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The Thunderword

MLK speaker stresses action on social issues

By Lizeth Duran
Staff Reporter

Dolores Huerta urged people to take action on social concerns at Highline on Wednesday.

Long-time social activist Huerta honored Dr. Martin Luther King by speaking at the Highline Student Union. Huerta's speech was one of the various events that have taken place at Highline as part of Martin Luther King Week.

Currently, Huerta is the president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. She continues to work in community organizing and in advocating farm workers' rights and immigration reform.

In her speech, Huerta emphasized that people who want change must get involved and take action.

"We've gotta realize that we have power," Huerta said.

One way to get involved, Huerta said, is through voting. She urged people to go out and vote on this upcoming presidential election. People should think about who they want to represent them and pay attention

to where they get their news.

Furthermore, she wants people to take action by voting against laws that keep people down. People can get involved in their community by communicating with elected officials through letters or visits.

"We can't be lazy about this," she said. "It's too important."

In addition to advising people to vote, Huerta also challenged people to speak out against "the ugly stain of racism."

Huerta said that people should not only settle for tolerance, but fight for acceptance.

"Unless we start teaching kids in K-12 the contributions of people of color, we will still have racism," Huerta said. She explained that people have the right to stand up for what they believe is right, but they shouldn't have to die for it as Dr. King did.

Additionally, Huerta spoke on our nation's prison system. According to Huerta, the majority of prisoners are people of color.

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Swimming toward the finish



Megan Asa/THUNDERWORD

Work on the Marine and Science Technology Center continues at Redondo Beach. Highline hopes the MaST Center will be open in time for Spring Quarter.

MaST Center to open Spring Quarter, officials say

By Paul Song
Staff Reporter

Highline officials are optimistic that the new Marine and Science Technology Center at Redondo Beach will be completed by Spring Quarter.

"The next couple of weeks are crucial," said Bob Maplestone, engineering instructor and chair of the Capital Campaign. "The weather held up the construction over break and it has been difficult and dangerous to get the roof completed. We are hoping for better weather conditions."

Before construction was approved last June, for about a year and half, Highline tried to get approval from the City of Des Moines to get the green light to rebuild the 2,500 square foot MaST Center. City officials were under immense pressure from residents to have Highline come up with a parking plan that would not disrupt the day-to-day activities of locals and visitors.

"They were not very responsive in a timely manner," Project Manager, Phil Sell said. "We weren't looking to expand the

program, but they insisted that we develop a parking plan they could approve."

By the time Highline was granted permits to rebuild the MaST Center and were in the bidding process of finding a contractor, the cost of construction and materials had nearly doubled since the initial plan was submitted.

"It took longer than we had expected and the prices went up drastically," Sell said.

The new MaST Center is being funded by the Capital Campaign, whose goal is to raise \$2.5 million. Most of the funds are from private donors and also with the state matching \$500,000 to the cause.

"We currently have \$1.6 million raised and are hoping to raise the rest by the end of May," Maplestone said.

There is currently an on-campus family campaign directed at faculty, staff, and retirees to raise \$50,000.

"We have raised \$30,000 and hope to make a big push in the next month to raise the remainder by May," Maplestone said.

In the project's budget, \$1.7 million would go towards the

cost of construction, \$500,000 would be set aside for the endowment of student scholarships, maintaining the facilities, faculty training, and for community outreach programs, and \$300,000 for equipment.

"It will be a nicer classroom, more comfortable with our own laboratory," said Woody Moses, a biology instructor. "Before, the classroom was a double-wide trailer with flies and two awkward posts in the middle of the room. It was difficult to conduct wet labs in the past because professors had to bring in their own equipment. Now with permanent offices for faculty it will be much easier for instructors to prepare labs."

The size of the aquarium will also be increasing by 50 percent, making it the third largest aquarium in Washington State.

"We should have about 100 different species of marine life, all caught in the Puget Sound when the aquarium is completed," Maplestone said. "The marine life will be more pleasant," Moses said.



Photo by Steve Simpkins

Highline students marched at Franklin High School in Seattle to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday. For more coverage, see stories on page 11.

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Graffiti paints the campus

Gang graffiti was found sprayed all over the tennis court gate on Jan. 19 at 8:25 a.m. Security was notified and the graffiti was soon removed. On Jan. 22 at 8.25 a.m. Security discovered more graffiti sprayed on the green posted sign directing vehicles to the North lot.

Hit and Runner gets caught

A faculty member’s parked car underwent a hit and run in the East lot on Jan. 17 around 3:30 p.m. A man had witnessed a green car hit the faculty member’s car and had written a note of what happened and left it on the victim’s car. Security was not able to trace the license plates about the green car and filed the incident as a hit and run.

Classroom access denied

A music student denied access to Building 4 for practice got into an argument with Security on Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. Security told him that without written permission, they would not be able to let him in. After 10 minutes the student finally left, still angry.

Homeless man camps out

A homeless man was found sitting in Building 6 in the lower lobby on Jan. 18 at 1:15 p.m. The homeless man stated that he was not there to cause trouble but was only trying to keep warm. He was asked to leave immediately and he complied and proceeded toward the East lot.

Mud catches a student’s car

A Highline student got her vehicle stuck in the mud by the track on Jan. 17 at 12:43 p.m. She and other students attempted numerous times to push it out but failed. Security suggested she call a tow company.

Lost and found cellphones

Numerous Highline students have filed a lost report for their cell phones this week. A variety of cell phones have been reported missing, ranging from Sidekicks to T-mobile Razors. If you happen to come across a cell phone on campus, you are encouraged to drop it off in the lost and found in the Security office.

-Compiled by Rachel Aleaga



The fight against drugs rises with drug testing

Parents, K-12 school officials and government representatives gathered at Highline last week to talk about drugs.

The National Drug Control Policy Group, a federal agency, pushed its plan for random drug testing of K-12 students, particularly those in grades 6-12.

Signs in Building 8 pointing toward “Random Student Drug Testing,” and television and radio news crews, created some buzz around campus.

“As you can well imagine the Puget Sound Educational Summit in Building 8 is causing quite a stir with the students and I am receiving a lot of phone calls,” said Donna Longwell, Highline’s hospitality services manager.

An official with the Puget Sound Educational Services District, a K-12 group, said that they are looking at random drug testing to try to curb drug use among students.

“There is federal funding that has been available since mid December for RSDT to be used in conjunction with a comprehensive drug prevention program,” said Michele Haymond. “Eighty-five grants are available nationwide.”

Any school can apply to this competitive grant in addition to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program. Drug testing is a good component of drug prevention, but it is not the solution to it, Haymond said. Random testing enhances existing programs that have a good support system.

‘Tuesdays with Morrie’ will be read on Wednesday

The Inter-Cultural Center presents the Underground Book club.

The club meets every other Wednesday in Building 6 room 164.

Each meeting is approximately 30-40 minutes long.

During each meeting they discuss topics that are in the book, share thoughts, and talk about the chapters.

Each quarter the club chooses a new book to read and discuss.

The purpose of the club is to create a place for avid readers to participate in a group where they get the opportunity to discuss the material that they read.

Currently they are reading *Tuesdays with Morrie*, about a man who is dying from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig’s disease).

Members of the Book Club will receive a free copy of the book that the club reads every quarter.

For more information about the Underground Book Club contact Nelly Akers at 206-878-3710, ext. 4350.

Nursing Club are out to get large amounts of blood

The Student Nursing Club will be having its first blood drive in two consecutive years next week.

The Blood Drive is sponsored by the Student Nursing Club which coordinates with the Puget Sound Blood Center who supplies all the equipment and materials needed for the blood drive.

All blood donations will go towards maintaining a stable blood supply for patients in local hospitals such as St. Francis and Highline Hospital. The blood supply will support patients suffering from injuries, burns, cancer, and many other traumas, according to the Puget

Sound Blood Center.

“There was a total of 55 donors last drive, and there is a capacity for 64 donors in the provided time frame at 4-6 donors per hour,” said Teresa Trillo, a nursing instructor at Highline.

To be eligible to donate blood, there are a few specifications: you must be age 18 or older, but if you’re 16 or 17, you may donate with a release form signed by your parent or guardian. You have to be in good health, and at least three days post-cold or flu.

If a student is unsure as to whether or not they are sick, there will be a screening provided for everyone before they give blood.

“Hydrate well, and eat healthy [before the blood drive],” said Trillo.

The blood drive will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in Building 8 in the Mt. Constance and Mt. Olympus rooms.

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

Veterans Committee start the quarter with a kick

The Highline Veterans Committee kicks off its From Combat to Campus program with a special presentation.

The first portion of the event will be a presentation by Edmonds Community College Senior Associate Dean Dr. Peter Schmidt. The second part will consist of looking at Highline’s Veteran Services and outreach.

Dr. Schmidt is a former counselor at Highline and has worked extensively in the field

of counseling Washington state veterans. The Combat to Campus program is designed to better facilitate veterans making the transition from military service to becoming students.

The Highline Veterans Committee encourages students to join them for this event and refreshments Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m in Building 7. Committee members will be available after the session to answer questions.

Laura Manning brings China to Honors Colloquy

Laura Manning, a speech instructor will share her stories and experiences from her recent trip to China.

Manning will be speaking for the Honors Colloquy on Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 12:10-1:13 p.m. in Building 7.

Every Wednesday Honors 101 has speakers talk about their personal experiences; the presentations are open to everyone. Manning will share her pictures and discuss what she learned while teaching at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in spring 2007.

For more information about this even contact Manning at 206-878-3710 extension 6031, or at lmanning@highline.edu.

Corrections

Vicky Chu’s name was spelled incorrectly in a story in last week’s edition of the Thunderword.

In the same story Shanti Liang should have been identified as a Highline student.



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Bouncy Room Coordinator Job #3428
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When: Flexible
Where: Kent **How Much:** \$8.25/hr. + tips

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~Part-Time~
Assist with activities that encourage self-confidence, curiosity and self-discipline. Assist with teaching, breaks, and clean-up. Must be in related program.
When: Flexible, 19 hrs. or less
Where: Kent **How Much:** \$10-11/hr.

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

Few delays are expected for drivers

South King County commuters can breathe a sigh of relief this week, as very few projects are scheduled that threaten to slow traffic in the region.



- Construction continues near the intersection of Pacific Highway South and South 288th Street. Access to Checkmate, as well as the Blue Ridge, Soundview, and La Madera Apartments may be restricted temporarily at times. These locations can be accessed via 18th Avenue South during closures.

- Expect daytime lane closures and traffic delays in both directions north and south of the intersection at South 288th Street and Pacific Highway.

- The left lane off-ramp from southbound Interstate 5 to Swift/Albro is still closed until further notice.

- The right lane of southbound State Route 167 between 84th Avenue South and State Route 516 (Willis Street) will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

- The right lane of southbound SR 167 between Main Street and 15th Street Northwest will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

- The right lane of the on-ramp from Willis Street to southbound SR 167 will be closed from 8 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

- Up to two southbound lanes of SR 167 between Interstate 405 and South 43rd Street will be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday night until 11 a.m. Sunday. One northbound lane of the same stretch will also be closed, from 8 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.

- Up to two northbound lanes and one southbound lane of I-405 will be closed from 11 p.m. Saturday night until 8 a.m. Sunday.

- The southbound I-405 ramp to the westbound Interstate 90 HOV ramp will be closed from 9 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m.

- The left lane of eastbound SR 518 near SR 99 (International Blvd.) will be closed from 10 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow.

- One lane of State Route 900 at Boeing Access Road and Ryan way is still closed around-the-clock until further notice.

-Compiled by Nick Dalton



Lizeth Duran/THUNDERWORD

Kim Bradford (left) and Cheryl Zweifel (right) practice treating a patient using the simulation mannequin, SimMan. The Polysomnography program will be putting on a contest to name SimMan.

Highline’s dummy is looking for a name

By Luis Lemus
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Polysomnography program is taking suggestions to name their simulation mannequin.

The polysomnography technology is a multidisciplinary allied health occupation that is used to study people’s sleep disorders.

This is the first simulation

mannequin that Highline has purchased, said Nicki Bly, the program manager.

Currently he is known as SimMan. SimMan is one of the advances in technology that lets students obtain realistic hands-on training and gives the instructor control of its symptoms, said Bly. He can perform a simple task such as breathing, and a complicated task like bleeding.

“Other educational facili-

ties name their SimMan. The students do not like to call him SimMan,” Bly said.

“We want to give SimMan another name,” she said.

The students in the Polysomnography program have decided to have a contest to come up with a name for SimMan. The contest will be open to all Highline students. There will be a prize for the winning name.

If you are interested in

participating in the naming of SimMan, look for a drop box in the Student Union Building in mid-February.

After they decide on a new name for SimMan the Polysomnography program will throw a party for him, said Bly.

Highline students are invited to stop by, have a snack and see SimMan in action. Announcements will be posted around campus.

Deana Rader is taking the helm at Women’s Programs

By Shannon Clary
Staff Reporter

Deana Rader uses her own experience on welfare to be an advocate for women in poverty.

Rader is the new Director of Women’s Programs and WorkFirst.

She is coming from two years at South Puget Sound Community College as the director of WorkFirst programs.

WorkFirst is financial assistance that helps students who are parents with the cost of tuition, fees and required textbooks for classes that can help them progress in their job field.

The program assists students who want to enhance their skills to upgrade their employability, receive higher wages and decide on a career path.



Deana Rader

At Highline, Women’s Programs assists students with finding classes, workshops and services that will help them progress further in their education and careers. It is located in Building 6 and students can make free appointments there.

The Women’s Programs services are open to women and men.

Rader will be overseeing events, such as Celebration Week which celebrates extraordinary women in the community, and Expanding Your Horizons, which gives high school girls the chance to meet with women who have careers in mathematics, science and technology.

Welfare became a personal topic for Rader when her child became ill and she needed to get extra assistance.

School and work became too much for Rader and welfare was necessary.

“I was on welfare as a single parent. Just trying to finish my BA was incredibly hard,” she said.

Rader said that being on welfare was hard and humbling.

“Being on welfare is like a

job. You are reporting to case workers, and it is very regulated. I was just trying to do what was best for my family,” said Rader.

Rader eventually got her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Washington, and in 2000 received her master’s from The Evergreen State College in public administration.

During Rader’s time at Evergreen she researched how welfare affected colleges.

Rader became passionate about making it possible for students on welfare to continuously go to school.

She said she is excited to be in a culturally diverse atmosphere. Right now she says she is getting used to her new job and looks forward to having one-on-one time with students and helping women in need.

Editorial comment

This week honor the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspirational man who helped change our country when it needed to most.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for civil rights for everybody, but he fought for them without violence, which is why he is so inspirational.

At a college like Highline, it is important for us to recognize the importance of a man like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

To have a school with so much diversity is a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. To have a school that wants and welcomes every race and religion with open arms is a great way to keep his dream alive.

It is important to look at the reliance of what Dr. King stood for and what is going on in the world today.

Every year at this time we have several events throughout the week to raise awareness and recognize Dr. King and what he did with his life.

It is important that students at Highline try to make it to at least one of these events this year. Students can get involved in activities that will enhance their learning about important topics.

This year, the events will be thumbed around the politics of justice.

There are still several events left, the presentation and discussion of the documentary *The Boys of Baraka*; and a mural will be shown called *We Become by Walking*.

However, if you can't make any of these events you should at least reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dedication to making the world a better place.

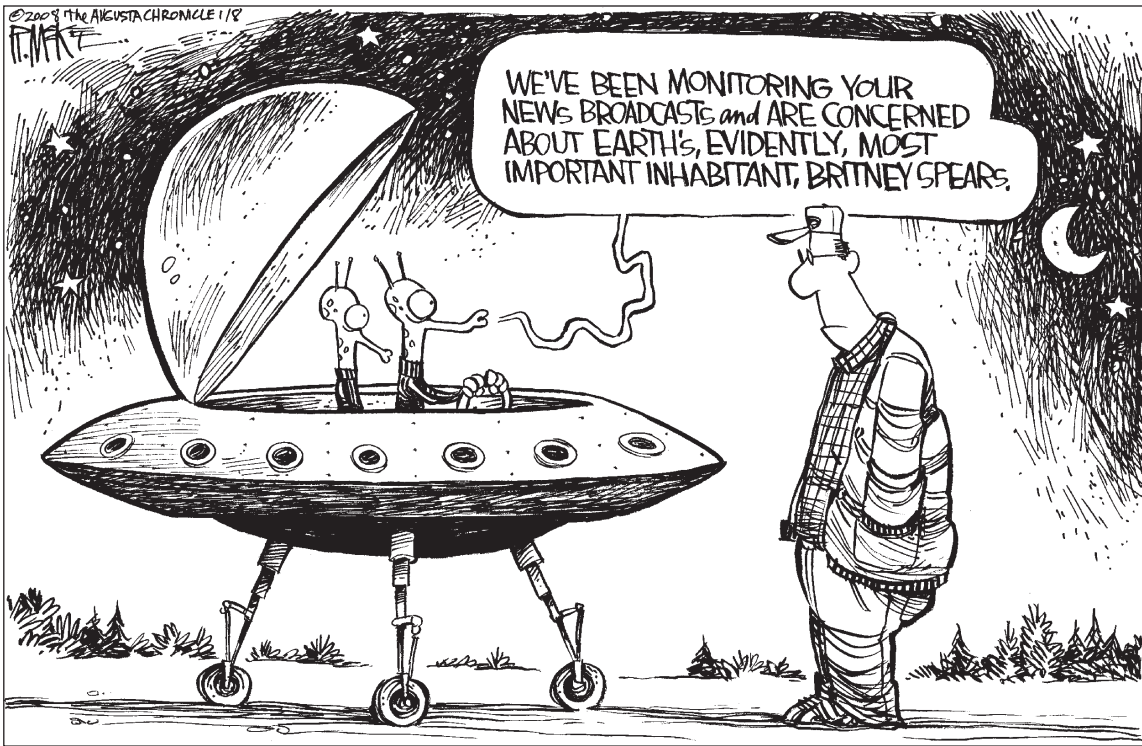
One of the most important things we need to realize this week is that Dr. Kings dream isn't complete yet. We have to realize that there is still a lot of racism in America. We need to let everyone know that intolerance is simply unacceptable. That is what MLK week is about.

This is the time of year when you need to think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for and what he believed in and why he was able to accomplish so much.

Staff

"I'm Mrs. Peter Pan, no one can touch me."

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The primary system needs to be fixed

Commentary



James Bermingham

The presidential primary system doesn't work well enough and is unfair to voters in Washington and many other states.

The way the primary system works is both major political parties (Democratic and Republican) officially nominate their candidate for President at their respective national conventions, usually held the summer before the election.

Depending on state law and state party rules, when voters cast ballots for a candidate in a presidential caucus or primary, they may be actually voting to award delegates "bound" to vote for a candidate at the state or national convention or may simply be expressing an opinion that the state party is not bound to follow in selecting delegates to the national convention.

State delegations to both the (Democratic and Republican) conventions include unpledged delegates.

For Republicans, these include top party officials. Democrats have a more expansive group of unpledged delegates called "superdelegates," who are party leaders and elected officials.

However, in recent elections, the eventual nominees were known well before the actual conventions took place.

The last time a major party's

nominee was not clear before the convention was in 1976, when incumbent President Gerald Ford narrowly defeated Ronald Reagan.

In this primary election, 32 states vote before Washington in the primaries. Many of them vote on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The date is now being called Super Tuesday and it is expected that both parties will have their candidates picked out by that night.

So, more than likely, both parties will have chosen their candidate by the time it's Washington's turn to vote.

That means a lot of voters in a lot of states won't have a voice that is heard in the presidential primary.

Iowa and New Hampshire are the first two states to have both parties vote on a candidate. This makes these two states very important because of the bandwagon effect. However, the states don't represent the country at all. Both states are overwhelmingly white, more rural, and wealthier than the national average, and yet they are arguable the two most important states to win.

We need to fix the way we do our presidential primaries if we want to get more people involved in the political process.

Too many people in too many states have no voice in the election of our major party nominees.

There have been many plans proposed to change our primary system, but none of them are perfect.

At this point, it seems like it would be best to have all of the primaries on one day. With this year's Super Tuesday it seems like that is what we are moving to.

However, with this plan people will say that the candidates who don't raise the most money won't have a shot at winning the primary.

This may have some truth to it, but it is more important that peoples' votes count.

Vote for James in 2024.

Write to us

The Thunderword encourages letters to the editor and columns from the college community.

Editorial cartoons on timely subjects also may be considered.

Submissions will be edited

for style.

Due to limited space, please limit your submission to 500 words or less.

Submissions that are too long may be subject to editing for length.

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Letters and columns can be on any subject.

Topics of interest to the campus community will take priority.

Please include contact information as all submissions must be confirmed as belonging to the author(s).

E-mail your submission to thunderword@highline.edu, or jabermingham@highline.edu MS 10-3 via campus mail.

By Koreena Bates
Staff Reporter

Fast Forward

Emmy-winning writer Scott Schaefer is changing focus from a longtime career in television to the internet.

Schaefer attended Highline in the 1970s, before becoming a writer for several television programs and winning major awards.

Schaefer, having over 20 years experience in television, multimedia, internet, technology, marketing and advertising, took his knowledge, education, and experience to build several commercial websites.

"My ideal dream is to make films and put them on the internet websites that I create," Schaefer said.

Schaefer graduated from West Seattle High School in 1977 and continued his education at Highline. At that point in his life, Schaefer wanted to be a reporter and photographer, leading him to work for the Thunderword for about a year and a half.

Moving on from the Thunderword, Schaefer worked for the West Seattle Herald. One day, while reporting on a high school game, Schaefer realized being a reporter is not what he wanted to do. He decided to change his degree transferring over to Bellevue Community College because of a new film program they had started.

The film program got shut down after two quarters, sending Schaefer to finish up in the television department. At the time, Eastern Washington University had a fairly new television studio that Schaefer participated in. He eventually graduated with a bachelor of arts in television.

Trying to get recognized, Schaefer submitted scripts to



Highline grad Scott Schaefer won three Emmy awards for his work on Bill Nye the Science Guy.

Highline alum Scott Schaefer turns from television to the internet for his next adventure

different programs trying to get a job. After selling one of his scripts, Schaefer volunteered to help on set for three to six months while his scripts were getting used on KING TV's *Almost Live*.

Eventually Schaefer got hired as a full time writer for *Almost Live* in December 1985, earning \$180 per week. While holding this full-time job during the day, Schaefer sold magazine subscriptions at night for extra cash.

In 1988, Schaefer headed to

Los Angeles to write for and direct Fox's *The Late Show*. He worked as a freelance writer and director after that show was canceled, before he got a call that would bring him home to Seattle.

"In January of '94, I got a call from Bill Nye that a show was being done in Seattle," Schaefer said. They wanted Schaefer to be a writer for the *Bill Nye the Science Guy*, and he then became senior writer for three seasons. In 1996, 1997, and 1998, Schaefer

won National Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Writing in a Children's Series.

Now, Schaefer has made a distinct change in his careers. He has changed over from television to what he refers to as "the future" -- the internet.

His most recent projects consist of local websites, such as b-townblog.com, which covers Burien.

"There is a need for locally driven websites," Schaefer said, "and a real potential for community-driven blogs."

Being a Burien resident himself, with a wife and two kids, Schaefer posts local news and local events for the community as well as outsiders to see.

Starting from the b-townblog.com website, he has currently branched out to other community blog websites (www.tuk-wilablog.com, www.seatacblog.com, www.normandyparkblog.com, and www.whitecenter-blog.com).

"I'm in the real early stage; I'm losing money doing it, but it eventually will be reliable," Schaefer said. "I hope that I can succeed and if not, then oh well, it wasn't that expensive."

Not wanting to move back to Los Angeles, Schaefer said he plans to continue developing websites in hopes of getting advertising to put money back into the websites and begin to grow them as a business.

"I would love to work for myself," Schaefer said, "love to get an office. I really enjoy it more than corporate jobs I've done."

Being a comedy guy at heart, Schaefer has started a couple other types of websites for comedians and people who like to laugh. Websites such as www.crapolicious.com and www.jokestarter.com display Schaefer's sense of humor.

"I feel that anybody who wants to get into a new business -- it should be internet related," he said.

Schaefer urges Highline students to pursue their dreams.

"My advice to young college students is to find what you are really passionate about... don't give up on it; make it a hobby," Schaefer said. "It's been 30 years now since I've graduated. I've done jobs that I don't really like but you have to make a living to pay bills and I never gave up."

THUGS plans to steal the show

By Jazmyne Schwieger
Staff Reporter

Dave Tucker's *THUGS* hopes to steal your heart and keep you laughing along the way.

THUGS was inspired by the Italian comedy *The Servant of Two Masters*, by Carlo Goldoni (1753).

Tucker had originally written it as a play, but after several productions, he had received some feedback that it would make an even better musical. He and his writing partner, Kim Douglass, adapted it.

"There's nothing quite as much fun as writing a song," said Tucker. "...putting words into a character's mouth, and then setting them to music."

The musical takes place in 1929 Chicago and it revolves

around two thugs who have been banished from the mafia community.

"(They) find themselves in a quiet little town with no money and feeling very hungry. In order to get food, they hire themselves out to a couple of mobsters, but can't let each of the bosses know about the other boss and coincidentally, both bosses are disguised as another gangster named Anthony Sartori. There are numerous mix-ups and issues that result from mistaken identity, creating a snowballing effect that creates more chaos and comedy," said Tucker.

Tucker is a local playwright, residing in Renton. His work, which ranges from 10 minute plays to full-length comedies, have been produced everywhere

from Seattle to South Africa.

"The best part (of the writing process) is watching the words on the page take shape in real life and what starts as an idea soon becomes a world of it is own on the stage. The writer gets to create new people, new situations and new worlds of his own and then see them come to life," he said.

"*THUGS* is a chance for Highline students to see something new," said Tucker.

Theater goers of all ages will enjoy this new musical as "it holds a little something for everyone," said Tucker.

"We have bungling mobsters, star-crossed lovers, a brave heroine, feuding crime lords, and a flamboyant hitman called the Shark. *THUGS* shows that the Roaring '20s roared with laugh-



Photo courtesy of Dave Tucker

THUGS puts a comedic spin on life during the roaring '20s.

ter," he said.

THUGS runs Jan. 25 through Feb. 10 at the Knutzen Family Theatre. 3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way.

Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday

at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com or at the theater box office.

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Have a 'Jali' time at next week's Blend concert

By Satori Johnson
Staff Reporter

David A. Dos Santos doesn't look out of the ordinary standing behind the counter of his beauty supply store, but in his homeland of Gambia, he is an important cultural figure.

Dos Santos was born into the world as a Jali. A Jali is an advisor to rulers, a poet, a musician, and an orator of history. They are responsible for preserving tradition and history for their people.

He will be sharing his culture with Highline at the next Blend on Wed. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Blend is a bi-monthly event coordinated by Student Programs that takes place at

the Highline Bistro. The event is free and features local bands and musicians.

Dos Santos will sing traditional songs that were passed down from his ancestors chronicling the stories of kings and their kingdoms.

He will also play traditional drums and answer any questions the audience may have about Jali and his culture.

One of the songs he will perform tells the story of Sundjata Keita, the first ruler of the Mali Empire in the fourteenth century. A neighboring king offered his son, Balla Fasséké, to advise Sundjata Keita in his reign and Balla Fasséké became the first and original Jali.

It is a song that every West African Jali knows as well as



David A. Dos Santos

his own name, said Dos Santos.

Dos Santos was born in Angola and spent his childhood in Gambia. He began his training as a Jali when he was 6 years

old from his mother and father.

During his youth, he traveled to village ceremonies with his parents. Dos Santos said his mother was known for having the best singing voice in town. He said a Voodoo spell was cast on her by neighboring Jali out of envy and caused her to lose her voice.

He attended high school in Gambia and after graduating, entered into the diamond trading business with his father.

In 1995, Dos Santos immigrated to the United States because the diamond mining industry became too risky as wars between political parties intensified.

Today, Dos Santos lives in Kent with his wife and owns a beauty supply business.

He has performed for University of Washington, Folk Life, and Bumbershoot. He said he enjoys sharing his culture with others, but he said he doesn't intend to perform regularly for the public.

"Our gift is given by God," said Dos Santos. "We don't perform for everyone."

The life of a Jali is of service to kings and their people and not to entertain, said Dos Santos.

The Jali has the pivotal duty of recording events of their village. They attend naming ceremonies of babies, weddings, birthdays and funerals of prominent members of their society.

"We are the vessels of speech," said Dos Santos. "Without us the stories of kings would vanish into oblivion."

Crazy/Naked gets some winning votes

By James Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Politics, romance and comedy take center stage in Breeders Theater's production of *Crazy/Naked*.

Located at E.B. Foote Winery in downtown Burien, *Crazy/Naked* is worth two hours and \$20. It is an enjoyable play that is lighthearted and fun.

The play stars three party hacks, Tom, Arch and Cindy (Luke Amundson, Eric Hartley, and Yana Kesala), who campaign to get their candidate to beat the outrageous incumbent state senator Patty Proud (Kelly Johnson). The only problem is they have never seen their candidate. Meanwhile, Tom and Cindy are beginning to fall for

each other.

Kelly Johnson stole the show as Patty Proud. She was able to play a character that is over the top but still make her character believable.

With a minimal set, the actors do a good job making the play seem very believable. The music was enjoyable. There were a couple of scenes where the play turned into a musical.

The play lets you sing along to Patty Proud's campaign song, which is very entertaining. It was written for a broad audience, but it is even more funny if you know about local politics.

The play was written by Dr. T.M. Sell and directed by Doug Knoop. The music was done by Nancy Warren. There is free wine tasting for adults over 21.

Arcturus looks for talented artists, writers

The editors of Arcturus will be publishing their annual literary journal this spring.

The Arcturus is a student-run publication that showcases artwork, poetry, and short stories written by students on campus.

This year's theme is Journey. Any journey – emotional, artistic, physical, or spiritual – is acceptable.

They said they want to en-

courage Highline students to submit their stories, poems, artwork, photographs or memoirs depicting any journey that life has taken them on.

Submission are chosen by student editors of the publication.

The deadline for entries is Feb. 4. Submissions can be hand-delivered to Building 5 or mailed to Arcturus 2008 ATTN:

Sharon Hasimoto, MS 5-1, Arts and Humanities, Highline Community College, P.O. Box 98000, Des Moines, WA 98198.

Applicants are asked to include email, phone number, and address with their submission so the selection committee can contact them.

For more information, e-mail Sharon Hashimoto at shashimo@highline.edu.



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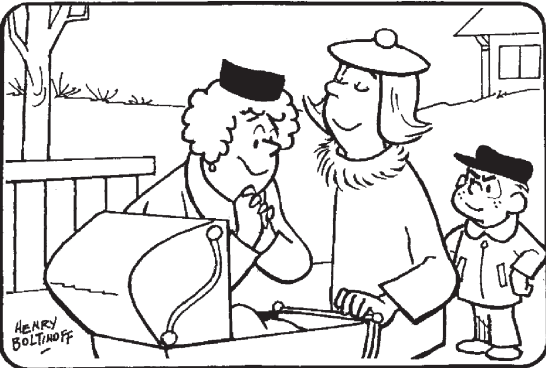
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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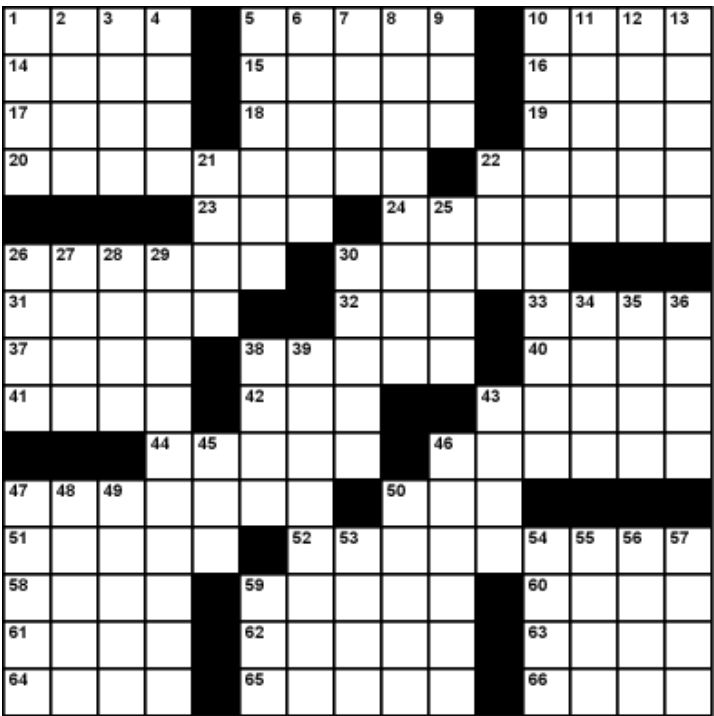
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18. Assumed name
19. Car with a bar
20. iPod features
22. Ferber and Millay
23. Driver's quip continued
24. Mulls over
26. Arabian's home
30. Welsh dog
31. Gold standard
32. Lousy sharer
33. Driver's quip continued
37. Guitarist Clapton
38. King and others
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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8. Cough syrup measure
9. Draft letters
10. 49'ers prospector
11. Express a thought
12. Univ. in Beaumont, TX
13. Dentist's advice
21. Cheerful tune
22. Coll. major
25. AA and AAA, e.g.
26. Twist
27. Scarlett's home
28. Seed coat
29. Slanderers
30. Shoots the breeze
34. Yorkshire river
35. Table scraps
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38. A lot of lot
39. Buried explosive
43. Fourth down option
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46. Dodge truck
47. Floral display
48. Finish second at Saratoga
49. Like some old buckets
50. Warms up
53. Gulf port
54. Big stinger
55. Result of overexercise
56. Caddie's offering
57. Broadway brightener
59. Energy

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•The Tennessee Three: The Men Behind the Man in

Black come to town as part of Kent Arts Commission's Spotlight Series. The show, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8 at Kentwood Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington, features Bob Wootton

and WS Holland, two members of Johnny Cash's legendary band. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Arts Calendar

•Breeders Theater presents *Crazy/Naked*, a play about politics and romance, beginning Friday, Jan. 18, at E.B. Foote Winery, 127-B S.W. 153rd Street, Burien. Show dates are Jan. 25, 26, 30, 31, Feb. 1, 2 at 7 p.m.; Jan. 20 and 27 - 2 p.m., and Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. The Jan. 30 show is a benefit for the Highline College Foundation. The show includes tasting of E.B. Foote's award winning wines and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the winery, 206-242-3852 and at Corky Cellars, 22511 Marine View Drive, Des Moines 206-824-9462.

•*THUGS: A Musical Mafiasco*, by Kim Douglass and Dave Tucker, comes to the Knutzen Family Theatre, 3200 S.W. Dash Point Road, Federal Way. The show runs Jan. 25 - Feb. 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8

Last week's

Weekly SUDOKU

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Red Devils, Gators latest to beat struggling T-Birds

By Maxx Shelley
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds' men's basketball team has slipped into fifth place in the West Division of the NWAACC conference after losing their last two games.

On Saturday, the T-Birds (2-3, 7-10) lost to the Green River Gators (2-5, 5-12), 78-64, in a game that was essentially over after the first two minutes.

The T-Birds started the game with the ball, ran the wrong play, which led to a turnover, allowing Green River to score. After a series of cataclysmic plays, Green River was on top and never looked back.

"They kept their energy up the entire game," said sophomore guard Josh Broussard.

Turnovers seem to be one of the biggest challenges facing the T-Birds. The T-Birds turned the ball over 21 times allowing Green River to score 29 points.

"We need to take better care of the ball. We must take pride in every possession," said sophomore forward Kris Rainwater.

But it wasn't just the T-Birds who were looking a little rusty on Saturday, the Gators didn't look too hot either.

They may have outscored Highline but in terms of their shooting percentage, only 39.6 percent from the field, they didn't do much better than Highline.

On top of that they turned the ball over 18 times. Highline capitalized on those turnovers by turning them into 17 points.

On the flipside, Green River did quite well hitting 50 percent of their 3-point shots and 74.3 percent of their free throws.

The game against Lower Columbia was a different story, however. While the T-Birds still didn't win, they played relatively better than they did in the game against Green River.

Highline lost to Lower Columbia, 64-54. Lower Columbia is in first place in the West Division of the NWAACC with a league record of 6-0 and an overall record of 12-5.

With poor shooting percentages from both teams, this game turned out to be a defensive battle.

"We can't be afraid to shoot the ball. We have a lot of guys who can score but it's all just a lack of confidence," said Rainwater.

After the first half Highline was only down by one point and was eager to bring home a win after their poor performance against Green River. Unfortunately, they missed some key shots and it didn't turn out the way they wanted it to.

"They got to the free throw



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Sophomore forward Kris Rainwater (42) shoots over two Lower Columbia defenders. Rainwater scored 10 points and pulled down five rebounds in the loss to the Red Devils.

line a lot and the turnovers killed us," said Rainwater.

This statement couldn't be any more true. Lower Columbia turned Highline's 18 turnovers into 21 points.

"We tend to turn the ball over in crucial situations and it leads to the other team gaining momentum from it; even if we're winning," said Rainwater.

Perhaps the poor play is a result of not playing Clark last Wednesday when the wire sup-

port on a basket snapped, making it unsafe for the teams to play each other. With the T-Birds' schedule already pretty tight, this setback isn't going to make anything easier.

However, Coach Che Dawson believes this is probably for the better.

"Things were already pretty condensed in terms of frequency of games," Coach Dawson said. "Hopefully having to play games at this consistency will

get us better prepared for the tournament at the end of the year."

The game has yet to be rescheduled.

Last night the T-Birds hosted the Tacoma Titans who are in seventh place in the West Division of the NWAACC with a league record of 2-4 league record and an overall record of 4-10. Results weren't available at press time.

On Saturday the T-Birds will

travel to Pierce Community College to play the Raiders at 3 p.m. They are in third place in the West Division with a league record of 3-3. This is a critical game for the T-Birds if they want to stay in the race for the playoffs.

Next Wednesday at 8 p.m. the T-Birds play Centralia at home. Earlier this year, Highline traveled to Centralia and beat them by 23 points, and they will look for the same result this time.

Lady T-Birds' losing streak extends to three games

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's basketball team's losing streak was extended to three games when the Thunderbirds lost to both Green River and Lower Columbia over the last week.

On Saturday the Thunderbirds lost a close game to the Green River Gators by a score of 54-53, and on Monday they lost 59-45 to the undefeated Lower Columbia Red Devils.

The losses put Highline in seventh place in the West Division with a 1-4 league record (5-11 overall).

The game against Lower Columbia started on a good note with sophomore Valerie Cook scoring the first points of the game. The momentum couldn't be carried through the game though as soon the Thunderbirds were left chasing the Red Devils.

The Thunderbirds turned the ball over 27 times and had only 11 assists.

"We lacked concentration and focus," said Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley. "If you have more than 20 turnovers in a game you're not going to win, no matter who you play."

Highline's overall performance and organization wasn't up to par and their 25 percent field goal shooting left much to be desired.

"We need to be more patient in the build up," said sophomore guard Kerstin Torrescano.

In the second half, the Thun-



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Sophomore guard Valerie Cook drives past Holly Weston of Lower Columbia in Monday's loss to the Red Devils. Cook recorded her second-straight double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds against Lower Columbia.

derbirds picked up some of the slack and started showing more of the talent that the team possesses.

Valerie Cook, who recorded her second-straight double-

double, led the way for the Lady T-Birds with 13 points and 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to beat the undefeated Red Devils (6-0).

"Valerie worked very hard

and really wanted the ball," said Coach Mosley. "She out-hustled everyone on the court."

Kelsey Forrest and Holly Weston each scored 15 points to lead Lower Columbia.

On Saturday, the Highline women traveled to Auburn to face the Green River Gators. They lost the game by only one point with a final score of 54-53.

They played very hard but it was their 23 turnovers that once again wrote the story on Highline's defeat.

Kerstin Torrescano scored a game-high 16 points and Valerie Cook grabbed 12 rebounds but it wasn't enough to make up for all the turnovers surrendered.

At seventh place in the West Division, the Lady T-Birds have some work to do before they can envision themselves in the playoffs.

"Only if we can take care of the ball and start making more of the shots can we start thinking of the playoffs," said Coach Mosley.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16 the away game against Clark was postponed because there were problems with the backboard. The team was almost to Vancouver, Wash., when they heard the news of the broken backboard and had to return home.

Highline looked to get back on track when they played Tacoma at home last night. The score wasn't available at press time.

The Thunderbirds travel to Puyallup to face last place Pierce College Saturday Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, Jan. 30 the Lady T-Birds return home to play Centralia at 6 p.m. Highline lost to the Lady Blazers 68-57 earlier this year.

Highline wrestlers grapple with Division I opponents in Clackamas

By Jason Baker
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's wrestling team had a long weekend in Clackamas wrestling Division I teams after a difficult dual with North Idaho.

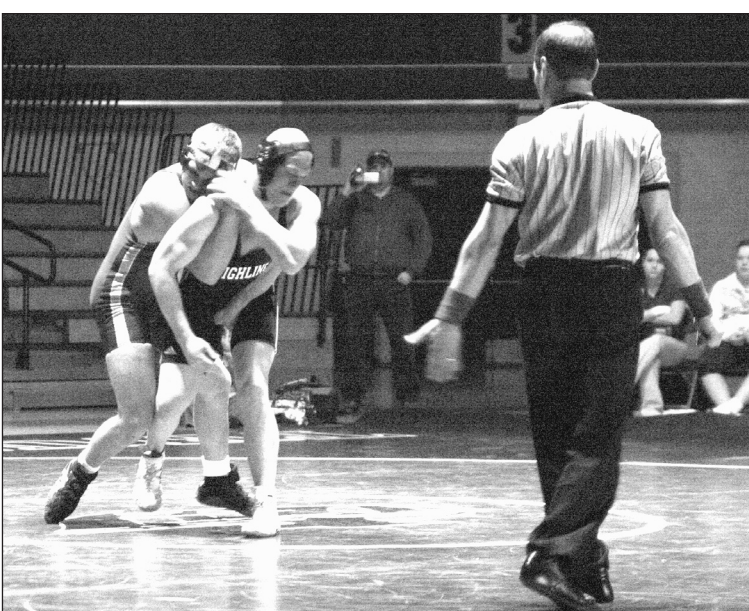
On Thursday, Jan. 17 the Highline wrestlers had a home meet against tough NIC.

The T-Birds faced NIC for their first match of the season and lost.

This second match was no different. They were defeated 42-6 with their only points coming from a pin.

On Friday, Jan. 18 the T-Birds headed down to Clackamas. They faced the Cougars earlier in the season and won the match; but this time was different.

With the season coming to an end and the team losing two key wrestlers, the T-Birds were



Carrie Draeger/THUNDERWORD

Sophomore Zach Corbett wrestled well against his North Idaho opponent, but ended up losing his match.

unable to pull out a win in their second meet against the Cougars this year. The score of the match was not available at presstime.

The following day they had to wrestle in the Clackamas Open. At 174 pounds, Pano Drevs wrestled well, made it into the finals and took second. He lost

to a wrestler ranked third in the nation on a penalty point.

At 157 pounds, Marshall Giovanni was able to wrestle strong and take third place. Chessjuan Monk placed in the top five. All wrestlers were put into 32 man brackets and had to wrestle hard to make it into the finals.

"There are some things that we have to work on and improve. We were having some problems on bottom and the intensity level wasn't where it needed to be," said Assistant Coach Matt Hoover.

"This team has overcome mental road blocks and setbacks, with the loss of players and tough matches, and was still able to wrestle well," he said.

"There were many teams in Clackamas, including Division I teams, that they were not used to seeing. They were a little timid at first but soon found their groove and were able to

compete at that higher level," said Hoover.

The team has 18 practices left until the end of the year and Hoover wants to keep the intensity up.

Practices this week have been not only physically challenging, but mentally as well.

The T-Birds have a home meet this Saturday, Jan. 26 at Highline. There will be three teams at this match, Pacific, Simon Fraser University, and Douglas.

"We want as many people to come out as possible. It is our last meet of the year and it's a big one at home. We're hoping to get a good crowd to show their support for the team," Hoover said.

The next event for the T-birds will be the Feb. 9 Regional 18 Championships. The location of that match was unavailable at presstime.

Program gets new name, more students

By Luis Lemus
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Hotel and Tourism Program is now called Hotel and Hospitality.

Tourism is not broad enough and hospitality offers more options within in the industry, said Kristi Gwinn, instructor.

“Students in hospitality can go into other areas,” said Gwinn.

“In Highline’s program students get broad training that would apply to many areas, or they can specialize in a particular area of interest,” Gwinn said.

Students have the option to obtain a certificate in one of the five areas the program offers. A certificate requires 59-64 credits or an associate of applied science degree, requiring 110-114 credits.

Classes such as food and beverage operations and conference and banquet management are some of the courses that prepare a student for work in the field.

This quarter, students were also able to obtain hands-on training thanks to the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA).

“Students are required to volunteer one shift at the convention; however, some students have chosen to work several shifts to obtain hands on training,” said Gwinn.

PCMA offered several positions that students could volunteer for, such as general session assistants, airport greeters, award lunch set-up and other positions.

“The conventions are a vital economic force in our local community and we want to support that part of the industry while also giving our students and opportunity to gain experience and network with professionals in this industry,” she said.

Highline’s Hotel and Hospitality program is growing.

“The program has experienced high enrollment during the last year, attracting students from around the world as well as locals,” said Gwinn.

“The field is international and students can travel looking for work and experience new cultures,” she said.

If you would like more information you can contact Chris Brandmeir, program manager, at 206-878-3710, ext. 3855.



Lizeth Duran/THUNDERWORD

New Human Resources Manager Elaine Blanco works in her office in Building 99.

New HR manager brings wealth of experience

Blanco comes to Highline to give back to community colleges

By Alyssa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Highline’s new Human Resources manager has a bachelor’s degree, but decided to return to community college.

Elaine Blanco moved with her family to Washington from Indiana in April 2007.

Blanco has done a combination of training development and human resources for 12 years.

She earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from Purdue University in Indiana.

“I decided to be picky when it came to looking for a job because I wanted a good organization to work for,” Blanco said.

“I returned to community college as an adult and decided this was my way to give back,” she said.

Blanco’s job is to provide leadership and direction for the daily operations of recruitment and employee relations, training, and development, and to report to Executive Director Cesar Portillo who provides strategic counsel and leadership for the college-wide Human Resource program at Highline.

Blanco said her goal is to be customer oriented.

“I see the school as a customer, and want to help people to build a better future. Highline’s website has a quote of ‘following the dream,’ and I want to help people do that,” Blanco said.

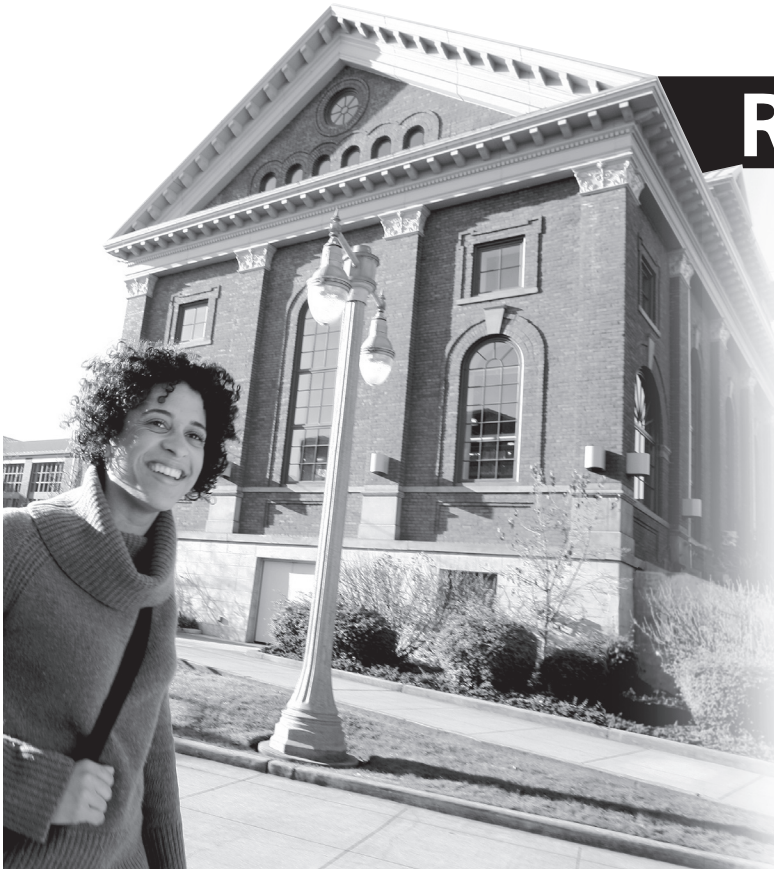
“I want to be a part of the great things at Highline; I want to contribute to the success of the college,” she said.

Blanco said she shares residence with her husband, who she enjoys hiking and exploring new places with, and her dog Cliff, who, “runs the house.”

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African-Americans still face challenges, professor says

By Bob Dawson
Staff Reporter

White people continue to have cultural advantages over blacks, a professor argued at Highline during Martin Luther King Week.

George Lipsitz, the author of *The Possessive Investment in Whiteness*, spoke about his views on how society treats African-Americans.

Lipsitz is a professor of Black Studies and Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Lipsitz's general areas of expertise include race, culture and social identities, twentieth century U.S. history, urban history, and social culture movements.

Lipsitz began his seminar by asking the audience to face up to the facts of society.

"Whiteness is not a skin color, it's a structured advantage," Lipsitz said.

From inheritance to homes to schooling whites have segregated the blacks for many years. This is a problem not everybody sees but remains to be a big problem today. These issues



Lizeth Duran/THUNDERWORD

George Lipsitz speaks at Highline on Tuesday.

cause illnesses and lost learning chances for minorities and lost wages.

Lipsitz quoted another scholar by saying, "If blacks were paid minimum wage during slavery black people would have \$7 trillion more than they have now."

Race matters because someone benefits from it, Lipsitz said. He then asked the audience where they thought that lost money went.

The possessive investment in whiteness determines what families get prime/sub-prime home loans. It also helps shape what

families remain renters and what families get the home mortgage tax deduction. In some districts higher income blacks are more likely to be declined for a home loan than a low income white person.

"African American's are judged on lending criteria that are proven to be bad predictors of loan repayment," Lipsitz said.

This causing blacks to sometimes pay higher interest rates and/or higher loan fees with stricter loan programs. Whites pay fifteen percent less than blacks for identical housing in the same neighborhoods.

Insurance and lending institutions mostly hire whites, therefore the people making the decisions are most likely not people coming from black communities. Housing discrimination has cost the current generation of blacks between the ages of 20-40 \$90 billion.

The possessive investment in whiteness also helps determine whose children attend well funded schools and whose children attend underfunded schools with inadequate funding and in-

experienced teachers with inadequate equipment. It also determines who breaths polluted air and who ingests lead into their bloodstream and who eats fish poisoned by mercury.

"In San Diego were I used to live, Barrio Logan a Chicano neighborhood has about two percent of the population of San Diego County, it has one-third of the toxic waste buried in the ground which means that nearly one-fourth of the kids in Barrio Logan Schools have asthma or lead poisoning. Then the No Child Left Behind Act comes in and asks how are they are doing if they aren't doing well they get less funding," Lipsitz said

Fifty percent of blacks and Latinos live in communities with uncontrolled toxic waste. These type of toxins kill 75,000 blacks each year, he said.

"The possessive investment in whiteness is not about making whites feel guilty, empty, or proud for what's happened. ... Why do we fight social justice instead of support it, the answer can't be in the color of our skin but must be in the content of our character," Lipsitz said.

Huerta

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It is not because they commit the more crimes than Caucasians, she said, but rather because they are more likely to be convicted. Collectively, fifty percent of crimes are committed by people of color, but the other 50 percent of crimes are committed by whites.

"It's so instilled [racism], that it affects everything else," she said.

Huerta also pointed out that to this day, farm workers don't have the rights that they should. They are not respected and people don't realize that they feed breakfast, lunch and dinner to most Americans.

However, they have low wages and limited rights. They also do not have workman's compensation although they are at risk of getting injured.

Disappointed that many Americans see immigrants as a threat, Huerta insisted that people think about the reasons that people come to the United States. Not only do some American corporations take natural resources out of other countries, but they also take their profits out.

Eighty-five percent of businesses in Mexico are small businesses, Huerta said. Placing even one Wal-Mart in a town leaves many people out of work.

She also noted that illegal immigration wouldn't be such a big problem if people didn't have to wait so long to

become legalized. The fact that people have to wait 10-15 years for their legalization to be considered is the administration's fault, not the immigrants'.

The proposed 700-mile fence between the United States' and Mexico is not a good idea to Huerta. She explained that not only does it jeopardize endangered species, but also negatively impacts our economy.

Furthermore, Huerta spoke of women's rights.

Young girls, she said, grow up having a "Disney" mentality in which "Prince Charming" saves them. However, they are too often abused and taken advantage of.

Huerta has been a social activist since the 1950s. Not only was she a main player in passing significant legislation to aid farm workers and other immigrants, but also worked with Cesar E. Chavez to establish the National Farm Workers Service Center as well as the United Farm Workers.



Huerta

Professor, rapper bring hip hop to politics

By Mark Maras
Staff Reporter

With a nearly packed audience, two speakers brought the message that social injustice still exists in this day and age this week.

On Tuesday at 9 and 10 a.m. in Building 7, a session entitled "Capitol Resistance: Hip Hop as Mass Media" was held.

The speakers were Dr. Jared Ball, a professor of Africana Media Studies at Morgan State University, and Head-Roc, an internationally known MC and producer. They were here to

speak about hip-hop and its role in shaping recent world history and mass media and on the legacy of the late civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Head-Roc began the session with a rap on politics and Dr. King. Dr. Ball then spoke on black America and explained that there is a lot more to Dr. King then his "I have a dream" speech.

Dr. Ball said that after Dr. King gave his "I have a dream" speech, his dream became a nightmare, with still much social injustice and wealthy blacks not sticking up for poorer blacks.

"There are still three basic evils in America; the evil of racism, the evil of excessive materialism, the evil of militarism," Dr. King said.

Head-Roc did two more raps, one being on "the hypocrisy of democracy" and the last one being on "Kramers." making reference to the infamous Michael Richards racial incident last year.

For Martin Luther King week, the Student Planning Center has many events planned throughout the week to honor the legacy of Dr. King. The theme for this week is "Politics of Justice."

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Many modern religions have their roots in the stars

By Martin Ericksen
Staff Reporter

Religions like Christianity may have evolved from sun worship and the ancient study of the Zodiac, said Igor Glozman, professor at Highline.

In last week's Science Seminar, Glozman, physics and astronomy professor at Highline, presented a lecture on "Astrotheology: The Birth of Gods and Myths." Science Seminar is held every week on Friday from 2:20-3 p.m., and is usually presented by a professor from Highline.

Glozman relates sun worship to Christianity by bringing in the perspective of people who lived in ancient times.

“People in ancient times saw the sun die in winter,” Glozman said, and so Christmas was originally a holiday to worship the sun.”

After it dies in the winter, the sun shines high in the sky during spring, said Glozman, comparing the Christian and Jewish holidays, Passover and Easter, to the resurrection of the sun.

Glozman also relates Christian emblems to Astrotheology.

The Three Kings following the star from the story of Jesus's birth relates to the three stars in Orion's Belt which follow the star Sirius, which may have been shining brighter because it is low in the sky around Christmas.

There are also connections between the Zodiac and Christianity, according to Gloszman's theories.

“Jesus had 12 disciples because there are 12 zodiac signs,” Glozman said.

“There are four Zodiac ages mentioned in the Bible: The age of the Taurus, Aries, Pisces, and

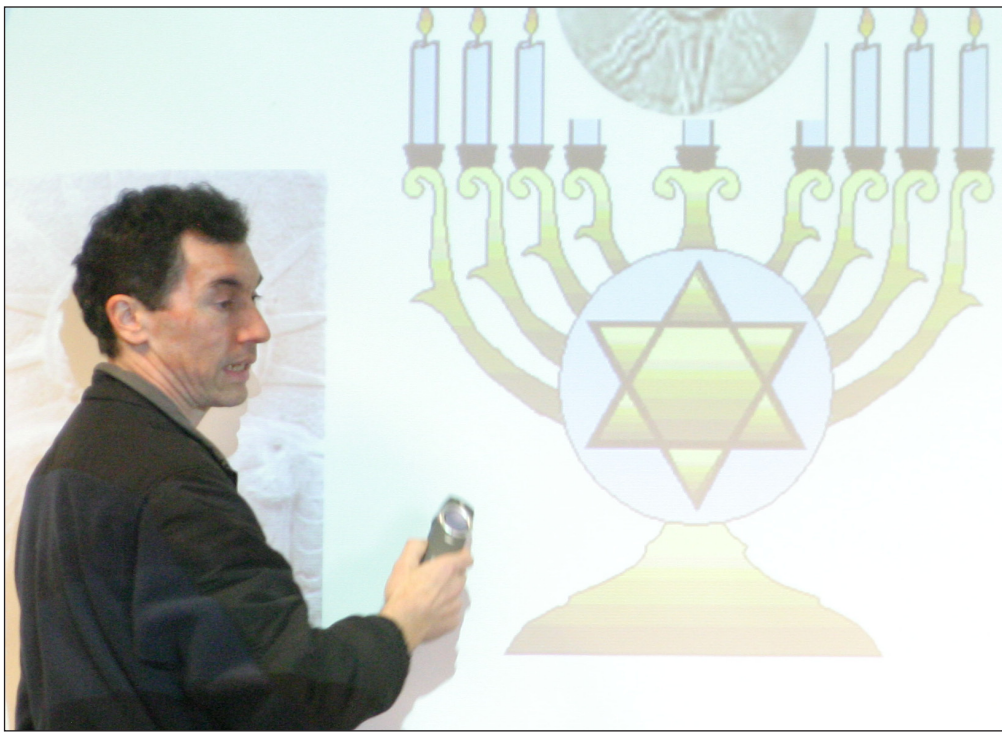
Aquarius,” said Glozman.

“Jesus fed his crowd of followers with fish because of the age of the Pisces,” Glozman said. “The golden calf mentioned in the bible is a reference to the age of the Taurus.”

“The reason why many religions such as Christianity, Islam, and Judaism have so much

in common is because they were based off of the studies of the stars," Glozman said.

The next Science Seminar, "Computer Forensics: No Dead Bodies Allowed," will be presented by Amelia Phillips, professor of Computer Information Systems at Highline, Jan. 25 in Building 3, room 102.



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Igor Glozman speaks at last week's Science Seminar about the evolution of religion.

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The following classes will be available Spring Quarter: two Marine Biology courses (Biology 110) taught Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the other on Monday and Wednesday at 4 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., and Oceanography (Oceanography 101) on Fridays at 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

“The classroom size should increase and we’re expecting an increase in enrollment as well,” Moses said.

The MaST Center will be open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a bimonthly speaker. Speakers will talk about environmental issues and the Puget Sound.

It will also be used by K-12 schools, and the community outreach programs including a week long summer camp.

The MaST Center will also conduct research with the University of Washington, monitor conditions of the Sound, and have a real-time weather station.

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