in this exhibit were captured with a digital camera, the images edited with commonly available soft-

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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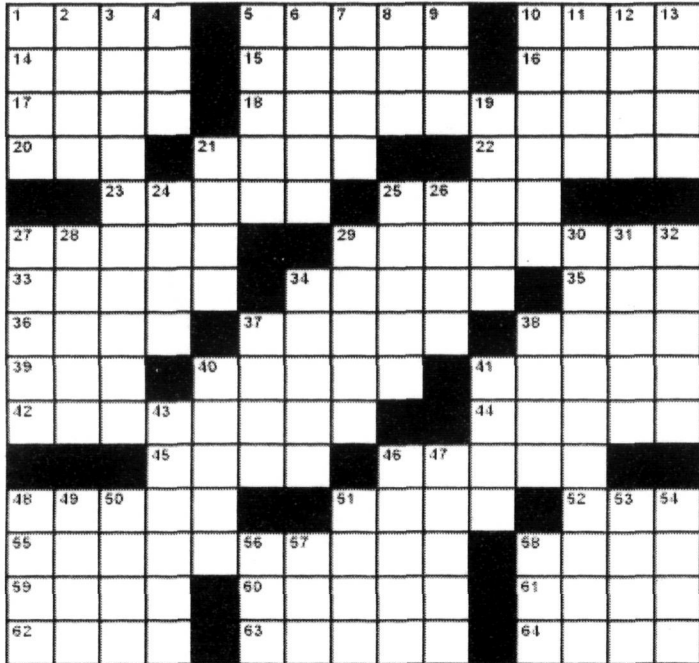
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- 14 Press
- 15 Superior in rank
- 16 Retread, e.g.
- 17 Overlay, in a way
- 18 Fiftysomething, say
- 20 Actor Holbrook
- 21 Dentist's directive
- 22 Gallows loop
- 23 Trailblazer Daniel
- 25 Toss back
- 27 Alex Haley saga
- 29 Most-used key
- 33 Ham it up
- 34 Summer refuge
- 35 "The fifth Beatle"
- 36 Bush whack?
- 37 Ouzo flavoring
- 38 Kong
- 39 "Yuck!"
- 40 Hive Horde
- 41 One bottled up
- 42 Traveler's document
- 44 Like a big brother
- 45 Invalid
- 46 Complex unit
- 48 Church keys?
- 51 Impulse
- 52 Shapely leg
- 55 Bob Cratchitt, for one
- 58 Betty
- 59 Cuba or Crete
- 60 Stopped lying
- 61 Novel idea
- 62 Kennedy and Turner
- 63 Carries on
- 64 Meyers of SNL

Down

- 1 Fair-weather system
- 2 Met offering
- 3 Garden State Pkwy. sights

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 4 It may be bitter
- 5 Room at sea
- 6 Diminish
- 7 Frontal or temporal
- 8 Brown, e.g.
- 9 Winter mo.
- 10 Moe or Larry
- 11 Prom ride
- 12 Lucky strikes?
- 13 Used to be
- 19 In the cooler
- 21 Speaker name
- 24 The Simpson's bus driver
- 25 Tic
- 26 Ex-NFLer Wilson
- 27 Energize
- 28 Watch brand
- 29 It may be stuffed
- 30 A government project?
- 31 Warbuck's ward
- 32 "Understood"
- 34 Hair problem
- 37 Caught off base?
- 38 Gripped
- 40 Gumption

- 41 Departed
- 43 On A Plane
- 46 Colgate rival
- 47 Shrek and Fiona
- 48 Passing notice
- 49 Gift on The Bachelor
- 50 Olympian's quest
- 51 2nd word of The Raven
- 53 Tons
- 54 Urban legend
- 56 Musician's gift
- 57 Historic time
- 58 DHL rival

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The best way to conquer stage fright is to know what you're talking about.

... Micheal Mescon

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•Magical Strings will perform its 21st Annual Celtic Yuletide Concert, Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. at the Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center.

Tickets: \$20 general, \$16 student/senior, \$62 family

pack (2 adults, 2 children.)

For tickets, visit the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, Monday-Friday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; or call 253.856.5055 or go to www.ticketturtle.com

•Got arts news? Send your items to Arts Editor Ariel McK-

enzie at amckenzie@highline.edu. Please include time, date, location and contact info.

Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Constitutional amendments add weight to ballot

By Nathan Brown
Staff Reporter

Four constitutional amendments will appear on the Washington state ballot next Tuesday.

•Engrossed House Joint Resolution 4204 would change school district tax levies from needing a supermajority to a simple majority to pass.

Currently, most school districts get some of their funding from local school levies. In order for school levies to pass, 60 percent or a "supermajority" of yes votes is required.

In 2006, 271 out of 279 school districts passed levies.

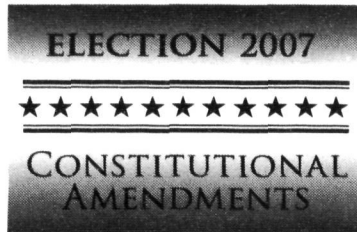
However, "The stats don't show how many times a levy is rerun," said Washington State PTA President Laura Bay.

Most levies eventually pass but it could take up to three tries. Bay said this wastes a great deal of time and taxpayer money by having to hold multiple elections for levies that the majority of voters already supported.

With supermajority conditions, a no vote is worth more than a yes. Supermajority is not necessary for funding education, said Bay.

Resolution 4204 does allow for a greater increase in property taxes. Currently, the tax cannot be raised above 1 percent. If 4204 passes, this limitation would be lifted.

Essentially voters will be weighing an increase in property tax versus funding for edu-



cation.

•Substitute House Joint Resolution 4215 would permit higher education permanent funds to be invested in stocks or bonds issued by any company.

If approved, 4215 would add a new section to the Washington state Constitution, allowing the permanent funds for higher education to be invested in stocks or bonds as long as the state Legislature authorizes it.

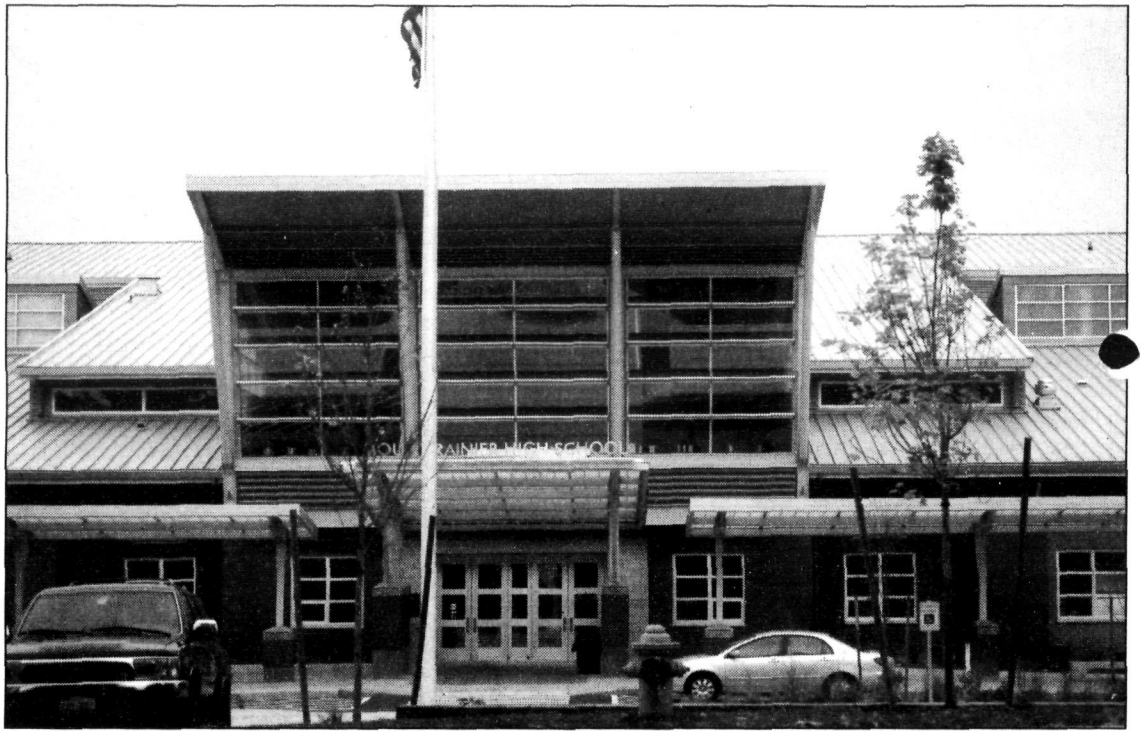
Supporters, such as State Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, D-Seattle, and State Sen. Mark Schoesler, R-Spokane, say these investments would significantly improve returns.

The opponents of this amendment, including State Reps. Bob Hasegawa, D-Seattle, and Glenn Anderson, R-Fall City, say residents should not trust higher education's funding with the stock market.

Long-term, stable investments should be the way to go, say 4215's opponents.

•Engrossed Substitute Senate Joint Resolution 8206 would establish a budget stabilization account in the State Treasury.

If passed, this amendment would require legislature to transfer 1 percent of state revenue each year to a "rainy day



James Bermingham/THUNDERWORD

Schools such as Mt. Rainier High School could benefit if voters approve simple-majority approval for school district levies.

account" and would only allow expenditures under certain conditions.

Supporting this amendment are State Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Bellevue and State Sen. Lisa Brown, D-Spokane.

Supporters said this rainy day fund is a simple idea, saving money during the good times for the bad times.

Opposed to 8206 are State Rep. Helen Sommers, D-Seattle and State Sen. Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle. The opponents see 8206 as merely a temporary crutch for future budget issues, which could delay lasting solu-

tions.

•Senate Joint Resolution 8212 would allow inmate labor programs to be state contracted out to privately owned businesses.

Amendment 8212 would also provide that inmate labor would not be allowed to compete with Washington businesses.

Supporters of the amendment, such as State Sens. Jim Hargrove, D-Hoquiam, and Mike Carrell, R-Lakewood, advocate that prisoners should work to pay off the strain placed on taxpayers.

Inmate labor would allow

prisoners to contribute to the taxpayer burden, victim's compensation, court fees and child support. Supporters say inmates should not sit idle during their time in prison.

State Rep. Lynn Schindler, R-Spokane, and Larry Crouse, R-Spokane, are fearful the amendment would take jobs away from law abiding citizens.

Agreeing with the supporters, Schindler and Crouse don't think prisoners should sit idle but they say the amendment is too vague in guaranteeing work won't be taken from law-abiding citizens.

Referendum 67 may force better handling of claims by insurers

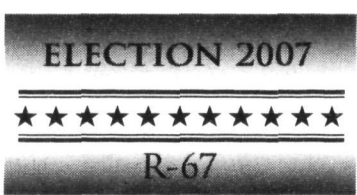
By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Voters will decide if Referendum measure 67 should become law in this Tuesday's election.

This bill would make it unlawful for insurers to unreasonably deny certain coverage claims, and permit treble damages of up to three times the amount of the original claim, plus attorney fees for that and other violations.

R-67 is supported by many committees and individuals including: Governor Christine Gregoire, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler, King County Executive Ron Sims, American Federation of Teachers - Washington, Washington State Labor Council, and US-Action.

R-67 is also supported by: Associated Builders and Contractors of Western Washington, Associated General Contractors, Association of Washington



Business, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, etc.

People who support R-67 say that Referendum 67 simply requires the Insurance Industry to be fair and pay legitimate claims in a reasonable and timely manner.

Without R-67, the only penalty insurance companies face for failure to pay legitimate claims is a fine issued by the state insurance commissioner of up to \$10,000. The insurance commissioner can not force an insurance company to pay a claim, even if it has been proven that they have delayed or denied a legitimate claim.

R-67 would help make the Insurance Industry honor its commitments by making it against

the law to unreasonably delay or deny legitimate claims.

People who want to reject R-67 say; not only does R-67 raise auto and homeowners insurance rates, it applies to small businesses and doctors as well. That means higher medical bills and higher prices for goods and services. Laws should reduce frivolous lawsuits, not create more.

The results vary widely in the numerous individual studies on the possible financial affects of R-67. Due to the conflicting research, there is no clear guidance for estimating the magnitude of the fiscal impact of potential increases in court costs, insurance premiums, or recovered claims.

There are some fiscal assumptions for R-67 according to the Secretary of State Office. There would likely be an increase in the number of cases filed in superior court related to the denial of insurance claims. Premiums

for state and local governments that purchase auto, property, liability or other insurance may increase due to a potential increase in insurance companies' litigation costs and the amounts awarded to claimants.

When the state or local government is a claimant, the referendum could increase the likeli-

hood of recovering on the claim, and the amount recovered.

It is estimated that 300 notices per year of insurance-related lawsuits would be filed with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, resulting in a minimum cost of less than \$50,000 per year increased cost to the agency.

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Transit, roads issue drives plenty of debate

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

Proposition No. 1 will give voters this year the chance to decide whether the plan to build more roads, repair bridges, and add to Sound Transit's Link light rail system is worth the cost.

Proposition No. 1 Regional Roads and Transit is touted by its proponents as a comprehensive roads and transit package that will improve the quality of life for everyone in the region.

Opponents say it is the biggest local tax increase in American history; that it forces voters to take a bad deal on roads if they want to get light rail; and that it won't solve traffic congestion.

Supporters of the measure include the Washington Association of Realtors, Microsoft, Bill Gates, Washington Mutual, the Seahawks, the Mariners, and Weyerhaeuser, among others.

Three separate opponents committees have filed with the state Public Disclosure Commission. Supporters of the no campaign include Bellevue developer Kemper Freeman; Bellevue resident Bruce R. McCaw, Oak Harbor Freight Lines Inc., and the Sierra Club.

On the website for Proposition No. 1 proponents, www.yesonroadsandtransit.org, the proposition is described as a

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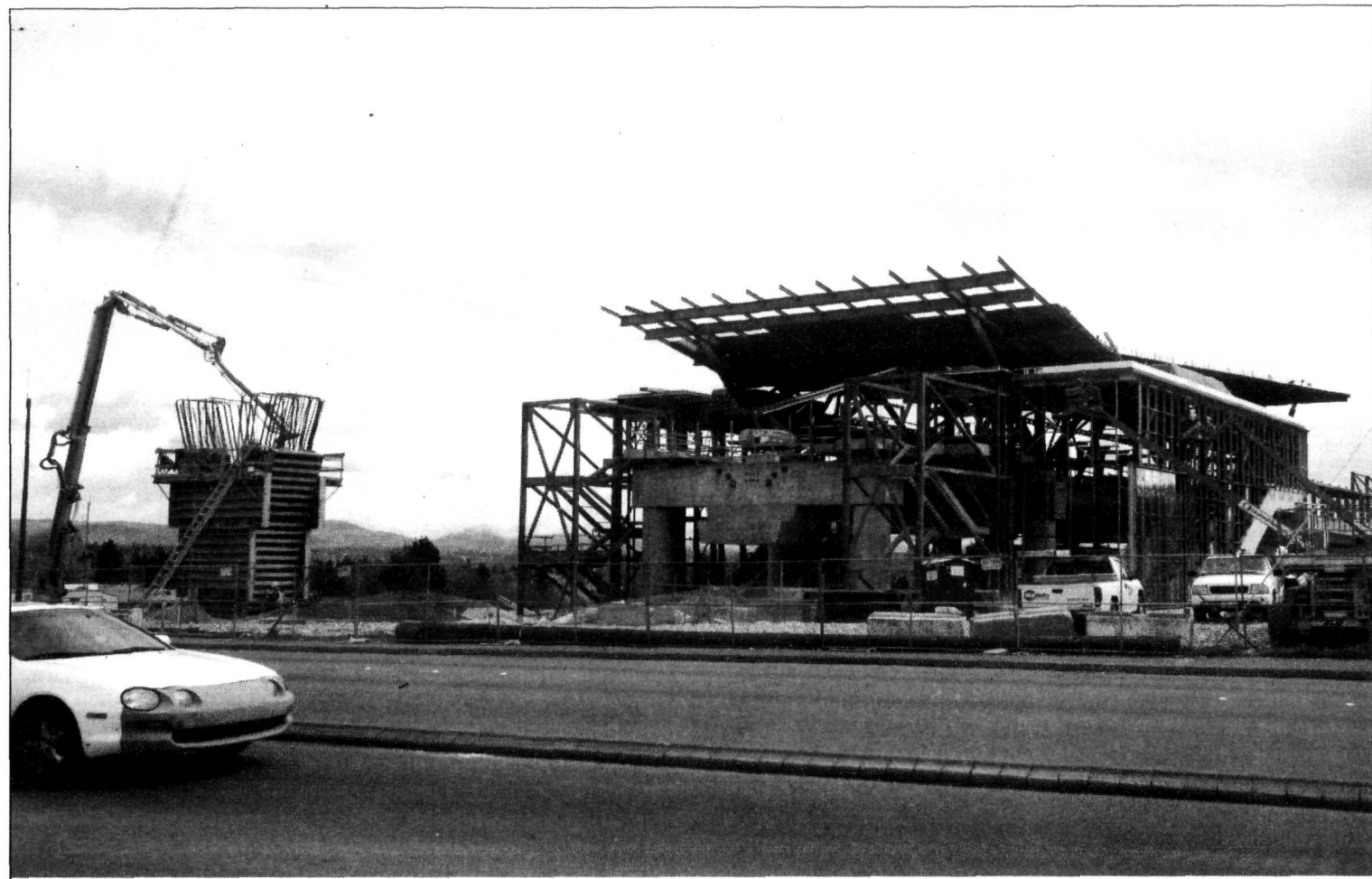
"balanced and comprehensive approach to solving our region's traffic problems."

The total cost of Proposition No. 1, as estimated by proponents, is \$47.2 billion over the next 50 years. That includes \$17.8 billion in capital improvements and \$1.5 billion for Sound Transit for operations and maintenance of express bus, light rail and commuter rail service throughout the Puget Sound region.

The price tag includes the estimated costs of inflation, debt service and repayment for 30-year bonds, and operations and management.

Aaron Toso, the communications director for yesonroadsandtransit.org, said that money for the projects included in the roads and transit package will come from a 0.6 percent increase in sales tax, and an increase of 0.8 percent in the motor vehicle excise tax.

Toso pointed out that the sales tax increase amounts to about half of 1 cent per \$1 purchase, and the car tax will mean



File photo

Proposition No. 1 proponents hope that the funding package will help extend light rail, such as this line being built to Sea-Tac Airport, up and down the Puget Sound corridor. Opponents say it's just too expensive.

an excise tax of \$80 per \$10,000 of a vehicle's value. A very fair price, he said, for what voters will get in return.

"I think there are a lot of projects included in the roads and transit package for voters to get excited about," Toso said.

He said some projects that are a part of the package include: completion of King County's HOV (carpool) lanes; repairing and replacing aging bridges, such as the South Park bridge, and building new ones; 50 miles of new light rail track; the addition of 12,000 new park and ride slots throughout the region; the construction of new transit stations in Burien and Tukwila; and the region's largest ever investment in bike lanes and paths.

"This is the first time our region has had an opportunity to vote on a comprehensive transportation package," said Toso. "If we fail to pass the roads and transit package now, the cost to implement these projects in the future will be much higher."

Supporters of Proposition No. 1 say that the cost of delaying the proposed investments in the Regional Roads and Transit package could reach into the hundreds of millions each year.

Opponents of the measure a mixed bag, ranging from longtime transit critic Freeman to the Sierra Club, which supports transit but not the roads portion of the measure. King County Executive Ron Sims, who helped design the package, later also came out against it.

Opponents of Proposition No. 1 say that the overall cost of the roads and transit package will soar significantly higher than is estimated by proponents, with an actual total cost of \$157 billion over a 50-year period.

Opponents say that approving Sound Transit Phase 2, which is a part of the project for Proposition No. 1, will also authorize an extension of the ST1 taxes that were supposed to have ended in 2006.

In the voter's pamphlet, opponents claim that the tax increase will double or even triple the cost of the average vehicle's car tab tax, as well as double the local sales tax. These increases, they say, will contribute to an average of nearly \$2,000 per year in new taxes for the average household.

In radio and television ads, the no campaign is saying that the taxes being collected for the project will literally never end, though the estimated costs for both sides only reach as far as 50 years from now.

Opponents of the proposition are also saying that voters should be given the choice to approve transit and light rail separately from a proposal that includes roads as part of the deal. Their general belief is that roads will be paid for with or without a vote, and that if Proposition No. 1 fails in the polls now, it will be back on the ballot next year alone.

The no campaign also says that only 10 percent of the mon-

ey collected by the new taxes will pay for roads and bridges, with the rest going to transit.

Representatives of the no campaign did not respond to requests for an interview.

The proposition's proponents say the \$157 billion amount estimated by opponents is a vastly inflated figure that includes a number of factors that aren't even issues to be voted on this year.

Proponents say that amount can only be reached by including the costs of ST1, which were already approved by voters and were incurred from 1996 to 2006.

They also say that the opponents' higher estimate "includes the financial capacity available for Sound Transit 3, should there be a phase 3 and voters elect to go there."

Proponents also say that in order to reach the \$2,000 per year tax increase per household that opponents are claiming, the average household would have to own two \$50,000 vehicles, and spend \$200,000 on taxable goods annually. They note that the average Seattle metro area household spends \$25,000 on sales taxable goods annually, not \$200,000. A source for these figures was not provided.

On the yes campaign's website, whether the roads and transit package will appear on the ballot next year should it fail this time around is not clear. But proponents are saying that inflation and the cost of raw

materials will make the transit project much more expensive if it is delayed.

State public disclosure records show that as of Oct. 17 the Keep Washington Rolling campaign, the proponents for Proposition No. 1, have raised \$3,150,391 in contributions from various businesses and individuals, including: \$250,000 from the Washington Association of Realtors; \$200,000 from Microsoft; \$175,000 from The Boeing Co.; \$100,000 each from Microsoft CEO Steven A. Ballmer, William H. Gates III, and Washington Mutual; followed by \$75,000 from the Seattle Mariners, and nearly 100 separate donations of more than \$5,000 each.

The three opponents of Proposition No. 1 listed on the document have raised barely more than 1/10th of the amount of the Keep Washington Rolling campaign.

Their overall reported contributions totalling only \$337,338.43, which is derived from \$302,881 to notoprop1.org, \$11,397 to Neighbors Opposing Proposition 1, and \$23,060.43 to Citizens Against RTID. The largest donations made to notoprop1.org were \$100,000 each from Bellevue Square Managers and Kemper Development Company, followed by Bellevue resident Bruce R. McCaw with \$25,000, \$10,000 from Oak Harbor Freight Lines, Inc., and from Seattle resident Donald F. Padelford.

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Federal Way candidates debate city's role

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Federal Way has four City Council positions up for election this year and two of them are being contested.

Council Positions No. 5 and 7 are being contested this year.

Jack Dovey is the incumbent running against Roger Freeman for Position No 5.

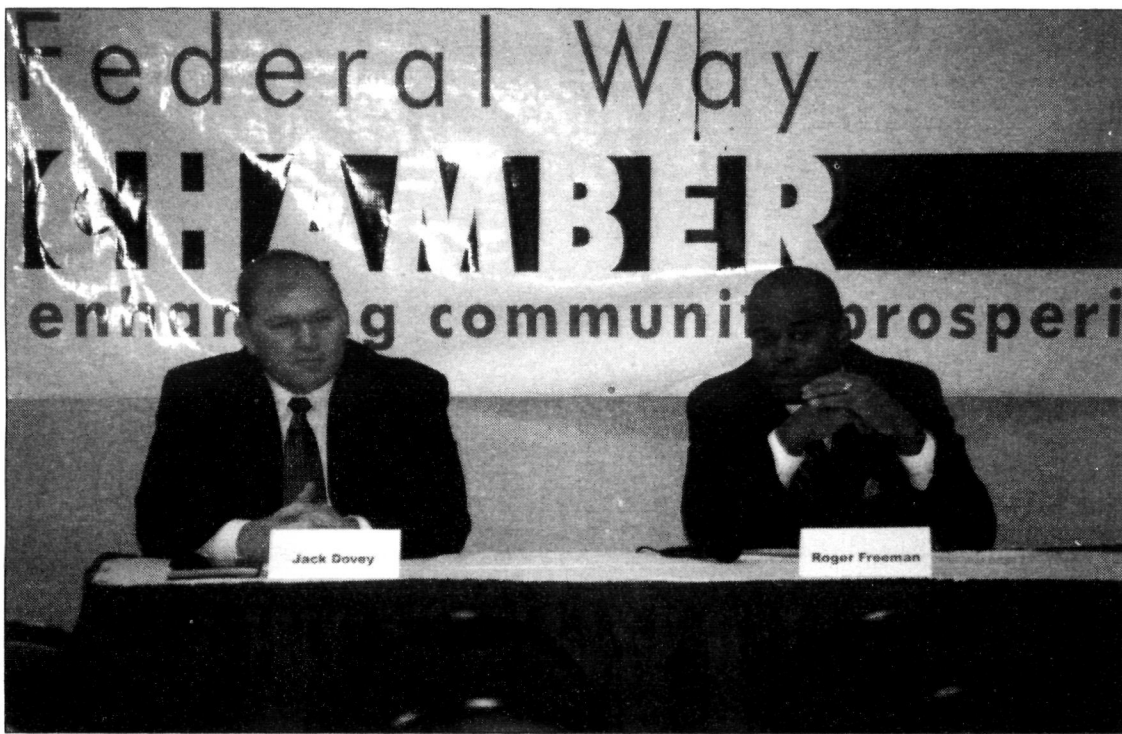
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Dovey said he is running so he can continue to provide decisive leadership on issues affecting our quality of life. As a current member of the City Council, he is working to promote Federal Way's economic growth, to see that citizens have a great public safety department, and to wisely manage taxpayer's dollars.

Dovey said he plans on cre-



Jack Dovey, left, and Roger Freeman debate at a recent candidates' forum in Federal Way.

ating some tax incentives to get more business to come to Federal Way.

"People should have an op-

portunity to work in Federal Way and not have to commute," Dovey said. "It is vital for Federal Way to be a ground for development."

Roger Freeman said he is running so he can use his legal education to refocus government on people.

"For 12 years, I have represented families in crisis, and have defended the rights of persons who could not afford access to the legal system," Freeman said.

"I serve Federal Way as a member of the Human Services Commission, mentor 60 Federal Way youth as a participant in the school district's Heritage Leadership Camp. I am a member of the Adelaide Elementary PTA and Watch DOGS program, and member of Christ the King Bible Fellowship," Freeman said.

"I will promote local business, build support for human services, and advocate for pro-

grams to develop youth leaders. I will help establish a city identity and recognizable city center, approve funding for road improvements so that our children who walk to school will be safe from oncoming motorists," Freeman said.

Freeman hopes to define what Federal Way stands for.

"Federal Way has no mission statement that will attract businesses. We need to make Federal Way a suburb with a downtown that is family friendly," Freeman said.

Both candidates agree that Federal Way needs to be more pedestrian friendly.

Dini Duclos is running against Hope Elder for Council Position 7.

Duclos plans to work for no tax hikes without a vote.

"As vice chair of the Planning Commission, I worked to help small businesses in our community. Small business generates

living wage jobs, taxes, community wealth and social stability. While on the Parks and Recreation Committee I increased opportunities for youth and seniors," Duclos said.

Safety is one of Duclos's main concerns.

"I led the Proposition One bond that increased our police force. Public safety is crucial for safe neighborhoods and it is my priority," Duclos said. "I am a big supporter of the safe city program."

Hope Elder's main objectives are sustaining the city's quality of life, public safety, and planning for its future.

"As a small business owner, I feel that the city must continue to support responsible economic development," Elder said.

"I believe in Federal Way, and I want to contribute to improving our community. My late husband Sam and I raised our children here, and we have been engaged in community activities for the past 28 years. I have served as deputy mayor and City Council member. I am the chair of the Federal Way Planning Commission. I coordinate the Steel Lake Community Supper, and have also been involved with the Federal Way Community Care giving Network, the advisory board for FUSION, Federal Way Family Fest, the Federal Way Sister City Association, and the Federal Way Community Council.

Elder is also a big advocate for public safety.

"I supported the Safe City Program," Elder said.

Both candidates are interested in having a walkway above SW 320 for pedestrians.

Council positions one and three are uncontested. Jim Ferrell currently holds Position No. 1 and Mike Park holds Position No. 3.



Hope Elder, left, and Dini Duclos

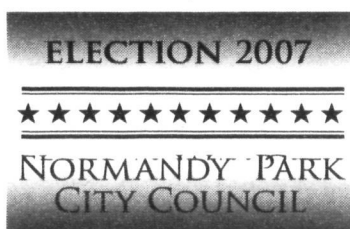
Osterman hopes to unseat longtime Councilman Creighton

By Jocie Olson
Staff Reporter

Doug Osterman hopes to unseat long time City Councilman Stuart Creighton for Council Position No. 1 in Normandy Park's one contested election.

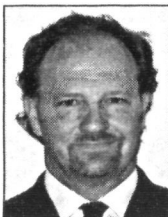
Incumbent Creighton, who did not respond to a request for an interview, has served on the City Council for 16 years during which he was mayor for one term. He is the chairman for the Finance, Public Safety and Parks committees.

Creighton's community service includes president of the Normandy Park Community

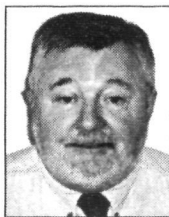


Club, board member of the Highline Area Food Bank, chairman of the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs and a member of the anti-airport group CASE.

Creighton has also represented Normandy Park on countywide committees and state commissions, including Puget Sound Regional Commission committees and service on the



Osterman



Creighton

Washington State Air Transportation Commission.

A graduate of Western Washington University, Creighton is now retired from Boeing.

"I have been deeply involved in serving the Normandy Park community for over 25 years," Creighton said in the King County voters pamphlet.

Doug Osterman is the chal-

lenger.

"I have a strong passion to work with my fellow Normandy Park residents to establish and implement a vision for preserving and enhancing the rich natural and cultural heritage of our beautiful city," Osterman said.

Osterman's experience includes being a member of the Normandy Park Planning Commission, board member for Normandy Park Community Club, chairman for the Normandy Park Community Club Streams and Wetlands Committee, a member for the Highline School District Marvista Elementary Design Committee, a member of the Normandy Park Critical

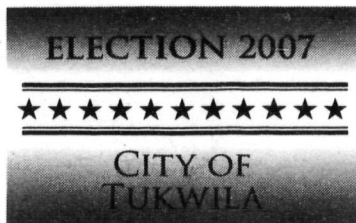
Areas Technical Advisory Committee, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Osterman graduated from Montana State University with a bachelor of science in agricultural land resources and a bachelor of science in fish and wildlife management. He then graduated from Washington State University with a master's degree in regional planning.

"I have the ability to draw upon a large amount of information, including the values and knowledge of my neighbors, and apply the information to make sound decisions," Osterman said.

Tukwila seeks new mayor, city council member

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter



Carter



Haggerton

Haggerton also said in the pamphlet that he "led the effort to hire the city's emergency preparedness manager to coordinate the city's response to future windstorms, floods, and earthquakes."



Kennedy



Hougardy

Tukwila has contested elections this year for both the Mayor's office, and City Council Position No. 2.

The race for mayor is between long time City Council members Pam Carter and Jim Haggerton.

Pam Carter is currently serving her third full term on the council, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in February of '95, then being elected for three consecutive terms. She was elected as council president

process to examine our options for addressing this future financial shortfall. I promise that no decisions will be made without full notice to the community and without the opportunity for public input."

Carter said she also wants to begin the economic development of Tukwila, but also wants

the Association of Washington Cities, is currently secretary/treasurer and board member of the Cascade Water Alliance, and he's also vice-chairman of the National League of Cities' Information Technology & Communications Policy Committee.

Haggerton said he is a veteran of the U.S. Marines, and is

The race for Tukwila City Council Position No. 2 is between non-partisan Tukwila residents Kathy Hougardy and Brian P. Kennedy.

In the voter's pamphlet, Hougardy said she has "a strong record of local public service and a long-term understanding of the important issues facing (Tukwila)."

Central Washington University in Ellensburg, and a business management certificate from Bellevue Community College.

Kennedy also said he has been a proud Teamster for over 23 years, and Tukwila Arts Commissioner since 1995.

"As a Tukwila City Council member I will work hard to

vice; since we've been again in 2003.

Jim Haggerton is also currently serving a third full term on the council, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in April of '95. He was also elected as council president twice, once in '97 and again in '04.

The Tukwila Mayor position is a four year term, and the winner of this race will be relieving the term mayor Steven Mullet.

Pam Carter said she has been substitute teacher in the Tukwila School District since 1986.

Carter said the factors that set her apart are her experience as a leader, and that she does her homework and understands the issues.

Carter said that her top priorities while in office include: Improving city finances; improving Tukwila Village; improving the city's emergency preparedness; and focusing on the city's economic development.

Carter said she plans to improve the city's finances by anticipating and preparing for future financial shortfalls.

"Tukwila's economy has improved, but city expenses are still outpacing revenues," Carter said. "As mayor, I will begin a

to ensure that any developments are a positive change.

"The potential annexation of the Segale property south of Claim Jumper offers tremendous possibilities, but only if we ensure that it does not negatively impact current services or future budgets," Carter said. Carter said another of her priorities is to increase the city's ability to deal with emergencies, and help businesses and citizens to be prepared when they strike.

"After last December's storm, I didn't hear anyone say they were completely prepared to go three days or a week without power. As mayor, I will ensure that the city is better equipped to face the next emergency," Carter said.

"I want to make sure decisions are made thoughtfully, that all the details are right and done with everyone in mind, not just the special interests."

Jim Haggerton has an eye on the mayor's office as well.

Before being appointed and ultimately elected to the position of Tukwila city council, he served on the Tukwila planning commission for nine years.

Haggerton said he is currently on the board of directors of

currently serving as commander of the Tukwila American Legion Post 235.

Haggerton said he's the only candidate for mayor with actual management experience, pointing to the fact that he's retired from N C Machinery Co. where he said he had "... full responsibilities over sales, budgeting, personnel, and operations in all departments."

Haggerton said his number one priority as mayor is public safety.

"We still have much to accomplish to improve the image, appearance, and safety along the Highway 99 corridor."

Haggerton said that an increase of police visibility throughout the city is something he plans to give a lot of attention to in order to control crimes such as burglaries, prostitution and speeding vehicles.

Haggerton said he also plans to speed up the economic development of Tukwila International Boulevard and the Southcenter area, also known as the Tukwila Urban Center. "We have been much too slow to complete some of the proposed developments that have been in the works for over 10 years," he said.

Hougardy said she graduated from Western Washington University with a major in visual communications and a minor concentration in journalism. She also said she taught graphic arts at Seattle Central Community College from '93 to '05.

If elected, Hougardy said she will "work to improve the safety of our neighborhoods; to streamline and modernize emergency services to prepare our city in the event of a disaster; and to foster economic growth through responsible city planning."

Hougardy said that through her involvements in Tukwila schools and Parent Teacher Association, being a member of the Highway 99 Action Committee, as well as being a member of the Historical Society and a board member of the Tukwila Food Pantry, she believes she has "a finger on the pulse of the city in many areas."

"My goal is to work for all people in our community," Hougardy said.

Also vying for the city council position is Tukwila resident Brian P. Kennedy.

Kennedy said his education includes a master's degree from

city member I will work hard to help (see) Tukwila's developments finally constructed," said Kennedy. "I have the heart and determination to make that happen."

"Tukwila Village must grow to be the center of our community and a great area for businesses to locate," he said.

Kennedy said there are better ways for the city to collect revenues than raising taxes. "Why should our taxes be raised when intelligent development will create those taxes?"

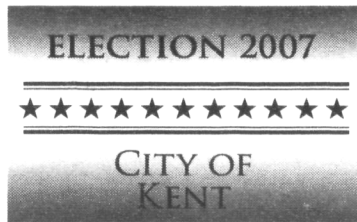
Kennedy also said he supports the school district, as well as the fire and police departments.

"Our schools need the tools to give our students a safe and rounded education," Kennedy said. "I believe the fire and police departments must have the equipment they need to protect our community and themselves."

"I don't have the 'big money' that my opponent has," said Kennedy, "but I do have a real message. We have the opportunity to improve Tukwila now, so let's sit down, work out the problems and get some progress."

Gagnon takes shot at Harmon for Kent City Council Position No. 7

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter



Gagnon



Harmon

The Kent City Council has contested election this year.

Ronald Harmon is running against Mark Gagnon for Position No. 7 for Kent city council.

Ronald Harmon is the incumbent.

Harmon said that his top priorities have been and will continue to be public safety, transportation issues, economic development and fiscal responsibility.

"I was first elected in 2004, and currently completing a very productive first term which brought about the development

of Kent Station among other significant revitalization projects," Harmon said.

"I was one of four votes which assured the construction of the very successful Kent Station, and voted to hire additional police officers and fire fighters to ensure the safety of the citizens of Kent," Harmon said.

"Kent Station has far exceeded the city's fiscal projections. The success of Kent Station has

and will continue to generate numerous other projects such as the re-development of Pacific Highway, and the construction of the 228th Corridor," Harmon

said.

Mark Gagnon said his plan is to make this beautiful city even better, he also says one of his focuses will be on crime.

"The city needs to work harder to keep the gang tags and graffiti out and to keep our roadsides clean," Gagnon said.

Gagnon said he plans on using his experience in regional transportation planning on the South King County Metro Sounding Board to find new and creative ways to improve Kent's traffic congestion.

Kent city council has three other positions up for election this year that aren't being contested.

Deborah Ranniger is running for Position No. 1 uncontested. Les Thomas is running for Position No. 3 uncontested. Debbie Raplee is running for Position No. 5 uncontested.



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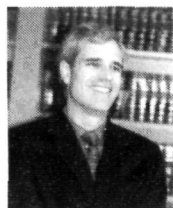
County voters face choices on council, prosecutor

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

King County voters will decide on a verity of races in this Tuesday's election.

There are contested elections for prosecuting attorney, assessor, two County Council positions, and two Port of Seattle commissioner positions.

Prosecuting attorney represents either the people of the State of Washington or King County (in criminal matters) or the government of King County



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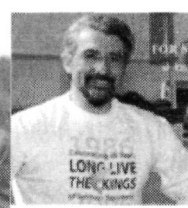
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have juvenile justice reform, increase drug and mental health treatment, and protect the environment.

Scott Noble is being challenged by Jim Nobles for King County assessor.

The assessor is the official whose legal responsibility it is to discover, list and value all property in their jurisdiction.

Scott Noble, Democrat, is the incumbent.

Noble says he is making the assessor's office fair, accountable and excisable.

Jim Nobles, Republican, says he will treat every property owner fairly and with respect. Under his leadership, the assessor's office will be run effectively, with transparency and integrity.

Richard Pope is running against Jane Hague for County Council No. 6.

Richard Pope, Democrat, has a law degree from the University of Washington, with an Economics B.A. and graduate studies in International Trade.

Pope has been a teacher, researcher, and an attorney.

Pope says he will provide leadership, vision, and planning for King County's future. Pope says he will bring honesty, com-

mon sense values, and real accountability to county government.

Jane Hague, Republican, says she is a leader with the honesty and integrity our families need in government.

Hague says has a proven record for making King County more accountable, accessible and understandable to the hard-working taxpayers who pay its bills.

Dow Constantine is being challenged by John Potter for County Council No. 8.

Dow Constantine, Democrat, is the incumbent.

Constantine says he is a respected, thoughtful, effective leader.

Constantine says his values are yours, shaped by a lifetime of work in our neighborhoods.

Constantine says he wants to invest in transportation, protect our environment, and fight crime intelligently.

John Potter, Republican, is the challenger.

Potter says we have rejected gold-plated schemes like monorail and the mayor's Big Dig.

Potter says King County residents are being overrun by a tsunami of home burglaries and

gang violence.

As your Councilman, Potter says he will declare a War on Crime, demand a halt to the Prosecutor's plea bargaining that undermines the work of our brave officers and push the Legislature to enact severe, mandatory sentencing of gang criminals.

Gael Tarleton is running against Bob Edwards for Port of Seattle Commissioner No. 2.

Gael Tarleton says she has the experience, the integrity, and the vision to reform the Port of Seattle.

Tarleton says she will use the open meetings law to bring the public's voice back to the port.

Bob Edwards says he brings two decades of experience leading the fight for a cleaner Port and healthier environment.

Edwards says he recognizes a cleaner environment means less reliance on cars and an increase in alternative fuels.

Alec Fiskien is running against Bill Bryant for Port of Seattle Commissioner No. 5.

Alec Fiskien is the incumbent.

Fiskien says he has the strength, courage, background and integrity to lead the Port to

a future that is accountable, environmentally responsible, and financially successful.

Bill Bryant says he is a proven environmentalist and international trade leader who will bring effective leadership to the Seattle Port Commission.

Bryant says the commission is dysfunctional, too secretive and needs to change.

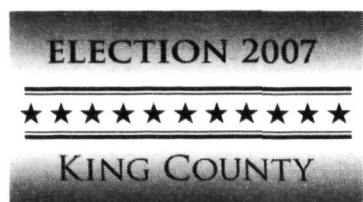
Bryant says it's time to work together, open the doors and let the public see what's happening.

King county voters will also vote on Proposition No. 1.

If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to levy a regular property tax at a rate of \$0.30 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the county for the purposes of providing emergency medical services (publicly known as Medic One).

The levy would be authorized for a six-year period, with collection beginning in 2008.

County voters will also have to decide whether to make the county elections director an elected office. Currently the office is appointed by the executive and council.



(in civil matters).

Bill Sherman is running against Dan Satterberg.

Dan Satterberg, Republican, is currently the interim prosecuting attorney.

Satterberg was Norm Maleng's Chief Deputy Prosecutor for 17 years.

Maleng died earlier this year.

Satterberg says he wants to keep the office from being politicized.

Bill Sherman, Democrat, is a criminal prosecutor.

Sherman says he has a clear vision. Sherman wants to protect the most vulnerable in our community, kids and seniors,

Initiative 960 would make you vote on state taxes, fees

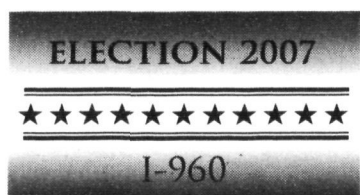
By Nathan Brown
Staff Reporter

Initiative measure 960 would require tax increases to have two-thirds legislative or voter approval.

I-960 would call for state government to address voters in the general election voters pamphlet about tax increases. The pamphlet would list costs, how legislators voted and give voter feedback.

Additionally, the initiative would require 10-year cost projections for proposed state tax increases and new media notification to be put in place for notifying voters.

The estimated cost of computer systems modifications and additional staffing is projected at \$205,000; says the Secretary of State's fiscal impact statement. The entire cost of I-960 is estimated at \$1.8 million per year.



I-960 supporters include: professional initiative filer Tim Eyman, beauty shop owner Erma Turner, retired warehouseman Steven Bencze, label company owner Eric Phillips, housewife Karen Curry, retired postal worker Andre Garin, and retired businessman Mike Dunmire.

Supporters say I-960 guarantees e-mail updates will be sent to the media and the public, anytime legislatures imposes a tax increase.

The people have the right to know what legislators are doing in the capital, supporters say.

The law currently requires a two-thirds approval from legislatures, for tax increases, but legislators keeps tax increases off-budget, supporters say. A

loop-hole is created by keeping tax increases off budget, allowing the two-thirds requirement to be undermined.

I-960 opponents include: Washington State Hospital Association Senior Vice President Randy Revell, AARP director Doug Shadel, Executive Director of Washington State Nurses Association Judy Huntington, Kennewick high school teacher Mike Ragan, small business owner Michelle Moulton and Washington State council of Firefighters President Kelly Fox.

The opponents say I-960 is too risky and too expensive.

The Legislature would only be allowed to suspend supermajority during a natural disaster, said opponents. This would leave Washington vulnerable during times of crisis, such as terrorist attacks, economic recession and disease epidemics, say opponents.

Regardless of which side

presents a more accurate argument, both sides agree I-960 is complex and difficult to summarize.

In fact I-960's sponsor, Tim Eyman, admitted the initiative

was intricate in detail and he couldn't give a short summary.

"You asked for a short description of 960, I just can't give it to you," Eyman said in an interview with Crosscut.

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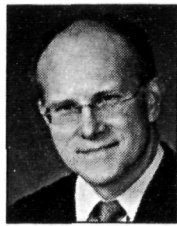
School board candidates are running for the children

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

The Federal Way School District has three contested elections this year.

Suzanne Smith is running against Leonard Englund.

Suzanne Smith says she will bring new ideas, a new point of view, and her interest and excitement about education to the



Englund



Smith

as well as University programs (Cambridge & International Baccalaureate) and setting a goal of 100 percent High School graduation along with solid 13th year student plans to give all of our students tools to meet the challenges of the 21st century," Englund said.

Evelyn Casteller is running against Amye Bronson-Doherty for a position on the school board.

Casteller is running because "the education and success of children is of the utmost importance to the continuation of a great society."

"With the responsibility to base decisions on the public good, I know that integrity requires more than doing what one thinks is right, it requires study, research, due diligence and a willingness to be affected and change based on the outcome of such investigation," Casteller said.

Casteller says she has and will support many ideas to improve the schools.

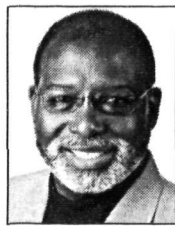
"I have personally encouraged and supported: Latino Night School, NATEF, Cambridge, an effective 13th year plan, choice schools, music, and athletics," Casteller said.



Casteller



Larson



Walker

Bronson-Doherty is running because every child in our district deserves an outstanding education.

Bronson-Doherty has three main priorities she hopes to achieve if elected.

The first is, "purposeful, goal-oriented partnerships between school staff, parents and community," Bronson-Doherty said.

Second is to, "have policies that ensure every child at every school in the district receives the same exemplary level of instruction," Bronson-Doherty said.

The third priority is to have, "adequate funding for quality staff and ongoing staff training," Bronson-Doherty said.

Ron Walker is running against Dave Larson for a spot on the school board.

Ron Walker says he is running because he believes the goal should be education, not just graduation.

"I am responsible to the next generation. I must eliminate obstacles to education and champion measures promoting learn-

ing, life-skills and community responsibility," Walker said.

Walker has been apart of many community and school related programs.

"I serve on the Diversity Commission, chair the MLK celebration, created the Senior High School Summit and mentor in FWPS Heritage Leadership Camp. I am dedicated to cultivating growth and prosperity. I bring that commitment to our education board," Walker said.

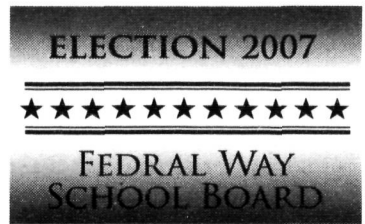
Dave Larson said he is running so he can use his stability, vision, common sense, insights, and leadership to improve Federal way schools.

Larson is an advocate of parent involvement in education.

"I believe that a three-way partnership between parent, student, and teacher is the key to preparing our young people for long-term success in their lives," Larson said.

Larson has been apart of legislation that will try and fix the unequal funding system.

"My suggestion last year to sue the state over the inequitable way that school districts are reimbursed in this state has led to a historic state-wide coalition that seeks to fix the State's inequitable funding system that has hurt Federal Way schools for decades. Our action made Olympia take notice," Larson said.



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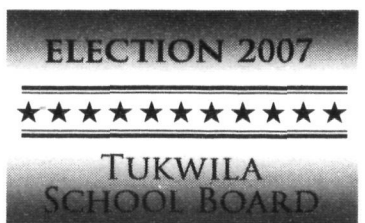
"As a parent of two children, I have followed the changes and challenges facing our students. I regularly attend School Board meetings and keep myself informed of the educational issues facing our students and district," Smith said.

"Since 1995, I have volunteered in the classroom, served on my elementary school Leadership Team and served as a PTA officer and committee chair for Star Lake Elementary and the Federal Way PTSA Council. I have served on various committees for the school district, including the Fiscal Advisory Committee since 2003," Smith said. "I am a 2005 graduate of the Chamber of Commerce

Babic, Maltsberger fight for a seat on Tukwila school board this Tuesday

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

The Tukwila School District has one contested election in this Tuesday's election.



Amela Babic is running against Patti Maltsberger for a School Board Position No. 2.

Babic is running because our community and our future depend on the quality of the education our children receive.

Babic is a case manager and mental health counselor.

Babic said she plans to focus on the quality of education.

"One of the greatest gifts we can offer our children is the op-

portunity to obtain a high caliber education that will prepare them for the future," Babic said.

Maltsberger wants to continue the work she has been doing for the last six years on the school board.

"Serving as your elected representative for the past six and a half years has been a privilege to represent the community and set the direction that will best provide a quality education for the children within the community," Maltsberger said.

Maltsberger plans to continue to support certain programs within the district.

"Some of the programs that have been started include: a focus on early learning, all day kindergarten and Ready for K; a focus on a consistent curriculum within every classroom no matter which school you attend; and a national award winning TCSC after-school program," Maltsberger said.



Patti Maltsberger

The TCSC program is an inclusive community program that helps students during and after school.

Mark Wahlstorm is running for re-election for another seat on the school board. He is running uncontested.

Cory Mango is running for a seat on the board that is also uncontested.

Des Moines' Dorsey faces mystery candidate

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Highline School District has a contested race for Position No. 4.

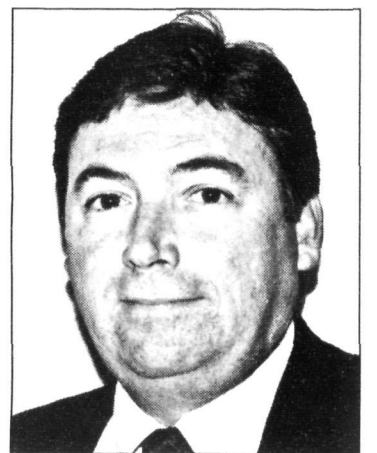
Bernie Dorsey is running against Melissa Sue Robinson.

Bernie Dorsey said he is running because he wants to continue to recognize that as our community grows, we must be responsive in adapting to the rapidly changing needs of our children.

"Being a lifelong member of the community, and a product of the Highline School District and the parent of a school-age child, I believe there should be urgency to our work, but not at the cost of careful thought. A district that represents such an abundance of cultures has tremendous potential," Dorsey said.

Dorsey says we should challenge our students academically.

"Academics are supposed to



Bernie Dorsey

be challenging," Dorsey said.

Dorsey believes we should continue to expand around the community.

"We need to invest in our infrastructure," Dorsey said.

Melissa Sue Robinson didn't respond to requests for an interview.

Michael Spear and Sili Savusa are both running uncontested for the other two board seats.



Johnson, Hilsen try for district Commissioner Position No. 2

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

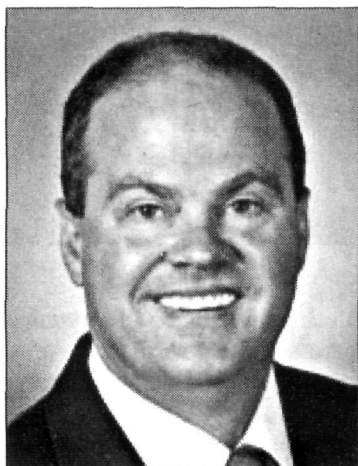
The two candidates vying for Highline Water District Commissioner Position No. 2 are Scott Hilsen and incumbent Dan Johnson.

Highline Water District is what's called a Washington state Special Purpose District, and is governed by a five-person Board of Commissioners. Such districts are created to serve a specific purpose, such as supplying fire protection, sewer, water, etc.

Highline Water District was created 61 years ago by and for its ratepayers, which are citizens within the district that pay for water. The district is also owned by its ratepayers.

This district supplies water to at least some portion of the cities of Tukwila, SeaTac, Federal Way, Normandy Park, Burien, Des Moines, and Kent, as well as an area of unincorporated King County.

The duties of the board are to



Scott Hilsen

set policies, approve contracts, and oversee the general operations of the water district.

The responsibility of managing day to day operations falls on a general manager who is hired by the board. The current general manager is Matt Everett. In the voter's pamphlet, Hilsen said he is the active chairman of the Civil Service Committee for the City of Normandy Park,



Dan Johnson

and serves on committees for the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts.

He also currently serves as a commissioner for Southwest Suburban Sewer District.

Hilsen said he has 19 years of experience in IT management, and five years in public service.

Hilsen said he "... will take an active role to increase system reliability, seek new water

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sources, improve water conservation and maintain fiscal responsibility."

Hilsen declined to respond to a request for an interview. In the other corner is Johnson, who has already spent some time working in the position within Highline Water District, having been appointed to fill a vacancy in July of '06.

Johnson said he works well with his four fellow commissioners, and that all of them personally support his candidacy. "In the current environment of rapidly rising construction costs, we have been able to keep rates the same while continuing to upgrade infrastructure, as promised."

He also said he's the only candidate for the position who is

a ratepayer within the district.

"I have had to carefully spend my own dollars while upgrading equipment, meeting a budget and planning for the future. It translates very well to what I do for the ratepayers at Highline," Johnson said.

He said his four main goals are the same as they've always been: To continue to ensure clean, affordable water; to develop new sources of water; to protect ratepayers' investment in District property, such as water tanks; and to maintain and improve emergency preparedness and security of District property.

Johnson also said he is an active member of the community.

"I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Des Moines (president-elect), the Board of a local branch of the Boys and Girls Club, and the Board of the Marvista Elementary PTSA, where I also volunteer in my daughter's classroom and as crossing guard."

Brown, Gibson race for Lakehaven Utility District position

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Lakehaven Utility District has one contested race for Commissioner Positions No 3.

The commissioner's job is to manage the resources and ensure there is quality drinking water and that water treatment is done properly.

Charles Gibson is running against Chris Brown.

Charles Gibson is running to ensure that the District operates efficiently and effectively.

"My responsibility is to see that you as a customer continue to receive quality water and sewer service at a reasonable

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cost," Gibson said.

Gibson is trying to work closely with the city council.

"Last year I made a motion to hire someone and have them work in the city office," Gibson said.

"I have pushed for better cooperation between cities," Gibson said.

Gibson says his experience makes him the best candidate.

"My 20 years of experience managing organizations that delivered high quality service to



Chris Brown (left) and Charles Gibson (right) answer questions about how they would run Lakehaven Utility District.

James Bermingham/THUNDERWORD

customers provides an excellent background for representing you on the board. My education includes a master's degree and Ph.D. in marine science," Gibson said.

Chris Brown is "running for election to the Lakehaven Utility District's Board of Commissioners because I believe I

can offer a steady, balanced approach to the financial management, accountability, and long term planning necessary to the success of this utility," he said.

"As a member of this community since 1963, I have the education and experience that will benefit the customers in the Lakehaven service area. As the

safety director of a large construction company, I have an extensive background in underground utilities," Brown said.

Brown said he wants to improve relations between the city of Federal Way and the utility district.

"There is too much friction between Federal Way and the

district," Brown said.

Brown also said he believes environmental standards are important.

"It's essential to the community that all environmental regulations are met," Brown said.

Don Miller, Edward Stewart, and Ronald Nowicki are running uncontested.

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Highline wrestling hits the mat with new bodies

By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team is looking strong and big.

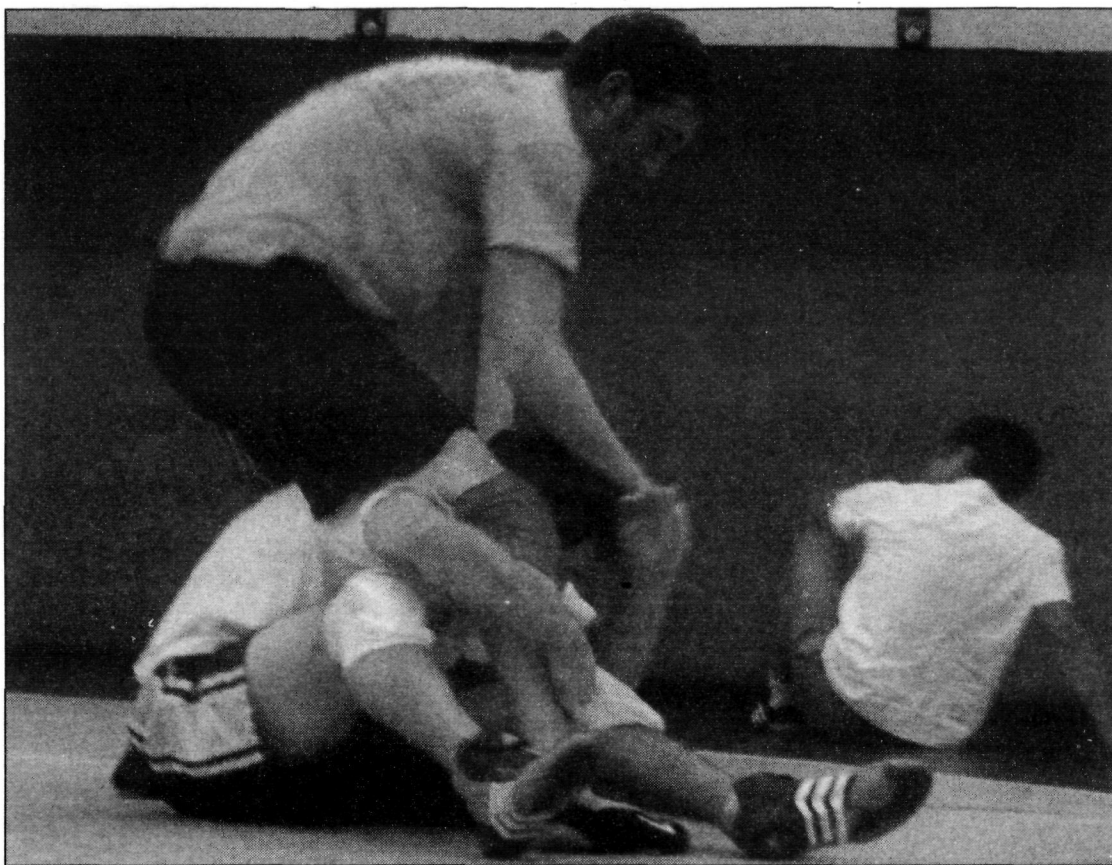
The wrestling team lost many players from last year including Brad Padgett who won first place in the 184 pound weight class at regionals, second at nationals, and also got the tournament outstanding wrestler award. Padgett has gone on to wrestle at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

They also lost Michael Markey, Justin Studer, Lionel Orji, and Zach Nims. All qualified for national tournament last year.

Even with the loss of so much talent, the Highline wrestling team will have Pano Dreves who earned fourth place in the 165 weight class at regionals, James Jensen, John Gates, and Zach Corbett (heavyweight) returning.

Even though Highline had an 0-7 record in dual meets last year, they finished fourth at regionals and 19th at nationals.

"I think we're going to turn a lot of heads this year and beat



John Gallagher and Marshall Giovanni grapple during practice Monday.

teams that we're not expected to beat," said heavyweight Jeremy Williams.

The competition between the players is high.

"We have a lot of talent and

are stacked in all the weight classes," said Pano Dreves.

Kyle Heath from North Bend

High School is the starter at the 125 weight class. Heath took third in the state tournament in High School.

Anthony Zender, from Mount Baker High School, is the starter at the 141 weight class. Zender also got first, second, and fourth in the 2A state tournament in High School.

The starter for the 149 will be Chessjuan Monk.

Marshall Giovanni will be the start for the 157 weight class.

Craig Jackson will be the starter for the 165 weight class.

Pano Dreves from North Bend High school will be the starter for the 174 weight class.

Norman Orr will be the starter for the 184 weight class.

The 133, 197, and heavy-weight class are still undecided.

With a record of 0-7 record from last year the Highline wrestling team will have lots to work on to prove to themselves and to other teams.

"We have to be more aggressive and dominant," said Dreves.

Highline will travel this weekend to Portland, Yakima, and Idaho for dual meets.

Lady T-Birds clinch regional soccer championship

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's soccer ended their four-game losing streak and clinched the West Region Championship this weekend.

The Lady T-Birds traveled to Bremerton to take on Olympic last Saturday and came home with a 7-1 victory.

"The outcome was fabulous," Co-Head Coach Valerie Muehling said.

With the victory over Olympic, Highline (9-6-2) clinched the West Region Championship and a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

"For us, it will be good. We'll get a chance to recover, get everybody back up and running," Muehling said of the bye week.

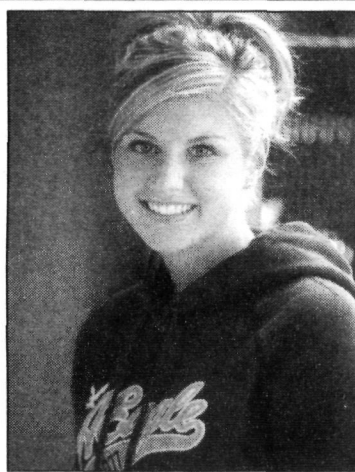
Freshman Kelsey Lusebrink feels just as strongly about the bye week.

"The bye week is going to help the team tremendously. It's a good chance for the team to sort out any problems we are having, rest some injuries, get some practice in, and just have some down time," Lusebrink said.

Injuries have been a problem for the Lady T-Birds this year, but it sounds like the team will be healthy heading into the

"I think the loss of some of our top players has inspired the team to step up and prove everyone wrong that has begun to doubt us."

--Kelsey Lusebrink



postseason.

"I think we'll go in looking good, we should have our numbers back," Muehling said.

We've gotten some help at midfielder and a new goalkeeper who will help when the playoffs start, Lusebrink said.

Before the thrashing of Olympic, Highline had lost four games in a row.

"It's hard when you lose numbers, and then lose games as a result. We obviously overcame it against Olympic," Muehling said.

Sophomore Lindsey McGlothlin scored Highline's first goal against Olympic, and then the Freshman Lusebrink took over from there.

Lusebrink continued her MVP-type season by posting six

goals and one assist.

"Tom (Moore) put me at forward and told the team to 'just get the ball upfield.' Luckily, Olympic's defense was pretty slow and I have good speed, so I was able to beat them down field and get a ton of one-on-ones with the keeper," Lusebrink said.

"The team played some great balls that slipped right past their defenders," she said.

Lusebrink had some high-scoring games in her past, but this game meant the most.

"This game felt a lot better considering we had just come off a couple tough games. It felt good for the team to get some goals again and win a game, a game that clinched the West Region Championship," Lusebrink

said.

Lusebrink's goals were assisted by Kelsey Louvier, Maria Mazur, Brittany Schukar, Danielle Diaz, and Breanna Singh.

Before Saturday Lusebrink hadn't scored a goal since Oct. 13, and hadn't posted an assist since Oct. 10.

Even with the long layoff between assists, Lusebrink still leads the NWAACC with 16 assists, three more than Corrie McNeill of Walla Walla and McKenzie Creamer of Clackamas.

The women finish out the regular season Saturday against Yakima Valley in Yakima Valley at 2 p.m.

Even though they have the West Region clinched, Coach Muehling said they will not treat the game against Yakima Valley any different than every other game this season.

"We take every game seriously. We still want to work on things. It will help us prepare for the playoffs," Muehling said.

The NWAACC playoffs begin Nov. 7, and Lusebrink is excited about the teams upcoming playoff run.

"I think the loss of some of our top players has inspired the team to step up and prove everyone wrong that has begun to doubt us," Lusebrink said.

Next week in Sports

Men's Basketball Preview

With only two returning sophomores and no returning starters, Highline's young men's basketball team looks to defend their West division championship.

Men's Soccer Playoff Preview

Two playoff spots have yet to be decided with top-seeded Spokane, third-ranked Clark, and sixth ranked Whatcom all claiming regional crowns.

Women's Soccer Playoff Preview

Shoreline, Highline, Clackamas, and top-ranked Walla Walla all clinched regional championship honors, while Spokane and Treasure Valley, and Clark and South West Oregon battle it out for the final two playoff positions.

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Women's volleyball ups and downs continue

Lady T-Birds two games out of playoff contention

By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's volleyball team's season has been a roller coaster.

The T-Birds split their last two games against the two top teams Tacoma and Clark. The Lady T-Birds played outstanding during both games and made their chances to getting into playoffs better.

The Lady T-Birds will have to win their last games against Lower Columbia, Grays Harbor, and Centralia. They also need Green River to lose to first-place Tacoma and second-place Clark to allow them to move on to playoffs. If the Lady T-Birds make it to playoffs they will have a tough schedule ahead of them facing first-place Columbia Basin, who is undefeated, in the first game.

The Lady T-Birds fought hard against the first place Tacoma last Wednesday but it just wasn't enough. The T-Birds lost in four games; 29-31,30-23,30-22,30-21.

"The crowd was huge and they didn't expect us to come out ready and strong," said middle hitter Stefanie Rojas.

The Lady T-Birds spent a lot of hard work preparing for the big game.

"Coach (John Littleman) really stressed on how important defense was for this game, so we spend a lot of time at practice working on defense and moving from different positions," said outside hitter Molly Jensen.

The T-Birds also worked on covering different hitters, said Rojas.

Serving has been one of the main obstacles for the T-Birds throughout the year, but it didn't seem to affect them in this game. Lindsey Reese and Lindsay Hovee both added four aces and Chelsea Cagampang added three.

"Our problem has always been that we're not focusing and rushing it every time we serve," said Jensen.

Mercedes Fernandez added 21 kills and 13 digs. Hovee also added 13 kills and 22 digs. Reese added 40 assists and 12 blocks.

With a loss to Tacoma, Highline came out ready to play against second-place Clark last Monday. The win was big tremendously big for the T-Birds, making their record 5-6 and in fifth-place. But right ahead of the T-Birds is Green River with only one more win than the T-

Birds.

"We were pumped and ready to play," said Rojas.

Clark just looked over the T-Birds and expected to win, said Jensen. The T-Birds came out and finished the game in three matches. The final score was 30-24,30-24,30-26.

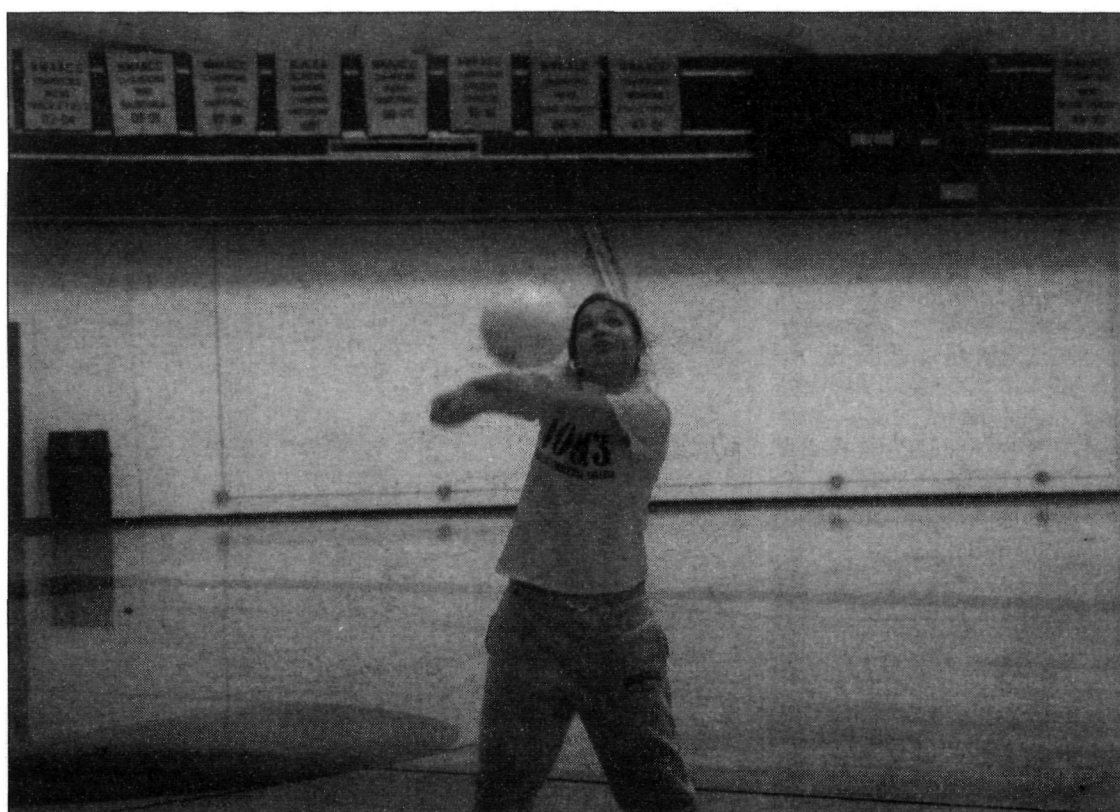
"We just got in the good player's heads at the beginning," said Jensen.

The Lady T-Birds had a lot of help from Fernandez, who put up 19 kills and 13 digs. Also adding to the victory was Hovee, Cagampang, Reese, and Amanda Harker. Hovee added 19 kills and 17 digs. Reese had 30 assists. Harker had 12 digs and Cagampang had 11 assists.

"We spent time looking and going over stats from Clark to see who their best hitters were and where they like to hit the ball. We also worked on covering tips during practice," said Rojas.

The Lady T-Birds spend a lot of time going over the defense and worked on what they had to cover during practice to prepare themselves for the game.

"We mixed up our defense



James Bermingham/ THUNDERWORD

Chelsea Cagampang digs a ball during practice Wednesday.

and covered a lot of tips," said Rojas.

Blocking was another big factor for the T-Birds. Britney

Shannon and Rojas really worked hard in the game and blocked everything they could, said Jensen.

The T-Birds play Lower Columbia Friday, Nov. 5, and Grays Harbor Nov. 5, both games will be played at home at 7 p.m.

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Freshman volleyballer enjoys new digs

Setter Reese takes her game from small town to the big city

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Des Moines is a long way from home for Lyndsey Reese, but she loves every minute of it.

Reese grew up in Wenatchee Valley before signing to play volleyball with Highline.

"It's a different feeling waking up every day. There is so much to do," Reese said of her move to Des Moines.

Getting used to the size of the Greater Seattle area was difficult for Reese at first, but now she has come to enjoy it.

"I'm from a place where I know everyone. I wasn't used to blending in," Reese said.

Reese has had to deal with changes on the volleyball court as well as in her living environment.

During her high school volleyball career, Reese played in a 6-2 offense. The 6-2 offense had two setters in it and while she was in the front row of her rotation, Reese set the ball, and in the back row she played defense.

Highline only has one setter and Reese has had to learn how to play in the front row the entire game. She has had to learn skills such as blocking, dumping, and play calling.

"The setter is like the quarterback of the football team," Reese said.

Reese's responsibilities as a setter include telling her hitters what play has been called, where the ball is going to be set, and who is going to hit the ball.

"I like the challenge. When a setter had a good game, it's a good feeling," Reese said.

Setting is a position without much glory Reese said.

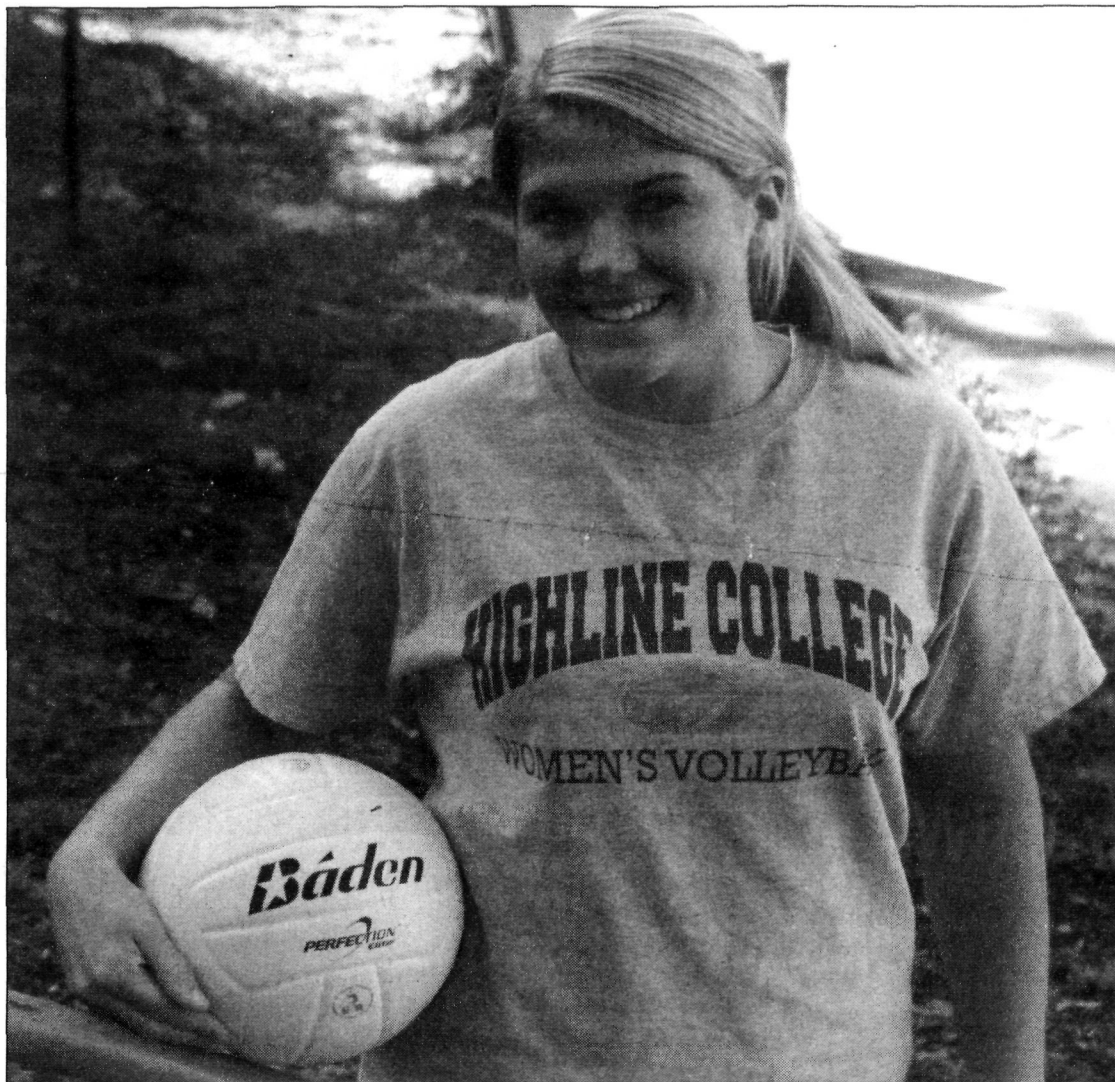
"Hitting gets the recognition," she said.

Reese likes the responsibility that comes with setting.

"You have to realize who's on," she said.

Reese started playing volleyball at a young age, thanks to the encouragement from her mother. Her mother played volleyball and basketball at Portland State University, and coached high school volleyball in Renton and in Wenatchee. Her mother often took her to games and practices when she was young.

"I was in the gym getting



Jocie Olson/THUNDERWORD

Freshman Setter Lyndsey Reese is enjoying her time at Highline.

wacked in the head at a young age," Reese said.

Her mother serves as both a motivator and motivation when it comes to volleyball.

"I try to live up to her," Reese said.

Reese plans on following in her mother's footsteps of the court as well by pursuing a degree in education. Her mother is a high school physical education teacher.

"Teaching is my number one

aspiration," Reese said.

Before Reese gets her education degree, she plans on getting a two year degree from Highline in personal training. She hopes to return to school to get her four-year-degree in education after working as a personal trainer.

"I've got my whole life to become a teacher," she said.

Reese knew that she wanted to continue her education beyond high school, but she wasn't

sure about the prospect of going straight to a four-year-school.

"I could have gone (to a four-year school), but I wasn't ready," Reese said.

Her mother played for and coached with Highline's head women's volleyball coach, John

Littleman, and encouraged her daughter to talk to him about playing for him at Highline.

Littleman's coaching techniques are different than any coach Reese has had and she enjoys the way he challenges his players to be better.

"If you make a mistake, don't look over at the bench," Reese said.

Littleman's hands-on, in-your-face coaching style has motivated Reese. She said her coach in high school served as more of an encourager than a coach.

"My coach in high school was kind of like a cheerleader," Reese said.

Littleman's coaching style has paid off for Reese this season. She averages 10.35 assists a game, and is third in the NWAACC standings in that category.

"It's not fun getting yelled at but he knows what he's talking about," Reese said.

Off the court, Reese considers herself shy and reserved. The size of the city has helped Reese come out of her shell. She said she enjoys getting lost in the crowd, and having to meet new people.

"(In Wenatchee) I never really had to put myself out there to meet people," she said.

Volleyball gave Reese the perfect opportunity to meet people.

"If it weren't for volleyball, I would probably just go to class, say nothing, and leave," Reese said.



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Wild, wacky west goes down to the wire

By James Jensen
Staff Reporter

Highline will need Bellevue to beat Peninsula to have a shot at repeating as West Division champions.

A 0-0 tie against Bellevue last Wednesday and a 5-2 win over Olympic last weekend puts the T-Birds in second place two points behind Peninsula.

The T-Birds had five players score against Olympic; John Neubauer, Juan Gavida, Kenny Marrs, Tony Maxwell, and Randal Ventura, off assists by Ventura, Arturo Brambia, Neubauer, Fernando Gonzalez, and Josh Ambrozick.

Peninsula pulled ahead of Highline last week by beating Olympic 7-0 and beating Tacoma 4-0. The reason Highline is in second place is because Peninsula won their last two games and Highline won one and tied one.

Bellevue is eliminated from the race for the West Division champion but can put Highline into third place by winning their last two games and Highline losing to Peninsula.

Bellevue played Peninsula yesterday, but results were not available at press time.

"If Bellevue wins against Peninsula and wins their game on Saturday against Tacoma, we will have to tie or win in our game against Peninsula to be in first place," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

"If Peninsula wins on Wednesday against Bellevue, no matter if we win on Saturday against Peninsula, we will be in second place," Prenovost said.

Peninsula (11-2-1), Highline (9-1-5), and Bellevue (8-3-3) are all guaranteed playoff berths.

Highline plays Peninsula at Peninsula Saturday Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. for their last game of the season.

"The last time we played them we were winning until we gave up a late penalty kick," Prenovost said.

Peninsula is a very similar team to Highline. Both teams have many scorers, the same amount of goals made, the same amount of goals given up, and good goalkeepers, Prenovost said.

Peninsula also has a small torn up field such as Highline has so it will not be hard to get used to, Coach Prenovost said.

There is a big difference between having a bye the first week of the playoffs and travel-



James Bermingham/ THUNDERWORD

Freshman Tony Maxwell dribbles upfield during practice Wednesday.

ing and playing a tough game away from home, Coach Prenovost said.

If the T-Birds end up in third place they will have to travel to

play second-ranked Walla Walla (11-3-2).

"Walla Walla is undefeated at home," Coach Prenovost said.

If Highline comes short tak-

ing first place in the West division and takes second, they will most likely play Treasure Valley at home in the first round of the playoffs.

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Whatcom	8-3-5	29	8-3-5
Everett	7-8-1	22	7-9-1
Edmonds	4-11-2	14	4-11-3
Shoreline	4-12-1	13	4-12-1
Skagit Valley	0-16-0	0	0-16-0

EAST	LEA	PTS	SEA
Spokane	14-2-1	43	17-3-2
Walla Walla	12-3-2	38	13-3-3
T. Valley	11-4-2	35	13-4-2
W. Valley	10-6-0	30	10-7-0
Col. Basin	6-11-0	18	6-12-0

WEST	LEA	PTS	SEA
Peninsula	11-2-1	34	12-2-2
Highline	9-1-5	32	9-1-6
Bellevue	8-3-3	27	8-3-3
Tacoma	4-9-1	13	4-9-1
Olympic	1-13-1	4	1-13-1

SOUTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Clark	11-1-3	36	13-1-3
Pierce	7-3-4	25	7-4-5
SW Oregon	3-9-2	11	3-9-2
S.P. Sound	1-14-0	3	1-16-0

Women's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Shoreline	11-4-2	35	11-4-2
Everett	4-10-2	14	4-10-2
Green River	4-12-0	12	4-12-0
Edmonds	1-16-0	3	1-16-0
Skagit Valley	1-15-0	3	1-15-0

EAST	LEA	PTS	SEA
Walla Walla	16-0-1	49	19-0-1

Col. Basin	13-1-3	42	15-1-3
Spokane	10-4-3	33	10-7-3
T. Valley	10-5-2	32	11-6-2
Wen. Valley	6-9-1	19	6-10-1

WEST	LEA	PTS	SEA
Highline	9-6-2	29	9-6-2
Tacoma	6-9-1	19	6-9-1
Yak. Valley	6-9-1	19	6-11-1
Bellevue	4-11-1	13	4-11-1
Olympic	1-15-0	3	1-15-0

SOUTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Clackamas	16-0-1	49	16-2-1
Lane	12-3-1	37	13-4-1
Clark	10-3-3	33	10-4-3
SW Oregon	10-7-0	30	12-7-0
L. Columbia	2-13-0	6	2-14-0

Women's Volleyball

NORTH	LEA	PCT	SEA
Whatcom	10-1	.909	25-14
Bellevue	8-2	.800	17-13
Skagit Valley	6-4	.600	13-15
Edmonds	6-4	.600	13-21
Shoreline	5-5	.500	10-13
Olympic	2-10	.167	7-22
Everett	0-11	.000	2-18

EAST	LEA	PCT	SEA
Col. Basin	12-0	1.000	32-1
Spokane	10-3	.769	22-13
Walla Walla	9-3	.750	28-6
T. Valley	7-6	.538	14-17
W. Valley	5-7	.417	7-12
Yak. Valley	3-10	.231	7-17
Big Bend	2-10	.167	8-22
B. Mountain	2-11	.154	7-21

WEST

Tacoma	11-0	1.000	26-5
Clark	9-2	.818	15-8
Pierce	8-3	.727	16-9
Green River	7-4	.636	12-16
Highline	5-6	.455	10-12
L. Columbia	3-8	.273	4-21
Centralia	1-10	.091	1-18
G. Harbor	0-11	.000	0-22

SOUTH

Mt. Hood	9-0	1.000	24-2
Linn-Benton	7-2	.778	21-7
Clackamas	5-3	.625	20-18
Chemeketa	4-4	.500	23-13
SW Oregon	1-8	.111	8-13
Umpqua	0-9	.000	3-18

NWAACC Coaches Poll

Women's Volleyball

RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1	Col. Basin	12-0
2	Mt. Hood	9-0
3	Walla Walla	9-3
4	Linn-Benton	7-2
5	Whatcom	10-1
6	Spokane	10-3
7	Tacoma	11-0
8	Clackamas	5-3

Men's Soccer

RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1	Spokane	14-2-1
2	Walla Walla	12-3-2
3	Clark	11-1-3
4	Peninsula	11-2-1
5	Highline	9-1-5
6	Whatcom	8-3-5

7	T. Valley	11-4-2
8	Bellevue	8-3-3

Women's Soccer

RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1	W. Walla	16-0-1
2	Clackamas	16-0-1
3	Col. Basin	13-1-3
4	Lane	12-3-1
5	Shoreline	11-4-2
6	Clark	10-3-3
7	Spokane	10-4-3
8	Highline	9-6-2

Men's Soccer Schedule

Nov. 2

Pierce vs Clark	3:00
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Nov. 3

Col. Basin vs Walla Walla	2:00
Spokane vs Treas. Valley	2:00
S. Valley vs Wen. Valley	2:00
Whatcom vs Everett	2:00
Edmonds vs Shoreline	2:00
Bellevue vs Tacoma	2:00
Highline vs Peninsula	2:00
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Workshop puts participants 'in her shoes'

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

He says he's sorry and it won't happen again; he cries and begs you to come back. You forgive him, and for a few short months the love between you and him seems to have been reignited - until he hurts you again.

You want to leave, but you don't have much money. People say they'll help you, but you're still afraid. You are offered space in a shelter, but only for a month.

You feel trapped. So you go back to him again. You don't know what else to do.

Fortunately for 25 participants in a campus workshop last week, this was only an exercise. But for many women, this kind of cycle is reality.

Highline students, faculty, and staff had the chance to experience some of the struggles a domestic violence victim may face when they are caught in a vicious cycle of abuse.

The workshop, titled "In Her Shoes" was designed to show how difficult getting out of a domestic violence relationship can be.

Dena Dillon, executive assistant of Student Services, led an exercise where participants were able to walk through simulations of real domestic violence situations.

Twenty-five men and women of all ages gathered in the Multicultural Center where tables were set up with colorful laminated cards.

Some of the tables were adorned with flowers and candles, others with cookies and tissues.

A group of chairs arranged in a circle had a sign "Support Group" attached to it.

Participants were faced with tough decisions that some real victims of domestic violence



Dena Dillon

have faced.

Students, faculty and staff formed into small groups, and each group was handed their first laminated scenario card. Dillon pointed to a box of bandages and told them to put one on each time abuse happened.

After reading a scenario card, the group had to come to a decision about what they would do next if they were in the victim's situation.

After making their choice, the groups proceeded to the table that corresponded with the choice they made, and picked up the next card.

The participants repeated this process until their journey was complete.

Some groups found that their journey ended in escape, while others went back into their abusive relationships, and for some, their story ended in death.

The groups found that though they made wise choices, sometimes there was no other option than to go back to their abuser.

Dillon said that a woman will go back into the abusive relationship an average of seven times before she leaves for good.

Children, environment, society, family, religion, and lack of resources were all determining factors that influenced the outcomes of their choices.

She said she wanted the participants to understand that vic-

tims are not always successful in receiving help, even though they make the effort.

Dillon is an active member of Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) and knows how it feels to be in the shoes of a domestic violence victim. After 10 years of struggling through an abusive relationship, she says she wants to help others understand the complexity of an abusive relationship.

She says that it is vital for everyone to be aware of domestic violence because one in three women around the world will fall victim to abuse by their significant other in their lifetime.

"I think this was a really wonderful thing, both for people who have gone through it (domestic violence) and for people who have no idea," said Kelli Tracey, a Highline student. "Even if they haven't understood (before), they're making an attempt to understand (what it's like to be in an abusive relationship)."

Women who already knew too well the affects of abuse were among the attendees at

the workshop. They were there with men and women who were experiencing these struggles for the first time.

Something had been triggered. Participants began sharing their personal experiences of regarding abuse. Some revealed they were abused as children; some had family members that fought through an abusive relationship.

"I think you feel different when you pick up a card and it's something that has happened to you," Highline student Anna Koonce said about the exercise.

For Koonce, the scenarios brought back memories of an emotionally abusive relationship she was able to get out of.

"(The activity) helps me realize that I haven't gotten over it all," she said.

As Dillon wrapped up the event, participants shared their insights and opinions of the experience they had walking in the shoes of a victim of DV.

"I think this experience allowed us to understand how difficult, but not impossible it is to get out of a violent relationship,"

said Teri Tomatich, who teaches the human sexuality course at Highline. "The activity helped create empathy for people who are struggling in a domestic violence relationship."

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As part of a series of transfer events this quarter, the University of Washington and Washington State University will give presentations on the pharmacy majors.

Attendees will learn how to apply for the major, what the major entails, the prerequisites, the interview process, and the documents needed to apply.

Both of the events are free and open to everyone.

The UW presentation will take place on Nov. 7 in Building 6, room 151 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The WSU presentation will take place on Nov. 28 in Building 29, room 116 from noon to 1 p.m.

Student Small Capital Investment Club Presents:

Investor Education Week

For College Students at Highline Community College

Agenda & Times: Handouts & PowerPoint Presentation

-Day 1 Tuesday November 6, 2007 11:00 - 12:00PM
Kickoff Presentation
Student Union Building: Mt. Skokomish Room

-Day 2 Wednesday November 7, 2007 12:00 - 1:00PM
SSCIC Presents Bill Webster on Online Investing
Building 10 Room 204

-Day 3 Thursday November 8, 2007 12:00 - 1:00PM
SSCIC Game Day: Rich Dad Poor Dad, The Credit Game
Student Union Building: Mt. Skokomish Room

Featuring:

-Leslie Lum - Project Manager and Coordinator for College Student Investor Education
Bellevue Community College Faculty Business Division
Student Small Capital Investment Club (SSCIC)
-Bill Webster Highline Community College Faculty Business Division (Stock Broker)

The mission of SSCIC is to educate and inform college students of the various investment options and wealth building strategies available in the market place. In addition, SSCIC strives to equip students with tools for developing strategies on how to avoid getting into credit card debt while acquiring knowledge on how to manage their finances during the early years of their educational pursuits.

-Meeting Times: Every Other Monday at 1:00PM Building 10 Room 101
Contact Information:
S.S.C.I.C. Club Advisor Anthony D. Newton: anewton@highline.edu
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STUDENT SMALL CAPITAL INVESTMENT CLUB

College Transfer Fair!



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9AM-12:30PM
Highline Student Union
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Voting

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already voted," said student Katie Jorgenson.

"I am most definitely going to vote, I love to. There are a lot of roadwork initiatives, and voting for school levies, also insurance initiatives," said Steve Simpkins, Highline's student body president.

Political Science Instructor Jim Glennon explained the elections that most directly affect students are the local ones.

Glennon explained that he would be lost without the voter's pamphlet.

"All TV ads do is confuse you," Glennon said. "Both sides lie."



Secretary of State Sam Reed

Glennon said that most people will not pay attention to issues unless it hits their pocketbook.

"Most people vote their pocketbook," Glennon said. "It (ballot issues) has to be something that people see that directly affects them."

Secretary of State Sam Reed, Washington's chief elections official, said that he expects 51 percent of registered voters to cast their ballot for this election.

"That is an average turnout for an odd year election," Reed said.

In 2003 Washington only had 41 percent but Reed said he thinks with ballot issues such as Referendum 67, the school levy, and even Tim Eyman's Initiative 960 it will increase this year.

"It's the ballot issues that turn people out in odd year elections," Reed said.

Another increase to the number of votes is the switch to mail-in voting.

In Washington's 39 counties only three have not switched to mail-in voting exclusively.

"More people vote at home than ever before and we know without a doubt voting by mail increases turnout," Reed said in a press release.

Megan Coppersmith, spokeswoman for the King County elections office, explained that the projected turnout is a little higher this year.

"We've set turnout at 48 percent," Coppersmith said. "I believe that it's pretty similar to other odd-year elections."

King County has 994,358 active voters and the elections office is expecting 467,570 people to cast a vote either at the polls or by absentee ballots.

As of today 89,793 ballots have been received which is 14

percent of the 627,724 total ballots sent out.

King County is in the process of switching to all mail-in votes.

"We expect to transition in 2008," Coppersmith said.

The King County polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Poll voters must present valid identification such as a photo ID, driver's license, state ID card, student ID card, or voter registration card. Voters who do not have identification will be issued a provisional ballot.

For more information about poll locations call 206-296-8683 or go to www.metrokc.gov/elections/pollingplace/voterlookup.aspx.

Pigeons

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dicts that doing so would create an animal rights issue.

Sell said there were thoughts of poisoning food and putting it around the center but he felt that

wouldn't work because of the chance of poisoning other species.

Along with the vanity issues the poop is causing, there are concerns about the health issues associated with the excrement as well.

Some diseases can be spread by pigeon poop but Osmek said

it's not likely to catch anything unless you're in confined spaces with the poop for an extended amount of time.

There was one other way Osmek said the poop could spread disease.

"You'd have to eat it, and you'd have to eat a lot of it," he said.

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