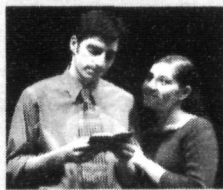


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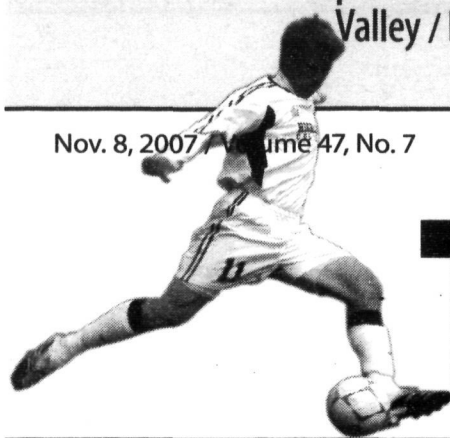


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PERIODICALS

Highline Community College

Washington voters say no to taxes but yes to lawsuits

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

Voters Tuesday rejected a deal that would've expanded roads and added light rail, but checked a different box on the ballot when it came to quelling unfair insurance practices.

While voters throughout King County and Washington decided Tuesday on various elected offi-

cials and four Washington state constitutional amendments, the really hot topics on the ballot were Referendum 67, Proposition No. 1 for Roads and Transit, and Initiative 960.

Washington voters voted to approve Referendum 67, which will make it illegal for an insurance company to unreasonably deny legitimate claims, as well as allow consumers to seek tri-

ple damages plus compensation for attorney's fees in such cases. Some health insurance carriers will be exempt.

Opponents of the measure poured in well over \$10 million to try and prevent the measure from passing, while the proponents had less than \$4 million to work with.

"I think people recognized that insurance companies were

scamming people, and no matter how much money the insurance industry poured into it, people recognized that this happens," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines.

He said the personal stories used by the yes campaign to show the harm that insurance companies have done to consumers really hit home with voters.

"Everyone seems to know someone who was screwed by the insurance companies," he said.

"I think it was amazing that the insurance companies spent \$10 million, and got this result," said State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines. "I think what

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Jim Marcyes from Halfon Construction helps put in the floor of the new MaST center.

Former student returns to build MaST

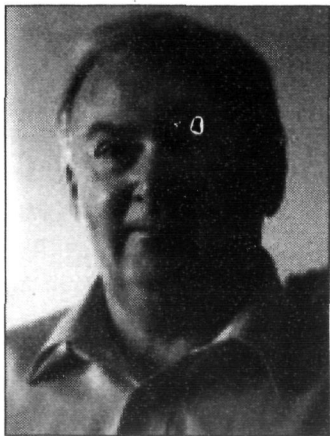
By Jocie Olson
Staff Reporter

For those who meet former Highline student Tony Sieger, there is no question that he loves his job.

Sieger talks excitedly about Advanced Technology Construction, the company he founded in 1998. He says that he is proud of his company and the various projects he has worked on, from the Seattle Library to the Federal Courthouse in Seattle.

But one project that Sieger is really excited about is the MaST center.

Highline's Marine and Science Technology Center



Tony Sieger

is located at Redondo Beach and will provide classroom space as well as community events when it opens next spring.

The old MaST center is now demolished and Sieger's company is in the process of rebuilding the new one.

Highline's former marine center was not new to Sieger.

Returning home from Vietnam, Sieger came to Highline in 1971 and started taking classes including a diving class.

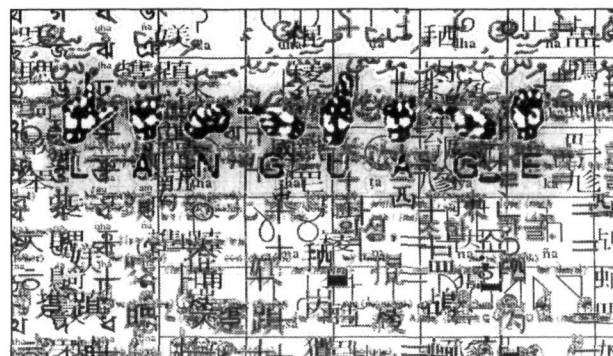
"I started in the diving program but I never went very far," Sieger said.

Diving wasn't just a hobby for Sieger but also a way to earn money.

"I worked for Des Moines

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LANGUAGE



BARRIERS

International students sometimes have difficulty studying in English

By Nataliya Muzyka
Staff Reporter

Studying in college can be a challenge for everyone, but it is much harder for many of the international and immigrant students at Highline.

"Studying in college is harder than studying in the ESL and college preparation classes," said Rahmo Hashi, a student from Somalia, who has lived in the United States since 1999.

When Hashi came here she didn't know English well, so she took a few years of ESL classes and one quarter of college preparation classes before she entered college level classes.

Highline has many students, who speak English as their a second language.

The ESL program has more than 3,000 students, said Cheryl Carino-Burr, the education

planning/ESL program assistant. Those students study in English, which is different than the language they have used from birth.

Highline has a lot of students from Asia and Eastern Europe, including countries such as Vietnam, Korea, India, Ukraine, and Russia.

"You name a place on the earth and we have students from it," said Carino-Burr.

Highline has two different groups of student who speak English as a second language.

The first group is made up of international students. Those students came to the United States to study English or get a degree.

The second group is made up of students that came to live in United States, the immigrants.

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CSI: ighline

Students argue and security settles the fight

A security officer found himself in the middle of two Highline students arguing on Nov. 5 at 12:38 p.m. in the smoking area between buildings 6 and 3.

Both students were exchanging negative remarks to each other.

One of the students is an employee at Highline and his boss took him to her office to talk with him.

The student returned to the smoking area with his friend and started causing a commotion with another female student.

The Des Moines Police had to come and control the situation.

The man and his friend were banned from Highline's premises until they met with the dean of Student Services.

The friend was later spotted in Building 8 by Richard Noyer, the Security supervisor at Highline.

Noyer handed admonishment papers to the man but he rolled it up in a ball and threw it off the second story ledge.

The man got in Noyer's face and started threatening him, according to the security report.

The Des Moines Police were called and they had to escort the man to Building 6 to set up an appointment to meet with the dean of Student Services on Thursday.

The man was then escorted off campus.

Juveniles cause a hubub in the Library

Two groups of junior high students were asked to leave the Highline Library on Nov. 6 around 3 p.m.

The first group was two males who were told they were not allowed in the Library for a one year period because they had broken a pair of headphones and were continuously being loud and disruptive.

The students refused to show I.D. to the staff and left.

These individuals are known by the staff and will be admonished the next time they are seen.

The next groups asked to leave were three males and two females.

They agreed and were escorted out by Security.

"This has been going on for the past week," said Demetria Guillen, a security officer at Highline. This is the main reason they were asked to leave.

- Compiled by A. McClurg



Swarthmore representative will visit Highline

A college official from a top liberal arts college comes to meet students today.

The director of admissions at Swarthmore College, Suzi Nam is coming to Highline to speak to students, and meet them.

Swarthmore is noted for its international studies program, its engineering program, and preparation courses for pre-law and pre-med.

If you plan on attending this event bring a resume.

This event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

For more information on this event contact Barbara Clinton at bclinton@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3151.

Dressing right can help you get the job you want

Learn to dress for success for less at a workshop next week.

You need to make a good impression to potential employers when you are job-hunting. The first thing that they are going to see is your attire.

In a job interview you are trying to sell yourself, dressing properly will give you an edge over other people going for the same position.

In this workshop students can gain a competitive edge on presenting a positive impression if they are properly attired.

Dressing for Success on a Shoestring was a collaborative

effort with Suzanne Dunnell from Children's Hospital and Medical Center Thrift Center, Kent Branch. This workshop will be held by Thressa Alston, a faculty counselor at Highline, and the workshop series coordinator.

This workshop will take place on Thursday, Nov. 15 in Building 7 from 12:10-1:45 p.m.

For more information on this event contact Thressa Alston at talston@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3580.

Students can learn new computer skills

Students can learn about Information Technology by attending a workshop next week.

Information Technology, also known as Information Communications Technology (ITC) will present this workshop.

It deals with the use of computer software and electronic computers to convert, store, protect, process, transmit, and retrieve information, etc.

You can learn more about computer technology and how to deal with the challenges it sometimes presents at this workshop.

This workshop will be given by Highline's Information Technology Specialist Gerald Jackson. It takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 1 - 2 p.m. in the lower level of Building 6, room 151.

For more information on this event contact Gerald Jackson at gjackson@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3167.

Want to major in psych? How do you feel about that?

Psychology majors can meet the director of advising from the University of Washington in an event next week.

Carrie Perrin, director of advising for the psychology

program at the University of Washington, will be on campus to meet with students majoring in psychology. At the meeting Perrin will discuss admission and degree requirements and will answer questions.

Handouts on other four-year psychology programs will also be available to students, cookies will also be available. This event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13 in Building 21, room 205 at 2 p.m.

For more information on this event contact Ruth Frickle at rfrickle@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3111.

Business students can learn how to transfer to the UW

Students can learn how to successfully transfer into the business program at the UW in an event next week.

An adviser from the UW Seattle School of Business will be talking about admission requirements including pre-requisite courses and required GPA.

She will also talk about the time line for applying, such as when you should start the application process, and when you should be done with it.

She will also talk about the writing assessment for admission and how to be a competitive applicant.

This event will take place Thursday, Nov. 15 at 1:15 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

For more information on this event contact Siew Lai Lilley at slilley@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3295.

Nursing Program gathers toiletries to donate to hospitalized veterans

The Student Nursing Club is taking donations from the Highline community to provide comfort to patients at the Seattle Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Donations have been accepted since Nov. 1 to help veterans/ The items being collected are: soap, shampoo, mouthwash, shaving cream, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletry items.

Teresa Trillo, a clinical instructor in the Nursing Program, decided to start collecting donations for the patients when she visited them.

Nursing students at Highline did clinical work at the Seattle Veterans Affairs Hospital for five weeks.

One of the patients asked for shaving cream and all the hospital could supply was a small amount in a paper cup.

The hospital said they are sometimes out of personal items for the patients.

"It's a small thing that can mean a lot to someone who does not have much," Trillo said.

Other items such as socks, book and puzzles have been donated to the cause.

The donations are being accepted at anytime, even after Veterans Day, in the Health Occupations Lab in Building 26, room 219.

For more information contact Teresa Trillo at ttrillo@highline.edu or at 206-878-3710, ext. 3646.

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Chinese student's opinions vary on different issues

By Katie Chan
Staff Reporter

Chinese Students at Highline think the United States and China don't have a good relationship.

Xiao Gao is from Dalian China and has been at Highline for two years.

"I think their relationship is bad because when I read some Chinese newspapers which were published in the U.S., they are all against the communist from Mainland," Gao said. "Before I came here, I had a very difficult time getting a visa and I am waiting for the immigration for two years."

Gao also thinks the U.S. should not get involved with other countries because their government policies are too different.

KuanHung Liu is from Taiwan and a new student at Highline.

He thinks America is trying to befriend China.

"I personally think America has a strategy of making a good relationship with China but they don't want Taiwan to be returned to China as one country because they don't want China to become more powerful," Liu said.

"America always persuades

people that communist countries are dangerous and aggressive, however they are the most aggressive country in the world," Liu said.

Nonetheless, Taiwanese students don't want Taiwan to be returned to China.

Yuru Yang, one of the members of the International Leadership Student Council, said he found that Chinese students are nicer after he came here. However, he doesn't agree with the policy of China.

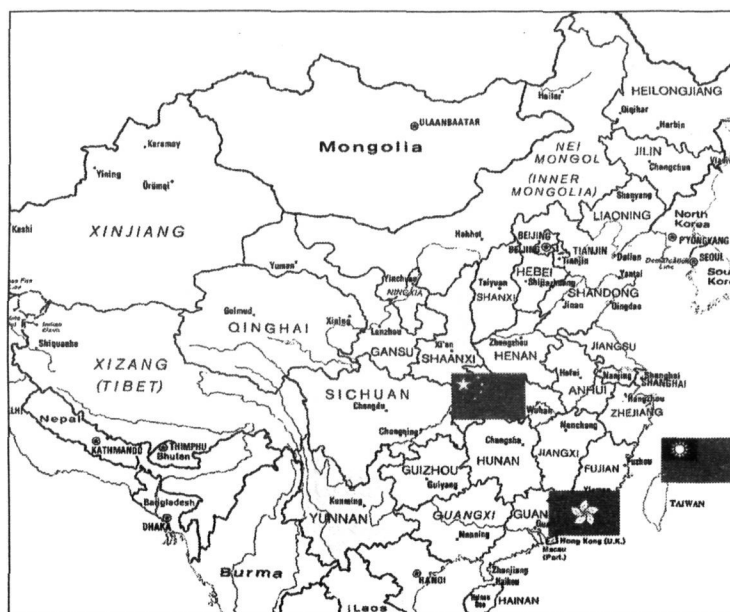
"If Taiwan belongs to China, we won't have freedom to speak up. Government will control the media and covers some of the news," Yang said.

Liu stayed in China for seven years and thinks Taiwan shouldn't be returned back to China.

"It is like a mother (China) giving up her child (Taiwan) for many years. Now, we have our business, industry and economy, so we can support ourselves," Liu said.

Jennifer Cheung is from Hong Kong and thinks history books in Taiwan might affect what they think.

"I have read a Taiwanese history book, things they said is completely different from us. I think the author of history books only show their own side of views," Cheung said.



Patricia O'Neill/Thunderword

Xiao Gao doesn't agree that Taiwan will be independent.

"China doesn't want to fight Taiwan because if they have a war with them, it is a civil war which they don't want it to happen. It also won't have any benefits for Taiwan or China," Gao said. "Moreover, now China is developing rapidly that a lot of goods in Taiwan have to export to China. The economy of Taiwan must be affected."

Gao thinks the U.S. is supporting Taiwan and they won't help Taiwan because their country already has a war going on.

Most of the students say that America is very different from what they imagined before they came here.

Liu was an exchange student before he became a Highline student. His experience changed his thoughts about the U.S.

"Before I came here, I thought the U.S. is the most powerful country in the world with the best education system, but after I found that it was just a dream," said Liu.

"The high school I attended in exchange program has a very poor education system and most

of the students came from low-income families," Liu said.

Rita Wong from Hong Kong, who has been attending Highline for a year, thought America had a serious problem with racism. When she came here though, she found that people are friendly and easy to talk to.

Chinese students think that American students are very independent and they can freely express their opinions.

"I was so surprised that American students have to work to support themselves and even have to pay for their own school tuition fees," said Xiao Gao.

"American students are very active in classes and have more interaction with other classmates and teachers," Rita Wong said.

Some Chinese students think students in the U.S. should break their wasteful habits and protect the environment.

"When I go to the grocery stores, they always use a lot of plastic and paper bags although they might only buy a couple things," said Yuru Yang. "In Taiwan, we even have to pay for a plastic bag."

"Students in the U.S. usually don't recycle. I was shocked that I saw students just used one side of a piece of paper and then they would just throw it away," Jennifer Cheung said.

Salmon face rocky going, geology students learn in class

By Melody Ericksen
Staff Reporter

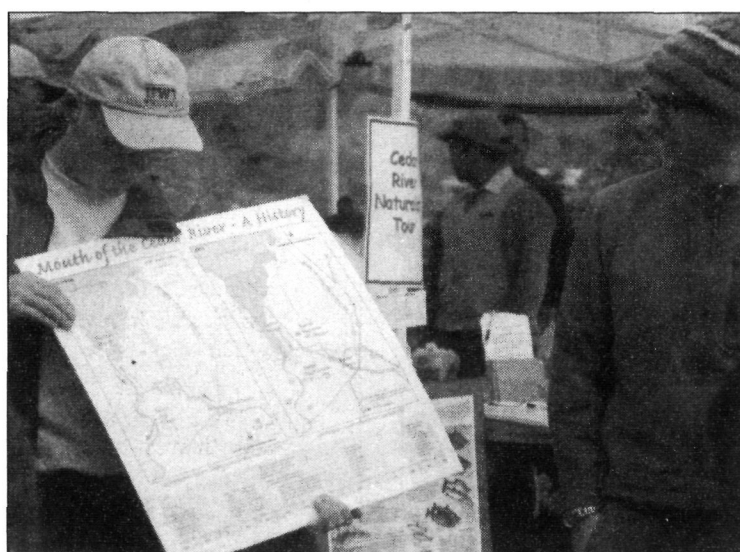
On an unseasonably warm Saturday last week, 12 Highline students piled into two vans to go and study rocks and salmon.

The students were enrolled in Geology of Salmon, a one-credit class offered this quarter.

Every year the Geology Department offers several one-credit field classes, which take students out of the classroom and into the natural world, where they can see science in action. These classes have been taken to places such as Whidbey Island, Downtown Seattle, Mount St. Helens, Eastern Washington, and the North Cascades.

Geology of Salmon met over two Saturdays. The first day, the class went to Whidbey Island to look at the history of the Puget Sound.

"We looked at different types of sediment and sand, different types of deposition and how it occurred," said Susan Tyler, one of the class members. "It was pretty interesting. You could tell that some of the really big rocks were dragged there by a



Melody Ericksen/Thunderword

A student gave a presentation on how the flow of the Cedar River changed to become the shape it is today.

glacier."

On the second Saturday, the class took two buses to visit several locations on or near the Cedar River in Renton, in order to look at the habitat of the different types of salmon that inhabited the rivers, and their effect on the ecosystem.

The class had a total number of 15 people including the instructor, James Loetterle, along

with Woody Moses, a biology instructor at Highline, and Ingrid Spies, a marine geneticist who works for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "We have a pretty fair size class," said Loetterle, a professor in biology, botany, and geology at Highline.

Students in the class were responsible for putting together presentations and using that in-

formation to help tell the story of the salmon and their habitats.

The three main species of salmon that the class looked at were the Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon.

Over the course of the day the class visited different river locations where they could see salmon spawning grounds and take note of the proper conditions needed for the salmon.

The class visited two spots along the Cedar River, one at the Lions Club Camp, and the other near the Montessori School. At the Lions Club Camp the class looked at the flood plain of the river, the features of the river and how it affected the salmon that live there.

The purpose of going to the location along the Montessori School was to look at the flow of the stream and draw a rough sketch of its topography. This exercise was done to help the students visualize the different currents in the river, and to help them think about how that would affect the salmon living in that river.

Students in the class were also required to make presen-

tations along the various stops. The presentations at Cedar River were about the Cedar River watershed, anadromy, semelparity, and dead salmon as nutrients.

"The Cedar River Watershed is one of six water systems in Washington that supplies drinking water to 1.4 million people in the greater Seattle Area," said Karen Cortese, a student.

"There are not many regulations on the water," said Cortese. "A large amount of it is filtered out by the sediments in the environment. The rest is chlorinated and treated with fluoride to prevent cavities."

Denise McLeod, another student, explained what semelparity is and how this state affects salmon's ability to adjust in the long run.

"Salmon are semelparous. This means that they use the majority of their life's energy in the single act of reproduction, they then die shortly afterwards," said McLeod.

"The life-cycle of salmon is short, so they do not get the chance to adapt. So whatever we (people) do greatly affects them," McLeod said.

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Editorial comment

I-960 is costly and inefficient and bad for Washington state

In this year's election, voters have made a big mistake by voting for Initiative 960.

I-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 voter's 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 is expensive and creates more bureaucracy in the state.

This initiative would create many expensive elections where voters would have to vote on countless budget items no matter how small they are.

I-960 makes the state government less efficient. Fund transfers for basic needs such as road and bridge repairs, children's health care and drug assistance for senior citizens all would require a two-thirds legislative vote and a public vote.

We live in a democracy where majority rules. This initiative gives the minority the ability to control the budget.

It seems funny that this bill costs \$1.8 million per year, but is trying to reduce the amount of money the state government has to spend. The bill doesn't cut taxes, it actually wastes money.

The super-majority I-960 creates can only be suspended during a natural disaster. The initiative cannot be suspended if there is a terrorist attack or an economic crisis.

I-960 will be challenged in the courts and there is a good chance it will be found unconstitutional. All of this will cost the state even more money.

This initiative is another one of Tim Eyman's products. Tim Eyman is a professional initiative filer.

Since 1998, Tim Eyman has tried to put 14 initiatives on the ballot. Six of them have been passed by voters but only three have become law. The other three were declared unconstitutional.

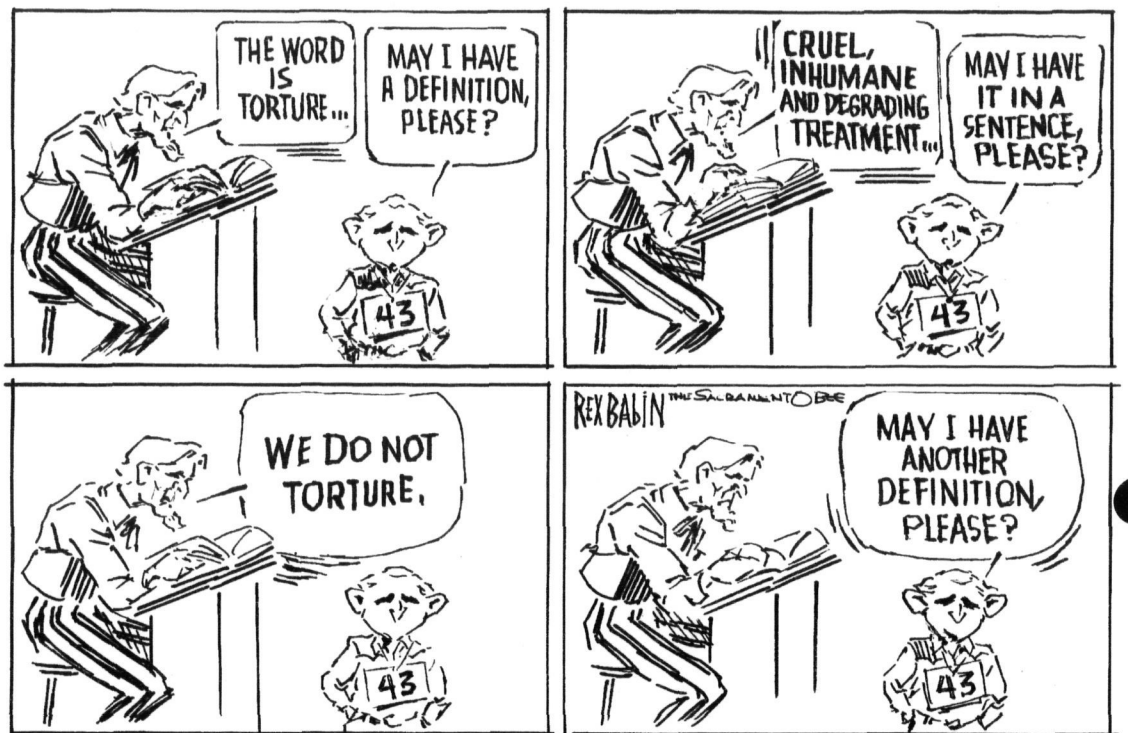
I-960 is very complex and written so voters think it only makes it more difficult for taxes to be raised. Even Eyman says he can't give a short description of I-960.

I-960 is complex, expensive and makes our state government even less efficient and it's a shame that Washington voters approved it.

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"I'm not a bad girl friend."

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Men and women need to communicate

Commentary

Men and women can have better friendships if they learn to communicate more effectively with each other and amongst themselves.

That is what I learned at the Men of Vision and Sister Empower support groups that meet on campus every month in the Inter-Cultural Center to discuss issues such as improving relationships, communication skills and building self esteem.

I have attended practically every meeting and I have come to value the opportunity to interact with other students who have the same concerns.

I believe that men and women can have positive platonic relationships with each other if we are respectful and considerate of each other's differences.

Men have been socialized to be less emotional than women and therefore they are not comfortable revealing their true feelings.

Women are more sociable and have a less hard time expressing their feelings.

They also have some similarities, such as the desire to be treated with respect.

Everybody has emotions which are happy, sad, mad, etc; it's how you manage them that make a difference.

We can't go around not talk-



Shurvon Haynes

ing to each other.

For example, I have a male friend who lives in another city and we have many things in common, such as our love for books, cultural events and good music.

We would talk about these areas of interest all the time. However at some point our friendship was tested because we started to suspect each other of having ulterior motives because it seemed unusual to have a good platonic friendship with someone of the opposite sex.

We began to argue and disagree over minor issues

After many misunderstandings we soon realized that it was not worth jeopardizing our friendship over unrealistic social constraints.

We resolved our differences and now we enjoy positive, respectful conversations while respecting each other's personal opinions.

So yes it is possible for men and women to just be friends.

Sex is not the only thing men and woman can have in common.

It is a sign of maturity if a person can learn to converse and interact with the opposite sex and not be disrespectful or vulgar.

If more men and women learn to break down some of these social barriers, we could build more positive relationships and marriages, if it leads to that.

The key is having a balance sometimes it is better to just to enjoy the friendship instead of fighting to have something more.

Men and women may think and behave as if they are from different planets but they both have to live together on planet Earth, so we might as well make the best of it.

Shurvon only likes you as a friend. And she's not just one of the guys.

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Dream girl

Sophia Villanueva didn't dream of becoming an actor, but she's having a good time at it anyway

By Ariel McKenzie
Staff Reporter

Sophia Villanueva got a lead role in Highline's fall production, but it's not the role she hopes to play in life.

Villanueva, who is playing a lead role in Highline's fall drama production of *Earth and Sky*, said that while acting is a fun hobby, her true passion is to become a school teacher.

Villanueva said her little brother has inspired her to become a teacher. With 45 younger cousins, she said that loves to take care of kids.

"My goal in life is to help children and be a role model they may not have," said Villanueva.

Before coming to Highline, Villanueva attended high school and grew up in Sunnyside, a small farming community in eastern Washington.

Villanueva explained that there was a lot of gang violence and drug abuse and many people who grow up in Sunnyside never leave.

"It (gang violence) makes me sad because they (gang

members) don't know any other way," Villanueva said. "I wish they could see there is more."

Because of her strong desire to get away from Sunnyside and attend college, she took it upon herself to move out after high school.

"It was a dead-end town," Villanueva said. "I had to get out."

Villanueva said that her best friend, who currently attends the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in California, got her interested in acting.

American Musical and Dramatic Academy is a school that strives to train students for careers in performing arts.

"I always motivated and pushed him," Villanueva said. "I was always so proud of him."

Villanueva realized that she too might enjoy acting as much as her best friend does, and decided to take a drama class at Highline.

The first drama class that Villanueva took was at Highline with Rick Lorig, a drama instructor. She said unfortunately this class was cancelled and she decided to audition for the 2006 winter production *Heartbreak*



Ariel McKenzie/THUNDERWORD

Sophia Villanueva is an actor at Highline and *Earth and Sky* will be her third performance with the drama department. She hopes to become a teacher one day.

House. She has also taken Drama 121 from Dr. Christiana Taylor, Highline's drama, music, and art coordinator.

After auditioning, she landed her first role at Highline in the production of *Heartbreak House*. She also performed in the student-led one-act plays last spring.

Villanueva said that she enjoys playing roles which are comedic or romantic. She said that the most enjoyable role she has played was during the one-acts last spring.

Last spring she played a neglected housewife whose life revolved around a plastic baby doll.

"She was crazy, I thought that was hilarious," said Villanueva of her character.

Villanueva, who had little acting experience before coming to Highline, said she was cast as a lead after only two productions at Highline. She said

getting this lead is one of her biggest accomplishments this quarter.

"It's a challenge to get a part this big," Villanueva said. "The challenge is motivating."

Along with playing a lead in Highline's fall drama production, Villanueva also attends classes at Highline and has a full-time job.

Villanueva said she feels that biggest achievement right now is that with the stress of the show and a full-time job, she is able to maintain good grades in her classes.

Villanueva said that she draws most of her motivation from her parents and that her mom and dad are very supportive and very proud of her.

"My parents are 100 percent behind me all the time and that helps a lot," Villanueva said.

In the upcoming production *Earth and Sky*, Villanueva will play Sara McKeon. Dr. Tay-

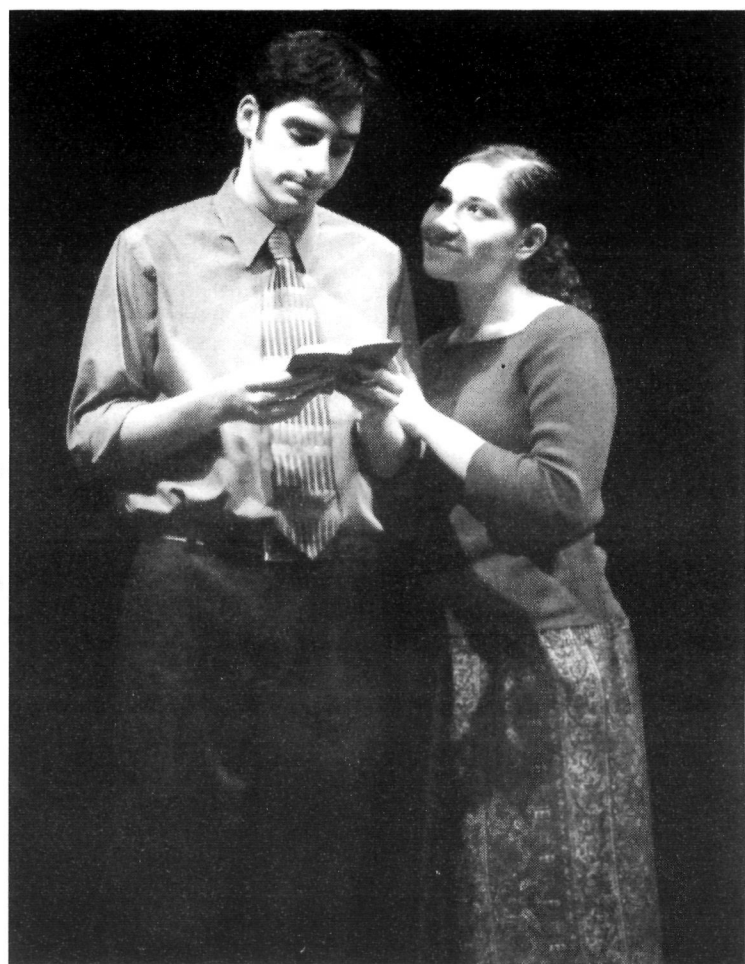
lor said that the play revolves around this character, but is developed by the interweaving all the characters. Earlier this quarter, Dr. Taylor said that *Earth and Sky* is a detective thriller that also has a romantic theme.

Playing Sara, Villanueva said she has the opportunity to do some romantic scenes.

She said that she enjoys these scenes more than sad or depressing scenes because when she must play a sad character, she must also become sad.

"Nobody likes to be sad," Villanueva said.

Earth and Sky is scheduled to run Friday, Nov. 15, Saturday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 17 and again after the Thanksgiving weekend Friday Nov. 29, Saturday Nov. 30, and Sunday Dec. 1 in the Little Theatre, Building 4 room 122. All showings of *Earth and Sky* begin at 8 p.m.



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Sophie Villanueva, right, and Brennan Grant in scene from *Earth and Sky*. The show opens next weekend at the Little Theatre. Villanueva says she enjoys acting, but hopes to be a teacher.

Intern needed at Breeders Theater

By Ariel McKenzie
Staff Reporter

Breeders Theater is making a casting call for a winter intern.

Nancy Warren, business manager and music director of Breeders Theater, said that it is the job of the Breeders Theater intern to help the director dur-

ing rehearsals and to assist actors during the production.

Breeders Theater, located in Burien, is a theater that does comedic productions which are geared towards a more mature audience.

Warren said that while there is no specific criteria for the job of an intern, some of the things

that they will be expected to do are to attend all rehearsals and performances, and help actors during rehearsals by throwing them lines when required. They will also make sure that all actors are accounted for, give 5 and 10 minute calls before the

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'Darfur Now' tells tales of hope in Sudan

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Darfur Now isn't your typical feel-good movie.

Darfur is the western part of Sudan where there is a genocide happening. The United Nations estimates that as many as 450,000 people have died from violence and disease.

Ted Braun directed the documentary. Braun also teaches at the University of Southern California film school.

Darfur Now is a documentary about how six different people have each done their part in order to help stop the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and bring humanitarian relief to the millions there who suffer.

The documentary is for a more mature audience, so leave the kids at home.

The people who star in this documentary range from Adam Sterling, a UCLA student, to the actor Don Cheadle, to Pablo Recalde, a central figure in the World Food Program.

Cheadle says in the film that his first reaction to the information he was given on Darfur was "a wave of hopelessness."

In the movie Cheadle asks us to consider the children of Darfur. "You see that kids are really just kids. You think, maybe their journey is in some way tied into my journey on this planet. That's you and that's me," Cheadle said.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo is the chief prosecutor of the international criminal court in Hague. He was charged with finding out who is responsible for the genocide. He talks about the importance of the Sudanese people being able to watch the criminals who are responsible for the genocide be convicted in court when the crisis is over and they are handed over to the international court.

Adam Sterling, a UCLA student, works throughout the

movie to get a bill passed in California that would prevent companies in California from investing in Sudanese government.

Hejewa Adam is a mother who lived in a small village that was destroyed in Darfur. She joined a local rebel force that tries to protect villages in her area.

"I've learned to fight, it's very natural. It is like drinking water," Adam said.

Pablo Recalde works for the World Food Program. He coordinates where and how food is delivered in Darfur.

The movie tries to explain the genocide and how it started while showing what people are doing to stop the genocide. The documentary shows a few small victories for the six people trying to halt the genocide, giving hope to the people who feel like there is nothing they can do about it.

The documentary is a collective vision of actions both small and large that are taken on many fronts to end the crisis. The movie is a call to action for all activists.

Overall *Darfur Now* is a movie that people should see. It is a good documentary that tries to make the Darfur genocide seem less hopeless and show some personal triumphs.

Darfur Now is rated PG.

Omar Amanat, Gary Greengbaum, Dean Schramm and Diane Weyermann were the executive producers.

Overmans over a bridge



Bruce and Patricia Overman

Shots such as this rustic bridge are part of the new exhibit at the Library's Fourth Floor Gallery, featuring the digital travel photography of Bruce and Patricia Overman. The Overmans have combined a love for travel with a knack for photography to create their collection. The Library Gallery is open when the Library is open and admission is free.

Intern

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and 10 minute calls before the performances, as well as help in the box office.

"In the past, some have had small roles (in the production) when appropriate," said Warren of previous interns at Breeders Theater.

This intern position is held for the duration of a specific show and a new intern is chosen for each production.

There are many benefits of becoming an intern for the theater.

Warren said the intern will get paid \$300 and they will also receive real-life theater experience in a non-traditional venue as well as the opportunity to work with a professional acting

company.

The intern will get to work with nice professional actors who are interested in helping them learn about theater, Warren said.

Age is not an important factor in choosing an intern, as long as they are mature enough to work in an adult environment, Warren said. She said that some interns have been as young as 16 or 17.

Another benefit of being an intern for Breeders Theater is having weekends off.

"We rehearse Monday through Thursday," Warren said, while explaining that most theaters rehearse on the weekends.

This winter, Breeders Theater will be doing *Crazy/Naked*, which is a show about politics. This show was written by Dr. T.M. Sell, directed by Doug Knoop, and the music was written by Nancy Warren.

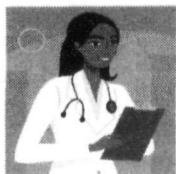
Dr. Sell said that this show is about three candidates running for a state legislative seat. He said he decided to do a show about politics because it is an election year.

"It's about the degree to which people don't pay attention and about how carried away some people do get with their positions," Dr. Sell said.

Crazy/Naked will run Jan. 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31 and Feb. 1, 2 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 20, 27 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. The Jan. 30 performance is a benefits the Highline Foundation. Tickets are \$20 and include hors d'oeuvres and a tasting of E.B. Foote wines. Tickets can be purchased by visiting E.B. Foote winery, 127-B SW 153rd St. and at Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Drive, Des Moines.

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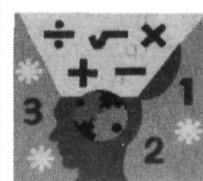
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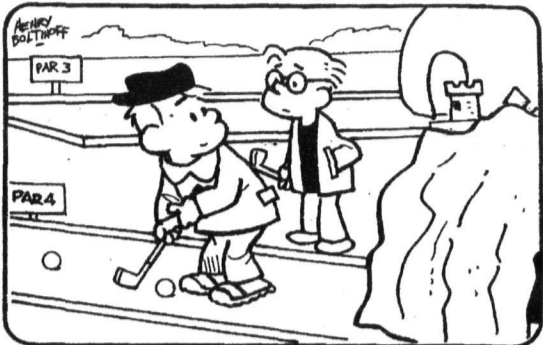
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: The island state of Bahrain lies in what body of water?
- 2. HISTORY: In what year did Germany invade Poland?
- 3. CARTOONS: What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
- 4. NATURAL WORLD: What part of the cotton plant is known as the "boll"?
- 5. MOVIES: Which actor produced and starred in *Bonnie and Clyde*?
- 6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, which god is associated with winged sandals?
- 7. MILITARY: In Great Britain, what is the Victoria Cross awarded for?

- 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the French equivalent of the American FBI?
- 9. ENTERTAINERS: What famous singer/songwriter was born with the name Steveland Judkins?
- 10. MUSIC: According to the song, where does Johnny B. Goode live?

- 1. Persian Gulf
- 2. 1939
- 3. Daisy
- 4. Seed pod
- 5. Warren Beatty
- 6. Hermes, messenger of the gods
- 7. Valor in the face of the enemy
- 8. Sztetynsk national
- 9. Stevie Wonder
- 10. Louisiana

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ARTS CALENDAR

•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 to be exhibited at Highline Library 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.

The Library gallery is located on the fourth floor of Building 25.

•Douglas Remy's paintings will be on exhibit through Nov. 29, at the Kent Centennial Center Gallery, 400 W.

Gowe St, Kent.

Remy creates abstract 3-D mixed-media wall-art composed of fused glass and resin with selections of other materials such as hydrocal (plaster), acrylics, dyes, fabrics, and metal. For each work, the artist constructs a custom frame that extends the colors and themes of the core composition. These works show the artist's pure delight with color, texture, form, and pattern, and while they rarely evoke anything from the "real" world oth-

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Batter Up

Across

- 1. "Memory" musical
- 5. Bury
- 10. Strip
- 14. Advil target
- 15. Lasso
- 16. Inactive
- 17. Join
- 18. Coach alternative
- 20. Suffix with auction
- 21. Has to
- 22. Greal Lakes acronym
- 23. Regular paper
- 25. Vegas staple
- 27. Like an eddy
- 29. Borders
- 33. Earn points
- 34. Purple shade
- 35. Buck
- 36. Old salts

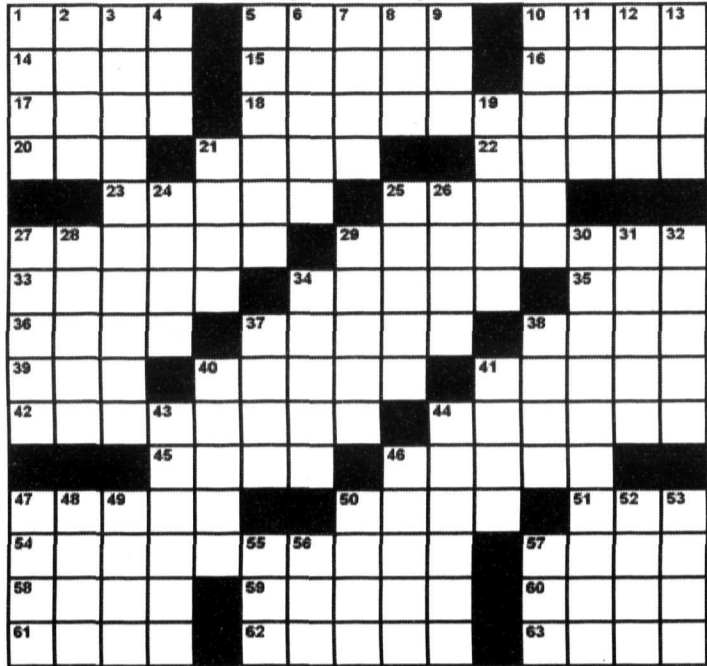
- 37. To the point
- 38. Mideast ruler
- 39. Laid up
- 40. Bush 2007 tactic
- 41. Sweater style
- 42. Glow
- 44. Kills bills
- 45. Lee side?
- 46. Extend
- 47. Sports venue
- 50. Carry on
- 51. Affirmative action
- 54. Tick producer
- 57. Building block
- 58. Henry VIII's sixth
- 59. Expenditure
- 60. After-lunch sandwich
- 61. Swing around
- 62. Drive
- 63. Addict

Down

- 1. Harden
- 2. Bad marks
- 3. Underdeveloped countries

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 4. Match part
- 5. Completely
- 6. Clamorous
- 7. Legal wrong
- 8. Pothook shape
- 9. On Soc. Sec.
- 10. Plane folks
- 11. Dutch export
- 12. "Or ___!"
- 13. Minus
- 19. Word before up or down
- 21. Bog down
- 24. Televises
- 25. Lush
- 26. Zero, on a court
- 27. Moving about
- 28. Milan's La ___
- 29. Trash hauler
- 30. Insurance type
- 31. Chilled
- 32. Fringes
- 34. Compassion
- 37. ___ sandwich
- 38. White chip, often
- 40. Wrap choice

- 41. Hole in the wall?
- 43. Snub, in a way
- 44. Seller
- 46. Roam
- 47. Egyptian snakes
- 48. Down-to-earth
- 49. Brown shade
- 50. Evaluate
- 52. Kind of arch
- 53. Prize type
- 55. Windows forerunner
- 56. QB's cry
- 57. Singer Rawls

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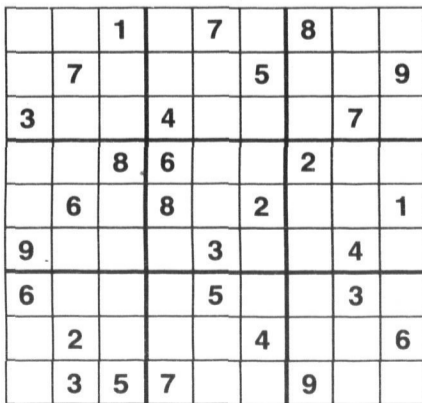
Last week's crossword solution

SCARED STIFF



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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
★★★ HOO BOY!

T-Birds beat Chukars in shootout to advance

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Taylor Campbell knew his team's season hung on a thread. "I knew I didn't want my team's season to end," Campbell said.

Campbell and the T-Birds beat Treasure Valley 5-3 in a shootout after regulation time and two sudden death periods of 3-3 play.

"There would be a lot more soccer fans if they could see games like this," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

Campbell stopped one of four penalty shots taken at him, and his teammates Lance Davis, Aldo Palomino, Arturo Brambila, Brennan Hall, and Tony Maxwell all made their shots to give Highline the win.

"I didn't really get nervous, I just played through it," Maxwell said.

Highline started the game off strong with a goal from Davis with an assist from Juan Gavidia in the first minute of the game.

Treasure Valley scored soon after, but Davis added another goal with the assist off the foot of Aldo Palomino immediately following.

Ed Walugembe scored the T-Birds final regular time goal on a breakaway pass from Palomino.

The Chukars held Highline quiet through the entire second half, coming back from a 3-2 deficit to tie the game.

"Their (Treasure Valley's) attack was great," Prenovost said.

Questionable calls from the referees also disrupted Highline's game plan.

Highline's Fernando Gonzales was given a red card in the second half, leaving Highline down one man through the end of regulation time and over-



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Juan Gavidia fights off a Treasure Valley defender Wednesday afternoon. The T-Birds won in a shootout 5-3.

time.

The Chukars tied the game on a penalty kick called against Campbell in the last ten minutes for the game. Campbell came out to field a ball and was called for a foul by the referee.

"His (the referee) game was suspect at best," Women's Co-head Coach Tom Moore said.

Prenovost said his players never quit during the game.

"The flow of the game and refereeing were against us. ...

I'm so proud of them," Prenovost said.

The men's soccer team took second place in the West Division two points behind Peninsula. The T-Birds needed Bellevue to win against Peninsula to have a shot to repeat as West Division champs, but Bellevue lost the game.

Last Saturday Highline beat Peninsula 5-1. Highline had two goals within three minutes. Brennan Hall scored in the 26

minute assist by Juan Gavidia and then Lance Davis scored in the 29 minute assist by Randal Ventura. Fernando Gonzalez, Aldo Palomino, and Shane Meyers also added a goal.

The T-birds travel to play defending NWAACC champions Whatcom this Saturday at 1 p.m.

"They are last year's champ, so we know they are going to give us a good game," Campbell said.

The T-Birds will be at a loss with Gonzales unable to play because of his ejection.

"We don't have Fernando (Gonzales) and that hurts, but we have depth," Prenovost said.

Whatcom won the North division with a record of 9-3-6. The teams have not played yet this season, but Prenovost expects a tough game.

"They are favored to win; we have nothing to lose," Prenovost said.

Women's soccer team prepare to play Clark in semifinals Saturday

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

After battling injuries throughout most of the season, the Highline women's soccer team looks to be healthy heading into the playoffs.

"We should have 12 to 13 players who will suit up for the playoff games," Co-Head Coach Valerie Muehling said.

The Lady T-Birds have fought through injuries all season to win the West Region championship.

In the third game of the season, last year's Co-MVP Jenny Martini suffered a season-ending knee injury and that set the pace for more injuries to come.

Sophomore Maria Mazur

"The slate is wiped clean for tournament play."

--Valerie Muehling

missed some time with both ankle and knee injuries.

Freshman Brittany McKay fractured her fibula against Southwest Oregon on Oct. 6, and goalkeeper Ashley Carey fractured a rib playing softball and didn't return to the team.

After all of the injuries, the Lady T-Birds still finished in first place with a 9-6-3 record.

With the first-place finish the Lady T-Birds earned a bye in the

first-round of the playoffs.

Highline's first playoff game will be this Saturday vs. Clark at Nov. 10 at noon. The game is being held at the Valley Ridge Field which is located by Tyee High School, at 4644 S. 188th St.

"The team is feeling confident and rested going into the playoffs," Muehling said.

Muehling feels Highline will match up well with the Penguins, as the previous matches would prove.

The Lady T-Birds played Clark twice this season and both games ended in a tie.

Clark defeated Green River 2-1 in the first round to advance on to play the Lady T-Birds.

Highline had one last regu-

lar-season game before preparing for Clark. They traveled to Yakima to take on the Yaks.

The game ended in a 3-3 tie. Goals were scored by Lindsey McGlothlin, Whitney Lynch, and Maria Mazur.

Assists were credited to Mazur, Brittany Schukar, and Kelsey Lusebrink who leads the NWAACC with 17 assists.

Even though the Lady T-Birds had clinched a bye in the playoffs, they treated this game as if they needed the victory.

"Tom's (Moore, Highline's Co-Head Coach) strategy for the game was business as usual. He was able to continue our work from practice in a game situation which is extremely helpful," Muehling said.

Muehling predicts the playoff tournament could have the possibility of some twists and turns.

"Like any tournament, anything can happen. It's the team that shows up to play with the most heart and fire for the entire game that wins," Muehling said.

Muehling also made comparisons between the NWAACC playoffs and NCAA's March Madness.

"As those who follow basketball and the Sweet 16 see every year; season wins and losses don't always account for who moves forward. The slate is wiped clean for tournament play," Muehling said.

The men's soccer team is a dark horse in this year's playoffs

By James Jensen
Staff Reporter

Spokane is the favorite for the NWAACC men's soccer playoff tourney.

Spokane has an overall record of 16-2-1 and is first in the East Division with a record of 13-1-0.

Spokane is ranked No. 1 overall in the NWAACC poll with 60 points. Walla Walla in second with 53 points, Clark in third with 44 points, Peninsula in fourth with 30 points and Highline in fifth with 27 points.

Spokane forward Jay Vela is the leading scorer for his team and ranked second in the NWAACC. Vela has 25 goals this year. Vela is also ranked fifth in assists in the NWAACC with seven.

Spokane goalkeeper Jeff Srock is ranked second in the NWAACC in saves with five.

Walla Walla is another favorite to win the playoffs, Daniel Hicker, head coach of Pierce, said.

Walla Walla beat Spokane both times they matched up together in the regular season; both 2-1 victories. Walla Walla finished second in the East Division.

Rocky Snyder, a Walla Walla midfielder, is the leading scorer on the team with 19 goals and he also leads the team in assists with five.

Clark won the South Division



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Brennan Hall makes a centering pass to his teammates in Highlines win yesterday against Treasure Valley.

with a 12-1-3 record. Justin St. Pierre is leading the team with seven goals and one assist.

Peninsula is a strong team looking to make a run for the title. Ernest Boham, a forward for Peninsula, leads the team in goals with 12 and not far behind

him is teammate Jon Larsen with nine goals.

Goalie Jared Hoffman from Peninsula is ranked first in saves in the NWAACC with eight.

Highline is a dark horse; the T-Birds are looking to turn some heads during the tourney.

Highline forward Tony Maxwell leads the team with eight assists. Sophomore Alod Palomino leads the team with 10 goals.

"Every team has shown their ups and downs during regular season play. Once playoffs be-

gin, it is a whole new season and anyone's game," Coach Hicker said.

Highline beat Treasure Valley yesterday to advance to the next round.

Highline won the game in penalty kicks 5-3.

Walla Walla and Clackamas headline NWAACC playoffs

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

The NWAACC playoffs began yesterday with 12 teams vying for the championship.

By the end of Wednesday, the teams were cut to eight.

The four first-round games matched up teams that hadn't played each other this season.

Defending NWAACC Champion Spokane lost to Tacoma 3-1, Clark defeated Green River 2-1, Lane beat Everett 4-0, and Yakima Valley took on Columbia Basin, but results were not available at press time.

A couple of teams have stood out through the season, and they look to be the favorites heading into the tournament.

Walla Walla (17-0-1) and Clackamas (17-0-1) are the

teams to look out for in this year's playoff race.

Both teams earned a No. 1 seed in the tournament by winning their region.

Walla Walla dominated their opponents this year scoring 122 goals while only giving up 5, while Clackamas scored 78 goals to their opponents' 5.

Clackamas Head Coach Tracy Nelson sees these two juggernauts as the favorites in the tournament.

"Us and Walla Walla for sure," Nelson said about the best teams in the tournament.

Lane Head Coach Dean Smith is impressed with Walla Walla and thinks they are the clear favorite in the playoffs.

"They (Walla Walla) are strong in every facet of the game and have no weaknesses. A very

impressive squad," Smith said.

Both Clackamas and Walla Walla have star-studded lineups that have helped take their teams to the next level.

Walla Walla's Candice Dufey led the NWAACC in scoring with 26 goals, while teammates Corrie McNeill and Alli Krous each scored more than 20 goals as well.

Clackamas boasts an impressive lineup as well, featuring Hayley Koch and McKenzie Creamer who have each scored 18 goals.

The other No. 1 seeds in the tournament are Highline (9-6-3) and Shoreline (12-4-2), and both teams have the talent to go deep in the playoffs.

Highline is led by freshman Kelsey Lusebrink who led the team with 17 goals, and her

17 assists led the NWAACC. Sophomore Lindsey McGlothlin has scored 11 goals this season and has been a solid contributor all year.

Shoreline's scoring is led by Amanda Zueger who led the team with 17 goals and 14 assists. Amber Grable was Shoreline's second-leading scorer with 14 goals.

While Highline Co-Head Coach Tom Moore sees his team as a favorite. He also feels his team will surprise other teams as well.

"We attack differently than most teams and that has helped us up to this point since we have low numbers," Moore said.

The Lady T-Birds were depleted with injuries most of the year, but they look to be healthy heading into the playoffs.

Highline Co-Head Coach Valerie Muehling said the Lady T-Birds should be able to field a full team for the playoff run.

Coach Moore also predicts fellow Region Champion Shoreline could do some damage in the playoffs.

"I haven't seen Shoreline play, but I know Mark (Szabo, Shoreline's coach) does a good job up there and they usually compete very well come playoffs," Moore said.

All four No. 1 seeds have a bye the in the first round of the tournament and will host a second-round game on Nov. 10.

Clackamas will play the winner of Yakima Valley/Columbia Basin game, Walla Walla will host Lane, Clark will travel to Highline, and Tacoma will visit Shoreline.

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Men's basketball season about to tip off

By Nick Bare
Staff Reporter

Highline's men's basketball season gets under way Nov. 16 as they look to repeat as West Division champions.

This year's team welcomes 11 new freshman, and two transfers to go along with the two returning sophomores.

Head Coach Che Dawson is excited about the incoming class.

"It's a very, very deep class with talented players," Dawson said.

Dawson said that each one of the freshmen comes from a quality high school program, and he feels they will be able to come in and help the team right away.

Jesse Norris and Kris Rainwater are the two new sophomores that transferred to Highline this year.

Norris came from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, while Rainwater made his way up to Des Moines from Otero College in Colorado.

Coach Dawson said these two transfers will bring both physical play and maturity to the team.

Both players play a diverse style of basketball which allows them to make plays on each end of the court, and both inside and outside.

Josh Broussard and Justin Armstrong are the only returning players from last year's team, and although they didn't get much playing time, Coach Dawson feels they were a big part of last year's success.

"Both players were a big part last year in continuing what we're trying to build here," Dawson said.

This year, both Broussard and Armstrong will be looked on to provide team leadership, Dawson said.

With the talent on this year's team, Coach Dawson doesn't really feel like there is any one key player.

"All of them," Dawson said of his key players.

The coaching staff will look to maximize the potential of the talent by playing a lot of men each night.

"We play a lot of guys. We have a socialist's view of what the team should look like," Dawson said.

With the large incoming class, this year's team has plenty of depth, which will allow the coaches to set a bunch of different line-ups.

"Our depth is outstanding. It's one of our biggest strengths. It will allow us to run a lot of styles," Dawson said.

The outlook on this season is looking good according to Coach Dawson.

"We have a chance to be very good," Dawson said.

The other coaches in the division have predicted the T-Birds will repeat as West Division champions, Dawson said.

Dawson said it's nice to know that the T-Birds are highly thought of, but Coach Dawson told his team that the prediction means nothing if they don't play well.

The No. 1 goal of this year's team is to establish team chemistry.

"Our primary one (goal) is to come together as much as possible, on and off the court. If we come together, the rest of our goals are possible," Dawson said.

There is one big obstacle that tends to keep chemistry from happening on a team, one's need to look after one's self first.

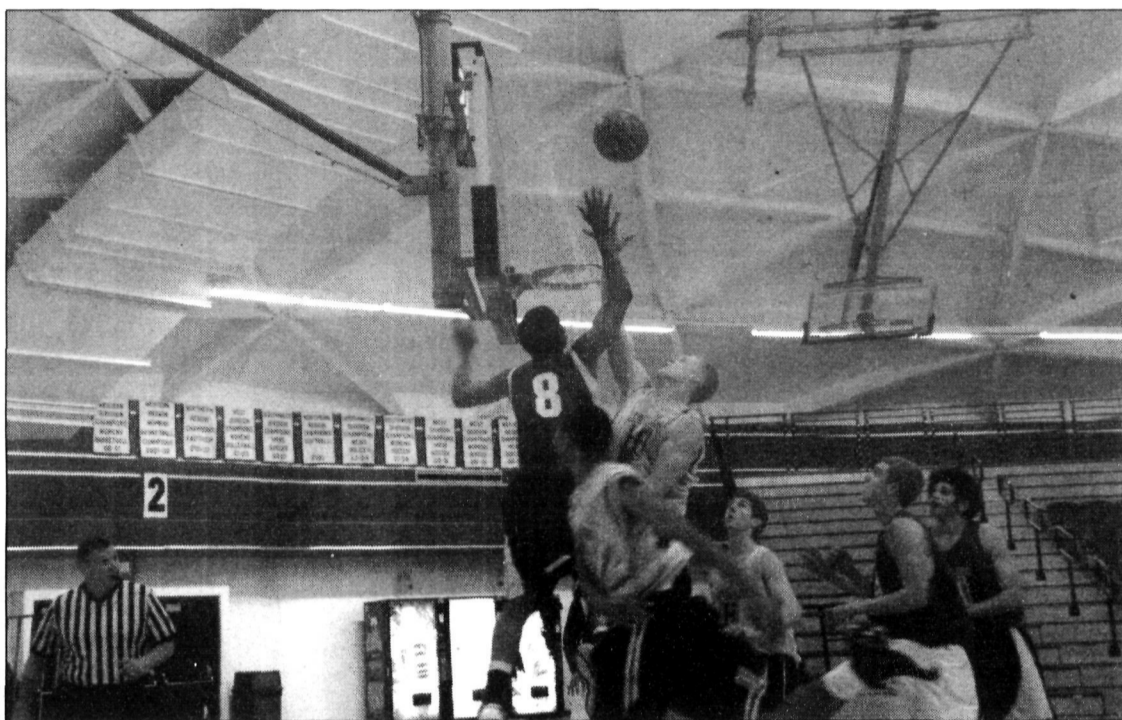
The team will need to overcome the human's initial feeling to be selfish, Dawson said.

"Everyone needs to understand that the team and the program are bigger than the individual," Dawson said.

The chemistry will need to come together quick because Highline has a difficult schedule this year, and the challenging games come early.

"We have scheduled by far the toughest pre-division schedule we've had here," Dawson said.

The T-Birds will play in the Southern Idaho Tournament which will feature a game against Southern Idaho who has been the powerhouse of junior college basketball over the past



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Two Highline players battle for a rebound in last Friday's Green-White Scrimmage in the Pavilion.

30 years, Dawson said.

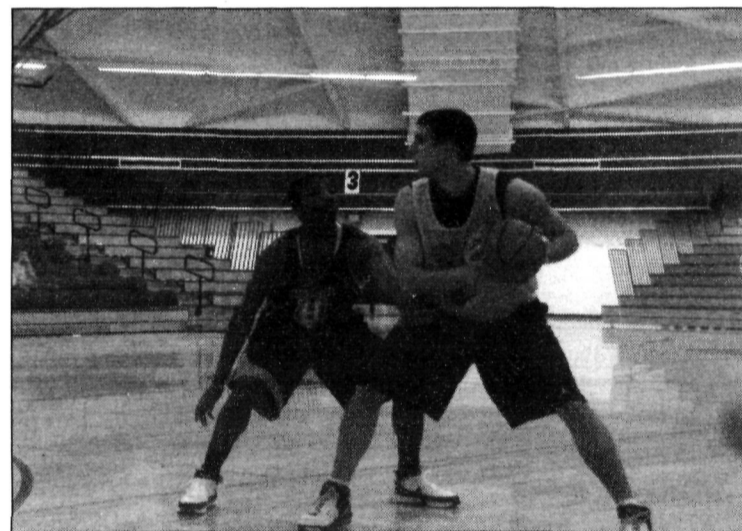
Along with the Southern Idaho Tournament, Highline has scheduled the toughest teams from the other NWAACC divisions, including Bellevue and Spokane, and the T-Birds will get tested every night when division play starts.

"There won't be a night off in division play," Dawson said.

One thing that will help with the tough schedule is the ability to play a bunch of different styles of basketball.

Highline will look to pick up full-court pressure, play some man-to-man, and they won't give up any easy opportunities, Dawson said.

"We will have a versatile attack. Inside, outside, up tempo, we can react to everything,"



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Highline players work against each other in last Friday's Green-White Scrimmage.

Dawson said.

The T-Birds are still looking to set a starting line-up before

the season starts.

"It's still completely up in the air," Dawson said.



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T-Bird volleyball playoff hopes ride on final games

By Rachel Comstock
Staff Reporter

Highline women's volleyball is in a close race for playoffs.

The T-Birds are in a very close race for fourth place with Green River. The T-Birds will played seventh place Centralia last night and Green River will played second place Clark but results were not available at press time.

The T-Birds will need to win their last game and have Green River lose their last game to cause a tie for fourth place in the West division. If Highline wins and Green River loses a game will be played between the two on Nov. 9 at Green River to decide who will move on to playoffs.

The Lady T-Birds won their past two games to better their playoff chances.

The Lady T-Birds came out ready to play last Monday against Grays Harbor and Highline won 30-13, 30-14, 30-12.

The T-Birds started the game with a 6-0 run lead by great serving from Fernandez. The Chokers finally got on the scoreboard with an error made by the T-Birds. After the error the Chokers came back with a couple big kills to make the game 9-7. A

time-out was called by Chokers Head Coach Pam Hartman and the T-Birds came back into the game ready to shut down Grays Harbor, allowing the Chokers only six more points in the match.

The T-Birds started the second game with another big rally before allowing Grays Harbor to score. Hovee had a big kill making the score 5-3. Hovee led the game with 13 kills and 11 digs. Also adding to the win was Lindsey Reese and Stefanie Rojas. Reese had 30 assists and three aces. Rojas had 23 digs and seven aces.

Even though Highline came out with a win; it was still very difficult to play a lower team.

"It's a lot harder to stay focused," said Head Coach John Littleman.

The T-Birds spent this game practicing more on serving specific places, talking on the court, and being more focused, Littleman said.

The T-Birds hitting, serving, and blocking were all on for last Friday's game against Lower Columbia.

The T-Birds won 30-23, 30-22, 30-20.

The T-Birds had help from everyone on the team with six players having more than 10



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Britney Shannon goes up for a block against Lower Columbia last Friday night.

digs. Adding to the win was Hovee who had 20 kills and 12 digs.

Fernandez had 14 kills and 18 digs.

Reese had 32 assists, 11 digs, and four blocks.

Rojas had 15 digs and six blocks.

Brittney Shannon also added three big blocks for the T-Birds.

Last Monday was the last

home game for the three sophomores on the team: Lindsay Hovee, Mercedes Fernandez, and Chelsea Cagampang.

"I learned a lot from playing here at Highline," said Cagampang.

Cagampang plans on attending Western Washington University and will hopefully be playing volleyball for them.

"I love playing with the girls,

it was a lot of fun," said Fernandez.

Fernandez plans on attending Howard University in Washington D.C. and would like to play more volleyball there.

Both Fernandez and Cagampang said that they are going to miss the girls on the team the most.

"The girls have great potential," said Cagampang.

Men's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Whatcom	9-3-6	33	9-3-6
Everett	8-8-2	26	8-12-2
Edmonds	5-11-2	17	5-12-3
Shoreline	4-13-1	13	4-13-1
Skagit Valley	0-18-0	0	0-18-0
EAST			
Spokane	14-3-1	43	17-4-2
Walla Walla	13-3-2	41	15-3-3
T. Valley	12-4-2	38	14-5-2
W. Valley	11-7-0	33	11-8-0
Col. Basin	6-12-0	18	6-13-0
WEST			
Peninsula	12-3-1	37	13-3-2
Highline	10-1-5	35	11-1-6
Bellevue	9-4-3	30	9-5-3
Tacoma	5-10-1	16	5-10-1
Olympic	1-14-1	4	1-14-1
SOUTH			
Clark	12-1-3	39	14-1-3
Pierce	7-4-5	26	8-5-6
SW Oregon	4-9-3	16	7-9-3
S.P. Sound	1-15-0	4	1-17-0

Bellevue	4-13-1	13	4-11-1
Olympic	1-17-0	3	1-15-0
SOUTH			
Clackamas	17-0-1	52	17-2-1
Lane	14-3-1	43	16-4-1
Clark	11-4-3	36	12-5-3
SW Oregon	11-7-0	33	13-7-0
L. Columbia	2-16-0	6	2-17-0

Women's Volleyball

NORTH	LEA	PCT	SEA
Whatcom	10-2	.833	30-16
Bellevue	9-3	.750	22-15
Edmonds	8-4	.667	18-23
Skagit Valley	8-4	.667	15-15
Shoreline	5-7	.417	13-18

Olympic	2-10	.167	7-26
Everett	0-12	.000	2-23
EAST			
Col. Basin	13-0	1.000	40-1
Walla Walla	10-3	.769	33-8
Spokane	10-3	.769	26-13
T. Valley	7-7	.500	16-22
W. Valley	5-8	.385	11-16
Yak. Valley	4-10	.286	8-22
Big Bend	2-11	.154	11-26
B. Mountain	2-11	.154	8-26

Green River	8-5	.615	13-17
Highline	7-6	.538	12-12
L. Columbia	3-10	.231	4-23
Centralia	2-11	.154	2-19
G. Harbor	0-13	.000	0-24

SW Oregon	1-8	.111	12-16
Umpqua	0-9	.000	4-24

Men's Soccer Schedule

Nov. 10

Highline vs Whatcom	1:00
Walla Walla vs Clark	1:00
Pierce vs Spokane	1:00
Everett vs Peninsula	1:00

Women's Soccer

NORTH	LEA	PTS	SEA
Shoreline	12-4-2	38	12-4-2
Green River	5-12-2	16	5-13-2
Everett	4-11-3	15	4-12-3
Edmonds	1-17-0	3	1-17-0
Skagit Valley	1-17-0	3	1-17-0
EAST			
Walla Walla	17-0-1	52	20-0-1
Col. Basin	13-2-3	42	16-2-3
Spokane	11-4-3	36	11-8-3
T. Valley	10-6-2	32	11-7-2
Wen. Valley	8-9-1	25	8-10-1
WEST			
Highline	9-6-3	30	9-6-2
Tacoma	8-9-1	25	6-9-1
Yak. Valley	7-9-2	23	6-11-1

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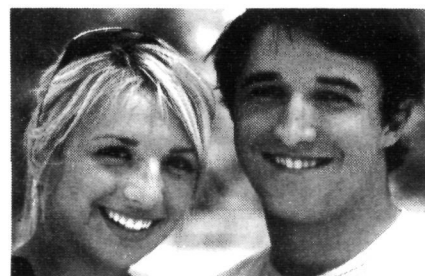
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Fitness training program lifted from the ashes

New degree in personal training available at Highline

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Highline's Personal Fitness Training program is finally up and running.

The idea was spearheaded by assistant men's basketball coach and physical education instructor Josh Baker and Physical Education Department Head Keith Patton.

The idea started long ago, but really took off when Baker was hired two years ago.

"When I first interviewed, we kicked around the idea. (Before) nobody really had the desire," Baker said.

A committee of local fitness clubs was formed to discuss the prospects of a personal fitness



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Personal Fitness Training Program Coordinator Josh Baker helps a student in the weight room.

training program at Highline. Local fitness clubs such as Highline Athletic Club, Bally's Total Fitness, LA Fitness, and Curves were part of the committee.

The need for qualified personal fitness trainers is high, said Baker. Fitness trainers in the greater Seattle area make an average of \$15-50 per hour, with most making \$35 an hour.

After the committee was formed, Baker sat down with the participating fitness clubs to discuss what they needed from a personal fitness training program.

Baker then presented the proposed curriculum to the committee.

Important influences on the structure of the program were two-year schools in the state of

Washington that have similar programs.

"We patterned our programs after Lake Washington Technical College, and Clark College," Baker said.

Highline is now the third two-year school in the state to offer a two-year degree in personal training although many other schools offer certificates of completion and proficiency in personal training.

"If people were to look at our program compared to the neighboring programs, I have no question that ours would be more desirable," Baker said.

The program already has five students enrolled with 15-20 more interested. Baker plans on accepting 15-20 students per year. The first few years will be

open enrollment because of the lack of numbers.

"We're not going to be turning anyone away in the first couple of years," Baker said.

After the program has established a reputation, Baker said they will have to find a way to select the correct number of students they take on in a year.

"We don't want to flood the area with personal fitness trainers," Baker said.

The program will offer a certificate of completion and an associate of applied science degree.

The certificate of completion is aimed at students who have already started their education or returning students who want to further their skills, said Baker.

The AAS degree can be used to get a job after completion of the program or as a base for transfer to a four-year school in areas such as physical therapy or athletic training, said Baker.

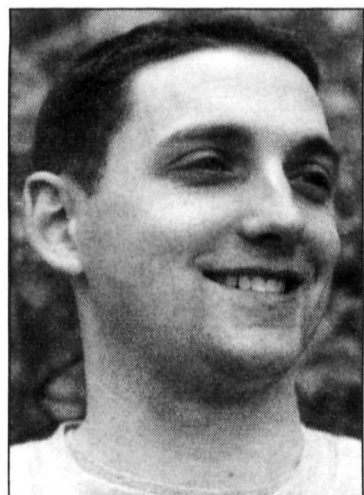
Students enrolled in the two-year-program will take classes that go along with personal fitness training as well as some general education requirements such as Writing 101 and Speech 100.

Classes that are specific to the program include Program Design, where the students learn how to design a fitness program for a specific client; and Special Populations, where students will learn how to deal with specific populations such as professional athletes.

"One of our emphases will be functional training," Baker said.

Functional training involves tailoring a program to the specific needs of most clients. Baker describes one aspect of functional training as "exercising with whatever you can find."

Anyone interested in the personal fitness training can attend the open house Thursday, Nov. 15 at noon to 1:30 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. or contact Baker at 206-878-3710, ext. 3997.



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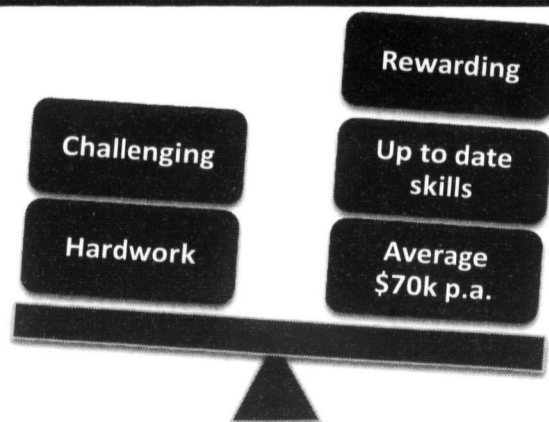
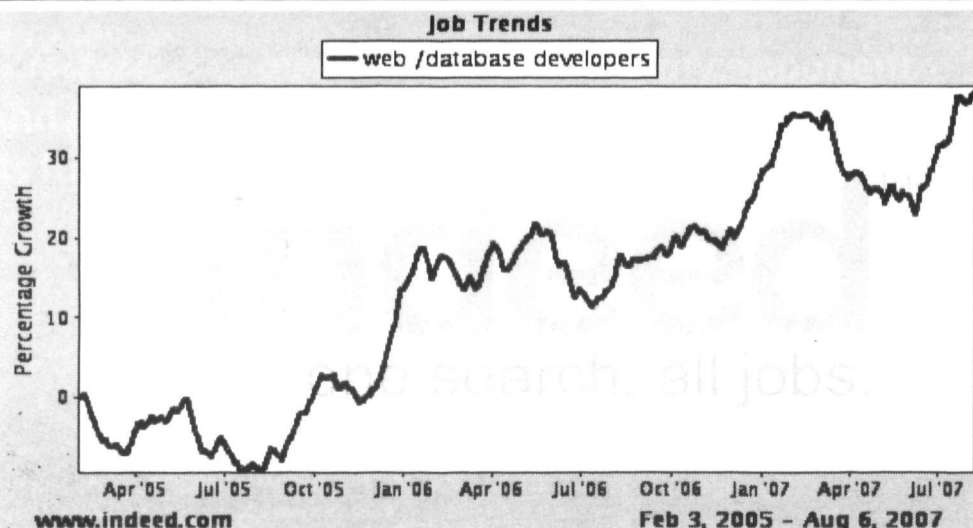
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Men's wrestling team starts season strong

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling captain Pano Dreves has a black eye from a thumb jab he received this weekend from the team's three meets they did this past weekend.

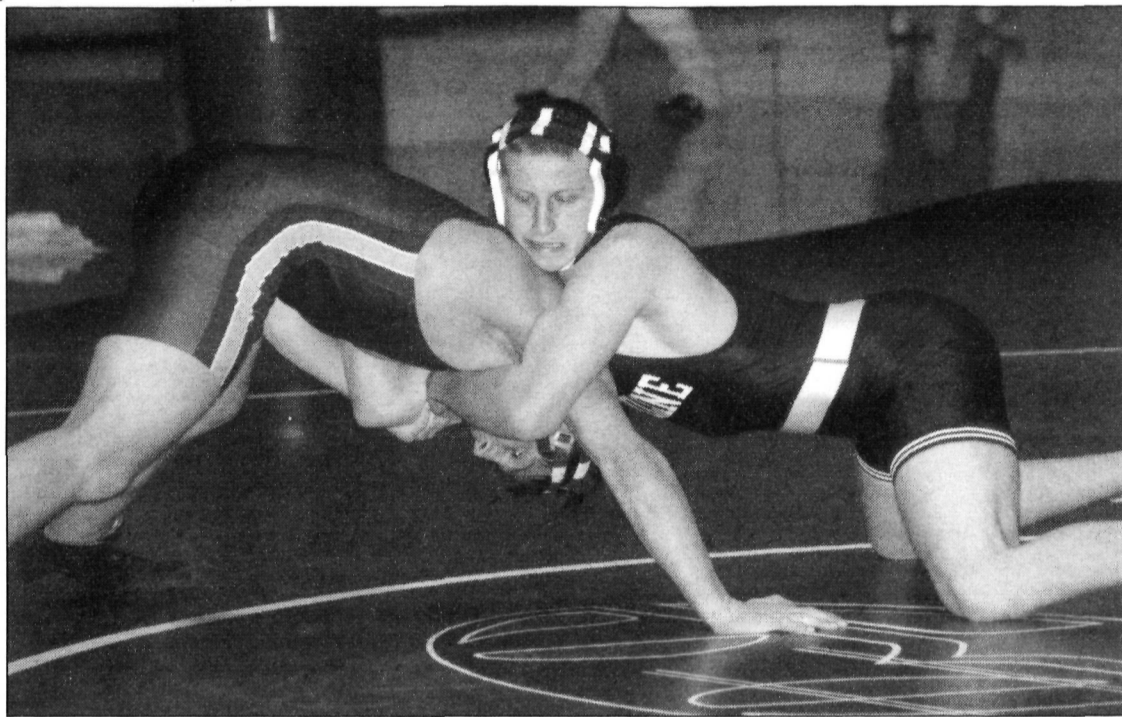
"After this tournament, we [the wrestling team] look like we just came back from a war. We played really tough," said Dreves.

Highline's wrestling team took it to the mat for two dual meets on Friday and Saturday where they squared up against North Idaho College and Yakima Valley Community College. On Sunday, they had a tournament at Pacific University, located at Forest Grove, OR.

"We don't know what the team score was, but we think Highline placed well. We had a strong showing," said Dreves.

At the tournament, 157 pound Marshall Giovanni and 165 pound Craig Jackson made it into the finals.

Dreves is very confident of the wrestling team.



Pano Dreves gets a grip on an opponent. Dreves is the only returning starter for the T-Birds.

"We have a strong team this year; all of the wrestlers are talented. For us to perform so well this first weekend of wrestling was really promising. We all have talent all the way throughout the team,"

Dreves said
"The National Tournament is where we want to succeed."

The wrestling team started practicing in early September, then in November, when the season starts they have five days

of practice a week, and usually weekend tournaments that take up the whole day. They go until February when Nationals take place.

The wrestling team is pretty young this year, with mostly

new wrestlers joining the Highline team, but what they lack in experience, they make up for in work ethic.

Scott Norton, in his fifth year of coaching Highline's wrestling team is also optimistic about the season ahead.

"This is a solid team. I think what the team needs to work on is different wrestling turns. This team is relying on take downs, but we need to work on more turns," Norton said.

When the wrestlers aren't taking to the mat at the gymnasium for practice and meets, they are still thinking about wrestling, by running in the morning or hitting the weights.

The wrestling team encourages people to come to its home meet in December. "We want to get a buzz going around the team," said Dreves.

The next meet will be this weekend at Southwest Oregon.

"We want to get people to come and see the meets. Come out and support Highline this year because we have a team that can do some serious damage," said Dreves.

Alicia Mendez/THUNDERWORD

Aging staff and faculty set to take on women's basketball team

By Carrie Draeger
Staff Reporter

Youth and wisdom square off this Friday at the annual staff versus women basketball game this Friday.

The event, which benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, was started in 1982.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is an international organization that benefits breast cancer research. In past years T-shirts have sold at the door of the event and the money was donated directly to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This year the Athletic Department has ordered special edition pink hats that will be given to Women's Programs to sell.

The faculty won the inaugural game 1982 and a special spring version of the event in later years. Sources familiar to the game admit that in past years a mixture of creative officiating and faculty players shaving points has insured a winning tradition for the women.

Last year the women beat the faculty by a score of 75-67. This year the faculty hopes to beef up its roster with some younger blood.

"Our strategy is to get enough ringers (to last the game)," said retired Social Science Chairman Bruce Roberts.

"(In the past) It's been close and then they just poop out."

--Amber Rowe-Moseley



New player Rashad Norris of Outreach Services may be a big factor for the faculty team. Norris played college basketball at the University of Puget Sound from 1994-1999 where he is tied for seventh in all-time career three-pointers made (120).

Norris said his strategy is to "not attempt to do what you used to do, do what you can do now."

Women's assistant basketball coach Karen Nadeau also adds competitive experience to the faculty team. Nadeau played at Highline for two years where she was the NWAACC North division MVP and leading scorer in 1999. She then played at NCAA division II Colorado State University-Pueblo, where she was a two-year starter.

"In order for us to win on Friday we have to just step on the court. That's pretty much it. We probably don't even have to move," Nadeau said.

Joining Norris, Roberts and Nadeau is a seasoned team of veterans of "noon ball." Noon

ball is a gathering of assorted campus staff and faculty that play a pickup game every Friday at the Pavilion. Library Technician Tom Pollard, Athletic Director John Dunn, Marketing Director and Men's Head Soccer Coach Jason Prenovost, Athletic Facilities Coordinator Barry Carel, physical education instructor and Assistant Men's basketball Coach Josh Baker, accounting instructor Anthony Newton, physical education instructor and Head Softball Coach Anne Schmidt, Director of Facilities Pete Babington, and Bob Bonner of Respiratory Care.

Head Men's Basketball Coach Ché Dawson and Former Women's Assistant Coach and Facilities Project Manager Philip Sell will be refereeing the game.

Fatigue will be a big issue for the faculty team. The game will be full court five-on-five, while the faculty are used to playing half court four-on-four.

"(In the past) it's been close

and then they just poop out," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Amber Rowe-Moseley.

Rowe-Moseley's strategy for the game is get her women to push the ball until the faculty run out of gas.

"I'm going to run as fast as I can as long as I can," John Dunn said.

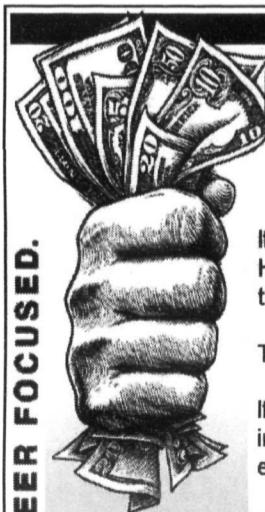
The age and questionable health of the faculty team will

be the deciding factor in the game.

"The trouble is the women never get older and we do," Bruce Roberts said.

Roberts has been playing in the women versus faculty game since its beginning.

"Sixty-eight year-old-men shouldn't do this, but we (my teammates and I) do," Roberts said.



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Most voting plans don't add up, professor says

By Nick Dalton
Staff Reporter

Votes can be counted in a number of ways but no one method is perfect, said Highline mathematics Professor Erik Scott last week.

Science Seminar last Friday was an explanation of how ensuring that any voting system we use is fair and fail-safe is not mathematically possible.

In the seminar he presented titled "The Mathematical Impossibility of a 'Fair' Voting System," Scott explained the voting system that we currently use, plurality, as well as the principles of a majority voting system, and a system based on a preference schedule. All of these systems, he explained, have some flaw or another which could cause them to fail to produce a clear winner of an election, and these flaws exist even if the system is properly executed.

Scott explained that using a system that relies on one candidate receiving a majority of votes, or 50 percent plus one vote, is faulty in the respect that if three candidates are running for the same position, it is possible that none of them will receive a majority of the votes.

"That isn't really a fairness issue, but not producing a winner is an obvious failing of a voting system," Scott said.

Scott explained that plurality is a system in that says the winner of the election will be the candidate with the most votes, regardless of whether a majority of people have chosen one candidate. This is the system we use, and the obvious flaw with it, Scott said, is that a small group of voters can lead to a decision between two candidates that they didn't even vote on.

An example would be that if Candidate A receives 48.1 percent of votes, and Candidate B receives 48 percent of votes, then the group of 3.9 percent of voters who chose Candidate C will dictate the results by ensuring that Candidate A will win, thereby nullifying the 48 percent of votes for Candidate B.

The problem with the plurality system, Scott said, is that if voters prefer A over B, and prefer B over C, they do not necessarily prefer A over C. Some voters may significantly prefer C over both candidates, but in a situation so close, they would have chosen B over A. Of course, it's too late for that decision once the votes have been tallied.

The system of using a preference schedule could eliminate that problem, but would create another circumstance in which a quagmire could result.

A preference schedule would allow voters to decide that they prefer Candidate A first, C second and B third, for example. In this system, it would be clear what voters' opinions were about each candidate individually.

Scott said that the problem with the preference schedule is that it is ultimately possible for a candidate who is the first choice of more voters than either of the other candidates to lose to someone who is considered to be the best candidate by very few voters.

An example of this failure would be Candidate A receiving 49 percent of first choice votes, while B receives 26 percent, and C receives 25 percent. Then if B and C aren't the winners, but the people who voted for C all chose B as their second choice, or vice versa, then either B or C would have 51 percent of the votes, thereby making them the winner.

Scott also explained briefly the voting systems known as instant run-off voting, the Borda count, and pair wise comparisons. He said that these systems also have major flaws in their approach, and that these systems are even less likely to produce a fair or fail safe result.

"I'm not here to convince anyone that our voting system doesn't work, or that your votes don't count," Scott said. He said he just wanted to show that no system is perfect, and that under some circumstance or another, any system could fail to produce a clear and fair result.

Science Seminar this Friday will be "Cryptozoology: The Search for Sasquatch, Nessi, Ogopogo, & Other Fabulous Creatures," presented by Dr. Lonnie Somer, an expert on the subject, at 2:20 p.m. in Bldg. 3, room 110.



Shantel Kerkes/THUNDERWORD

Laura Nole, right, watches as a bookstore clerk rings up a sale. Nole says she hopes to help the bookstore serve the campus better.

New manager hopes to open new chapter for Highline's bookstore

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

On a typical day after making the commute from Tacoma to Highline, Laura Nole might usually start out the morning by getting a Tully's coffee at the Café Bistro, check her e-mail, and go out on the sales floor of the book store and see what needs to be done for today.

Last week Nole was named Highline's new bookstore manager.

"Being around and serving students is what I like best about being a book store manager," says Nole.

Nole replaces interim manager Shannon Gillilan, who left to take a position with another bookstore.

Nole started her college career by attending Ohio State University for two years, then finished at the University of Washington, earning a bachelor's degree in English. She also has graduate credits from Pacific Lutheran University.

Nole is not new to bookstore management. She worked at a bookstore at Ohio State Uni-



Laura Nole

versity where she first started college. She has 10 years experience as bookstore director at Pacific Lutheran University, and 12 years as manager at the University Bookstore at the UW Tacoma.

"I really liked working at the book store in Ohio State as a

college student. When I graduated from the UW two years later, my family and I were living in Tacoma and there was a job opening at Fort Steilacoom Community College, which eventually became Pierce College, for a temporary bookstore clerk. I got the job and within a year I was promoted to assistant manager, and then I became bookstore manager at Edmonds Community College."

Nole notes that the Highline bookstore is currently getting ready for Winter Quarter by getting textbook orders ready and preparing for Book Buy-Back Week.

Nole is eager to bring her skills to the Highline campus.

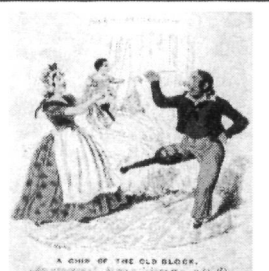
"I love the diversity here at Highline. The faculty and staff are really nice and friendly. The bookstore staff is very dedicated."

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MaST

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Marina as a diver and that's how I paid for school," Sieger said.

Sieger remembers a very different MaST center then the one his company is constructing. "It had a diving belt and decompressor at the end. It had a bunch of equipment."

After Sieger left Highline, he pursued a career in construction.

"I actually left Highline and got hired by an electrical programs group called Unistrut. I got involved in building technical facilities. We built facilities all over the world including the United States, Israel, Europe, and China," Sieger said.

But in 1998, Sieger started his own company, Advanced Technology Construction, a full-service general contractor.

"We are a very sophisticated builder," Sieger said.

Advanced Technology builds both commercial and general construction.

"We also do a lot of medical centers," Sieger said.

Sieger said his company finds out about various projects through many of the architects



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Jim Marcyes, left, and Todd Brookes work on the floor of the new MaST center in Redondo.

that they work with.

Once he finds out about a project, Sieger said, he has to make sure the timing will work out with the company's schedule.

The MaST center was one of those projects.

"We actively pursued it and bid it," Sieger said.

Sieger said there were many reasons why he bid on the project.

"First I met my wife at High-

line in 1971, second because I was involved in the diving program, and third I thought it was a really neat project," Sieger said. "It serves a great purpose and we were fortunate in getting it." The new MaST center will be able to provide Highline students with a first-class science building, Sieger explained.

"This one is much more sophisticated and it's a much bigger deal," Sieger said. "The whole community will benefit."

Sieger said that his goal is to produce a product in the allotted time frame.

One of the biggest challenges Sieger said they have faced during the construction has been the neighborhood.

"We didn't want to disturb the neighborhood during the demolition of the former center," Sieger said.

Sieger said that they positively promoted the new MaST center by going door to door and

handing out flyers. Instead of saying they were tearing down the old building, Sieger said they would tell people about the new one that was going to be built.

Another challenge is the weather.

"The weather has been tough," Sieger said.

Sieger said that his crew needed to be careful not to get any debris such as sawdust in the water.

"We were able to contain all the contaminants," Sieger said.

One way to contain everything was to build a tent around the buildings.

Although the project has a number of different sub-contractors like mechanical, plumbing, and electrical, Sieger said that much of the work is being done by his company.

"It's pretty standard," Sieger said.

The MaST project has two permanent crew members from Advanced Technology, Vince Purcell, general superintendent, and Sean Begley, project engineer.

Right now Sieger and his company are looking forward to the continuing progress of the project.

"We have all the old stuff down and we are building the new marine center," Sieger said.

The total cost of the project is \$2.4 million.

Much of the cost is being covered by Highline's Foundation, which is providing \$1.8 million of the cost, \$500,000 is a matching grant from the state, and the rest is from other various contributors.

Hispanic? Latino? Labels don't fit diverse culture

By Angela McClurg
Staff Reporter

The term Hispanic is too broad to label the many diverse cultures within it, a Highline professor said.

Arlene Garcia gave a speech on the misconceptions of the term Hispanic, recently during Latino Awareness Week in the Mt. Constance room on the bottom floor of the Student Union.

Garcia teaches Spanish at Highline and she comes from a Latin heritage.

"What do you picture when you read my name (Arlene Lien-erh Garcia Aronne)?" Garcia said.

Students were hesitant to say, "Spanish?" given her last name Garcia.

In fact, Garcia does not label herself as Spanish; she calls her-

self Latin because her ancestral roots are based in Europe.

She wanted the students to see how the Hispanic label is misleading by demonstrating how they would assume she is Spanish or Mexican based on her name.

Many of the misconceptions of Latinos within the Hispanic label are they all use the Spanish language, they are located in the same regions, and they have the same cultures when many Latinos and Hispanics don't speak Spanish, share the same

regions, or have the same cultures, Garcia said.

Some people find offense to the label "Hispanic" because it categorizes a group of individuals into a type of "race".

To really understand how broad of a term Hispanic is, Garcia asked for everyone to give a description of what the common Hispanic person looks like.

One student responded, "You cannot categorize it, we are different within cultures like American people have the east coast cultures and west coast,

they are both different."

There are many misconceptions of how the term Hispanic is used, but there is not one type of Hispanic, Garcia said.



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A problem they share is that English isn't their native language, and their native languages are very different from it.

"English is very different from Somali," said Hashi.

"English has more complicated grammar than Russian," said one student from Russia.

But the two groups have some different problems in learning and using English. While international students need to study a language for their academic needs, the main difference for is that the immigrants, the refugees and other permanent residents need it for a life here. So each group has different goals.

For the international students the big challenge is speaking.

"I have a strong accent and when I start to talk people usually ask me where I am from," said one student.

According to Jon Dietzen, associate center manager of the Kaplan English Program, international students usually know some English grammar when they come here.

International students come here to study, so they know a little English. They usually need to improve their skills in speaking, reading, and writing.

Thuy Nguyen, a student from Vietnam, said that for her, studying in English is a challenge.

"It was very difficult for me to study in English. Everything was difficult; writing, speaking, and reading," said Thuy.

But for a lot of students the biggest challenge is writing.

One student from Russia said that for her the big problem in studying English is articles. "Russian doesn't have the articles (a, an, the) and it is very hard to know where you need to put right one," she said.

The second group is the students who came to live in the United States. While some of the students didn't know any English at all when they came here, some knew a little. The first thing in English that they studied was speaking; they needed it for working, so for them the biggest problem is writing.

"In English you don't write in the same way as you are saying," said Hashi.

Cheryl Carino-Burr said that students in the ESL program have more speaking practice than writing. It can be harder to those students to study grammar and writing because many of them are working and studying at the same time.

"For studying in English you need to have good self control and it is very helpful to have somebody who can say to you that you can do it," said a student from Russia.

Voting

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it shows is a tremendous lack of trust by the public in the private insurance companies' behavior."

Voters within the Regional Transportation Investment District, or RTID, apparently did not view Proposition No. 1 for Regional Roads and Transit as favorably. Proposition No. 1, which would have increased motor vehicle excise tax and sales tax within the region to fund a comprehensive package of road, bridge, and light rail projects, was rejected by a relatively wide margin.

Keiser said she supported the proposal, and was disappointed that the voters didn't agree.

"I did support Prop. 1, it was a huge proposal; both in terms of its project list, and its funding," Keiser said.

Keiser said that due the proposal involving both transit projects and road projects, people who supported one aspect or the other generally opposed the whole package because they didn't want to have to take both at once.

"I think it's unfortunate that the pro-roads contingent were able to get enough anti-roads people to oppose it, and the pro-transit people got the anti-transit people to oppose it too. So it was a bit of a double whammy," she said.

Keiser said many voters want to see roads and transit on the ballot separately.

Washington voters approved the Tim Eyman-backed Initiative 960, which concerns tax and fee increases imposed by state government.

"I was concerned this might happen. It's such an easy thing for voters to take for granted," said Keiser about the approval of 960. "It does hamstring things quite a bit in terms of

procedure."

While Keiser said she was not a supporter of 960, she said the voters obviously didn't agree.

Keiser said that while the voters have shown that they support stricter policy on tax increases, there was already a legal charge filed about the constitutionality of the initiative, and that the case could not be pursued until it had been approved by voters.

While Keiser said that she could not say for sure exactly

what will be argued in that case, she did point out something that there is a possible major flaw in the ability to execute the provisions set forth by 960.

"Our state Constitution says two things," Keiser said. "One is that the Legislature will enact law based on majority rule. The second is that the constitution cannot be amended by initiative."

Rep. Dave Upthegrove agreed that 960 is not likely to

hold up.

"I'm certain there will be a court challenge, and there is a high likelihood that it will be overturned," he said. "A lot of people I've talked to don't want to have to vote on every single measure."

"Our founding fathers created a representative democracy, and I think that serves the public well," he said. "We have to let representative democracy run its course."

Election Result

Tukwila Mayor			
Jim Haggerton	43.73%	Federal Way School District No. 230 Director District No. 3	
Pam Carter	56.27%	Amye Bronson-Doherty	53.33%
Tukwila City Council Position No. 4		Evelyn Castellar	46.25%
Kathy Hougardy	63.40%	Federal Way School District No. 210 Director District No. 5	
Brian P. Kennedy	39.10%	Dave Larson	60.86%
Burien City Council Position No. 4		Ron Walker	38.81%
Gordon M. Shaw	62.84%	Tukwila School District No. 405 Director District No. 2	
Stephen Lamphear	36.63%	Patti Maltzberger	71.64%
Burien City Council Position No. 5		Amela Babic	27.46%
Kathy Keene	56.95%	South King Fire and Rescue Commission Position No. 1	
Ed Dacy	42.57%	William (Bill) Gates	55.15%
Federal Way City Council Position No. 4		Gary C. Bollinger	44.55%
Jack Dovey	57.08%	King County Prosecuting Attorney	
Roger Freeman	42.54%	Dan Satterberg	53.76%
Federal Way City Council Position No. 5		Bill Sherman	46.06%
Hope Elder	49.47%	King County Assessor	
Dino Duclos	50.15%	Scott Noble, Incumbent	70.00%
Normandy Park City Council Position No. 4		Jim Nobles, Challenger	29.83%
Doug Osterman	65.64%	Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 4	
Stuart Creighton	33.99%	Gael Tarleton	52.18%
Kent City Council Position No. 4		Bob Edwards	47.40%
Ronald E. Harmon	64.10%	Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 5	
Mark J. Gagnon	35.58%	Bill Bryant	50.51%
Highline School District No. 401 Director District No. 4		Alec Fiskien	49.08%
Bernie Dorsey	58.73%	Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 6	
Melissa Sue Robinson	40.67%	Gael Tarleton	50.51%
Federal Way School District No. 210 Director District No. 2		Bob Edwards	49.08%
Suzanne E. Smith	51.26%	Proposition No. 1 for Roads and Transit	
Leonard Englund	48.31%	No	56.27%
Referendum Measure 67		Yes	43.73%
Yes	56.74%	Senate Joint Resolution 8206	
No	43.26%	Yes	68.06%
Initiative Measure 960		No	31.94%
Yes	52.23%	Senate Joint Resolution 8212	
No	47.77%	Yes	60.23%
		No	39.77%
		House Joint Resolution 4204	
		No	51.64%
		Yes	48.36%
		House Joint Resolution 4215	
		Yes	53.17%
		No	46.83%

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