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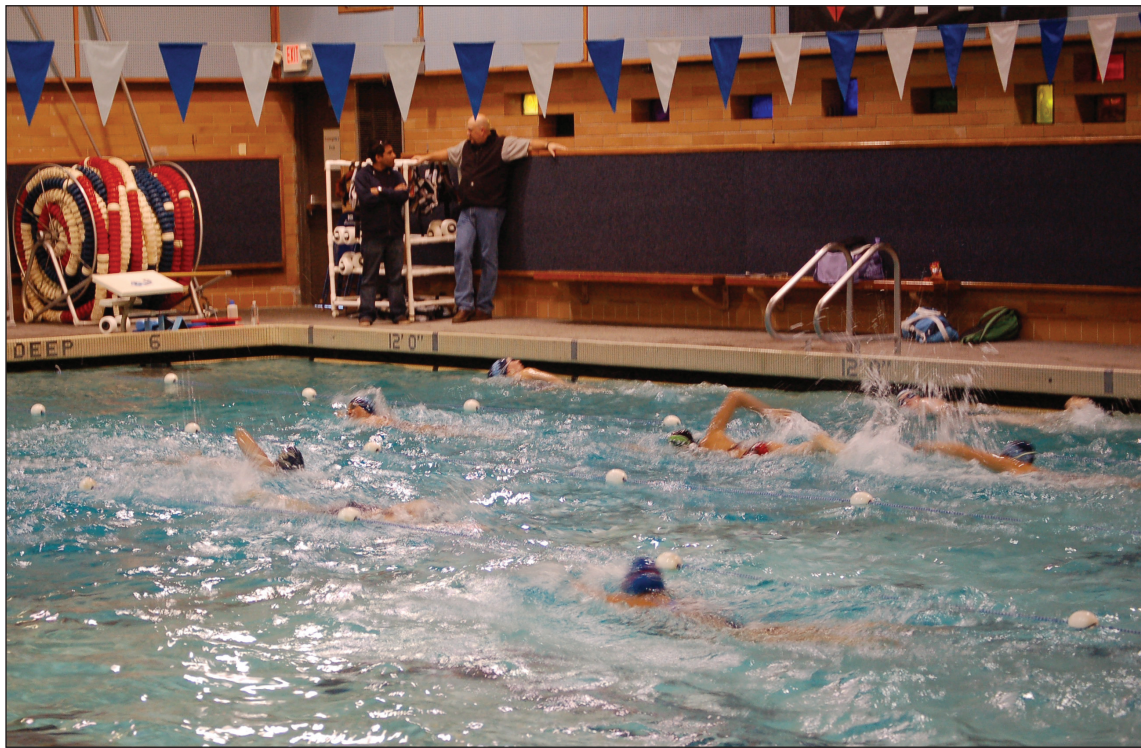
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Highline Community College

The Thunderword

No more splashing around?



Liviu Bird/THUNDERWORD

The Mount Rainier swim team is one of the groups interested in keeping the pool open.

Budget cuts may drain pool

By Liviu Bird
Staff Reporter

The Mount Rainier Pool may be permanently closed as soon as the end of 2009.

"As a part of budget deliberations, [the city] compiled a list of possible ways to save money," City of Des Moines Councilmember Dave Kaplan said. "The pool was on the list

of potential cuts for [the beginning of] 2009."

The pool used to be maintained by King County, but in 2004, the county decided pools in incorporated areas would become the individual cities' responsibility. To keep the pool operating, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and SeaTac agreed to share the burden of keeping it funded and open.

"There is a clause [in the agreement] that should another swimming facility come online, Mount Rainier Pool could be shut down," Kaplan said.

The YMCA in SeaTac is building a swimming pool that will be open in summer of 2009. The new pool will meet recreational users' requirements, but

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Majority of students at Highline back Barack

By Quilina Dorsey
Staff Reporter

The 2008 election is near and the majority of students are voting for Barack Obama.

Seventy-five percent out of the 100 students who are actually voting in the upcoming election said they were voting for Barack Obama, and 25 percent said they will vote for John McCain.

Thirty percent of students said they were voting for Christine Gregoire and 15 percent said they were voting for Dino Rossi.

The remaining 55 percent said they are undecided.

With only 100 students actually voting, some 50 students said if they were old enough, they would actually register and vote while 15 students did not care to register.

"Either way the election goes, it is still going to be different. We are going to have a black president or a very old guy as president," said Highline Tegan Lee.

Many students had legitimate reasons why they chose the candidate they did, but many stu-



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dents did not.

"I'm going to vote for Barack but, I like McCain's vice president. Palin is a go-getter, she does not back down, and she is a very intelligent woman. That is the only reason why I would vote for John McCain. He has a great vice president," said Eileen Bettridge.

Some students feel strongly about the 2008 election.

"I'm hoping for a change and I think Barack Obama can and will do that for this country," said student Chelsea Gutierrez.

Gutierrez was not the only one hoping for a change.

"It is definitely time for a

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New trustee determined to be active in Highline community

By Dave Olerich
Staff Reporter

Barbara Reid, the other newly appointed trustee for Highline, says she hopes to make a contribution to the college's overall growth.

"I bring the ability to work hard at something and I bring communication skills," Reid said.

Reid was also chosen by Gov. Chris Gregoire in the selection of two recent trustee positions, after being urged by State Senator Tracy Eide, D-Federal Way to nominate her. Both of these positions became available after the recent resignation of Karen Vander Ark and the death of Rita Creighton. Trustee Dan Altmayer filled the other seat.

"I'm grateful to the governor

for appointing me, but also I'm grateful for Sen. Tracy Eide for nominating me," said Reid.

"It's only because they know that I am passionate about my community and that I will not hesitate to take the word out [or] take the message to the community," she said.

Reid said that Highline has plenty of skilled professionals on campus and is not in any great need for another; however, she said, "I bring enthusiasm to the role" in regard to her new position as a trustee.

Reid, age 78, has been a strong participant in her community ever since her retirement from Boeing and is determined to not remain idle.

"I'm a community activist and since my retirement at the Boeing Company, I don't want



Dave Olerich/THUNDERWORD

Barbara Reid is one of the new trustees at Highline.

to sit around and twiddle my thumbs," Reid said.

"I became involved [in] volunteering for a parks and

recreation commission [in Federal Way], which I loved working with; I actually became its chair," she said. "We had a huge

mission at the time and that was a development of Celebration Park.

"I helped write the grants that we sent out, and [we] took people on tours and so on for the park to raise money," Reid said. "We raised close to \$600,000."

Reid says it was through her efforts of persuading donors to invest in Celebration Park that the parks and commission board succeeded in their goal for the park. As a result, the city was able to salvage the 83.5-acre site that had once been an old air-field.

She was involved with the Federal Way Parks and Recreation Commission for about seven years, before she moved on to become president on the

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Fort built for studying

Someone made a fort using tables and a white board on the sixth floor of the Library last Wednesday. The fort was made before 4 p.m. because a female student had been studying there since 4 p.m. A staff member reported this.

Man threatened by juveniles

Several juvenile boys were asked to leave the library for being very noisy at a computer last Thursday. On the way out the boys bumped into a student and tried to start a fight with the man.

The threatened student requested assistance from Security and administrators. Security told the man to cool off and stay in the library because he was responsible for a domestic disturbance on campus a few weeks prior.

The man became very upset and hostile so he was told to leave immediately or call 911. Both the man and Highline’s department called Des Moines Police because 15-20 juveniles were waiting for the man on the east side of Building 29.

Three Des Moines Police Officers arrived to assist the scared man.

The juveniles who were waiting to hurt the man left when police arrived.

The ping-pong room bully

A Highline administrator was shoved twice and others were being harassed in the ping pong room in Building 8 last Wednesday.

The man who was harassing others is restricted from the college campus and had threatened students last year.

Two students came to report what was going on. The man left from Building 8 when security arrived.

The man, who was wearing a white shirt and shorts, lives near Highline.

Administrator intimidated by incessant student

A Highline administrator told security that she felt intimidated by a student.

The student sat in her office and closed the door but the administrator always leaves it open when dealing with students. He also kept repeating “do you understand my situation?” The student had shown up without an appointment asking to see the administrator.



University of Washington visits this Wednesday

The transfer center has announced “Meet the UW” day is coming up on Wednesday Nov. 5.

It’s been three years since the last “Meet the UW” day in 2005.

Advisors of various majors from the University of Washington will be on campus to help students interested in transferring to the University of Washington.

Students majoring in pharmacy should go to the Mt. Skokomish Room on the second floor of Building 8 for an information session at 12:15 p.m. Students majoring in psychology should go to Building 21 room 205 for their info session at 1:30 p.m.

All other majors should go to the Mt. Constance Room on the first floor of Building 8 any time from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The transfer center advises students to bring their questions and to get know an advisor from the University of Washington to start planning a successful transfer.

Students giving to Highline’s Giving Tree

A group of Highline students are putting on a bake sale to raise funds for Highline’s Giving Tree on Nov. 4 in their goal to reach a large number of needy families.

The Giving Tree, run by Student Programs and Women’s Programs, distributes gifts to the families of needy Highline students each December. People on campus sign up to help



Liz Phillips/THUNDERWORD

Sun shines through the autumn leaves in front of Building 21 in spite of winter’s fast approach.

and are given wish lists from recipients.

This event is one of four fund-raising events planned by some students from a Project Management class taught by Sherri Chun as a course in business technology.

The other three fund-raising events coming up include: pictures with Santa on Nov. 17, a toy drive on Dec. 1, and gift wrapping on Dec. 5.

The students involved are Simon Nesterov, Shaun Owens, Karen Spaulding and Kevin Mar; they are calling their project Secret Santas.

Science Seminar teaches students how to patent

Patent law will be the subject of this week’s Science Seminar. Jessica Nielson will present the seminar Friday, Oct. 31.

Subjects will include the basics of patent law, such as the criteria and different kinds of patents.

The seminar will also cover how to apply for a patent, as well as how to protect a patent.

There will be examples in the form of famous patents, as well as less-famous patents filed by

famous people.

The seminar will be held from 2:20 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. in room 102 of Building 3.

Winners of Highline essay contest announced

Highline students Morgan Maki and Adam Tesch took first in their categories in Highline’s Defining Democracy essay contest.

Tesch won in the 500-word category; second place was taken by Rebecca Ball. Jewel Santiago and Rikki-Rachelle Hinz were runners-up.

Maki’s essay took first in the 1,500-word category, ahead of second-place winner Megan Riggs. Lesley Elijah and Alexa Larson received honorable mentions.

The essay contest’s topic was “Who am I Politically?”

Counseling workshop helps students balance life

The Counseling Center and Women’s Programs will be holding a series of workshops.

Today, Oct. 30, will be a workshop titled “Relationships, Work and School - Which Comes First?” at 12:00 in Building 8.

The workshop will cover how to balance school and work with a personal life.

The workshop’s description reads, “Get organized, set priorities, communicate with others and take care of yourself.”

The workshop will be run by Dr. Gloria Koepping, faculty counselor and psychologist.

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New center offers hope to foreign professionals

By Sidney Pacampara
Staff Reporter

Being a medically trained professional won't always guarantee you a medically trained profession.

It is hard for immigrants who are trained internationally, and now living permanently in the U.S., to get a job in what they were trained for. Instead some resort to other jobs that have no relevance to their training, college officials say.

Because of this trend, Highline has recently opened the Puget Sound Welcome Back Center, the grand opening celebration was last Thursday, Oct. 24. The Puget Sound Welcome Back Center is a place for internationally trained professionals to gain assistance in getting back into a career in the field of medicine. It is located in Building 19, room 103.

"There is a huge community to serve," Kris Mason said.

Mason is the interim director of the Puget Sound Welcome Back Center and says that what they're doing is a way to acknowledge how educated and talented the ESL population is.

Highline's program is not alone. There are six sites nationwide, including the main site in San Francisco. The others are in Los Angeles, San Diego, Boston, Rhode Island, and now Puget Sound.

It was started in 2001 by Dr.

José Ramón Fernández-Peña and as of August 2008, the centers have served 8,340 people all together.

The Welcome Back Center works with people of any age born in another country and trained and licensed outside of the U.S. They must be permanent residents of Washington in order to participate.

At the center, case managers attempt to help guide people toward renewed medical careers. The Puget Sound Welcome Back Center currently has one case manager, Kao Saechao, and an intern, Danielle Hinds, handling all of the cases.

Currently, the center has 90 participants, about half of whom are actively seeking new medical careers.

Specialized ESL classes are offered to improve English skills with an emphasis on health care. In the class, clients are able to practice communication in a medical setting.

Much of what is found in the Welcome Back Center and how it is run is closely related to the lead center in San Francisco.

"We are not inventing but taking the mold of the main site. We use the same database and exactly the same case management," Mason said.

"We first contacted the San Francisco center for guidance and support," said Jeff Wagnitz, interim vice president of Academic Affairs.



Highline's president, Dr. Jack Bermingham, cuts the ribbon on the new Welcome Back Center.

Mason says Wagnitz and Alice Madsen, dean for Professional Technical Education, were instrumental in bringing the Welcome Back Center to Highline.

The beginning of the Welcome Back Center dates back to 2002.

Wagnitz and Madsen were part of a program designed to help immigrant students become teachers.

"It was a small pilot, designed to help people who had earned bachelor's degrees abroad in high-demand areas like math and engineering to become high school teachers here in the U.S. The project resulted in several men and women, some of whom had been teachers' aides, becoming certified and teaching locally. In the process of work-

ing with them, we learned a lot," Wagnitz said.

After the project, the group worked to continue what Wagnitz called the "career re-entry" idea. Mason wrote a proposal and brought it to Madsen and Wagnitz in April 2007.

"I am very fortunate to have deans to support and find funding," Mason said.

They were able to receive other funding from different partnerships, primarily their main community partner, BuRRST for Prosperity. BuRRST is non-profit foundation that helps reduce poverty within local communities.

The Puget Sound Welcome Back Center now has developed a number of relationships and partnerships.

The Transition Center, a cen-

ter that helps immigrant students go from ESL to credited classes, is housed in the same building and often refers many students to the Welcome Back Center and vice versa. They have partnerships with Renton Technical College and Tacoma Community College.

Also, they work with the Department of Health under different state boards of medicine including nursing, pharmacy, and social work.

"It is a direct pipeline to send resumes and info. Also to ask questions," Mason said.

They will soon look to build more relationship with other centers and organizations. The Puget Sound Welcome Back Center is planning to expand with more case managers, such as an employment case manager, and more administrative help.

"Based on how many are served, we will need a second case worker with new classes," Mason said.

Mason says it won't be surprising to see 300 people by the end of the year. Although the current main focus is medicine, the Center also will look to go into technology, education, and other areas.

For more information, contact the Puget Sound Welcome Back Center at 206-878-3710, ext. 3345 or visit their website at <http://welcomeback.highline.edu/index.htm>.

New hospitality manager finds Highline appealing for outsiders

By Logan Leeder
Staff Reporter

Kathleen Roemer is Highline's new hospitality service manager.

The hospitality manager is responsible for handling all on campus functions, by ensuring they have everything they need. She can provide things like conference phones, projectors, food, rooms, and more.

If your group or club is interested in holding an event, every function should be booked at least five days in advance and is paid for by the club's budget, Roemer said.

Roemer began working for Highline around two months ago. Before that she worked in Port Angeles as the fair manager for the Clallam County Fairgrounds, but because the economy around Port Angeles wasn't doing well Roemer decided to come to Highline.

She graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in environmental science and technology management. Be-



Catherine Dusharme/THUNDERWORD

Kathleen Roemer is the new hospitality service manager.

fore coming to Washington, Roemer worked for the City of San Jose at the San Jose Convention Center as an events manager.

While working for the Convention Center, she handled large conventions such as events for Apple Computers, where she even met Bono.

Roemer thinks well of Highline.

"I think it's a great school," she said. While at Highline she hopes to "assist students, faculty, and staff in planning events, and to make sure rooms are set the way [that] people need them to be."

Roemer also books events for off-campus organizations. Off-campus groups hear about Highline through a number of

ways.

Many groups find out they can host their events on the Highline campus through word of mouth. Highline is also listed as a member of the Meeting Planners International and the Professional Convention Management Association.

Highline is an attractive campus, Roemer said. Groups want to hold their events at Highline because of the great views and convenience, she said.

"In convention centers most people have to bring in their own audio and visual equipment, but at Highline most of that equipment is already in the rooms," said Roemer.

Groups need equipment such as screens, projectors, and teleconferencing equipment. Roemer calls Highline a "one-stop shop."

"I can handle the PowerPoint equipment, room setup, and food orders," Roemer said.

Highline also has a good location.

"We're not in the traffic of downtown Seattle and we're

close to the freeway," Roemer said.

Highline also can provide food service for events, she said. Highline's caterer, Chartwells, has an exclusive contract with Highline that makes them the providers of all campus food including off campus groups that hold events on the Highline campus.

Throughout the years hundreds of outside groups and thousands of people have used the campus, on weekends and evenings.

Events such as church services, weddings, and state-sponsored events are held on campus. Groups such as the State Board of Education, DSHS, Amway, and other private companies all have events on the Highline campus.

This Saturday night, the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual fundraising auction.

Roemer said her goal for off campus groups is to "provide great service and great food so they want to come back again."

Editorial comment

Help is available for violence

Victims and perpetrators of domestic violence should seek help before it is too late.

Domestic violence is a pattern, and without intervention it will repeat itself in a relationship. Both women and men can be victims of domestic violence.

A U.S. Department of Justice study published in 2000 found that “approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States.”

Another study by the U.S. Department of Justice found that in the year 2000, “1,247 women and 440 men were killed by an intimate partner.”

Domestic abuse can include physical violence, psychological manipulation and sexual abuse. No one should ever have to fear their partner.

Domestic violence commonly includes a “honeymoon phase,” in which the perpetrator promises to never do it again, and often makes grand, romantic gestures to re-woo his or her partner. Don’t be fooled. It will happen again. Get help.

Anyone who is being immediately threatened with violence of any kind should call 911.

If you suffer from domestic violence, you should call the Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-562-6025, or the National Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

The Domestic Abuse Women’s Network also offers a 24-hour hotline at 425-656-7867.

Male sufferers of abuse should try the above hotlines first, but if you can’t receive appropriate help, try the resources presented at <http://www.batteredmen.com/bathelpwa.htm>.

The Crisis Clinic can also provide help, and is available at 866-427-4747.

Perpetrators of domestic violence should seek immediate counseling. The state Department of Social and Health Services provides a list of agencies it considers certified to provide treatment for perpetrators of domestic violence. The list can be found at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/dvservices/perptreat.asp>.

The programs are available listed by city or by name.

Write to us

Letters and opinions from the campus community are welcome. E-mail your submission to: thunderword@highline.edu. Please limit your submission to no more than 400 words.

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Hurting children is always wrong

Commentary



Dr. Jennifer Jones

Recently during Dr. Caprice D. Hollins’ presentation for Professional Development Day, Dr. Hollins suggested that “whipping” children was culturally acceptable among African-Americans. Dr. Hollins said social problems among today’s youth exist because that tool has been taken away from parents.

Some in the audience obviously agreed that hitting children was a good discipline method. The longer I thought about it, the angrier I got. Nobody has the right to hit anyone else except in self-defense from attack, and then only with reasonable force. There is never a good justification for a grown person to hit a child.

In the 1960s and 1970s, I grew up in an environment that approved of adults hitting children. My sister’s pre-school class of 3-to 5-year-olds got spanked every day. In fourth grade I saw a teacher break a yardstick over a boy’s back. My sixth grade class was lined up for “swats” for talking too much. When we were late to class in eighth grade, my friend and I were sent to the principal’s office and hit with a big wooden paddle.

Why do people hit their kids?

- I was spanked and I turned out OK. Yes, kids are very resilient. That does not justify hurting them.
- It isn’t abuse if you don’t leave a mark. Some torture techniques don’t leave a mark. It is still torture.
- You can’t reason with my

kids—all they understand is the belt. People used to say that about their slaves.

- Talking isn’t discipline. It has to hurt the kid, or you aren’t really doing anything.
- Kids need a taste of the real world—the police won’t give them a time out. Run a practice police state at home.
- Hitting gets their attention. See No. 3 above.
- The bible says you shouldn’t spare the rod. Let’s beat adulterers and liars, too.
- If parents disciplined their kids right, they wouldn’t be running wild the way they are. People who get in trouble with the law just needed a few more beatings growing up.
- Black/Mexican/rural/southern/immigrant/whatever parents just raise their kids differently. Kids in homes with more books and games get hit less. When

kids have stuff to do they get in less trouble. Go figure.

- Spanking is fine as long as you do it with love. Hitting with love. OK. They have shelters for that.

These days 60-90 percent of people approve of hitting children, according to surveys. So there is probably plenty of spanking, hitting, smacking, beating and whipping in American homes. I know that most people reading this will disagree, but when an adult intentionally hurts a child, it is abuse. It causes fear, pain or injury—and it is also an abuse of power.

Power, size, strength, intelligence, life experience, money, freedom—in every way the adult has more than the child. Adults hit kids because they can, and keep hitting until the kids are big enough to fight back. Then parents stop hitting because the kid stops being afraid, not because the kid magically became good. Hit somebody your own size? I don’t think so. They might hit me back.

Would you want anyone to hit, smack, beat or whup you when you screw up? Would pain and fear make you into a better employee? A better student? A better neighbor? A better person? NO. And, sorry to disagree, Dr. Hollins. Hurting kids doesn’t make them into better people either. It just hurts.

Dr. Jennifer Jones teaches geography and global studies at Highline Community College. She has never hit a child, although she has come pretty close.

Letters

Headline about Palin was uncalled for

Dear editor:

I wanted to thank you for your part in affirming Highline students, staff, faculty, and trustees in your most recent issue. I have also appreciated past work where you reminded us of those who preceded us at Highline. From a King County executive to a player in the NBA, you have demonstrated the pride that we all have in our role in shaping individuals of great personal and civic accomplishment.

This tradition of pride in our community was what left me so perplexed by what could only be political mean-spiritedness in your article, “First Dude was a Dud at Highline.” Frankly, any other former student who had won four world championships, was described by those that knew him as “a nice guy,” and who was in the national spotlight would be on the short

list to be a graduation speaker or Foundation poster-child. Yet, without anything negative to say of him during his short stay at Highline (unless we look down on him for his heritage as part-Alaskan native or his colloquialism “snowmachining”) you had the pettiness to refer to Todd Palin as a “dud.”

Next time, let’s leave the mean-spirited pettiness out of it. No one who reads the Thunderword regularly would have mistaken a more neutral tone for a political endorsement by Highline of our most famous one-time student (and spouse). We can still be proud of our own even when we do not agree with their politics.

-- Dusty Wilson, Highline professor

Why I’m voting for Obama

Dear editor:

While I realize that the president doesn’t have the power to save us as a country, he doesn’t have that much power, what he does have is the power to

inspire. I couldn’t tell you what most of the issues are and whose answers to those problems might be better, but what I do know is that Obama is inspiring more people to take part in the process, and that’s what will heal our country. It’s we the people getting involved in our communities that will bring real change, not a president. We don’t need a daddy-figure to rescue us; we need a leader to inspire us to save ourselves.

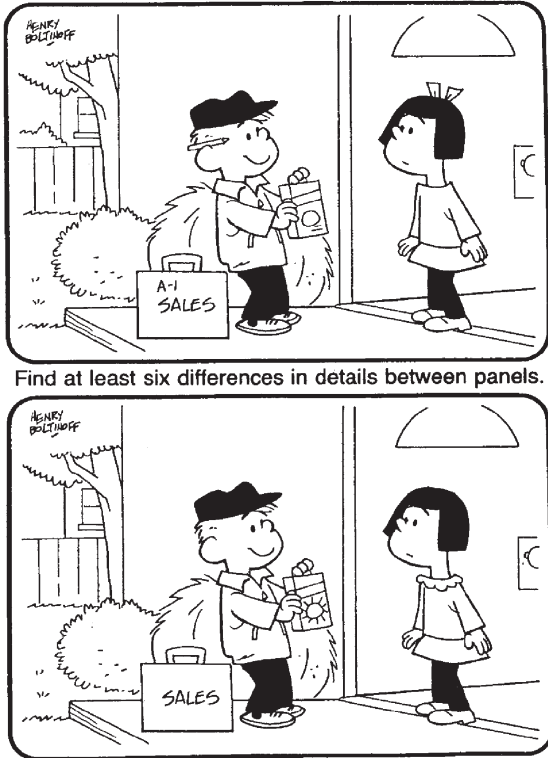
Our president is more of a figurehead than anything else. He or she is the image we hold up to the world of to who we are. Obama represents a healing of our black/white issues. He puts to rest the question as to whether we’re mature enough as a nation to finally move past our prejudices.

McCain represents the status quo, a white man of privilege who instead of inspiring us tells us that the world is a scary place and that he’s the man to save us. Adults don’t need rescuing; we need a leader to blaze a path that we can follow.

-- Robin Landry

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Boy's pencil is gone. 4. Name on briefcase is different. 5. Shrub is missing. 6. Picture on box has changed.

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1. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who said, "Anger as soon as fed is dead -- 'Tis starving makes it fat."
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which well-known French actress appeared in Chanel No. 5 commercials in the 1970s?
3. TELEVISION: What kind of car did *Starsky and Hutch* drive?
4. MEASUREMENTS: How many yards are in a bolt of cloth?
5. MOVIES: Which recently released movie was directed by Joel and Ethan Coen?
6. AD SLOGANS: What company "has a way with b-o-l-o-g-n-a"?

7. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing aspirin?
8. ART: Where is the Whitney Museum of Art located?
9. GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is the Great Sandy Desert located?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What are the ingredients in a Rickety cocktail?

- Answers
1. Emily Dickinson
2. Catherine Deneuve
3. Ford Gran Torino
4. 40 yards
5. *Burn After Reading*
6. Oscar Mayer
7. Felix Hoffmann
8. New York City
9. Australia
10. Gin, lime juice and soda water

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Way To Go

Across

1. Chip dip

6. Blue eyes, e.g.

11. N.J. summer setting

14. Chose

15. Accord maker

16. Balloon filler

17. Boston weather concern

19. Stop on a line: Abbr.

20. Says it isn't so

21. Page of music

23. Bounties

26. "Miss" of Broadway

27. Rugged ridges

28. Big hit

30. Bud holder

31. Bond player

32. Stat for Sosa

35. Repair shop fig.

36. Flower box

38. Syndicate

39. Ruby or Sandra

40. Place to practice driving

41. Ballpark figures?

42. ____ scholar

44. Mooch

46. Marbles, so to speak

48. Small bag

49. Concur

50. Dance energetically

52. Carnival city

53. Long Island village

58. Completely

59. Rich dessert

60. Shindig

61. TV remote button

62. Secretly watch

63. Deli order

Down

1. George W., to George

2. G.I.'s address

3. Env. contents

4. Prescribed time

5. Stick

6. Bangkok residents

7. Wine choice

8. Farm workers?

9. Chemical suffix

10. Roofing material

11. Noted wall builder

12. "Likewise"

13. Get in shape

18. Concludes

22. Feel sick

23. Went wild

24. Clear, as a disk

25. Precursor of Fosbury flop

26. Father

28. Hammer's partner

29. Learning method

31. Locks in a barn?

33. Hands on drum

34. "A Doll's House" playwright

36. Strikes, e.g.

37. Lord's mate

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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Arts Calendar

•Got arts news? Contact Rochelle Adams at roadams@highline.edu. or call 206-878-3710, ext. 3317.

On-campus events get priority listing but all events are welcome to be submitted.

Last week's
Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Last week's crossword solution

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

FEAR FACTOR

Scary stories
aren't all
created equal

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

Your heart rate quickens, your muscles tense, and you feel sick to your stomach.

That is the physical description of fear and love, said Highline psychology instructor Sue Frantz.

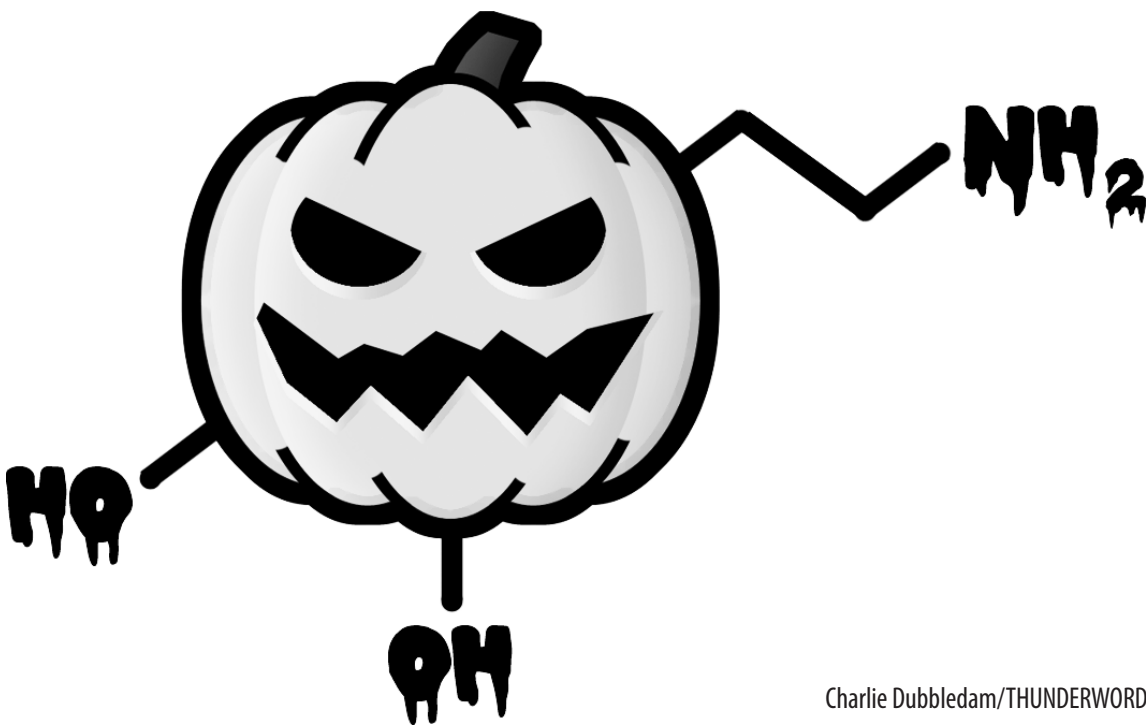
She said emotions are made up of a physiological reaction such as tenseness, an emotional expression such as crying, and a cognitive label to place on the emotion such as fear.

"Let's say you're about to be attacked by a large person wielding a large knife," Frantz said. "Your body will quickly ready itself to fight or run. Your heart rate will increase, your muscles will tense, and you'll likely suddenly feel nauseous. The nausea comes from your body shutting down the digestive system so that all of the body's resources, like oxygen and glucose, are directed toward fighting or running."

Since the bladder is part of the digestive system, it's possible to pee your pants when you're scared, depending on the degree of freight, Frantz said.

In addition to that, the fear causes the release of endorphins, natural pain killers, into the body.

"Interestingly, it appears that the release of endorphins causes the release of dopamine, a chemical in the nervous system," she said. "Dopamine plays a big role in the experience of pleasure. That does not mean that you're having fun running away from your attacker."



Charlie Dubbleddam/THUNDERWORD

WE LIKE BEING SCARED BECAUSE CHEMICALLY, IT MAKES US FEEL GOOD

While a person experiences the physiological response like that, the brain puts a label on the feeling. In the case of the attacker, it would label the feeling as fear.

Being attacked or in a dangerous situation isn't the only way of experiencing those symptoms. "Let's say you're watching a scary movie," Frantz said.

"As you watch the killer sneak up on the unaware victim, your muscles will tense and your heart rate will increase. Thanks to mirror neurons, brain cells

that respond to both our experiences and watching someone else have that same experience, we have empathy for others."

The dopamine makes fear fun as long as one has the security of knowing there's no real danger. That same chemical also makes romance fun, too.

"When we have a crush on someone, we have the same physiological response as we do when we are scared," Frantz said. "Our muscles tense, our heart rate increases and we feel nauseous (but we call it 'butter-

flies')."

Since both fear and love create the same symptoms, it's possible to confuse which one is which. Someone could wrongly contribute the fear they're feeling with affection for the person they're with.

"That's why Ferris wheels at the fair are popular for dates," she said.

"Would you like the person you're dating to believe they love you even more? Take your date to a Haunted House or scary movie this Halloween."

Ghosts and goblins invade Highline for a night

By Hanna Jazzyca
Staff Reporter

Highline will be haunted this Friday.

The International Leadership Student Council is ready to make Halloween on campus a little more exciting.

The event will take place on Oct. 31 in Building 22 and Building 8 (Student Union), from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Last Friday, students were invited to visit the pre-haunted house in Mt. Skokomish room.

"It's scary and interesting. It's going to be different. Last year, we just came here, played some games and had pumpkin carving. Now it's scarier, more about Halloween," said a student who came to the haunted house trial.

"I am so excited and want to attend the Halloween [haunted house] next week," she said.

Behind the stage, Eleven Liu and Takuya Kawamura, two of the students from the International Leadership Student



Takuya Kawamura

something different from last year," said Liu.

"Takuya Kawamura brought this idea to us. Since then, we support each other and figure out how to make it happen," Liu said.

Students of the International Leadership Student Council and the volunteers were very excited to organize this event. Last year, the council hosted a pumpkin carving Halloween party.

"People liked last year's Halloween a lot, but that event was kind of limited for people to join. We didn't charge them, but we had to provide pumpkins and tools. I think the haunted house event will be

better. It's more opened for students," said Liu.

They have several missions behind this event:

"The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for international students to experience American culture," said Liu.

"And we want to empower international students to have the voice to share their culture with American students, too. This cultural event also means exchanging culture between international and American students," Liu said.

"This free haunted house should be attractive for Americans because our haunted house is Asian world, which has totally different atmosphere to the other haunted houses. This event will be very fun," said Kawamura.

Liu said the Halloween event will be divided into two parts: the carnival, with a bunch of activities, such as a Halloween costume contest, games, pump-

If you're looking for a spooky movie or book to check out for Halloween this Friday, Highline instructors Tommy Kim and Rosemary Adang share their picks for this season.

"A literary scholar once said that the difference between 'fiction' and 'literature' is that fiction rewards you at the last page while literature rewards you long afterwards," Kim said.

He thinks that concept can be the same for movies, citing films like the *Saw* franchise which he said, "scares you in bursts." But he doesn't think they're scary.

"A truly scary film is one that freaks you out to the point that it stays in your head for a very long time," Kim said. "Hitchcock's *Birds* is like that. After watching that film, you can't ever look at a bird the same way. Every crow or pigeon has the potential to poke out your eyes."

Another element that makes a truly scary movie, Kim said, is when 99 percent of the world is completely normal but there's one thing that can go wrong. He said *Cujo* is like that.

"What's really scary about *Cujo* is that everything's normal," he said. It takes place in "a picture-perfect neighborhood. But it's just that one dog that goes crazy."

Other examples he gives of that type of horror movie are *Angel Heart* and *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*.

As far as scary books go, Rosemary Adang prefers the type that are "sad scary."

The sad scary she describes is when people are going through hardships and involves human nature.

She said, "Literature is about understanding human nature."

So when she reads or watches something scary, she said she isn't interested in the blood or the entertainment value of violence. Adang is more interested in the reasons behind why the violence and horror occurs.

With the novel *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley "the monster is someone the reader sympathizes with. He's a victim of circumstance. It was implications of prejudice that made him a monster. No one could see that he was this lonely spirit."

A modern character Adang thinks is made in the same tradition as *Frankenstein's* monster is Edward Scissorhands.

From jazz to Mozart, Chorale belts out the hits

By Rochelle Adams
Staff Reporter

Challenges and collaboration are the name of the game when it comes to Highline's Chorale.

The Chorale is a performance choir class involving the singing of masterworks such as Mozart's Solemn Vespers.

What separates the Chorale from other choirs is the dedication and study needed for the class, said Dr. Sandra Glover, the director of the Chorale. The students in this group are required not only to sing the pieces but to learn the history of them to better understand the music.

The class is "very labor intensive to create unity," she said.

Though she has several skilled soloists in the choir, Dr. Glover hesitates to name them.

"It's not about the individual star like in pop music," she said.

Dr. Glover requires all members of the Chorale to practice as though they would perform as a soloist. Her goal is to "challenge every student beyond what they think they can do."



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERWORD

Highline instructor Dr. Sandra Glover conducts the Chorale during the class's practice.

That doesn't mean she expects the impossible out of her students.

"I choose works that are challenging yet accessible to college students," Dr. Glover said.

Most of her students stay all year because they do projects

and travel.

One project they have done annually for the last four years is the SeaTac Airport fundraiser. They have been invited back by the airport to wrap Christmas presents for travelers from Dec. 18 to 24.

During those days, they will also be performing for the airport. The choir does this for free but collects tips which go toward paying for the trips they go on.

Their next trip may be to the 2009 Washington, D.C. Choral

Festival coming up this April. That festival will include seven performing choirs who were selected by audition. If the Chorale goes, they will be there on invitation because of the positive reputation Dr. Glover has gained over her 30 years of experience.

"I have worked hard for years, and it is now paying off," she said.

A past trip the Chorale took was to New York City. They performed there at Carnegie Hall on April 22, 2007, where they also came by invitation.

The music they sing is mostly master literature from the Renaissance. Dr. Glover said they will be adding vocal jazz because of the lack of jazz band this year.

Students are accepted into the class by audition. She said she is always auditioning new singers and accepts staff as well as students.

The Chorale will be performing in concerts throughout the year in Building 7 at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4, March 12, and June 4. The concerts will be free and open to the public.

Des Moines plans new mural

By Eric Noble
Staff Reporter

The city of Des Moines plans to create a mural designed to honor the contributions of senior citizens and to commemorate the aging process.

The Des Moines Arts Commission and the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, a senior advocacy group, have joined together to fund the mural. The subject was decided by a committee for the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, which was then approved by the Des Moines Arts Commission said Nic Lind, Des Moines Arts Commission liaison.

Parameters state that a single artist or a team of artists can submit their designs, as long as those artists are age 55 or older. Since the idea is to honor aging and seniors, it's only fitting that artists 55 or older should do it,

Lind said. The Arts Commission also said the artist must be a two-dimensional visual artist or a muralist.

Other stipulations state that the mural must be 10 feet by 20 feet in size, and must be made of material that can withstand the elements. This is because it will be an outdoor mural hung on an as-yet determined building, Lind said.

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation is paying the sum of \$10,000 to fund this project. However, it is within possibility that more money could be given, Lind said.

"More funds would be nice," Lind said.

The scheduled unveiling of the mural is June 19, 2009, meant to coincide with the city's 50th anniversary of incorporation.

For more information, contact Nic Lind at 206-870-6582.

Horror

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In both cases, "it's the fear that creates the monster," she said.

"It's not the monsters fault that they are a monster."

She said people create their own problems through their fear. That can be scary in and

of itself.

"A horror film to me has to say something about human nature," Adang said. "And not just be about the thrill."

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Haunted

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in Building 8. They will also provide a photo booth for participants who intend to take pictures.

The other part is the haunted house, located in Building 22. This event is free of charge. Faculty and staff can bring their families as well.

"This is an open event, ev-

everyone can join. They should bring their family members and friends, too," Liu said.

Participants are not obliged to wear Halloween costumes, but are encouraged to do so.

"People should dress up and try to look different. It's the time," said Liu.

To encourage participants to wear Halloween costumes, a \$25 Starbucks gift card will be given to the winner.

The Thunderbirds getting closer to clinching title

By Max Dubbeldam
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team is one step closer to securing first place and are looking forward to playing in the NWAACC tournament.

Last week Highline took over the lead from Bellevue.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Peninsula beat Bellevue giving Highline a 4 point lead at the top of the table.

Highline played Bellevue on Wednesday, Oct. 19, but the results were unavailable at press-time.

"The game against Bellevue's gonna be huge," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost beforehand. "If we win the Bellevue game ... we're in the driver's seat."

The last time the two schools played each other three players received red cards.

Prenovost, however, said that the blame for the cards is mostly pinned on the referees, and that he isn't worried about any bad blood between the teams.

He added that he is excited for the match and said that it is an even match-up.

"These guys came here to win titles and championships," Prenovost said about the Thunderbirds. "They're gonna show up ready to go."

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Highline played at home against Skagit Valley and soundly beat them 5-0.

Skagit Valley came to McConnaughey Field with only 10 players. The last match between the Thunderbirds and the Cardinals ended with a 9-0 win for Highline with Bundu Koroma scoring a hat trick.

It didn't take long before Highline took control of the game with good positioning and pressure. Most of the first half was played on the Skagit Valley's half of the field and the Cardinals rarely broke through to attack.

Highline opened the scoring in the 14th minute; the move was built up through the middle with a tight one-two pass. Robbie Gouk then passed the ball off to Koroma who controlled the ball, then turned and shot it passed the Cardinals goalkeeper.

Even though Highline was on the attack for most of the first half, they failed to come up with good clean-cut chances and the score was 1-0 going into the second half.

The second half continued much in the same way as the first half finished.

Highline was calm on the ball and distributed the ball well, although they failed to find the killer pass.



Max Dubbeldam/THUNDERWORD

Marco Heredia leads the attack for Highline during last Saturday's match against Skagit Valley.

Gouk showed the second half's first sign of attacking danger in the 55th minute. He ripped a shot from over 20 yards out that cannoned off the crossbar. The rebound was cleared by the Skagit Valley defense.

Highline added to the lead off of a corner kick in the 60th minute. Fernando Gonzales whipped the ball into the box and Cardinals goalkeeper Sota Hayashi misjudged the flight of the ball.

The ball fell to Highline center back Brennen Hall, who calmly tapped it into the goal.

In the 75th minute Marco Heredia burst up the right wing and was tackled right on the edge of the box.

The referee originally awarded a penalty kick, but after deliberating with the sideline referee he changed his verdict to a free kick.

Zachary Taylor took the free kick and Alex Bresnen got on the end of it to put the win beyond any doubt.

The Cardinals seemed deflated by this time; the Thunderbirds, however, weren't done yet.

Daniel Nam put a ball in the box at the 82nd minute that bounced twice on the top of the cross bar, stayed in play, and landed at the feet of Heredia who finished the chance smoothly.

A few minutes later Jaret Thomas was one-on-one with the keeper but his shot bounced

off the post, and he shot the rebound into a diving Hayashi.

In the 42nd minute Bundu Koroma showed off his skills on the ball when he dribbled past three Skagit Valley defenders and drove into the box only to have the shot fly over the crossbar.

In the dying minute of the 2nd half Bresnen showed off

his dribbling skills on the right wing and sent in a cross towards Koroma. Koroma controlled the pass and buried the ball into the netting to finish the score at 5-0.

All in all it was an easy match for Highline and the outcome was never in doubt. The match did lack intensity and Coach Prenovost said it was uninspir-

ing.

"We played lazy," said Highline right back Tony Maxwell. "Nobody takes them seriously."

Marco Heredia said that Skagit Valley's mindset affected Highline's play.

"They didn't bring intensity to the game," said Heredia. "We kind of got settled in our comfort level. We didn't have to put a lot of effort into it."

Bundu Koroma said that it was a great match for Highline and that he's happy with the way the season's going, and the work rate of the players.

"We wanted this game," he said. "They didn't want it."

He added that the team likes to be possessive of the ball, and that they took advantage of Skagit Valley's mindset.

"We played fine. The defense was moving the ball well," Prenovost said. "We were lacking the killer pass and the final touch in front of goal."

Prenovost said that during this part of the year the team has to stay mentally focused.

"You have to keep yourself on the game," he said.

Prenovost said that he is confident that his team will clinch the top spot in the West Division.

He added that every team that makes it to the NWAACC is capable of winning the championship, and that Highline is as good as everyone else.

"I have a lot of confidence in the team," Prenovost said. "We've got to be prepared mentally and physically."

Highline plays away at Shoreline on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.



Max Dubbeldam/THUNDERWORD

Highline defender Josh Hauck drives past a Skagit Cardinal.

Inside Scoop Election 2008



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Retired engineer Postma hopes to unseat Smith

By **CHRIS WELLS**
staff reporter

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**Ninth
Congressional District**

Adam Smith and James Postma both agree that the economic situation in the country is a problem; however, that is about all they agree on.

U.S. Rep. Smith, Ninth District, is seeking his seventh term in Congress, while Postma, Republican, is running to take his spot in Washington, D.C.

Postma was born and raised in Chicago. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.

From there he joined the U.S. Air Force and served in Japan, Guam, Taipei and Singapore as a flight line maintenance officer with the military air transport service.

A first-time candidate to the 9th congressional district position, Postma says the economic situation in the country is a serious problem, and has a plan in mind of how it should be improved.

“For starters, we’ve pushed

the credit system to the max,” Postma said.

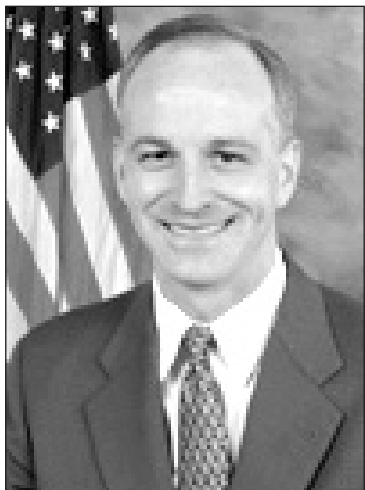
“Banks have stopped lending money to each other. Congress will come up with some method to prevent the financial system from crashing. Congress will do something to keep people in their homes. We need to encourage the banks to negotiate with the people on their home loans,” he said.

“There will need to be some changes in corporate law,” Postma said. “There should also be a law that profiles a contract that gives them some rights.”

Postma, who ran for state representative 24 years ago, said he has other values that he feels the voters should know about.

“I’m pro life and against gay marriage,” he said.

“Social Security: If you can invest your retirement funds



Adam Smith

you can help not only yourself but a lot of other people. The government should restore all the money in the Social Security trust fund and invest it in a new age agency.”

He says he is different from Adam Smith for a few reasons, but there is one major difference that he mentioned.

“Adam Smith misrepresents himself as a moderate and actually votes for Democrat policies and is not a good fit for the district,” he said.



James Postma

Postma says to vote for him if you agree with his stance his stance on the issues.

“I’m by issues, and if you’re by Adam Smith’s issues you should vote for him. His issues are Democratic.”

Smith is the incumbent in the position. He has been in Congress for 12 years. Before that, he was a senator for the 33rd Legislative District at the age of 25.

Smith is a Tyee High School alumnus, and has a bachelor’s

degree from Fordham University and a law degree from the University of Washington.

Smith was unable to be reached for an interview. His publicist stated that he was out of town on business.

On Smith’s website, he says he has earned the honor of being selected as the co-chairman of the House New Democrat Coalition program and has become one of the House’s experts on technology, telecommunications, fiscal responsibility, and economic growth issues.

Smith said he has taken a lead in restructuring the federal role in education so that local schools have more flexibility in spending federal dollars, and so that the money is distributed more into the areas of need. Smith also says he believes in pursuing innovative, market-based policies to help workers, children, and consumers.

He lists the main issues on his website as energy, economy and jobs, education, health care, homeland security and Social Security.

Voters face long ballot on state executive races

By **LIVIU BIRD**
staff reporter

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**State
Executives**

Washington voters will have eight races to vote on in the state executive election on Nov. 4, not including the governor.

“We like to vote on everything in this state,” said Chris Vance, former chairman of the Washington State Republican Party. “The idea was to give lots and lots of power to the people, but it created confusion. It makes it hard to be an informed voter.”

Vance recommends that voters look at the voter’s pamphlet and search the internet to help their search for their perfect candidates. There is minimal advertising at levels lower than governor, but before the internet, voters used to have nothing at all, Vance said.

•The lieutenant governor acts as governor if the governor is not able to do so, and also is the presiding officer of the State Senate.

Incumbent Democrat Brad Owen says he is focused on making Washington communities safe and healthy. He has traveled around the world, earning the Spanish order of knighthood by the king of Spain for his work.

Opponent Marcia McCraw, Republican, also cites international experience, having lived in Asia and worked in international trade, her candidate statement says.

•The secretary of state supervises elections, initiatives, and referendums and files official acts of the Legislature and governor.

Incumbent Sam Reed, Republican, says he has helped the state make the most extensive election reforms in its history, such as consolidating the state’s voter registration into one system instead of having separate systems for all counties.

However, Democrat Jason Osgood says the barcode Reed put on ballots violates the sanctity of secret ballots and vows to ban the barcodes statewide.

•The state treasurer is the state’s fiscal officer, managing and dispersing funds and accounts.

No incumbent exists in this election, as current State Treasurer Mike Murphy is retiring, but not before endorsing Republican candidate and current Assistant State Treasurer Allan Martin. Martin says his experience in public office and also in private industry makes him an ideal candidate.

Opponent Jim McIntire, Democrat, says he is the only candidate that can boast private, public, and academic experience. The University of Wash-



McKenna



Ladenburg

ington professor has received an endorsement from former Treasurer Dan Grimm.

•The state auditor performs independent audits of all Washington governments and reports findings of any investigations to the public.

Governing Magazine commended incumbent Brian Sonntag, Democrat, as having a unique style of bringing citizens in on making decisions.

Republican Dick McEntee says he is ready to report the results of any audit to all citizens and not just the privileged few.

•The attorney general acts as a legal consultant for the state government, its agencies, boards and commissions, and colleges and universities.

Incumbent Republican Rob McKenna says he has proven his skill in office partly by clamping down on identity thieves.

Democrat John Ladenburg isn’t convinced, though, because Washington still has the ninth highest incidence of identity theft in the country, Ladenburg’s candidate statement says.

•The commissioner of public lands is the head of the Department of Natural Resources and



Sutherland



Goldmark

carries out all duties and functions of the department.

Republican Doug Sutherland and Democrat Peter Goldmark both say they grew up on the rugged lands of Eastern Washington and both are convinced that they have the answer to cleaning up Puget Sound and finding renewable energy.

•The superintendent of public instruction is responsible for the state’s kindergarten through 12th grade education program. It is the only non-partisan position in the state executive office.

Incumbent Dr. Terry Bergeson says that under her guidance, Washington has the highest SAT and ACT scores in the nation.



Bergeson



Dorn

Randy Dorn says that testing takes too much of the school calendar and curriculum, and promises to replace the Washington Assessment of Student Learning with a better, more fair, system.

•The insurance commissioner regulates insurance companies, policies, and rates in the state.

Incumbent Mike Kreidler, Democrat, says he has saved consumers more than \$200 million in automobile and homeowners’ insurance and has helped consumers recover more than \$107 million in bad insurance claims.

Republican John Adams says Kreidler’s system does not work and he will bring 38 years of experience to help fix the system.

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Sound Transit hopes to expand service via Prop 1

By **NICHOLAS MCCOY**
Staff Reporter

Sound Transit wants to expand rail service through Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Des Moines, Redmond and Lakewood, asking voters to approve Proposition 1 and its 0.5-percent sales tax increase this November. Opponents, however, say that the proposition is too expensive, and that Bus Rapid Transit should be expanded instead.

Sound Transit is the regional transit provider. It consists of the Link Light Rail, the ST Express bus system, and the Sounder commuter rail system. It runs between counties in Washington state, including King County, Pierce County, and Snohomish County, providing public transit between metro system jurisdictions. Proposition 1 would implement the Sound Transit 2 Plan.

The Sound Transit 2 Plan proposes an expansion of the Link Light Rail running between SeaTac, Highline, and Federal Way, to be constructed over the next 15 years. It also includes an increase of ST Express buses. It would also eventually provide Link access from Highline to the University of Washington, Robson said.

"This is a 15-year program, and would reach Federal Way by 2023," Robson said.

"We're also meeting short-term demands as well," she said.

"The region would receive roughly 100,000 hours of new service, and 60 buses. We haven't gotten it down to which buses, or time intervals. We're



Sound Transit photo

A Sound Transit commuter train heads from Seattle.

in the planning process," she said.

The increase would be put into motion in a year to two years, she said.

Meanwhile, Sound Transit will be building the Link Light Rail. Link Light Rail is a rapid transit service. One segment of the Link Light Rail, the Tacoma Link, is already in service. Another segment running between downtown Seattle and SeaTac airport, titled the Central Link, is slated to open in 2009. Construction begins this year on the University Link, between downtown Seattle and the University of Washington, and is projected to open in 2016, according to the Sound Transit website.

The plan will expand that light rail system by 36 new miles, according to the Plan

2 Mass Transit Guide. It will extend from downtown Seattle as far as Star Lake, Redmond, and Lynwood. The plan also includes added commuter rail. It would run through Everett, and through Seattle and Tacoma, and into Lakewood.

"If the plan is implemented, there will be easy transit access, and it will touch 70 percent of all residences in the region and 80 percent of jobs," Robson said.

Fares would be comparable to bus fares going to the same destinations, she said. One of the questions that Sound Transit is trying to answer right now is whether to charge fares in downtown Seattle.

The approximate cost of implementing the Sound Transit 2 Plan, according to the Sound

Transit website, is \$17.9 billion. This includes, according to the Mass Transit Guide, "construction, operations, maintenance, reserves, and debt service costs from 2009 through the completion of the system in 2023." It would be paid for via a sales tax increase, as well as already approved local taxes, federal grants, and fares.

"If it is passed, it means an increase in sales tax by essentially half a penny," Robson said.

"For a typical tax-paying adult it comes out to \$69 a year to implement," she said.

NoToProp1.org, who opposes Proposition 1, believes that the tax is too much.

"This is a terrible time to raise taxes, especially a huge tax like Proposition 1," said Mark Baerwaldt, NoToProp1.

org's Treasurer. NoToProp1.org alleges that the overall cost of Proposition 1 will amount to \$107 billion.

"This is the most expensive light rail in the country. In the rest of the U.S., it costs \$25 to \$50 million per mile, with the average being \$35 million. Sound Transit's costs over half a billion dollars per mile," Baerwaldt said.

"It's a technology that just doesn't work in the Puget Sound region," Baerwaldt said.

NoToProp1.org advocates the implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit system as an alternative. A BRT system is currently deployed in Snohomish County, and another, under the title Metro Rapid Ride, is scheduled to be deployed by King County Metro over the next five years.

NoToProp1.org also objects to the use of taxes to pay for public transit.

"One thing we've always believed in is user fees," Baerwaldt said.

Alex Fryer, with pro-Proposition 1 organization Mass Transit Now, says that the NoToProp1.org figures are monstrously inaccurate.

"The \$107 billion figure is just a scare tactic, it's monstrously false. A judge reaffirmed that our number of \$17.9 billion is accurate," Fryer said in an interview.

"Light rail systems vary in cost. It will cost about \$206 million per mile here—in San Francisco, it cost \$212 per mile, and in Puerto Rico it cost \$250 per mile," he said.

"Fast, reliable light rail never gets stuck in traffic," Fryer said.

Rossi-Gregoire rematch as close as round one

By **LIVIU BIRD**
Staff Reporter

The gubernatorial race between Democrat Gov. Christine Gregoire and Republican challenger Dino Rossi is expected to be close once again.

A Rasmussen Reports telephone survey conducted on Oct. 2 found Gregoire and Rossi each receiving 48 percent of the vote.

Despite the closeness of the poll and mixed indications throughout the state, the last Republican governor of Washington was John Spellman, a one-term leader from 1981-1985.

"Democrats have controlled the state government for 24 years," Chris Vance, former chairman of the Washington Republican Party said. "[However,] whenever there are good candidates, with plenty of mon-



Christine Gregoire

ey, there will be a close race."

In 2004, Gregoire won by 133 votes after several recounts.

It was the smallest-percent margin of victory in any statewide election in the nation's history.

Gregoire spokesman Aaron Toso said this year's election comes down to values.



Dino Rossi

"The governor has worked to increase funding for colleges and universities," Toso said. "Gov. Gregoire has [also] supported health care and the environment."

The Gregoire campaign said she has created more than 200,000 new jobs in the state and backed efforts to clean up

Puget Sound.

In 2005, Gregoire announced her plan to have Puget Sound cleaned up by 2020. She has requested and received approval to spend at least \$52 million on the project.

Prior to being Washington governor, Gregoire was the director of the Washington Department of Ecology from 1988-1992 and attorney general from 1992-2004.

Moving forward, Gregoire promises to improve early education, continue cleaning up Puget Sound, and reduce the state's reliability on fossil fuels.

Republican challenger Dino Rossi was the GOP nominee for governor in 2004 also. Previously, he was a commercial real estate agent until 1992, then state senator from 1996-2003.

The Rossi campaign did not respond to multiple requests for

an interview.

On his website, Rossi said he would watch Washington's tax dollars closely and cut waste. He believes the answer to current economic problems is not to spend more, but to spend smartly.

In education, Rossi said he wants to get rid of the current WASL test and replace it with a different, more proven standardized test.

In addition, Rossi believes math and science need to be emphasized more, and will allow for hiring, and high paying of, qualified teachers.

Rossi also said that there are too many college students taking remedial courses, which makes students and parents spend unnecessarily on higher tuition costs. He says the answer is to better prepare students for higher education.

Priest, Gregory agree on importance of education

By JESSICA MALFITANA
staff reporter



Thirtieth Legislative District

Two 30th district candidates, Republican incumbent State Rep. Skip Priest and his Democrat challenger Carol Gregory, are asking for your vote in the upcoming election.

Priest and Gregory both have definite viewpoints on what our state needs and how they as the next state representative can achieve it. Both agree that support for education has to be a priority.

Priest is now serving his third term as representative from the 30th Legislative District. He was also mayor of Federal Way and chairman of the City Council's Land Use/Transportation Committee.

"I continue to care deeply about the people and communities of the 30th District and am honored to serve as their state representative," Priest said.

"For almost 20 years, I have had the privilege of working with many groups and individuals in the communities I serve to improve the quality of life of those who live within the District's boundaries," he said. "As a result, I have a personal knowledge of not only the needs but also the goals, dreams, and aspirations of those I represent."

"My priorities for my state and community have been clear," Priest said.

"We must enhance our support of our K-12 and higher education systems to ensure that our

schools get the resources they need to achieve the outcomes we desire – an educated populace prepared to take advantage of the opportunities of the new economy," Priest said.

Priest said that environment and jobs are also issues that are important to our state.

"We must provide sufficient funds to protect the environment. Without this commitment, we cannot maintain the quality of life necessary to make neigh-

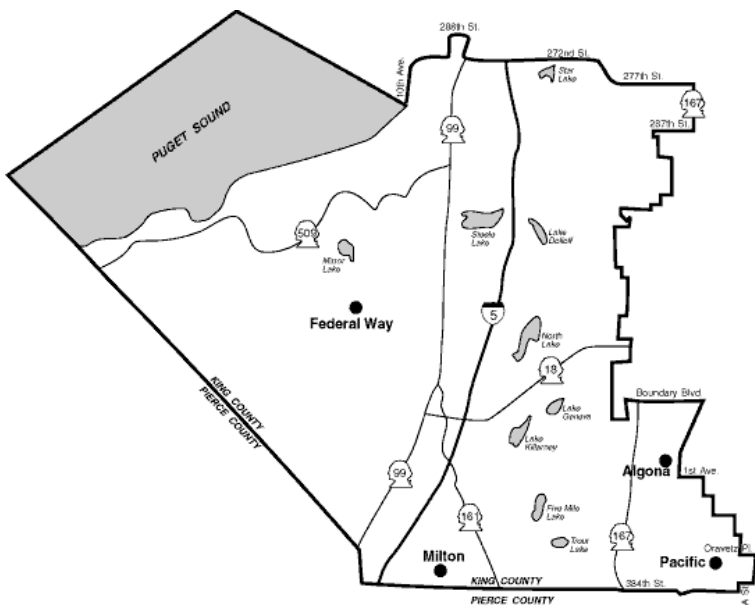
b o r h o o d s livable and attract businesses to our community and state."

Priest also said enhancing the state's business climate is important.

"We must continue to seek ways to improve our business climate to ensure that we create sufficient family-wage jobs and revenues to pay for the state's needs."

Higher education funding is extremely important to Priest, he said.

"We have an outstanding Higher Education program, especially in our community col-



The 30th Legislative District includes Federal Way.

leges; they play a very important role in the lives of kids who have graduated high school, as well as adults looking to improve training."

If re-elected, Priest said his main goals in office will be to "continue to represent my community like I have been the last three terms as Representative. I plan to continue to represent the residents with the same integrity, and I plan to continue to make sure we have quality education and jobs available, as well as continue to take care of our most vulnerable."

Priest declined to compare himself to Gregory.

"I do not compare myself, that's just something I don't do."

Carol Gregory, meanwhile, said she has a strong background

in education. She is a former schoolteacher and current director of the South King County non-profit BuRSST for Prosperity, a poverty-reduction initiative supported by the Northwest

Area Foundation and the Children's Home Society that helps low-income families.

She has lived in Federal Way for 25 years, and King County for 45 years.

Gregory said "I am running because I believe I can provide leadership in education as well as the work force. I have a background in education as well as work force development, and I

believe with that it would help me achieve these goals."

Gregory said she is concerned about the economy.

"That includes jobs," she said. "Jobs are very important to our state, in particular living-wage jobs."

With an extensive background in education, higher education funding is also important to Gregory.

"I feel very strongly that there needs to be a higher education system, and community college is a great way for people who are working to have education more accessible," Gregory said.

If elected, Gregory's main goals while in office will be "ensuring excellence in our public schools, helping people access family-wage jobs, fixing our traffic mess, helping small businesses succeed, and making sure government lives within its means."

Gregory wants to see more high-wage jobs for the area. "There are 75,000 people in King County alone with a low-wage job," she said.

Gregory said her variety of experience qualifies her for the job of legislator.

"I have the experience of being in the classroom," she said. "I understand the people on a variety of levels. I have done a lot in workforce development, and I have a lot of support from the Washington Education Association, and I have the ability to gain partnership."



Priest



Gregory

Incumbent Miloscia touts experience versus Thompson

By NICHOLAS MCCOY
staff reporter

Incumbent Democrat Mark Miloscia is seeking re-election for a sixth term this November, facing a challenge from newcomer Michael Thompson of the GOP for representative position one in legislative District 30.

Legislative District 30 primarily encompasses Federal Way. The southern border of District 30 is the border between King and Pierce County, and to the north the district ends where Des Moines begins.

Mark Miloscia has been a representative for District 30 since 1998. He is currently in his fifth term.

He is the chair of the Housing Committee, and a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Audit Review, and the State Government and Tribal Affairs Committee.

"I'm running because I want to improve the lives of everyone in Washington state," Miloscia

said in an interview.

Miloscia was an Air Force pilot, on active duty for 10 years. His past employment includes working as a substitute teacher for the Federal Way school district and the Catholic Archdiocese.

He has also worked as executive director of Federal Youth and Family Services, director of Tacoma's Goodwill Industries, and commissioner of the Lakehaven Utility District.

According to the biography



Mark Miloscia

posted on his campaign website, his legislative priorities are government accountability and performance, ending homelessness and poverty, campaign finance reform, and developmental disabilities.

"College is unaffordable because of escalating health care costs and increased demand by government systems," he said, citing the criminal justice system as an example of a government system with increased funding demands.

"I want to make sure we have a fair and fully funded education system," Miloscia said.

Miloscia is particularly concerned about Highline, and the school's current delay on implementing the Baldrige Criteria, a quality assessment required by law.

Michael Thompson is Miloscia's opponent.

"I want to hear from the people. I want to take their thoughts of what is needed to Olympia and present that for them," Thompson said in an in-



Michael Thompson

terview.

He initially attended Peninsula Community College, intending to major in economics and political science, but left one quarter short of graduating with an associate degree.

He later became a deep sea diver through the Diver's Institute of Technology. His overall experience includes working as a truck driver, mover, computer programmer and TV broadcaster.

He is currently a patent-

holding inventor and business owner.

"As an inventor, I see the big picture. I try not to ever create another problem in fixing a problem," he said.

"I want to fix education, lower taxes, and improve the economy," he said at a candidate forum held at Highline. Miloscia did not attend the forum.

"I was born and raised in Federal Way. I've gone through the school system here, how it's evolved, how our economy has evolved to its current state," Thompson said.

"I want to make sure schools have all the money they need," he said.

Thompson said that he considers funding college to be a part of the state's responsibility.

Thompson said that by better funding the UW, it would eventually be better able to sustain itself via sports revenue and donations.

"I believe that we should better fund schools, hold tuitions down," he said.

Open seat creates contest in 33rd District

By **DANIELLE WARF**
staff reporter

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**Thirty-Third
Legislative District**

Republican Todd Gibson says he will support small businesses if elected to the state Legislature, while Democrat Tina Orwall stresses her experience in housing and education.

Gibson and Orwall are vying to replace State Rep. Schay Schual-Berke for Position 1 in the 33rd District.

Schual-Berke endorsed Orwall from the start of her campaign. The 33rd has not elected a Republican to the Legislature since the 1990s.

That hasn't stopped Gibson from campaigning aggressively for the seat.

"Common sense. Locally grown," is Todd Gibson's slogan for his campaign. A Normandy

Park resident, he was born and raised in Burien. Gibson has been married for the past 14 years and has two kids.

Gibson started his own advertising business in Normandy Park 10 years ago, called Gibson Media.

Gibson said, "Companies entrust me to spend their money wisely, turning a profit for both the client and my business."

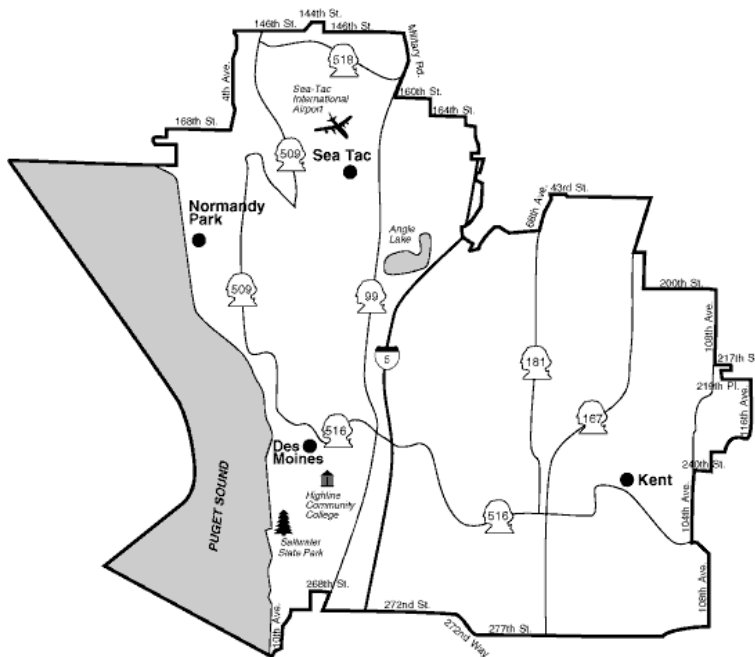
He is also a part-time speech professor at Highline. Gibson has strong ties to Highline besides teaching; his father, Lance Gibson, has worked in Building 6 as the director of counseling for the past 40 years.

Gibson has served on the Highline School District leadership committee, and he is on the LCC International University board in Lithuania, where he has worked with students.

Gibson attended Washington State University earning his master's degree in communications.

He studied abroad for a year and a half in Denmark. Gibson and his wife donated a year of teaching as professors at a university in Klaipeda, Lithuania in 1998.

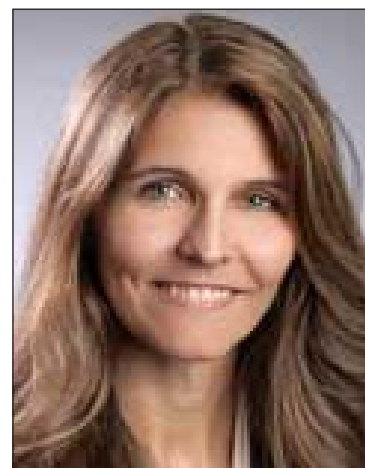
Gibson said his top priorities for the community include



The 33rd District includes Des Moines, SeaTac, Burien and Kent.



Todd Gibson



Tina Orwall

modeled.

"Being an active member in the community for years has let me build relationships with many different people within the community and in the government," Orwall said.

"I am a co-chairwoman of King County Legislative Action Committee that connects members from all legislation districts advocating for access to health care, an increase in teachers pay, Washington climate action bill and the homeowners bill of rights," said Orwall.

Orwall said, "I have worked on all levels of legislation: city, county, state and federal."

She was recognized for her work in the community and announced the Democrat of the year in '06.

Orwall said she is different from Gibson because of her "overall experience, the community service within the schools, and the ability to prioritize."

higher education, limiting taxes, improving health care and green energy. He said he wants to give back to the younger generation to help achieve their dreams.

"You can be from Burien and do it. The difference between Orwall and I is that I'm a businessman and a professor. I know how to make tough decisions," said Gibson.

Democrat Tina Orwall said, "I had 60 percent of the primary votes. I know it will be a lot of work but I am ready for the road ahead."

Orwall lives in Normandy Park with her two children.

She is a strategic planner with experience in the mental health, chemical dependency, housing and work force system

which include funding, policies and best practices in care.

"I am a strong advocate and I would like to be one for our community, especially for affordable housing and education," Orwall said.

Orwall earned a master's degree in psychology from the University of Washington.

She said she helped gather the resources and the people to fund the building of 600 housing units for individuals who were homeless and/or veterans.

She also worked on a committee to get the levy passed in '06 for rebuilding schools within the Highline School District; so far, Midway Elementary, Mt. Rainier High School and Bowl Lake Elementary have been re-

Rep. Upthegrove seeks fourth term versus Lam

By **CHRIS WELLS**
staff reporter

Dave Upthegrove and Tan Lam both have plans for improving college life for students, but their plans on achieving this differ.

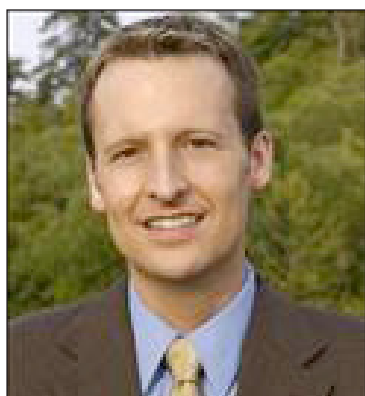
State Rep. Upthegrove is a Democrat and the current incumbent in the 33rd District for Position 2, while Lam, a Republican who is running for the first time, is trying to unseat him.

The district includes Des Moines, Normandy Park, and parts of Burien, Kent and SeaTac.

Upthegrove, a Des Moines resident, says he is a strong supporter of higher education.

"Higher education is a right, and every student regardless of their ability to pay should be allowed to take part in it. In the long term, a goal of a higher education system that's more assessable and open to all students would be good."

He got his start in politics



Dave Upthegrove

while in college at the University of Colorado, where he served in the student union and received a bachelor of arts degree in environmental conservation. Upthegrove said students should have more rights while in school.

"I'm working on a bill that would bring free student press to schools," he said.

He said that child care issues hinder college students.

"We still need to do more with child care. One of the biggest barriers I see is people can't



Tan Lam

figure out their daycare issues. We need to find a way to make more money to put into child care at community colleges and universities."

He also said that he is a good choice for Highline students.

"I got my start as a student advocate, and I know what they need. I want to develop a transfer process that works better for students who don't have their AA," he said. "I want to have a website that can tell you which credits can transfer to certain universities. I think I've been

there for the students in the past, and hope that they will be there for me."

Upthegrove is the chairman of the House Ecology and Parks Committee.

Lam said higher education is an issue for him as well, and he is focused on getting people to college.

"I would like to create a resource for college students or working adults to save money on books. Particularly, my focus is on high school students and getting them to college and having them prepared," he said. Lam was born in Vietnam and grew up during the Vietnam War. He spent time in five refugee camps during that time.

He arrived in the U.S. at the age of 18 with just a fourth grade education.

In time, he enrolled at Oral Roberts University where he received his bachelors of science with a focus in biomedical chemistry.

From Oral Roberts, he went

to Dartmouth College, where he received a master of science degree in biochemistry. In addition to that, he went to Western Governors University to earn a PBS (post-baccalaureate studies) degree in education, which he later used to become a teacher at Highline High School.

Lam said being an immigrant is a big reason why he has got involved in politics.

"I always wanted to help people, and I thought being a teacher would re-pay my debt to America. I can reach more people with being a politician."

He said he needs to prove himself before he asks for a vote.

"So many other candidates just talk and say vote for me," Lam said. "I want to do something that benefits you directly. I want to do something for the community before I even ask them for the vote. I want to be different and actually do something that the community can benefit directly from."

Eyman promises to clog carpool lanes in I-985

By JAREN LEWIS
staff reporter

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Washington State
Initiatives

Washington residents will vote on three initiatives, ranging in concerns from assisted suicide to traffic relief, this Election Day.

An initiative is a petition for a new law that is set into motion by citizens, rather than members of the legislature. Washington is one of 24 states that employ the initiative system.

One of the initiatives on the ballot is Initiative 1000, which if passed would legalize assisted suicide for the terminally ill.

In its supporters' own words, "This measure would permit terminally ill, competent, adult Washington residents, who are medically predicted to have six months or less to live, to request and self-administer lethal medication prescribed by a physician."

Supporters expect the bill to cost \$60,000 to implement, and for costs over time to be close to \$19,000 per biennium.

Under the proposed initiative, a terminally-ill patient would have to make three requests, one written and two oral, before receiving the medication, with 15 days separating the two oral requests. The written request would also require witness by two people who agree that the patient is both competent and acting voluntarily.

The measure specifies that "the patient's death certificate would be required to list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death."

I-1000's proponents sum up their view on the issue in three words: "it's my choice." The supporting statement in the official voters' guide states that the decision on assisted sui-

cide "belongs exclusively to the terminally ill individual. Government, politicians, religious groups and others should not dictate these personal decisions."

The statement cites a current law in Oregon, which has been in place for over a decade, the "Death with Dignity Act." The measure was passed in 1994, and a measure to repeal it in 1997 was rejected.

However, a group who opposes the bill say that "end of life suffering has increased, not decreased in Oregon." The statement against says that the bill "has no real safeguards," and fails to offer real penalties for its abuse.

Another measure on the ballot, Initiative 985, concerns funding for traffic and transportation.

As described by the initiative's proponents, "This measure would open high-occupancy vehicle lanes to all traffic during specified hours, require traffic light synchronization, increase roadside assistance funding, and dedicate certain taxes, fines, tolls and other revenues to traffic-flow purposes."

I-985's cost is approximately \$622.6 million, funded by redistributing money from existing taxes and projects, as well as revenue from suggested red light traffic cameras.

Supporters cite a report from state auditor Brian Sonntag, which found that "citizens have identified congestion as a priority." Their statement in support



Catherine Dusharme/THUNDERWORD

I-985 would open carpool lanes to all traffic during non-rush hour times.

of the initiative states that Sonntag's report has been ignored by legislators in spite of the effect it could have on congestion.

However, those against I-985 point out that Sonntag's report "didn't recommend monkeying with carpool lanes," "or taking taxes from other programs to spend on a few highway projects." They say the money could be better-spent in other areas such as schools or criminal justice.

The third initiative to be voted on, Initiative 1029, would enforce higher certification requirements on long-term care workers.

Should the initiative pass, "Beginning January 1, 2010, 75 hours of training would be required for most long-term care workers, up from a maximum of 34 hours now required, depending on the worker's classifica-

tion."

All long-term care workers hired after Jan. 1 2010 would be required to complete 75 hours of training to be certified within 150 days of being hired. Another 12 hours of training per year would be required to retain certification, with an exception made for those who are only caring for their own child.

I-1029's supporting statement in the voters' pamphlet reads, "Currently, manicurists and hairdressers have stricter training and certification requirements than caregivers for elderly relatives and those with disabilities."

Supporters cited a recent event to explain why the measure is needed: "in July caregivers at an Everett adult family home were arrested for identity theft. They stole thousands from an 83-year old man with

dementia."

I-1029 is said to be "backed by senior advocates, thousands of nurses and home care workers, Democratic and Republican legislators, State Council of Firefighters, Fraternal Order of Police, and sheriffs and prosecutors across Washington State."

However, according to the statement against, "it forces many families to undergo 75 hours of training, fingerprinting and intensive background checks with FBI and national sex offender data bases – all before receiving state support to care for their own children or parents."

Those against the initiative also wrote that "training may be difficult to get, especially in rural areas."

"It wastes tens of millions of taxpayer dollars that could provide other vital services."

Six candidates vie for three Superior Court seats

By NICHOLAS MCCOY
staff reporter

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King County
Superior Court

Voters will decide on three contested Superior Court judiciary positions on the November ballot.

The Superior Court is the highest level of trial court. The King County Superior Court is the largest trial court in the state of Washington, with 52 judicial positions.

The superior court tries civil and felony criminal cases, and has jurisdiction over appeals coming from the district and municipal courts, which handle civil and misdemeanor criminal cases. Felony crimes include arson, murder, rape, fraud, and aggravated assault. Judicial positions are nonpartisan.

Positions 1, 22, and 37 are contested. None of the candidates running are incumbent.

Tim Bradshaw and Sue Parisien are running for Position 1.

Tim Bradshaw has been endorsed by former Gov. Gary Locke and the Seattle P.I., and has also received the endorsement of the incumbent Position 1 judge, Charles Mertel. He is currently the senior deputy prosecuting attorney in King County. He has been employed by the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney since

1988.

Bradshaw has prosecuted arson, child-abuse, hate crimes, and homicides, including cold cases, and specialized in homicide litigation for 12 years. He tried the first case in King County to use DNA as evidence, and prosecuted a cold case against the first known Washington state serial killer.



Bradshaw

The Washington State Bar Association lists his areas of practice as government, criminal, and civil litigation. According to his response on the Governor's Office Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire,

recently he has concentrated on "civil law-based Sexually Violent Predator commitments."

"Civil and criminal trials combined, I have handled hundreds of cases, and have personally tried in excess of one hundred jury trials in King County Superior Court," Bradshaw said on the same questionnaire.

"A Superior Court judge applies the law as written, and should respect all who appear in court. The best judges, and I have witnessed them firsthand, listen carefully, appreciate the dynamics of trial, are independent thinkers, maintain humility and concern for our common humanity and vulnerabilities," he said in an interview with the Thunderword.

Parisien is endorsed by Gov.

Christine Gregoire and state Attorney General Rob McKenna.

"I have been an arbitrator on



Parisien

many cases and mediated hundreds and hundreds of cases," she said in an interview. She is an assistant attorney general in the torts division of the Office of the Attorney General of Washington State. Her previous experience includes working as the Director of Liability for Nordstrom's.

Between August 2003 and June 2005 she was employed by Gregoire for Governor and

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Eight changes to King County Charter proposed

By **LIVIU BIRD**
staff reporter

☆☆☆☆☆ King County Charter Amendments

The King County Charter may be amended to make the King County Council elected on a nonpartisan basis.

Seven other King County Charter amendments will also be on the ballot for the Nov. 4 General Election, including ones that would reduce discrimination in county employment and create an office for economic forecasting.

"The Charter is like the Constitution for the county," Julia Patterson, chair of the King County Council said. "Just like the constitution for the state and the constitution for the country."

Every 10 years, a Charter review commission reviews the Charter. They then present the County Council with recommendations on amendments that could be made to the Charter.

"The Amendments were generated by an outside citizen's review commission, not the King County Council," Patterson said.

Patterson said the Council reviewed the recommendations and voted to include eight on this year's ballot.

Even though eight Amendments may seem like a big number to have on any ballot, Patterson said that it's fairly normal.

"I don't think there are any more [on the ballot] than what is recommended every review," she said.

Charter Amendment 8 would allow the King County executive, assessor, and councilmember candidates to choose not to

declare a political party preference.

"Local elections are about voters making independent choices based on a candidate's qualifications, not party labels," the statement for passage of Amendment 8 says.

Opponents are concerned that the candidates for the King County Council are not well known enough to remove the party label.

"Citizens have a right to know who candidates for public office are and what they stand for. Political party preference is the single piece of objective information about a candidate that appears on the ballot," the statement against passage says.

Charter Amendment 7 concerns future amendments to the Charter by citizen initiative.

If it passes, petitions will have to have a number of signatures equivalent to 20 percent of the number of voters in the last election for county executive. The amendment would also establish a new process for citizens to present their ideas.

"The Charter currently does not explicitly allow amendment by citizen initiative. The State Supreme Court crafted a process in a court decision. This proposal improves that process," the statement for passage says.

However, those opposed feel that the number of signatures required is too high.



Charter Amendment 4 would make new qualifications for sheriffs.

"King County's signature requirement for initiatives is already 20 percent higher than the state's. Amendment 7 makes it impossible for anyone except big money special interest groups to qualify for the ballot," the statement against passage says.

Charter Amendment 1 would create a nonpartisan, elected county director of elections position. The director of elections is currently appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the County Council.

The statement for passage states the amendment will "bring accountability and restore trust to the elections department."

In contrast, the statement against passage claims the amendment is unnecessary because although the position is appointed, the director can still be removed for poor performance. The League of Woman Voters of King County is the main group against the proposal.

Charter Amendment 5 would establish a forecast council and chief county economist to help

analyze economic and financial situations.

"The management of King County's \$5.6 billion budget requires sound financial analysis and an understanding of the effects of current and future economic conditions on county finances," the statement for passage says.

There is no organized opposition to Amendment 5.

Charter Amendment 2 would add "disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression" to invalid reasons for discrimination in County employment.

"Passage will help round out a multi-decade effort to create a level playing field for all Americans," the statement for passage says.

The Review Commission unanimously recommended Amendment 2.

Charter Amendment 3 concerns the three county Regional Committees – Regional Policy, Transit, and Water Quality – and would reduce the number of members and establish a vice

chair position on each.

"This proposal will improve the authority, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Regional Committees," the statement for passage says. "It has broad support from all nine county councilmembers."

There is no written statement against the passage of the proposal.

Charter Amendment 4 would make additional qualifications necessary for separately elected officials who head executive departments.

The statement for passage says the Charter Amendment passed in 1996 that allows additional qualifications for the sheriff's office sets a precedent for Amendment 4 to pass.

However, the statement against passage claims if the approval of the people is good enough to serve on the Council, then it should also work in other offices.

Charter Amendment 6 would impose an earlier deadline for county agencies to submit budget information to the county executive and for the county executive to present the budget to the County Council.

The statement for passage says that it makes sense to give the Council more time to examine the budget in tougher financial times. The proposal would give them 20 more days to review the budget.

There is no statement against passage of the proposal.

All King County Charter Amendments will pass with a simple majority vote.

Vaughn Profit-Breaux contributed to this story.

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Washington State Democrats as an attorney and director of research. Prior to moving to Washington state, she lived and practiced in Philadelphia. She has, in the past, volunteered as a court-appointed child advocate and guardian ad litem to children in the foster care system.

According to the Washington State Bar Association, her areas of practice are civil litigation, civil rights, employment, and torts.

"I think that the best way for judges to serve the public is to apply the law fairly as it is written," she said.

"I have such a deep background in civil litigation," Parisien said.

Julia Garratt and Holly Hill are running for Position 22.

Julia Garratt has been endorsed by both the Seattle P.I. and the Seattle Times. She is currently employed as the juvenile court commissioner for the

King County Superior Court. Her previous experience, according to her website, includes



Garratt

working as an appointed parole board member on the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board from April 1994 until August 2008. She was a pro tem judge for the King County Superior Court from 1998 until August 2008, according to her website, and she was a pro tem judge for the Tukwila and Auburn Municipal Courts between 1999 and 2004. A pro tem judge substitutes for other judges when they are absent.

As a parole board member, Garratt does not practice law, and thus has no listed areas of practice under the Washington State Bar Association. According to her response to the King County Bar Association judicial questionnaire, in Juvenile Court she has heard matters concern-

ing dependencies, at risk youth, truancy, and drug court. She has also, according to the same questionnaire, worked on the involuntary commitment calendar at Harborview Mental Health.

She worked as a public defender for 12 years, and was once a deputy prosecuting attorney for Snohomish County.

"I've been able to see the dynamics behind each role," Garratt said in an interview.

"You don't blindly follow everything on the books," she said, citing the historical presence of laws prohibiting interracial marriage in some states as an extreme example.

"But if a law is to be considered invalid it has to come from the legislature. It's not up to us to criticize and try to change the law," she said.

"I take an oath to follow the law," she said.

Holly Hill, who is running against Julia Garratt for Position 22, has been endorsed by former Gov. Gary Locke and Position 22's incumbent judge, Douglas

McBroom. She has worked as a pro tem judge in the King County and Seattle municipal courts since 2007, and began serving as a pro tem judge for the Lake Forest Park municipal court this year.

"During the first six years of my career I practiced in state courts first in Illinois then in Washington representing criminal defendants in misdemeanor, felony, and appellate matters including shoplifting, trespassing, drunk driving, and assault, robbery, burglary, rape, and murder," she wrote on the King County Bar Association judicial questionnaire.



Hill

According to the same questionnaire she has also worked for the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, prosecuting employment discrimination matters related to race, sex, age, pregnancy, and

national origin.

"I tried a case on behalf of the federal government to assert the rights of over a thousand women working for the phone company to have the equal opportunity to compete for the higher paying, traditionally all-male jobs," Hill said in an interview.

She has been the program director of the Nation Institute for Trial Advocacy since 1999, and an adjunct faculty member of the University of Washington Law School's trial advocacy program since 1988. Her areas of practice according to the Washington State Bar Association are civil rights and employment.

"I think that the job of a trial judge is to apply the law as it's been defined over the years and to understand the legislation and apply it fairly," Hill said.

"I'm very concerned about the plight of the foster children of Washington state and making sure that they're well cared for,"

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Obama versus McCain: Two students' opinions

Obama voters, beware: The fight is not yet won

In the past few weeks I have urged Highline students to register to vote and to pay attention to all the races and issues on the ballot. Highline students have demonstrated an unprecedented level of excitement for this year's presidential race. Most of that excitement is generated for the Democratic ticket headed by Barack Obama.



Vaughn Profit-Breaux

With polls showing Sen. Obama ahead of Sen. McCain by 6 to 10 percentage points nationally, it is easy for his supporters to become complacent prior to Nov. 4. That would be a huge, regrettable mistake.

U.S. Sen. Barack Obama has made the best case for being elected on Nov. 4. Obama has demonstrated a steady hand, an ability to draw support from the most diverse sections of the United States, an ability to transform the way we view politics, a superb intellectual view of the challenges that face this country, and the gift of forming consensus to reach workable solutions to these challenges.

U.S. Sen. John McCain has been erratic in his approach to the present economic crisis, first attempting to get out of participating in the first debate, then offering a fake suspension of his campaign while appearing on TV news shows. His campaign has continued to pander to the basest of our citizens' instincts by hoping to instill fear and division rather than by addressing our most pressing issues.

The choice of a vice presidential candidate is the only major example of a presidential appointment the two candidates have gotten to make. Sen. Obama chose fellow Sen. Joe Biden who, while not a shining star of eloquence on the campaign trail, has nonetheless proven to be comfortably knowledgeable of foreign and domestic affairs. He has bol-

stered the Obama campaign with his long resume and Capitol Hill experience.

Not so with Sen. McCain's choice of Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska. She has shown the same problems that plague President Bush: a lack of intellectual curiosity, pandering to the extreme right of the Republican Party, and a lack of ethical behavior as a government employee. Her "maverick" reputation, under closer scrutiny, has proven to be a fairy tale and not a fact.

The issue of Sen. McCain's health and longevity is a valid issue in this campaign. That places more importance on the vice presidential choice he has made. The Anchorage Daily News says of her, "To step in and juggle the demands of an economic meltdown, two deadly wars and a deteriorating climate crisis would stretch the governor beyond her range."

The presidential race normally shows signs of tightening the closer one gets to Election Day. Polls can be highly subjective, as evidenced by their margins of error. This year there is the added difficulty of predicting a winner because so many new voters have registered and so many young people only have cell phones instead of land lines. Pollsters don't reach cell-phone voters.

Gov. Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania said he "think(s) complacency is our biggest foe..." Virginia Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine agreed, saying "We realize we haven't done this for a very long time in Virginia, so we're going to consider ourselves the underdogs until we finally break the string."

The Obama campaign, pointing to the senator's continued ability to draw large crowds, is asking its supporters to not "assume" they have the election in the bag. There are still many hours before the close of polls next Tuesday and so many opportunities for more tricks than treats, a la 2004's election controversies where millions of votes were not counted.

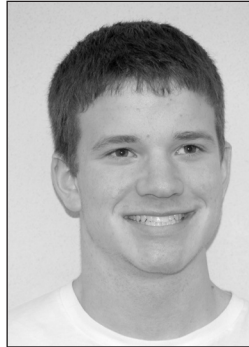
Voters cannot sit on their perceived laurels. Communications as well as scare tactics and tricks are instantaneous. Stay the course, redouble your efforts, and vote early. This race is not done. It is not over.

Vaughn Profit-Breaux is opinion editor of the Thunderword.

McCain offers experience and common sense

If I was old enough to vote in the coming presidential election, I would vote for Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

I don't necessarily believe that McCain has run the best campaign that he could have or that he is the ideal Republican nominee, but when I look at opposition candidate Democrat Sen. Barack Obama, I wish all the more that I was 18 now. I would vote for Sen. McCain because of his mix of experience and good judgment. I agree with McCain on other major issues such as the Iraq surge, the right to life, energy independence, and national security. The need for a real leader is also paramount.



Brian Grove

John McCain has a proven record of experience. He was a U.S. fighter pilot and a POW in the Hanoi Hilton for more than five years where he was tortured daily, refusing to disclose secrets even when he was offered early release. McCain is not afraid to side with what's right as opposed to what's easy. His maverick nature has alienated many conservatives since he will not sacrifice his ideals for political expediency. Regarding the Iraq surge, he said he would rather "lose an election than lose a war." That is the type of leader we need at this time.

In contrast, Barack Obama has the most liberal voting record in the Senate (even beyond Bernie Sanders, the socialist from Vermont). He still boasts that he will be able to reach across party lines. Obama is so far left, it is doubtful that his arm could even reach to the middle. Obama's philosophies characterize him as a socialism-valuing Marxist.

Numerous European countries have moved toward socialism. They continue to shrink military budgets and may eventually reach the point of national risk.

A better approach is the concept of restrained capitalism, whereby legislatures enact rules and regulations that keep

business in check and prevent the mortgage meltdown and ensuing stock market plunge, while providing investment resources for new economies to birth and grow. The current crisis has much more to do with a system that was allowed to go beyond the bounds of normal lending practices than it has to do with a system that is somehow fundamentally flawed and needs change. Congress wasn't providing the legal oversight that was needed – even though many warned there was a huge financial disaster looming.

Obama's ideals on the redistribution of wealth are shocking. His comments to Joe the plumber regarding sharing the wealth were not the first time Obama demonstrated his thoughts on income redistribution. In 2001 in a radio interview, Obama made similar comments about sharing wealth. This reflects how he sees the world.

While sharing with the less fortunate is a worthy endeavor, it should be a personal choice. Sharing is a voluntary act based on the benevolence of the giver, not a tax-enforced compulsion of those who have worked hard for a good education, earned a high paying wage and made wise investment choices. When you put the money back into the hands of private investors is when the economy can truly grow.

Democrats blame the Reagan and Bush administrations for deregulation of the economy, which is the reason for our current economic woes. That couldn't be farther from the truth. The time bomb of the economy only began to tick when the Clinton administration pressured mortgage companies to give loans to subprime borrowers.

People were allowed to live outside their means, and that is when the economy truly ran wild. We are only seeing the results as now, because it took time for the volume of loans to get up high enough for it to truly cause a problem.

Sure, this problem will take time to fix, but socialism and government control is not the answer. People will have to learn to again live with fiscal responsibility, including the government. Only then can we begin to dig ourselves out of this hole.

Brian Grove is sports editor of the Thunderword.

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she said.

Barbara Mack and Jean Rietschel are competing for Position 37.

Mack has been endorsed by both the King County Democrats and King County Republicans organizations. She has been employed by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office since 1986. She has prosecuted both misdemeanor and felony criminal cases, as well as complex civil asset forfeitures in cases relating to fraud. She has prosecuted for the King County Drug Diversion Court since 2004.

"One of the things my experience in drug court has given

me is a unique understanding of the causes of criminal behavior and addiction," Mack said in an interview.

She co-founded the Environmental Policy Center in 1972, worked as a special consultant for the California Assembly Committee on Resources, Land Use, and Energy. From 1977 to 1979, she worked as deputy undersecretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior, advising on issues such as energy policy, water rights conflicts,



Mack

Indian resource management and policies toward the U.S.

territories. She then worked as a natural resources policy and planning consultant for the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Environment Policy Center from 1979 until 1983.

"It was after that I decided to go into law school," Mack said.

"I've been practicing law in superior court for 22 years. I'm familiar with the system," she said.

"Issues come up pretty rarely, so for the most part judges need to follow the law," she said.

Jean Rietschel, who is running against Mack for position 37, has been endorsed by both the Seattle P.I. and the Seattle Times, as well as the King County Democrats.

Rietschel is currently a judge with the Seattle Municipal Court.

"I've been a full time elected judge for 12 years," she said in an interview.

"I have heard over 100 jury trials in the last four years," Rietschel said.

Prior to being elected a judge, Rietschel owned a solo practice from 1988 until 1996. According to her response to the King County Bar Association judicial questionnaire, she represented clients in matters of "juvenile law, criminal law, personal in-



Rietschel

jury, consumer bankruptcy, domestic partnerships, adoptions, wills, estates, and probate."

From 1980 until 1988 she was a public defender in Seattle. She was also an associate with the law firm Hafer, Cassidy, and Price in 1980, and was a juvenile project attorney for Institutional Legal Services between 1977 and 1979.

"I have an expertise in law respecting the rights of young people," she said.

"Judges aren't supposed to make the law. Judges do have to interpret the law sometimes, when the legislature isn't clear, but if the legislature makes a law, and you don't like it, tough luck," Rietschel said.

"The idea is that nobody is all powerful," she said.

Lady T-Birds prepare for NWAACCs

By Liz Phillips
Staff Reporter

A loss for Highline's women's soccer team is helping the team prepare for playoffs.

Highline lost to Skagit Valley 3-1 last Saturday. Skagit Valley is currently tied for third in the North Division for the NWAACC. Even with a loss Highline is still currently in second for the West Division, with Tacoma just barely trailing in third.

"It was a playoff type atmosphere since Skagit had to win to keep themselves in the running for the playoffs. They are currently tied for Third and are hoping to get in that bottom spot. This was by far the most aggressive and physical team we have played all year," Head Coach Tom Moore said.

From the second the whistle blew Skagit Valley played hard and rough. Skagit's first goal was scored within the first minute of the game. Bryana Manchester, was the first to score. Eleven minutes later Skagit's Stephanie Deboer scored again.

With the score 2-0, Skagit Valley, they scored again five minutes later. Alicia Siva, shot and scored.

"No one was marking back or marking their man tight enough," Highline goalie Ivanca Frerichs said.

After about 15 minutes of pushing and cheap plays, Highline had had enough. At the 28-minute mark Highline's Andrea Erdahl received the ball from Brittany McKay. Erdahl pushed the ball up the field and scored Highline's one and only goal of the game.

At the half Moore encouraged the women to keep playing hard, to play up to their level and beyond it, Frerichs said.

"We took the beating for 45 (minutes) before dishing it back



Ivanca Frerichs

out," Moore said.

Going into the second half the girls fought back. The girls began communicating offensively and defensively Ivanca Frerichs said. The passes got better and there were a lot of great shots that just missed the frame of the goal.

Although no more goals were scored and the women lost, the game was not in vain. Playing a tough team like this helps prepare for future games against tough and physical teams, Frerichs and Moore each said.

Yesterday, Oct. 30, Highline played the North Division's first place team, Bellevue. This was a big game for Highline, Frerichs was extremely pumped for this game, she said beforehand.

"The Bellevue game is huge. I know the girls are pumped and have been itching to get to this game for a while, which honestly may have hurt us in the last game overlooking Skagit to get to Bellevue," Moore said.

Last time Highline played Bellevue the game ended with a tie, 2-2. The results for this game were unavailable at press-time.

Some things mentioned the team needs to work on before playoffs is communicating in a positive way, winning high

balls, and marking up good and tight on their marks.

"When we have chances we must finish them no questions asked. Every game is big from here on out. These are all games that are getting us prepared for playoffs. I may kick around the lineup a little to see if we can make certain switches during playoff games to help us," Moore said.

"Our offense has started to come alive in the last few weeks producing more goals and opportunities each game. Consistency is something we need when playoffs come," Moore said

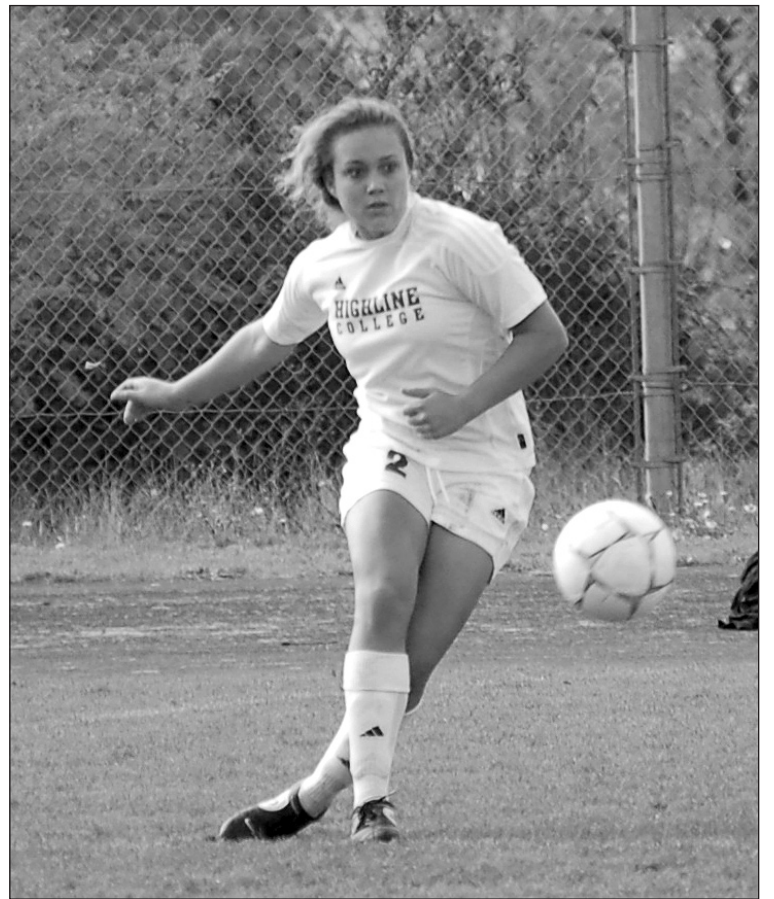
Some positive points for Highline is that they finally have the numbers they need, which makes it possible for players to know each others strengths and weaknesses. This helped the girls to bond and work more as a team, Frerichs said.

"Having numbers definitely helps...the girls are getting used to what each other are going to do during games and we are very close to peaking at the right time for playoffs," Moore said.

Some of the changes Moore might be making would be to the line-up.

"I would say our most consistent player all year has been Brittany McKay. I would like to move her up the field and get her involved. It will take some determination on the part of our team since she is so reliable back there, but I think we have the players that can rise to the occasion if need be and make it happen," Moore said.

Highline gets the weekend off with a bye. Upcoming for Highline is their game Nov. 5 against Shoreline. The game is at Shoreline and will start at 1 p.m. Shoreline is currently in first place for the North Division.



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Whitney Lynch has played soccer all over the world

Lynch does what's needed

By Sara Lentz
Staff Reporter

Whitney Lynch has done some improvising on the soccer field this year.

The Highline's women's soccer team started the season with only enough women to play a game without using any substitutes. This meant that many of the women couldn't always play a position that they were particularly familiar with.

With the lack of women on the field, Lynch had to pick up some slack and play the position of goalie until a new recruit would take that over later in the season

Now Lynch is playing her original position as forward and wearing the No. 2. Lynch got her start when she was only 9.

"It was one of the sports they offered on the Navy base my stepdad was stationed at in Japan," Lynch said. Since Japan, Lynch has also gone on to play in a few other countries.

She got to spend her freshman through junior years playing in Sicily. Lynch graduated from Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way in '07 and came to Highline that following fall.

Halfway through her sophomore season, Highline's record is 8-4-5, putting them in second place in the West Division standings.

"It is going well and it's a lot nicer starting every game with 13 girls," Lynch said.

As to what she expects of the rest of the season, "We should keep the winning streak we have going, and make

it to NWAACC's," Lynch said.

Women's soccer coach Tom Moore said he is very proud to have Lynch on his team. "I enjoy her as a person on and off the field. She is a very determined young woman and brings a light hearted personality that breaks up even the most serious of conflicts," Moore said.

This season holds a lot of memories for all of the players. "My best memory this season would be my first goal of the season against Bellevue that I made, which tied up the game," Lynch said.

Lynch still looks at how she can improve her game. "I need to work on not hesitating and going for it when needed" Lynch said.

At the same she knows what she does well. "I like my finishing and scoring goals," Lynch said.

During the off season, Lynch still keeps busy on the field. "I played in the all European tournament and then on a co-ed team at Starfire," said Lynch.

Coach Moore has nothing but good things to say about Lynch. "I'm very proud of Whitney to have put herself in position to play again this year. Sometimes it's tough to continue playing your sophomore year and she made it a priority which has been great for the team and for her," Moore said.

Lynch also played wing for Highline's women's basketball last winter.

She said she is unsure of whether or not she will play this coming season.

After obtaining her associate's degree, Lynch said she plans on joining the Air Force and continuing with her travels.



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Highline's Korinne Goudey attacking the ball at their game against Skagit Valley

SHOOTING FOR GOLD

Highline's Giovaninni aiming toward national title

By Joshua K. Hauck
Staff Reporter

Marshall Giovaninni hates being second.

In the state tournament as a 4A high school wrestler he hated being second.

And after losing this last season in the national finals, he especially hates being second.

To put it simply, Giovaninni wants to be No. 1.

"I'm just pissed off. I don't feel that I accomplished anything because I'm not the champion," Giovaninni said.

Giovaninni wants more than anything to be the national title holder at the 157 pound weight class this year.

Especially when you're the No. 1 ranked NJCAA wrestler in the nation for the upcoming season.

"I've put in a hell of a lot of work just to get second. I just want No. 1," said Giovaninni.

He started his wrestling career at the age of 5. However, Giovaninni stopped because he lost interest until he was 11 years old.

It was about this time that his father steered him back to the mat.

"My dad was an All-American wrestler at Pacific Lutheran

University. Although he pushed me back into it, he never wanted me to live up to him," said Giovaninni. "He just let me wrestle."

Giovaninni took part in club wrestling at the ages of 11 and 12.

From there he went on to compete in middle school wrestling until partaking at the high school level where he got second in state.

Other than losing his final match that year, he didn't feel challenged.

"High school was a joke compared to Highline," said Giovaninni. "It didn't even prepare me for state that year."

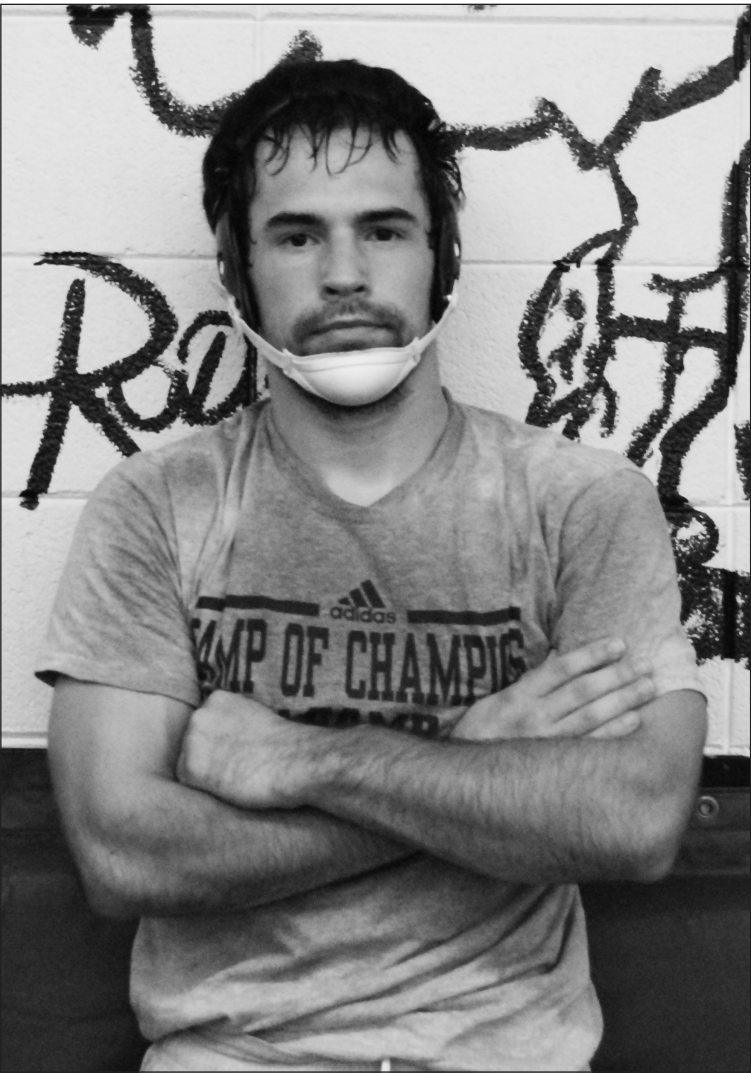
He then went on to wrestle at Boise State University after graduating from Rogers High School.

But being three months out of shoulder surgery from a tear at senior nationals, what seemed to be a simple task developed into an uphill battle.

"I wanted to wrestle Division I, but it basically becomes a job at that level. It consumes your life," Giovaninni said.

So he left Boise State and returned home to his long-time girlfriend and supportive family.

"I have an awesome support



Ami Nguyen/THUNDERBIRD

Marshall Giovaninni is ranked No. 1 in the nation this season.

system at home. They come to every meet," Giovaninni said.

With his mother playing the role of a nutritionist at home, making sure he ate the right stuff and his father paying for what was left of tuition, everything else seemed to fall into place, he said.

"They make it real easy for me, I just get to focus on school and wrestling," Giovaninni said.

Intending to get his associate of science degree with a major in geology, he came to Highline. "I just showed up," Giovaninni

said.

But he did much more than just that.

In the 2007-2008 season he had a record of 30-1, which didn't come easy, he said.

"You have to be here every day, even weekend practices," Giovaninni said.

Occasionally, to conclude the weekends he would take bike rides to the nearest park, where he would finish lap after lap, often taking the long way home.

Then frequently working on technique with his father on the mat in their downstairs wrestling room.

A day without some sort of training or practice for Giovaninni is unheard of. "A day without wrestling, now that's an irregular day," he said.

As confident as Giovaninni may be about taking the gold this year, he isn't the only one who believes he can do it.

"He's goal-oriented. He's always the hardest worker. He's going to do whatever it takes to be [in the finals]," said Assistant Coach Brad Luvass. "Marshall

has taken every step to redeem himself from last year."

But in the offseason, this road to redemption was contested by yet another injury.

Giovaninni took a nasty tumble onto some rocks when crossing a river while hiking with his girlfriend this past spring. The result was another surgery, this time repairing his torn meniscus.

With his biggest challenge thus far being the ability to fight through the injuries, taking time to rehabilitate wasn't anything new.

"Some people say that if you stop wrestling there's no coming back," Giovaninni said. "Wrestling is such a huge part of my life, there was no way I was going to stop."

The coaching staff believes his success is a product of his dedication and drive.

"He's just tenacious. He's hungry. He wants that title bad," Luvass said.

Although Giovaninni may have more determination compared to his competition, he attributes his record of 30-1 success to something else.

"My strength [on the mat] is my conditioning," he said. "It definitely is superior to others."

Along with a well-timed double leg takedown, which he deems to be another reason for getting to last year's final.

One wouldn't be doing Giovaninni the justice by plainly describing him an incredible individual. Coaches believe him to be the epitome of a team captain.

"He leads by example, always doing everything first. You couldn't ask for anything more in a team captain," Luvass said.

Giovaninni's first match will be in the Yakima Duel on Nov. 7 at Yakima and he's feeling extremely confident about this season. Highline's first home meet will be the preceding Yakima Duel on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

"I got surgery on my knee so I'm feeling better than ever. The surgery on my shoulder has only made it stronger," he said. And with more talented people in the wrestling room, it only makes you tougher."

Scoreboard

Women's Volleyball				South Division			
North Division				Chem.	6-0	1.000	36-0
League/Pts/Season				Clack.	5-2	.714	32-11
Edmonds	9-0	1.000	31-6	SWOre.	5-2	.714	17-12
Whatcom	7-2	.778	17-20	Linn-B.	2-5	.286	10-27
Bellevue	6-2	.750	16-14	Umpqua	2-5	.286	8-20
Sk.Valley	3-5	.375	12-11	Mt.Hood	1-7	.125	7-21
Shoreline	2-6	.250	8-25	Men's soccer standings			
Everett	2-7	.222	6-17	North Division			
Olympic	1-8	.111	3-27	League/Pts/Season			
East Division				Whatcom	7-3-4	25	7-3-4
Wa.Walla	9-1	.900	25-8	Edmonds	6-8-1	19	6-8-1
Col.Basin	8-2	.800	22-15	Shoreline	5-5-4	19	5-5-4
Tr.Valley	6-5	.545	32-12	Everett	4-10-2	14	4-10-2
W.Valley	6-5	.545	25-15	Sk.Valley	1-12-1	4	1-12-1
Spokane	5-5	.500	25-18	East Division			
BlueMT.	5-5	.500	12-19	W.Valley	11-0-3	36	12-1-3
BigBend	2-8	.200	7-17	Wa.Walla	11-3-1	34	12-3-2
Yak.Valley	0-10	.000	1-28	Spokane	9-5-1	28	9-7-2
West Division				Col.Basin	7-7-1	22	7-7-1
Pierce	7-2	.778	20-8	Tr.Valley	6-5-4	22	6-5-4
Gr.River	7-2	.778	18-15	West Division			
Tacoma	6-2	.750	23-14	Highline	12-0-3	39	12-1-3
Clark	6-3	.667	18-15	Bellevue	11-1-2	35	11-1-2
Highline	4-4	.500	22-16	Peninsula	8-3-3	27	8-5-3
Lo.Col.	4-5	.444	13-11	Tacoma	7-6-3	24	7-6-3
GraysHarbor	1-8	.111	1-20	Olympic	0-13-1	1	0-13-1
Centralia	0-9	.000	3-26	South Division			
				Chem.	7-2-6	27	9-2-6

Clark	6-7-2	20	6-8-3
Pierce	3-10-1	10	3-10-1
SWOre.	2-11-2	8	2-11-2
S.PSound	1-13-1	4	1-13-1

Women's soccer			
North Division			
League/Pts/Season			
Shoreline	15-0-1	46	15-0-1
Whatcom	11-4-1	34	11-4-1
Edmonds	8-7-1	25	8-7-1
Sk.Valley	7-5-4	25	7-5-4
Everett	2-14-1	7	2-16-1

EastDivision			
Wa.Walla	17-0-0	51	19-0-0
Col.Basin	11-3-3	36	11-3-3
Tr.Valley	12-5-0	36	12-5-0
W.Valley	5-8-3	18	5-8-3
Yak.Valley	2-10-4	10	2-10-4
Spokane	2-12-3	9	3-13-3

West Division			
Bellevue	11-2-3	36	11-2-3
Highline	8-4-5	29	8-4-5
Tacoma	8-5-4	28	8-5-4
Olympic	4-10-2	14	4-10-2
Gr.River	3-12-2	11	3-12-2
Lo.Columbia	1-15-0	3	2-16-0

South Division			
Clack.	11-4-2	35	11-5-3
Lane	7-4-6	27	8-4-6
Clark	6-7-2	20	6-7-2
Chem.	4-11-3	15	4-11-3
SWOre.	2-15-0	6	3-15-0



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Lady T-Birds stay in the hunt for final playoff seed

By Brian Grove
Staff Reporter

Highline had to play well this week in order to stay in contention for the playoffs.

And play well they did, going 2-1, beating Pierce and Tacoma, while losing to Green River.

Highline is still one place out of making it into the NWAACCs for the West Division, behind Tacoma.

The Lady T-Birds began the second half of their volleyball season, Oct. 22, against Pierce.

With Highline ranked fifth in the West Division, and Pierce first, the Lady T-Birds were looking for a big upset. And what an upset they got.

The first game was a little rocky for Highline, but they were able to come out on top, besting Pierce 25-22.

The next two games, Highline looked smooth and fluid, beating Pierce 25-17 and 25-17 to win the match 3-0.

Highline’s Leticia Colon and Shannyn Fisher had 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Colon also had 3 blocks. Adriana Aukusitino had another 26 assists and 12 digs, while Stephanie Rojas had 10 digs.

Coupled with the fact that Pierce had defeated Highline in their first meeting, coming back



Liviu Bird/THUNDERWORD

Highline’s Brittany Menard spikes the ball past Pierce defenders.

from a 0-2 game deficit to take the match in five games and Pierce being in the top-spot of the West Division, the Lady T-Birds were very happy to get a win.

“It’s exciting, because this

game starts the most important half of the season. It’s a good start to keep the ball rolling, we’ve learned from our mistakes, and we’ve worked hard to correct them,” said Highline’s defensive specialist, Melissa

Kinimaka.

“What really helps us is when we are all talking and being louder than the other team. It intimidates them. Our captains really picked us up after the close first game,” she continued.

Head Coach Chris Littleman was also proud of his players.

“The first time we played them, we won the first two games and then lost the next three. The stat sheet says we should have won. It’s a good way to start off the second half of the season,” Littleman said.

Next, Highline battled second place rival Green River on the road.

Highline had not beaten the Gators on the road in three years. Unfortunately, Oct. 24, the Lady T-Birds made it four, falling to Green River in four games, 25-23, 25-19, 16-25, and 25-22. This loss put Highline a game and a half behind fourth-place Clark.

Highline was led by Colon and Rojas with 13 and 12 kills respectively. Aukusitino had another 39 assists. Amanda Harker racked up 21 digs while Brittany Menard recorded 12 and Colon had 4 blocks.

Highline Assistant Coach John Littleman said Highline got behind against the Gators

and couldn’t bounce back.

“We had a really good first game and we fought hard, but we still lost. We were a little disappointed going into the second game and we lost that one too. We came back in the third game, and the fourth was close, but we didn’t win,” Assistant-Coach John Littleman said.

Highline played Tacoma Monday night at home.

They won in four games, 25-22, 25-21, 17-25, and 26-24.

Aukusitino had 34 assists, while Colon and Paula Miles contributed 14 and 10 kills, respectively. Menard had 12 digs, and Colon had 6 blocks, while Aukusitino had 4.

Despite losing to Green River, beating Tacoma makes Highline’s playoff bid that much more tangible.

“I think we are good. We still have our destiny in our own hands. The team has to play with passion and they have to keep their heads up,” said Assistant Coach John Littleman.

Highline played third-place Clark on Wednesday, Oct. 29, with results unavailable at press time. The Lady T-Birds will play in a tournament this weekend, and will play at Lower Columbia on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

T-Bird cross country team is ready to go the distance

By Joshua K. Hauck
Staff Reporter

Cross country participated in the North Region Championships on Oct. 25 at Bellingham this past Saturday. Highline concluded the meet with a men’s third and women’s forth place finishes.

Since this was the last meet before the NWAACC championships, coaches used this race to gauge how well the Thunderbirds have been doing. With improved placement from both the men and women, Head Coach Josh Baker is eager for their last race.

“We are excited for NWAACCs,” Bakersaid. “We’ll be tapering now, which means they’ll rest more so they’ll be fresh and recovered for their final race of the year.”

Attending the North Region Championships this past Saturday were rivals Bellevue, Everett, Green River, Skagit Valley-and Whatcom.

Everett took first place in the men’s 8k race led by Yon Yilma, a freshman, who came in first with a time of 25:57.

The men’s team came in with a third place finish. Ryan Eidsmoe was the first Highline runner to come through the finish line with an 11th place finish in 27:21.

Colby Peters was the next Thunderbird to finish in 13th with a time of 27:41.

“Colby Peters came up with a huge run this Saturday. He has missed most of the past two weeks with illness,” Baker said. “I was shocked to see him fly out of the woods finishing as our second runner.”

Following him with back-to-back finishes were Abdi Hassan and Kevin Clancy in 16th and 17th, with concluding times of 27:58 and 28:03.

In 19th place was JP Strozewski with a 28:10 finish. John Hurlburt was the next Highline runner to conclude the race, with a time of 28:51 in 27th place.

Nathan Tutison finished the race in 31st with a time of 29:42. In 33rd was Bill MacDonald with a 29:55 finish.

Concluding the day for the men’s squad was Jeff Eaton with a time of 32:01 in 41st place.

Although a third place fin-

ish was in store for the men at the regional race, Coach Baker wasn’t upset with the outcome.

“Our athletes have done a great job for us. They have established the momentum we need to be a championship program. All five of our men’s scorers on Saturday should be back next year.”

These five consisted of Hassan, Peters, Strozewski, Clancy and Eidsmoe.

Highline ended up taking the fourth place finish in the overall. Not all was lost, though: there were some surprises in store for the Lady Thunderbirds.

“Anna Resendiz was fantastic. She set her personal record last week on a very fast course,” Baker said. “She broke that time this week on a much more challenging course. Amazing.”

Livia Mahaffie and Kim Barney ended up with the 15th and 16th place finishes in 21:17 and 21:24.

Finishing consecutively were the remaining three Highline runners.

Catherine Nalley came in 27th with a time of 28:15. Concluding the race with the 28th

and 29th places in times of 28:28 and 28:44 were Michelle Esbenshade and Gracie Eder.

With the season coming to a close, Baker is satisfied with his team’s performance thus far.

“I am extremely grateful to those who have run for us this year. It is a special experience to be a part of a team,” Baker said. The cross country team’s

final meet will be on Nov. 4th at the NWAACC championship race at Battle Ground, Wash.

The championship race will be last for Highline’s John Hurlburt and Kim Barney, who are sophomores this year.

“They work hard and know how to have fun,” Baker said.

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Able and willing

Highline programs help students overcome variety of challenges

By Sidney Pacampara
Staff Reporter

When a Highline student needs help – courses designed for their needs, assistive technology or a leg-up in employment – there are people on campus able to assist.

Highline has many programs that serve the disabled community. Each case is different among students so each program is different in how they accommodate the many types of disabilities students have at Highline.

“In society, diversity is recognized as multiculturalism, race, gender, sexuality, and religion, but disability is noticeably absent,” Tammy Merrill said. “Here at Highline this isn’t so.”

Merrill is the program manager of Employment Services for the Community and Employment Services. The department is located in Building 99 and directly helps students with disabilities.

“We strictly deal with the issues, supporting and accommodating their needs and interests,” said Judy Perry, executive director of the Community and Employment Services.

Community and Employment Services offers a program called Access Services that as-

sists students directly inside the classroom and around campus. They offer many services that include sign language interpreters and assistive technology. If a student has a class that is not accessible for them, then Access Services will help with the scheduling of the class so it is in a more reachable part of the building.

“Students tell us what they need; we facilitate,” Perry said.

What is offered from Access Services comes from what the students self-disclose. In spring of 2008, 144 students identified as having a disability, but the actual number is higher.

“There is always a higher number. It is important for people to self-disclose, but we do not want to pressure people,” Merrill said.

Along with helping students within classroom and campus, Community and Employment Services directly supports students with employment training and opportunities, and eventually places them within businesses. Training consists of matching the skills and interests of the student with a related job opportunity.

“We are partnered with dozens of businesses. There are businesses that have currently, and are interested in, serving



our students,” Merrill said.

Merrill says that some of the essential skills that Community of Employment Services works on are soft skills. Soft skills are not directly related to the same skills of business training but are skills that include how to dress for the workplace and how to ride the bus.

“These are important skills that, unfortunately, are not taught to everyone,” Perry said.

Students can also enroll in Achieve, another program within Community and Employment Services.

This is different from making accommodations within the classes of Highline. The program offers different courses that are designed to better suit the needs of students with learning disabilities. The classes they offer help students transition into credited programs and

also help build and train for a career path.

Two students who find this very helpful are John Manns and Sabrina Severson. Manns has attended Highline for two years and this is Severson’s first quarter here.

“I love Highline. It’s really fun and chill,” Severson said.

“Highline is chill. I’ve always liked going here,” Manns said.

Both are part of the Achieve program and say Highline accommodates the disabled community very well. The mixture of learning styles that the Achieve courses have available is one thing Severson says is very helpful and makes an impact.

“There is a lot of support with issues from executive staff to IT (Instructional Technology),” Perry said.

Perry says that the staff, from administration on down, have supported these efforts of building an inclusive community for the disabled.

“Disability is part of the natural human experience. It brings challenges but also adds to the richness of diversity here at Highline,” Merrill said.

Because of the support from everyone at Highline, the Community and Employment Services have been able to collaborate with different departments of Highline. This leads to more resources for helping out the disabled.

An example of this is the celebration and observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month during October. For the whole month of Oct., Highline has been making an effort to recognize the month with the purpose of gaining awareness and educating people on issues dealing with the disabled, as well as giving time to celebrate their accomplishments and contributions.

There have been many events and activities, all sponsored by Community and Employment Services, the library, the Humanities Department, and many other departments.

Events that happened earlier this month included a disability history timeline exhibit, the showing of the movie Music Within and the theatrical documentary Not Just Ramps.

The month’s events will end with the showing of the movie *Murderball* on Friday, Oct. 31.

For more information on Community and Employment Services and all of their programs, visit the website <http://flightline.highline.edu/ces/>.

Student reopens campus food bank

By Jessica Malfitana
Staff Reporter

The food bank at Highline has re-opened for the first time since Winter Quarter of 2007.

The food bank is now called INGU, named by student leader Juliette Hecker as an abbreviation of “I never give up.”

“We helped more than 150 families the first time we had the food bank open,” said Jessica Neilson, faculty adviser of the food bank.

The food bank is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and is located in Building 23, first floor, in a converted electrical closet on the west side.

Hecker, this year’s student leader, says one reason they decided to start the food bank was because “we have students here at Highline trying to make it through school, working part-time, and raising their family at the same time. And the econo-

my in this area is very expensive.”

Hecker’s life experiences led her to want to help others. She moved to Washington from Oakland, Calif. with just her kids in order to flee a bad situation.

She didn’t bring anything with her, “and there were times I did not know how I was going to make ends meet,” Hecker said. “So I just wanted to help others who are in the same situation as me - just trying to make it.”

At this time the food bank only has three volunteers and Hecker is looking to recruit more.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer you can do so by contacting Neilson at jneilson@highline.edu with a request for more information.

“We like students who can offer a one-hour period of time weekly,” Neilson said.

The Highline food bank is sponsored by the Des Moines

Food Bank. If you are interested in making a donation, you can do so either here at Highline or at the Des Moines location at 22225 9th Ave. S.

At Highline, the food bank offers food to anyone who requests it; there is no need to show proof of income or student status.

“We don’t want to get into a situation where people are discouraged from getting food because they have to show all kinds of proof of identify and income, so we make it very simple to get food,” said Neilson.

“I am very excited I get to be a part of something that might make a difference for just one person and make life easier. I know I have struggled in my life and just want to extend my hand to anyone I can who might need a little help,” Hecker said.

Vote Nov. 4

Women’s basketball raises money for breast cancer

The Highline women’s basketball team will once again play a faculty and staff squad to raise money for breast cancer.

The game will take place Nov. 14 in Highline’s Pavilion, at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The team and Women’s Programs will be selling T-Bird/ breast cancer ribbon T-shirts.

All of the proceeds will be donated to the Seattle branch of the Komen foundation.

The T-shirts are being donated by Highline’s Athletic Director John Dunn.

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Graphics program hopes to increase enrollment

By Eric Noble
Staff Reporter

The Highline Graphics Production Program had a big year last year, and they hope to make this year even better.

Last year, headed by Highline professor Tony Sittner, the program netted 19 awards at three separate competitions. The program also managed to gain approval for a new five-color printing press, which was installed at the beginning of this month.

According to Sittner, the program is meant to teach students about the printing industry and the various jobs that come with it. These include Electronic Pre-print, preparing computer files for print, and learning to work printing machines.

They do all of the printing for the campus. Other clients include the Seattle Choral Company, the Keynan Womens Calendar and Green River Community College. All other clients are brought to them by word of mouth, Sittner said.

The program offers to give



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Chas Dowd, left, helps a few students at a production work table.

help to those seeking work in the industry by giving them something for students' resumes.

If a student stays with the program for two years, the student acquires a two-year associate of applied sciences degree. One year with the program gets the student a one-year certificate. For those wanting to work

in specialized courses, the program offers a 15-credit certificate, Sittner said.

While there was a large surge in enrollment last year, Sittner wouldn't mind even more students to join.

"We hope to increase our enrollment," he said.

Currently, 30 students are en-

rolled in the program, 15 printing students and 15 digital photography students, but Sittner said they could use more.

"We would probably like to see another 10 print students," he said.

Students interested in the program have to be dedicated and realize the importance of

the work, Sittner said.

"We want them to apply themselves when they're here," he said.

To gain the skills needed, students have to behave responsibly.

"It's to their benefit to do that," he said.

The students must produce work that meets commercial quality standards. Sittner knows what those standards are, as he has worked in the printing industry for 35 years before coming to teach at Highline. He has managed three businesses in the state of Washington, Idaho, and California, he said.

The program wins the awards it does because the Graphics Production Program is not only an educational outlet, but is also a commercial business as well, Sittner said.

In fact, it is this system that helps support the program. The money they earn from their clients goes to paying for the program, which suits Sittner just fine.

"It seems to work out pretty well," he said.

GSA club reaches out to educate other students on acceptance

By Jessica Lovin
Staff Reporter

Whether gay, straight, lesbian or bisexual, this club will accept anyone as who they are.

The Highline GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) Club gets together to help students understand GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transvestite, queer) communities.

Many students may be confused about what the word "gay" actually means, so the GSA Club focuses on teaching the concept for them to understand more clearly.

Not everyone in the GSA is actually gay: there are also straight people who are just interested in learning about the different communities.

"We help people understand their power, and help them learn to accept themselves," said Karl Hay, GSA acting president.

"[A gay] could be a male who is attracted to the same sex," said Hay, "but humans are complex. So, there is no stable answer. It is always a spectrum."

Last year, the GSA went to a leadership retreat held in Oregon, which had several workshops focused on teaching more about the different communities.

"[The retreat] actually helped [us] become more familiar with the GLBTW communities overall. It taught about queers in the career field, and how they are



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Karl Hay is the acting president of the GSA Club at Highline.

treated," said Bethany Johnson, GSA member.

"Instead of what classes like sex ed usually teaches you, like about birth control and anatomy and reproduction, [the retreat] taught us about stuff more in depth, like safer ways to have sex, and how to protect yourself."

Last year, the GSA held a drag queen performance on campus to help celebrate diversity at Highline.

"Some people might believe negative rumors they hear about us, but next thing you know, they were enjoying the show and had a drag queen sitting on their lap," said Johnson.

The GSA is proud that Highline participates in the "Safe Zone" sticker, a nationwide accepted symbol that teachers can put on their classroom windows to represent that the given room is in fact, a safe zone. If a sticker is posted, it means that anyone can come into the room to talk to an adviser guilt-free about any of the different communities.

At a typical club meeting, the GSA plays different games, has ice breakers, and talks about issues anyone is going through.

"It brings people together and is a place to meet new friends," Johnson said.

The Highline GSA also offers

a free friend-to-friend counseling service for anyone who is in need of advice.

"We like to promote diversity, and give knowledge if [one] has any questions about the GLBTQ communities," said Hay.

Overall, Highline respects the GSA, and has helped promote it on a positive note, members said.

However, there is still a portion of the society that looks at the communities in a different way.

"Many people don't want to associate [with gays] because of negative rumors they hear about. They think [being gay] is wrong and abnormal," said Hay.

"But actually, we are very tolerant, and open to everyone."

GSA members say they wish that the society could be more open-minded, but nevertheless, Highline has made a great impact by offering the 'Safe Zone' stickers.

The GSA is always looking for new members.

"Just drop in. There are no requirements to join, just show up, have a good time, and be open minded," said Johnson.

If interested, contact Acting President Karl Hay at Laoboikarl@yahoo.com, or 206-853-9078. The club meets Fridays on the third floor of the Student Union in room 301.

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T-shirts tell stories of pain, recovery

By Aaron Raj
Staff Reporter

T-shirts along the walls of Building 6 tell the stories of people that were abused in their relationships.

Women's Programs held the annual Clothesline Project for Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The project was held on Tuesday, Oct. 28 and Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 6 in the lobby entrance of Women's Programs.

This event was an interactive workshop where students and staff could go to make t-shirts that express experiences they have gone through regarding domestic violence.



Krystal Starwich (left) and guests paint T-shirts at the Clothesline Project in Building 6.

It was also a chance to come in and ask questions about domestic violence.

DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network) was at the event to help with answering questions that students and staff had.

Highline's Clothesline Project has been around for nearly a decade, said Krystal Starwich of DAWN.

"It's a good way to get people to realize what's going on in the community," Starwich said.

"My mother is a survivor of domestic violence, so I know a little about the experiences. I've been with DAWN for three years, and this project lets me help survivors and answer their questions," said Starwich.

DAWN also provided resources for students by having

handouts available.

"One handout we have is a Power and Control Wheel. The wheel shows ways people use their power to control a relationship and abuse the other person," said Starwich.

Another handout was the Red Flag Indicator of Abusive Behavior. The handout was a list of warning signs that may indicate abusive behaviors that

lead to domestic violence.

The shirts on display have pictures and/or descriptions about people that have suffered domestic violence. The shirts are color coded to show the forms of abuse and whether the victim survived the abuse they experienced.

White represents women who died because of violence.

Beige represents battered or assaulted women.

Red, pink, and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual assault.

Blue and green T-shirts represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse.

Purple and lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation.

Black is for women attacked for political reasons.

"The Clothesline Project makes me feel empowered because I can be an advocate and help send a message," said Crystal Rodriguez, a student and staff member at Highline.

Rodriguez said there was a point where she was also not in a healthy relationship.

"I know a lot of people that have been abused through domestic violence. When I make these T-shirts I have them in mind," said Rodriguez.

City of Des Moines wants your art

By Eric Noble
Staff Reporter

In honor of its 50th anniversary, the city of Des Moines is inviting artists to submit ideas to be used for a logo for their celebration — for free.

Specifications include that the logo must contain the city's name and the words "50th Birthday."

"Other than that, it's just up to the imagination," said Sue Bowman, executive assistant to the city manager.

Des Moines was founded in 1949.

Entries must either be submitted as hand-drawn examples, or in jpeg or tiff electronic format, 800 x 600 resolution.

Other specifications include that the entry must be turned in with the entry form, available

online at www.desmoineswa.gov.

Anyone of any age can submit an idea, but those under 18 years old will need written parental permission to enter. All entries will then become the property of the city of Des Moines.

All entries will be inspected by the Des Moines Arts Commission, said Lorri Ericson, assistant city manager. The Commission will then decide the winner.

The winner will then have their entry reproduced on banners, pins, and perhaps even hats.

The reward is "basically the recognition of your logo being used," Ericson said.

The deadline for entries is Nov 3, 2008. They can either be emailed to the Arts Commission

at 50thbirthday@desmoineswa.gov, or mailed to Des Moines 50th Birthday Logo Contest at 21630 11th Ave. S., Suite A, Des Moines, WA 98198

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Noted author Debrena Jackson Gandy will lead a workshop on the Transformative Power of Self Care and Inner Renewal, today at 11 a.m. in Building 8, Mt. Skokomish room.

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board of the symphony in Federal Way.

“For years, I have been involved in putting on Festival Days, which used to be called Family Fest, and that brings a lot of people into town,” Reid said. “As a volunteer always, you just keep looking for opportunities to work for your community and that’s what I’ve done.”

Reid says her children attended community college in the Spokane area.

Her eldest daughter, Liz, earned a degree from the University of Washington, and she now lives in the Federal Way area.

“Currently, my grandson is taking classes at Highline while he works full-time for Costco,” Reid said.

She is very appreciative of the provisions community colleges are able to offer those in need.

“I just think that the community college system is a blessing for families because it’s readily available to students in communities,” Reid said.

She added, “I think of the community college system as being accessible and affordable.



Barbara Reid

Students can stay home [and take online classes or] live at home and go to school.”

“It really gives them a chance and it accelerates their career life because with those job skills, they’re a leg up on their career,” Reid said.

She admits that her knowledge of Highline is still lacking as to what may need work and assessing troubled areas within the college’s facility and its programs.

“I don’t know what the needs are; yet, I know what the missions and the goals are and I know that [president] Jack Birmingham has been doing a lot of outreach for students from other countries,” Reid said.

“But I don’t know, for instance, if there is an exchange student program where Highline sends a student to another country and receives students that live with the families.”

“My job right now, having just been appointed, is to find out what the situation is at the school, what its aspirations are, [and] what the principles know that they’re doing well,” she said.

Reid said she greatly esteems students who are taking classes on the side to improve their careers.

“I also think very highly of the people who are working full careers to come back to school for special classes enhancing their computer skills or if they’re in graphics design and so on, keeping up to speed with graphics design classes,” she said.

“It’s a school you can drop into and make great gains personally and professionally,” Reid said.

She believes that Highline has a vital educational role to play both in and of the classroom.

“I look to college to do more than provide an environment for education. I think it’s a place where you find an environment

for free and open thinking, and can debate a discussion over coffee and over lunch,” Reid said. “It would be nice to know that the students are receiving an education beyond the classroom; I feel pretty strongly about that.”

“I learned as much from my fellow students standing out in the hall talking or going to events with them as I did in the classroom,” she said.

“I think that sometimes young people get on campuses that are so large that they’re so isolated and they’re not involved and they never involve themselves in what is going on in the school or taking advantage of the opportunities that are there,” Reid said.

Reid is a native of Toronto and attended the Ontario College of Art for four years.

She married an American medical student who was in Toronto doing his studies.

They eventually moved to the Spokane area where they raised their children.

She got a job through a friend as a continuity director to write commercials for KREM T.V. and radio in Spokane.

Reid says she’s a natural writer, which comes from being a “voracious reader” as she

puts it. She was surrounded by books in the house where she grew up.

She also did some freelancing for a Seattle agency on some major accounts such as Adams Peanut Butter and Pacific Pearl.

She later entered the Seattle job market working for a company called Jet Equipment and Tool, which was a private label international industrial equipment and tool company.

Reid eventually ended up working for Boeing as a corporate communication and design project planner and worked there until she retired.

She says she’s still amazed that she was ever hired as a writer when it had never been her goal early on in her life.

“What I learned is that your career [is] as your life evolves; you don’t bring to the table immediately that you graduate from school,” Reid said.

She realizes that the process of learning is a job that takes a lifetime.

“Life requires that you keep on learning and have fun doing it,” Reid said.

“So, if I had a message it would be, learn all, all the days of your life, because it keeps your mind alive and keeps you busy.”

Pool

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it is not properly sized for competition.

Although the city has no real desire to close the pool, it may be inevitable.

Kaplan said Des Moines is facing a projected \$2.6 million deficit for 2009, and he estimated Mount Rainier Pool is in need of repairs that may exceed \$1 million.

In response to rumors of the pool’s closing, pool users in the community went to the Des Moines City Council meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 to express their disdain.

“There is a great deal of interest from various groups to keep the pool open,” Kaplan said. “They were swinging from the rafters on Thursday night – that’s for sure.”

After the meeting on Thursday, the Des Moines City Council met for an emergency budget meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25 to discuss the projected 2009 deficit.

“As it stands today, the only thing there was a consensus on was operating the pool through

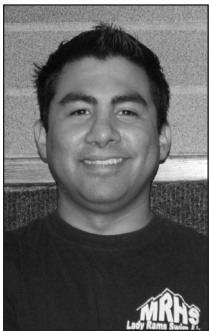
the end of 2009,” Kaplan said. “It’s anybody’s guess beyond that.”

One of the groups interested in keeping the pool open is the Mount Rainier High School swimming and diving team. Third-year Head Coach Omar Crowder said he has about 50 swimmers each on the boys and girls teams.

“We pride ourselves on making this sport as accessible as possible for students,” Crowder said. “If we move off-site, numbers will go down incredibly.”

If the Mount Rainier Pool closes, the high school team will have to move daily practices to Federal Way High School. That means getting school buses to run swimmers back and forth every day, which would get expensive for the school very quickly, Crowder said.

Instead of using the Federal Way High School pool, Mount Rainier could use the YMCA



Omar Crowder

pool.

However, because the pool is not properly sized and has a limited number of lanes, there would be as many as 12 swimmers in each lane, which is dangerous and not conducive to a good workout.

Also, the YMCA pool does not have plans for a diving section, which would eliminate that part of the team completely, Crowder said.

Mount Rainier Pool Manager Ken Spencer said the pool gets a lot of use.

He estimates there are 80,000 individual visits to the pool per year, along with frequent rentals by the Federal Way Masters and King Aquatics swim clubs.

There were also four 2008 Olympians training at Mount Rainier Pool.

“[This is] much bigger than the Mount Rainier swim team,” Spencer said. “The damage done to the community [by closing the pool] would be much greater than the cost of maintaining the pool.”

Spencer called the pool one of the only community resources in Des Moines, and said it brings many people together.

“It’s probably the only place

where you can [bring together] people who don’t know anything about water, and Olympic athletes,” Spencer said.

Spencer said it costs approximately \$300,000 a year to operate Mount Rainier Pool, but when the number is compared to other unnamed pools that are hemorrhaging money, the cost is minimal.

“Despite the fact that it’s expensive, we do a very efficient job in keeping it open,” Spencer said.

Pool employee and recent Seattle Pacific graduate Melina

Lambuth has spent much of her life at Mount Rainier Pool.

She took swim lessons and competed for King Aquatics at the pool, and has worked there for the past three and a half years.

The pool offers water aerobics, lap swimming, swim lessons and open swims. Closing the pool would affect all age groups and swimming ability levels, Lambuth said.

“Such a varying spectrum of people come through the doors,” Lambuth said. “It would be a huge loss to the community.”

Election Survey

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change. Republicans been running this country for so long, so now I think it is time for a Democratic president,” said Molly Goering.

“I’m voting for Barack

Obama because McCain’s plan of attack sounds like Bush. I want to bring the troops home because I have family overseas in the war and I think Obama will do just that,” said Ashley Baerny.

“I’m voting for Barack Obama because he has a better

platform on economy, a better approach on issues, and he is more responsible to the needs of the working class,” said Terry Nuzzo.

“I’m voting for John McCain because he has a lot of experience and he is very pro-life,” said Brenda Hilton.

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