

THE Highline Community College Thunderword

I-1033 ballot placement raises concerns

By **NICHOLAS McCOY**
Staff Reporter

Controversial state Initiative 1033 has been difficult for some voters to find due to its placement on the King County ballot.

I-1033 would substantially limit the state's ability to raise taxes, making spending outside of annually adjusted limits possible only through voter approval.

Those in favor of the initiative say that it will cut taxes, while the opposition campaign warns that it will harm the state.

Ballots were mailed out on Oct. 14 in King County. I-1033 is located in the first column on the ballot, at the very bottom of the page, underneath the voting instructions.

"We've been contacted by people who have been unable to find 1033, or forgot to vote on it," said Scott Whiteaker, the communications director for the No on I-1033 campaign.

"My understanding is that 1033 is first on the ballot, and because of that it was placed underneath the instructions," he said.

"We are sending out e-mails, mailers, and we sent out a robo-call. We're trying to make sure everybody knows where it's located on the ballot, and exercise their vote on this very serious issue which will affect community colleges and cities very deeply," Whiteaker said.

Megan Coppersmith, the spokeswoman for King County Elections, said that the placement on the ballot is dictated by state law. It prioritizes state items first on the ballot, and then it works down to local elections.

"Our ballots are built several months before the election takes place," she said, which works to ensure that the ballots going out across the state are the same size.

"Those state measures will always fall first on the ballot," Coppersmith said.

She said that voters should have no trouble finding the

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U.S. Navy sailors help with disaster relief, above. The waves washed a boat into a store, far right.



Tsunami in Samoa reaches Highline

Disaster that struck islands echoes for Highline students

By **BRIANNA HOLT**
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Staff Reporters

Highline students of Samoan ancestry say that relatives report that Samoa is recovering slowly from the tsunami that hit the islands in late September.

The islands in and around Samoa were hit with an 8.0 earthquake that generated a series of tsunami 15-20 feet high, hitting the islands at 6:48 p.m. Sept. 29.

Tsunami are a series of seismic waves, generated by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and under water landslides. These waves can travel over several hundred miles, reaching speeds of up to 300 mph, and can reach

up to 100 feet tall.

The devastation of the tsunami extended from the shores of Samoa to the Highline campus. Many Highline students were affected by the Tsunami, as they tried to reach friends, family and loved ones in Samoa.

Highline student and president of the Pacific Islander club, Inalei Savini, was anxious to hear from her aunts and uncles.

"I felt very emotional as well as worried," said Savini. "I tried to keep a positive thought on whether my family was still alive or not."

She eventually was able to get through to her family and no one was hurt or injured. "I felt happy. When you think positive, regardless what happens, things will come out positive," said Savini.

Highline student Winnie Sefilino also said she was worried about her family.



"Most of my family is there," said Sefilino. "At first I was really scared because I couldn't talk to my mom. I wanted to hear her voice."

She went home early that day to find out if her brother had gotten a hold of any of their family; he said he had heard from their mother but the phones got disconnected shortly after.

"I was happy, but I wanted to hear my mom's voice to make sure everything was OK," said Sefilino.

Later that day she again heard from her mother and found that

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Parking fees vary in price

Nearby schools charge less for parking and more for tuition

By **CHRIS WELLS**
Staff Reporter

Parking fees aren't universal among local colleges.

Out of all the local schools - Highline, Green River, Tacoma and Bellevue - Highline is the only school that has an official parking fee.

Parking fees however aren't the only difference in price as tuition fees are also different depending on the school.

The parking fee at Highline goes into paying for the parking maintenance fund, which helps to employ security officers and covers parking lot and road maintenance costs.

At Green River, the parking fee is part of the tuition expenses and costs only \$20, compared



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A shuttle is used at Green River to help students get to school.

to the \$46 at Highline.

The \$20 that Green River students are paying goes to paying for their parking and maintenance fund says John Ramsey, Green River's director of public information.

"We have a parking fund that we use to pay for the operation of the security office, maintenance of road parking and bus passes."

Another difference at Green River is the parking citation fees.

Green River, unlike Highline, doesn't feature a set cost for a parking violation. For their first citation, ranging anything from parking in a staff spot, fire lane, no parking area, carpool area or speeding, there is a \$10 fee en-

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Weekend Weather



Rainy on Friday, mostly cloudy on Saturday, chance of showers on Sunday.

Crime and Punishment



Man’s knife was too short for an escort

Security received a call from the library reporting a man with a knife. Security discovered a legal one inch pocketknife on him. No further action was taken.

Strange man stalks Highline student

A student called Security to report being followed by a suspicious male on campus. The incident happened on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Security advised her to call from a security phone on campus if it happened again. She was also asked to give a statement regarding the incident.

Crowded lot leads to illegal student parking

A female student returning to her car after class discovered she was boxed in by another vehicle. Although her car was legally parked, the vehicle had illegally parked directly behind her, making it impossible to leave. The illegally parked student was contacted in class and told to move his car. A citation was issued.

Bagel burner causes building evacuation

Someone in the Administration Technology department was cooking a bagel in the microwave when it started burning and smoking, setting off the fire alarms. Building 26 was evacuated by Security on Wednesday, Oct. 29 due to a possible fire. The fire department arrived at 8:15 a.m. to investigate. The building was then cleared and classes were able to resume.

Ex-Chartwell’s cook asked to leave kitchen

A former cook for Chartwell’s was involved in a confrontation with his ex-boss in the Union Café of Building 8. The two got into an argument and the former chef was told “to leave the building now.” Security took statements from both parties after the incident.

--Compiled by Eric Moehrl

Ski trip deadline Friday for students

By PAUL PARK
Staff Reporter

Join the International Leadership Student Council for a Ski Trip to Whistler, Canada, during winter break. The group will depart in a deluxe bus on Friday, Dec. 11 and come back on Sunday, Dec. 13. Students will have to ask the council leadership members for the meeting place and time for

the departure date. “The maximum amount of people that can attend is 36,” said Sandra Bonifield, office assistant of International Student Programs. “So far six people have signed up,” Bonifield said. People on the trip will be staying at a hotel for the two nights. For a group of four people, the room price will be \$299 per each person, \$325 for

each person for a group of three, and \$375 for each person for a group of two people. It will cost \$80 for a two-day rental package for either ski or board. It will cost an additional \$30 for a two-day rental and a beginner lesson. Transportation will be free, but all other activities and necessities will have to be brought by the students. Food will not be provided on the trip.

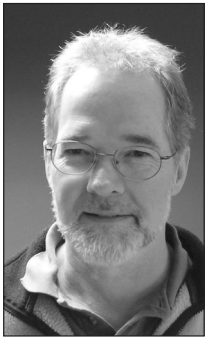
Sign up and pay at the International Student Programs office, located on the fifth floor of the Highline Library. Full payment and waivers are due by this Friday, Oct. 23 and payments can only be made with checks. International students will need to meet with the adviser of the trip to confirm that they have a valid visa in order to go to Canada.



News Briefs

Huber moves up

Two Highline employees are getting new jobs. John Huber will serve as the new Interim Director of Workforce Development Services. Huber has previously served as the Director of Worker Retraining, helping thousands of students at Highline reach their educational goals. He said his goal is to build on the good relationships between the Workforce Development staff, Highline colleagues and agency partners to help Workforce Development students accomplish their educational goals find living wage jobs. Also, Kelsey Anderson will be the Interim Funding Advisor for Working Retraining. Anderson has been working as a program assistant in Workforce Development. Anderson has an associate degree in Graphic Design and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wash-



Huber

ington in Social Welfare.

Breast cancer walk is ongoing success

Highline raised \$600 in this year’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in downtown Bellevue. On Oct. 4, faculty, staff and students from Highline walked with family and friends to support the American Cancer Society’s eighth annual walk for the cure against breast cancer. Nine different Highline staff members walked the five kilometer non-competitive walk together. As a whole, everyone who participated at this event raised \$173,796. Each year, Highline sets a goal to raise \$1,000 for this event. Donations continue and have not ended yet. You can go online and donate now to help Highline reach its goal at <http://mainacsevent.org/goto/highlinecollege>.

Wanted: bilingual students who text

Students who are multilingual in both Spanish and English may be in luck. The Federal Way Multi-Service Center is looking for five students who speak both Spanish and English that are between the ages of 18-29 and have texting plans on their phones. This will be for a Public

Health interview to measure something about whether this form of communication is helpful in service delivery. Students who participate will receive a \$25 gift certificate. For more information, contact Annette Coder at 253-835-7678, ext. 106.

Non-students commit artistic fraud

Someone is claiming to raise funds for Highline’s Art Department, but the money isn’t coming to Highline. Apparently, people posing as Highline art students are soliciting donations. People are painting addresses on street curbs for donations that will go toward the Art Department at Highline. Reported cases have taken place in Seattle, Burien and Renton. If you wish to properly donate to Highline you are able to do it through the HCC Foundation, which can be found at www.funds4highline.org or by calling

206-870-3774. For local residents who would like to verify a fund-raiser, call 206-870-3705 for more information.

Educational advisers think Out of the Box

The Educational Planning and Advising Center will host an event to show what services they offer to students, staff, and faculty. The “Out of the Box” event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8. Faculty also are invited to present information about new classes for Winter Quarter at the event.

Correction

In the Oct. 8 edition of the Thunderword, in the Latino Awareness Month story, the United Latino Association was incorrectly identified. The Day of the Dead will take place on Nov. 3 and 4 in Building 8.

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For more information about co-ops, these jobs and more, log on to www.myinterfase.com/highline/student

Employers are still recruiting despite economy

By **KANDI CARLSON**
Staff Reporter

Some Highline students are finding it difficult to find flexible employment while others see little point in even looking.

According to the Washington Employment Security Department the unemployment rate in King County is 8.8 percent. Statewide the unemployment rate is 9.3 percent.

In the midst of such high unemployment rates, some employers are still hiring.

Last Thursday employers were trying to sell themselves to job seekers in Building 8. It was a slow start but the event picked up momentum as more students and interested job seekers began showing up.

Phoenix Protective Services was one of the first to set up on Thursday.

"This company is looking for applicants with two years experience or more or military experience," said Greg Werre, uniformed guard manager.

Highline student Krystal Rios was among those looking at their information.

During these hard times any job will do, she said. "I am just looking for any job really," Rios said.

Phoenix Protective Services provides loss prevention teams in stores, at fairs and for executive and VIP protection, Werre said.

Verizon Wireless was among those hiring immediately for its customer service center located in Bellevue. Wages start at \$14.60 an hour. Verizon has full-time positions available and offers benefits from the first day of work.

Shawn Coulter is a mother of four who has been looking for work for nearly eight months now. Coulter was invited to the job fair by a Highline student.

"I am receiving unemployment but that does not even



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Greg Werre talks to a prospective employee about working for Phoenix Protective Services, a security firm.

come close to covering the bills," she said.

Coulter said she has been applying for every job she may even remotely be eligible for. "I spoke to several employers here and plan on applying as soon as I get home," she said.

Student Candace Charlie noticed that Macy's was at the job fair. She went to their website and applied for one of the 200 seasonal jobs currently being offered.

"I am a restaurant manager eight months out of the year and am looking for seasonal work to make up the difference," she said.

She explained that her job search has been "OK." She has

recently returned to Highline to work on her GED and uses the computers in Employment Services in Building 6.

Macy's is currently offering seasonal jobs for its Southcenter and Federal Way stores. "Interviews will be held within the next couple of weeks," Macy's representative Rachel Warren said. Wages vary by store but the average starting rate is between \$9 -10 an hour.

Chelsea Thompson was not interested in attending because she has a job. "My income has literally been cut in half since last February," she said.

Thompson, who is working on an associate of applied science degree, said there is not

much out there. "It's not even worth looking for another job," she said.

Thompson did not attend the event but Tusi Isoefa did. Isoefa said she has a job as a cashier at a gas station. She attended the job fair "looking for a job in an office, something with a desk," she said.

Highline student Martinique Walker is looking for extra hours.

"The job fair was not that interesting to me, but only because the employers were not that interesting to me," she said.

Walker said she finds most of her job leads from her friends and Craigslist. "It has been hard finding a job with a flex-

ible schedule that allows me to attend classes," she said.

For students who have found flexibility in their work schedule, finding time for homework has been a challenge.

Highline student Theresa Wright works the graveyard shift in the spares division of Boeing.

There is not a lot of down time at work but she does what she can on her 40 minute lunch break, Wright said.

"I try to complete the upcoming daily assignments on the weekend prior to class as there is very little wiggle room during the week," she said.

Reporter Joanna Woods contributed to this story.

Visiting professor says her experience has been positive

By **DYLAN FEELEY**
Staff Reporter

Highline's newest Lilly is blossoming far from home.

Li Sui, who goes by Lilly, is a visiting teacher from Shanghai Jiaotong University in China. She will be on campus for a year.

Originally from the Shaanxi Province in northeast China, Sui now lives and works in Shanghai. Sui received her bachelor's degree in the English language and culture from Beijing Foreign Studies University. She also attended Shanghai Jiaotong University, where she got her master's degree in linguistics.

At home in Shanghai, Sui

teaches English language and culture, so she is excited for this learning experience. Sui is teaching the Chinese language and culture here on campus.

Teaching at Highline is a great opportunity to personally experience American culture, Sui said. That will enable her to better teach her students in Shanghai, she said.

The diversity on campus came as a surprise since she is not used to it at her university. Sui said she is impressed that the administration works to maintain such a diverse college.

What also surprised Sui were the students on campus. They have been polite, disciplined, and eager to learn. Sui said the

students here are much better than she expected. However, she does not find there to be any significant differences between students here and in Shanghai.

The biggest difference from Shanghai is that people here seem to have a better sense of "social responsibility," Sui said. She said people back home are so busy and in a rush that they appear indifferent.

In contrast to back home, she finds the general public here to be friendly and more willing to help. For example, Sui visited Highline a week before Fall Quarter started and was approached by people on campus. They were very nice, asking if she needed help or directions.



Li Sui

Sui's colleagues at Highline are also friendly, giving her rides, inviting her to coffee, and she even went to one colleague's home for Labor Day.

"They take care of me very

well," Sui said.

Sui said she appreciates such kindness since this is her first time in the U.S. and the transition to a new environment can be hard. Being so far from her husband and daughter is the most difficult part for her, Sui said.

A helping hand has also been extended to Sui by Kathleen Hasselblad, director of international programs and grants. Hasselblad picked Sui up from the airport, settled her into an apartment, and has assisted Sui with her overall transition here.

So far Sui said she enjoys life at Highline because of the differences between the cultures and how friendly everyone is.

Editorial comment

Give the bookstore a break

A favorite pastime of college students is complaining about their bookstore.

As we mentioned in a story in last week’s Thunderword, students are caught in the middle of a battle between book sellers and publishers. This applies all over the country, not just at Highline.

Textbook prices are not the bookstore’s fault. The sellers set the prices, and college bookstores have to remain viable, so they have to keep up with the current prices.

Any excess revenue that comes from these sales will go to the college, at least in Highline’s case. Our bookstore doesn’t make a profit from students because all of the money it may make goes right back into the budget.

Of course, students will always buy from the cheapest place possible, which often turns out to be the internet.

The risk of doing this is some bookstores will be driven out of business completely. A college bookstore’s existence is based on selling textbooks to their students, and if students all go to online vendors, bookstores won’t have any reason to stay open.

Campus jobs are an important source of supplemental income for students in school. They are convenient, right on campus, and hard to come by, with only a few available.

Losing the bookstore would mean even fewer on-campus jobs for students.

There is some merit in going to the bookstore and getting a textbook directly and being able to ask questions.

Bookstore employees will know which books match up to each class and which edition students should buy.

However, big online booksellers won’t be able to answer questions that pertain only to one college’s classes.

If students order the wrong book, the slow process of returning the book, ordering and receiving the correct one will take much longer than going to the bookstore and exchanging it.

College bookstores also usually only sell the books that are needed for classes, so the chance of buying the wrong one is slim.

The bookstore does an important job on any campus. The Highline bookstore is useful and doesn’t get enough credit.

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If I eat too much cheese in the morning, I get a headache.

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Porn shouldn’t come before studying

Recently I was in the Highline library, printing Power Point slides for my class when I turned around to see naked women sprawled out across a very public computer screen.

A man had situated himself in the area right across from the printer station as he looked at pornography.

The man looked to be around 40 years old, had bloodshot eyes and appeared to be either drunk or at least up for a couple of days.

This is an area where students, some of whom are minors, wait for their documents to print.

This is a higher learning institution.

Highline has some of the highest enrollment numbers in years. Many are Running Start students from local high schools.

Students are literally lined up or roaming around the computers, waiting for one to become available so they can complete required research or type assignments.

This man is meeting his need to look at naked woman as these students wait to use a computer and complete their assignments.

Shouldn’t those individuals who are paying thousands of dollars to attend this school be able to use the computers in the way they are intended to be used?

As I stood there for what seemed like forever, I finally couldn’t take any more, as I noticed him look at me and back at the screen.

I finally went to a librarian, letting her know this man was looking pornography in full view of the other students.

The librarian shook her head and said simply that the library is open to the public and there was nothing she could do.

I found this very upsetting. As I looked around, I saw a sea of young faces waiting for an opportunity to use a machine



Commentary
Kandi Carlson

they pay to use.

I found it very unfair that this man could, for an unlimited amount of time, sit at this machine and look at pornography.

I took matters into my own hands.

As I walked by the man to pick up my papers at the printer, I paused and in no uncertain terms, shared my feelings.

The man got up and walked out of the library. He was smart enough to avoid eye contact with me as he did.

The King County Libraries are also open to the public. Patrons there are not banned from watching pornography.

The King County Library has policies that allow for everyone to be comfortable and for everyone to have a chance to use the computers.

If an individual is uncomfortable with what is being viewed by their neighbor, they can speak with the librarian and something will be done.

According to the reference librarian of the Burien branch, they will work with both individuals to make them comfortable.

This may include moving one of the patrons to another location, one less exposed to public viewing.

That means that I can protect my minor daughter from seeing this type of material. I do not feel that someone else has the right to force me to have to explain to my child what that material is, let alone what the individuals are doing to one another.

How is it I pay thousands of dollars in books and tuition and do not have the same right at

Highline? There are also time constraints for patrons of the King County library.

Patrons are permitted one hour a day on the computer. This allows everyone a chance to use a computer.

Highline has no such policy. That’s a positive thing in the sense that research and typing may take more than an hour.

But I think it would be fair to the “public” if they were allowed one hour just like they are at all other public libraries within King County.

Non-students are guests at our institution.

We pay money to be able to use our library and the tools within it.

Certainly we have the right to limit their time that has nothing do with getting an education.

I don’t think limiting their time would be unfair.

Sometimes, Kandi isn’t so sweet.

Write to us

The Thunderword invites letters and guest commentary from members of the campus community.

You could write a letter to the editor to express your opinion about something happening on campus, locally, or even something happening nationally.

Tell us your name and include your relationship with the college.

Include whether you are a student, member of the staff, a member of the faculty, or other.

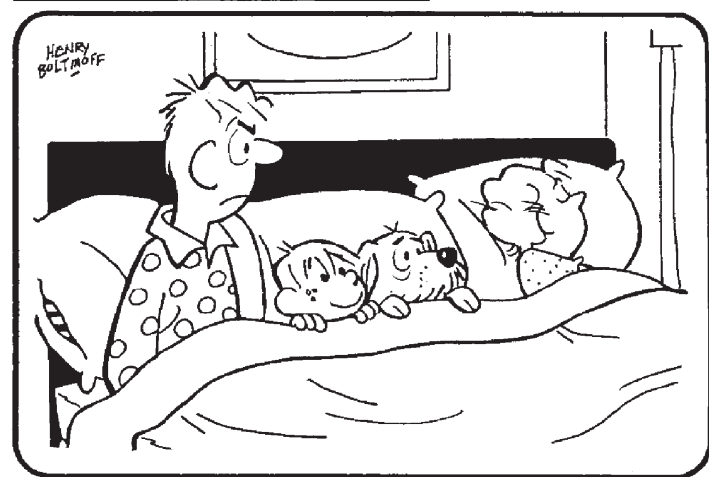
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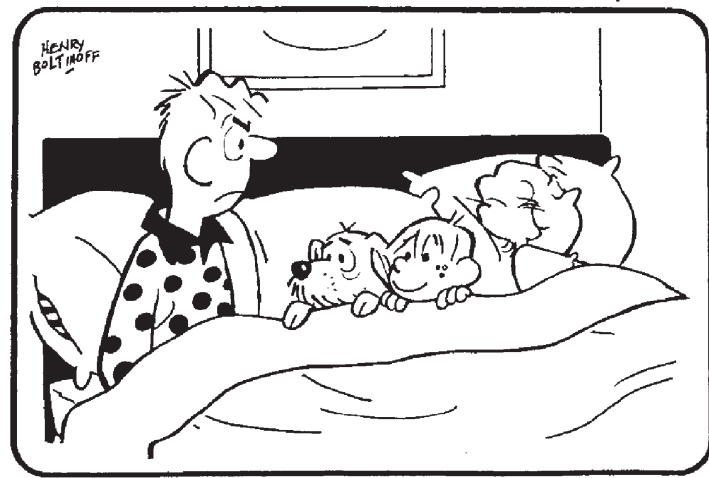
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy and dog have switched places. 2. Woman's nightgown is different. 3. Curtain is missing. 4. Pajamas are different. 5. Sheet is wider. 6. Picture is different.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: How many lakes are in the North American Great Lake chain?
- ARTS: What was choreographer George Balanchine's native country?
- RELIGION: What is the formal name of the Quakers?
- TELEVISION: What high school did Richie Cunningham attend in the sitcom *Happy Days*?
- MOVIES: What baseball movie introduced the character of *Wild Thing*?
- LAW: Who is the current chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
- AD SLOGANS: What kind of candy "melts in your mouth, not in your hands"?

- ANATOMY: Where is the parietal bone located in the human body?
- MATH: How many minutes are in a day?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol of the zodiac sign Cancer?

10. The Crab
9. 1,440 (24 hours x 60 minutes)
8. The skull
7. M&Ms
6. John Roberts
- Charlie Sheen
5. *Major League* (Pitcher Rick Vaughn, played by Friends
4. Jefferson High
3. Religious Society of
2. Russia
1. Five (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior)

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Arts Calendar

•Northwest Symphony Orchestra presents its Family Concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, at the Highline Performing Arts Center. Selections will include *Carmen Fantasy*, Pablo de Sarasate, with student soloist Maya Cohon; *The Accursed Huntsman*, Cesar Franck; *Ruler of the Spirits*, Carl Maria von Weber; *Zampa Overture*, Ferdinand Herold; *Overture for Home*, Kimberley Blanchard; and *Prince Igor Overture*, Alexan-

Last week's Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Head Starts

Across

1. Storybook elephant

6. Rain cats and dogs

10. Big name in speakers

14. Nice school

15. "Anything ____?"

16. WWII troop carriers

17. Brook catch

18. Runners carry it

19. Good poker draws

20. Spicy condiment

22. Chaplin prop

23. Classic car

24. Ohio's "rubber city"

25. Big name in small planes

29. Praises

32. Trails

33. Tenth grader

37. Singer Guthrie

38. Gymnasium fixtures

39. Sacred image: Var.

40. Some are made in 24A

42. Pound occupant

43. Lawn tool

44. Bogie war flick

45. Night sights

48. Do one's part

49. Locks in a salon?

50. Sun soaker's furniture

57. Guesstimate words

58. Cheerful tune

59. Start of a conclusion

60. Shirt style

61. Charlie's Angels, e.g.

62. Like a horse or lion

63. Tulip part

64. Detected

65. Bouquets

Down

1. One of Alcott's "little women"

2. Prefix with phobia

3. Sack

4. Grad

5. Election data

6. Marinara alternative

7. Earthenware pot

8. Addict

9. Comedian Foxx

10. Professional forger?

11. Grouchy Muppet

12. Sec'y, often

13. Krupp Works city

21. Yellow, for one

24. Big fuss

25. Tax pros, briefly

26. Pull down

27. D-Day invasion town

28. Bathing place

29. Easy runner

30. Mimics

31. Pause fillers

33. Ticked off

34. Gumbo vegetable

35. Sound from a bowl

36. New age Irish singer

38. 18-wheeler

41. QBs' successes

42. Armstrong's nickname

44. MIT, for one

45. Mall units

46. Fortuneteller's card

47. Supermarket section

48. Follow, as advice

50. Deli orders

51. Emerald Isle

52. "I cannot tell ____"

53. Word that can follow the first word in 20A, 50A, 10D and 28 D

54. Cornerstone word

55. Bakery worker

56. Cincinnati nine

By Ed Canty

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Last week's crossword solution

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e-mail lsparlin@juno.com for more information. •The Waterland Music Series returns to Des Moines with three concerts, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 17 with jazz guitarist Michael Powers.

Presented by the Des Moines Arts Commission, Powers plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Highline Lecture Hall, Building 7. Tickets are \$30 for the entire series, \$15 per show

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Mitchell offers acting experience to fall production

By **COURTNEY SANKEY**
Staff Reporter

From a military background, Brandon Mitchell comes front and center as Paul in Highline's Drama Department fall production of *Six Degrees of Separation*.

Mitchell was born into a military family. He was born in Germany in a small town outside of Berlin and moved to the United States when he was 5.

"I moved around with my dad a lot," Mitchell said. "There was a lot of bouncing back and bouncing around."

Once Mitchell hit high school, his bouncing around came to a stop.

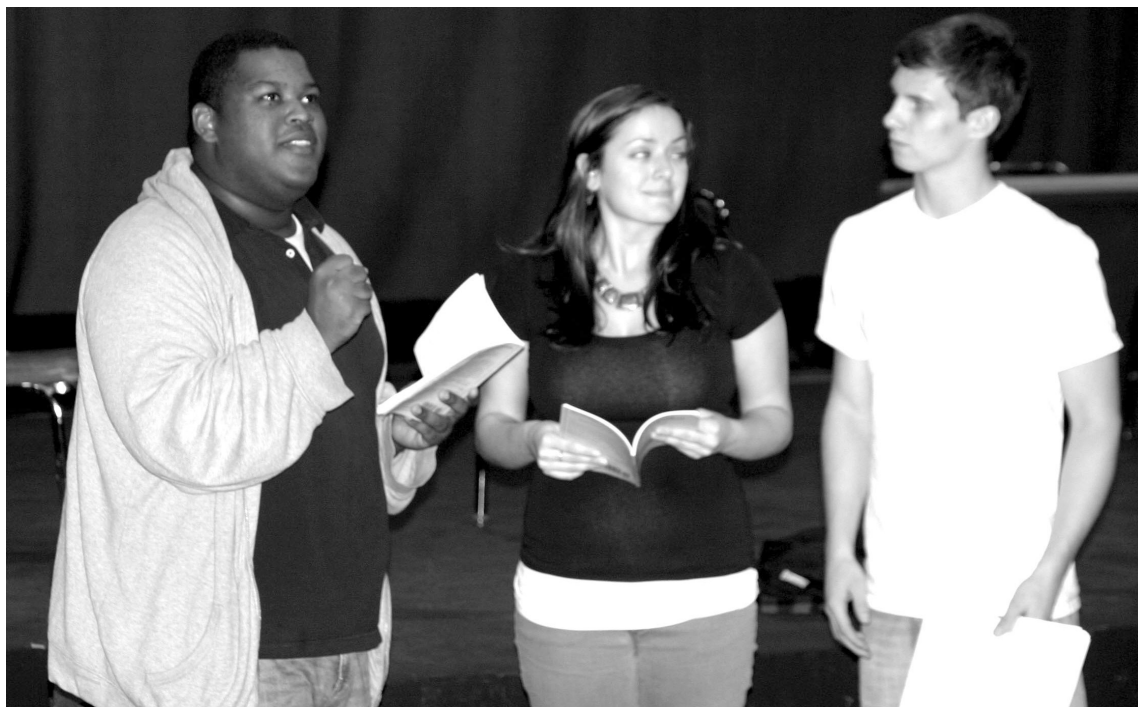
He was finally able to stand still at Decatur High School in Federal Way, which is where he graduated from in June 2008.

However, while he was traveling from elementary school to elementary school, he discovered acting.

"We kind of got the choice of either doing acting or doing orchestra," Mitchell said. "I tried orchestra and about a week later they had auditions for a show. I thought it sounded exciting so I decided to go for that, and I have been acting ever since."

His acting started out slowly, in elementary school, with only one show a year. Once in high school he would do up to four shows a year, ending last year with six shows.

This last year he spent at Mainstage Theater, which is located in Sumner.



William Schlepp/THUNDERWORD

Brandon Mitchell and two fellow actors rehearsing for *Six Degrees of Separation* by John Guare.

"I actually was just online looking at auditions and came across *Tom Sawyer*," Mitchell said. "I saw that it was local and was like 'I guess I'll audition.' I went there, not even knowing that it was a musical and got a part. That was my first show with them."

While acting is his passion and what he wants to pursue, he completed culinary school the year after he graduated high school.

"I don't think I did it because I wanted to, I did it because I didn't know where I was going," Mitchell said. "It just seemed like the natural thing to do. So I went, I graduated and I call that my back up plan."

To date Mitchell has been

in 19 shows, including *Six Degrees*.

"I have done *Aida*, I've done *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *It's a Wonderful Life: The Musical*," Mitchell said. "I have done *Honk* which is a modern take of *The Ugly Duckling*. That one was fun. I have done a lot."

Musical theater is what Mitchell knows best and what he would like to get into when he transfers to a four-year university, though he is unsure as to which school he would like to grace the stage of.

"A lot of people tell me I should go to Central [Washington University] because they have a really good musical theater program," Mitchell said. "But I am really torn between

wanting to go because I like civilization. I like having things close."

On the short list of universities that he is thinking about is the University of Washington and Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

It is up in the air right now but it is something that he is definitely going to do, he said.

Until he transfers to a four-year university he is going to take advantage of the drama program at Highline.

Mitchell is currently the lead in *Six Degrees of Separation* by John Guare. His character's name is Paul and is something different than what Mitchell had played in the past.

"I am used to being the funny

supporting character, that strong supporting character," Mitchell said. "They get the great one liners but never the lead romantic guy, I am the one that's in the back going 'hey that's me.'"

His character cons a family by telling them he is a famous person's son. The story tackles some controversial topics.

"They aren't as much of a concern today," Mitchell said. "It deals with homosexuality and racism. It's different."

Being the only black member of the cast, Mitchell considers it as an honor. Though during the first read through of the show he wondered if he was cast right.

"I felt bad for my fellow cast mates during the first two read throughs," Mitchell said. "I have so much to read and they were looking at me probably thinking 'how the heck did this guy get this role? 'Cause he is stumbling over every single one of his lines.'"

"I was like 'no, no it's fine, everyone sucks at first right?'"

Since then, Mitchell has found his way into the character and is excited to continue on in his first lead role, hoping to take away the fact that he can be more than the funny guy standing in the background.

Six Degrees of Separation will be previewing Thursday, Nov. 18. The run of the show will be Nov. 19-21 with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. and Dec. 3-5 also at 8 p.m. There is a break because of Thanksgiving.

The show can be seen at the Little Theater, in Building 4.

Chorale invited to head to D.C. over Memorial Day Weekend

By **JOANNA WOODS**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Chorale has received an official invitation to the 2010 National Memorial Day Choral Festival in Washington D.C.

This Choral Festival joins choirs from all over the United States to honor Veterans who have served their country in past and present.

Choirs from all over the United States will join on Memorial Day weekend at the John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert is organized and sponsored by Music Celebrations International.

This organization recommends groups to receive official

invitation to exclusive concerts, gives groups access to superior venues and provides publicity for the concerts.

An invitation from Music Celebrations International is only extended to groups who have a previous record of excellence.

Highline's Chorale is directed by Dr. Sandra Glover.

"We have a balanced chorale but it is still in an ensemble stage which means we have 16-18 people," she said.

Students who are in the ensemble have prior experience in vocal performing, many of them plan to continue their education in music and become Choral Directors.

The ensemble consistently produces a high quality of musical literature said Dr. Glover.

Several members have received scholarships through the program allowing them to continue to universities to further their music education.

A trip like this can be costly



Sara Rosario/THUNDERWORD

Members of the Chorale, rehearsing for their upcoming performance, *In Remembrance*, on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

for students and the ensemble has already begun to raise money for it.

"Students pay their way and we do ask student activities for

funds, but not before we have already set out how we're going to help ourselves first," said Dr. Glover.

There are off years where the

Choirs will set aside money in the foundation office for future trips said Dr. Glover.

In this situation there is a lot of self motivation to raise money for this trip said Dr. Glover.

"I have to say I did not ask for leaders, leaders volunteered their services," she said.

The members are actively pursuing fundraisers such as Krispy Crème donut sales as well as decorative wreaths they will be selling for the holidays.

"That's the kind of motivation it takes for a project of this magnitude," she said.

The members of the ensemble plans to focus their attention between now and Memorial Day on raising adequate funds. They will also be working on perfecting their performance for the concert.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10 the ensemble will perform *In Remembrance* by Ellonare Daily at the Veterans Day Memorial Program. Time and location will be announced soon.



Glover

Spend Halloween dancing the night away

By **PAUL PARK**
Staff Reporter

Dance, carve pumpkins, and show off your costumes at the International Leadership Halloween Fest.

The International Leadership Student Council will be hosting a Halloween Fest on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 10 p.m., the event is free for everyone to get in.

The leadership council also hosted this event last year and approximately 250 to 300 people attended, said Eleven Liu, a previous member of the International Leadership Student Council.

The dance is going to be in



International Leadership Student Council
Students from last year's Halloween Dance, posing for a photo.

the Mt. Constance room with music playing from I-Pods and CDs brought by the volunteers.

It is Halloween so costumes are recommended but not mandatory, said Mandy Pai, vol-

unteer bank coordinator of the leadership council

"Wear whatever you want but no breasts, butts, and genitals allowed," Pai said.

There will be a costume contest held on the stage of the first floor from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Contestants will be showing off their costumes on the catwalk and the person with the best costume will receive a secret prize, Pai said.

Students who are interested in the costume contest can sign up at International Student Programs, located on the fifth floor of the Highline Library.

For those that are interested, the changing room will be in the ping pong room during the day

of the event, she said.

The pumpkin carving will also be held in the Student Union.

A hundred pumpkins will be ordered and all the materials will be provided at the event.

You will also be able to store your coats and bags in the Mt. Skokomish room located on the second floor of the Student Union and guarded by volunteers.

Photos can be taken at the photo booth in the Mt. Olympus room but only if the attendees bring their own cameras.

Candy will be provided and there might be water but there will be no food at the dance, Pai said.

Halloween arts calendar promises to entertain and frighten

BY **SARAH DUPRE**
Staff Reporter

There are a variety of different tricks and treats in the greater Seattle area.

•Wild Waves theme park in Federal Way is hosting Fright Fest, featuring two haunted houses and its 30 rides and attractions. Along with free trick-or-treating for the kids, there will also be special Halloween entertainment. Fright Fest is every weekend for all ages.

General Admission tickets are \$35.99 per person, and parking is \$10 per vehicle. For further information, visit www.wildwaves.com/frightfest.aspx

•The Rat City/Jet City Roller girls are hosting a Zombie Dance Party on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in Seattle.

There will be a live DJ, a costume contest, raffles and Roller girls drink specials.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 with a costume and \$10 without a costume. For further information, visit www.ratcity-rollergirls.com

•West Seattle Helpline is having a Halloween masquerade ball on Oct. 29 from 6 p.m. to close at the Feedback Lounge.

There will be a raffle, a costume contest and food and drinks available.

A suggested donation of \$10 benefits West Seattle Helpline. For further information, visit www.feedbacklounge.net

•On Friday Oct. 30, the Museum of Flight becomes the Museum of Fright.

This family friendly event is from 4.-9 p.m. and costs \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth (5-17) and free for kids under 4.

There will be Halloween treats and games as well as educational activities for the whole family.

•The Museum of Flight on Oct. 30, will be hosting a sleepover from 5 p.m. until 9 a.m.



The night at the museum offers a special edition of the "Flying Gizmo Show," a flashlight tour of the WWI and WWII galleries and all of the regular activities included at the Museum of Flight.

There must be one adult for every five children. Youth members of the Museum of Flight cost \$35, adults cost \$15, and Youth non-members cost \$40, adults cost \$20.

For further information, please contact sleepovers@museumofflight.org or www.museumofflight.org/museumoffright

•KBSG Scare House is back in Des Moines on Oct. 25-31 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. A kid friendly hour every day is from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

There will be a Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off contest from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Halloween night from 5 - 9 p.m. there will be a Sleepy Hollow invitational carving.

All of this costs \$7, and parking is free! Events take place at Des Moines Beach Park, 22030 Cliff Ave. S., Des Moines.

•The KUBE93 Haunted House in former Georgetown Morgue is only \$15 regularly, save \$2 on Sundays if you donate three or more cans of food to Food Lifeline. Group rates are available.

This Haunted House is recommended for those over the age of 12. The haunted house is open on Thursday and Sunday,

7 p.m.-Midnight and Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m.-Midnight. For further information, visit www.kube93.com/pages/haunted_house

•A Fun Run will occur on Halloween day to celebrate the spirit of Halloween.

Come in your costume and the best and fastest dressed will win a prize! Registration is from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., the kids fun

run starts at 9:45 a.m., the 5K, 10K and relays start at 10 a.m. Walkers are welcome too. For further information, visit www.magnusonseries.org

•Spooners Farms in Puyallup is another fun and festive Halloween outing.

It features a pumpkin slingshot, five-acre corn maze, you-pick pumpkins and festive concessions.

It is located at 9710 S. R. 162 E., Puyallup, WA.

If you have further questions you can contact them by phone at 253-840-2059, or by email at spoonerkm@aol.com.

Spooners Farms is open daily, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., June-December. But the Halloween festivities end the first of November.

Concessions are only available on weekends.



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T-Bird men's soccer back to winning ways

By **KURTIS LOO**
Staff reporter

The Highline men's soccer team won back-to-back league games for the first time this season against Olympic, 2-0 last week Wednesday and Tacoma, 1-0 on Saturday, Oct 17.

The T-Birds won a physical game against Tacoma with nine yellow cards, four from Highline and five from Tacoma.

Midfielder Lonnie Wells scored a clean-up goal in the 5th minute off a deflected shot from Alex Bresnan.

Highline was able to shut out Tacoma for the remaining 85 minutes.

The T-Birds are now 2-4-3 in league play and 7-6-3 overall. They are third in the West Division.

"After we scored, the game became really tough and physical," Wells said.

The win against Tacoma gave Highline sole possession of third place in the West Division.

Highline ended its drought of four consecutive games without a win and is now on a two-game win streak.

"I think they [the T-Birds] are confident that they won't be outworked and that's helping us win games," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

"I think we needed to lose to get that drive," Wells said.

In the game against Olympic, Wells scored in the 40th minute.

The T-Birds sealed the game when Ahmed Ibrahim scored in the 89th minute.

"The game against Olympic was the turning point of the season," Wells said.

Wells has been stepping up



Bill Schlepp/THUNDERWORD

Highline midfielder Ernan Roman (left) and Alex Bresnan (right) secure the ball from the Olympic players. T-Birds won 2-0.

for the T-Birds, scoring in each of the last two games.

"I've been getting feedback from the coaches and they've been giving me more direction on what I need to do," Wells said.

The men's soccer team will be without two of their starters, Marco Heredia and Alex Bresnan, because they racked up five yellow cards each this season which results in an automatic one game suspension.

Heredia and Bresnan are two of three players in the league who have been suspended due to yellow cards.

Bresnan is tied for second in the league in assists with six.

Prenovost is not worried about two starters being out because he believes that other

players will step up and fill the void.

"Alex and Marco are key players for us and we'll miss them. However one of the reasons we have been playing better lately is because we have been working hard for each other," Prenovost said.

"During a game if someone makes a mistake a teammate is there to help them clean it up. In this case we have a number of players who are anxious for the opportunity to step in and play against Bellevue. We'll be fine," he said.

"We'll miss them but we're confident that other players will step up," Wells said.

The T-Birds are within striking distance of second-place Bellevue, who they will play on

Saturday at Bellevue at 2 p.m. Bellevue is 3-2-3 in league play and 7-4-3 overall.

A win against Bellevue will put them in a tie for second with Bellevue in the West Division.

It will be the second time that Highline will play Bellevue this season.

The two teams tied in their last meeting 1-1 on Sept. 30.

Highline had a bye on Wednesday, which gave them a week to prepare.

"We are taking some time off and getting some rest. This part of the season can become a grind and the mental preparation for games becomes as important as the physical trainings," Prenovost said.

With four games remaining in the season, every game is

crucial for the T-Birds to reach the playoffs as they need to hold off Tacoma, who is three points behind them, to secure a playoff berth. The top three teams of each division will make the playoffs.

Prenovost thinks the T-Birds need to take one game at a time before they consider playoffs.

"I am confident that this team will play well this weekend. That is where our focus needs to be. We still have work to do before we can allow ourselves to worry about the playoffs," Prenovost said.

Highline will play its final home game against Peninsula on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. Peninsula beat Highline 2-1 in the 90th minute the last time they met on Oct. 7.

Women's soccer recovering from loss to Tacoma Titans

By **DEREK HARTWIGSEN**
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's soccer team was shut out by Tacoma, 4-0, this past Saturday, Oct. 17.

The game was played at Highline and was a wet and slippery one.

Highline did a good job giving up only one goal in the first half, but seemed to be worn down in the second half, giving up three goals.

The Lady Thunderbirds have been known for their defense recently, giving up only four goals in their previous five games.

"There were a lot of injuries this week, and our goalkeeper had to call in sick," said Head Coach Tom Moore regarding Saturday's performance.

During this five game stretch, Highline's defense has given up



Kurtis Loo/THUNDERWORD

The Highline women's soccer team prepares for Saturday's game against Bellevue.

the fewest goals in the West Division, at 0.8 goals per game.

The next game is scheduled

for an away game on Saturday, Oct. 24 versus Bellevue at noon.

The women's soccer team had a bye this Wednesday. The bye gives the Lady T-Birds some

time to heal up from injuries and sickness, Moore said.

Bellevue, 3-7-1 overall, is currently the No. 3 team in the west. Their lone tie came when they played Highline.

This is a crucial game for Highline's women if they are to make the playoffs.

"It's really important to either win out, or at least tie the remaining games," Moore said.

The top three teams in each division make the playoffs.

Highline is currently the No. 4 team in the West Division, one game behind Bellevue.

After Bellevue, the Thunderbirds are set to play another west contender, Green River (2-7-0.)

The game will be played on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. at Highline. This will be the final home game of the season.

There are only four games remaining.

Highline volleyball takes second in tournament

BY BRIAN GROVE
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s volleyball team may be beating most of the teams in the NWAACC, but apparently the rest of the league is not impressed.

In the most recent coaches’ poll, Tacoma kept its top rank, while Highline was ranked seventh. This came after Highline skunked the Titans in three games in Tacoma’s own gym.

Highline is still tied for first place in the West Division after defeating Lower Columbia and coming in second place in the Spokane Falls Crossover Tournament.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Highline traveled to Longview to take on the Lower Columbia Red Devils on their home court.

The Lady T-Birds scorched the Red Devils in four games, 25-20, 25-18, 16-25 and 25-15.

Freshmen outside hitters Jennifer Mooth and Ashley Nguyen led the assault for Highline with 15 kills each, while sophomore Paula Miles had six.

Setter Davina Fuiava dominated with 36 assists while Lower Columbia’s setter Lavinia Latu had 23.

Sophomore libero Aleesa Johnson headed up the defense with 16 digs, while Mooth and Miles followed with 13 and 10 respectively.

Although Highline was victorious, the players and coaches both thought they could have played better against the near cellar, 1-5, Red Devils.

Fuiava said Highline should have finished the match quicker.

“It was four, it should have been three,” she said.

“We came out strong the first two games, but we kind of cruised a little in the third. We came back and beat them in the fourth.”

“We played OK,” Highline Head Coach Chris Littleman said.

“Any time we play we get



Brian Grove/THUNDERWORD

T-Bird women and coaches set up a hitting drill after a long weekend of success in Spokane.

better. How much better depends on the effort of the girls.”

Last weekend, Highline went to the east side of the state to participate in the Spokane Falls Crossover Tournament. The tournament took place between Oct. 16 and 17.

Teams participating in the tournament included Shoreline, Big Bend, Green River, Spokane, Linn-Benton, Bellevue and Edmonds.

Other tournaments that took place over the weekend were the Pierce Crossover, Skagit Valley Crossover and the Southwestern Oregon Crossover.

The Lady T-Birds took second place behind Bellevue, going three and one in the tournament and falling only to

Spokane.

Fuiava said although none of the teams they played in the tournament were new competition, it offers a reality check to the little things they needed to work on. She said it’s also good to see that the other teams are getting better as well because it gives them more motivation to play harder.

In the first game of the tournament, Highline squared off against Shoreline, 4-2 in the North Division and beat them in five games, 25-15, 25-20, 21-25, 21-25, and 15-4.

However, in the second game Spokane was quick to snuff out the Lady T-Birds momentum, defeating them in four games, 25-14, 23-25, 25-23 and 25-18.

Spokane is the only team Highline has played but yet to beat in out of league play.

Littleman and Fuiava both said Highline had the ability to beat Spokane, but they didn’t play their best and were plagued by lack of focus.

“I don’t think we played our best, there were outside distractions,” Littleman said.

“We know this and recognized it and we still had the chance to be up two games to one against Spokane. We got beat the first game, beat them the second and should have won the third. We were up 15-6 and let it slip away. It’s nice to beat the top teams and play well,” he said.

“We had a big lead on them

in the third game, but it was just the little things that got us again, biting us in the butt,” Fuiava said.

“We let them back in and you can’t do that against a good team,” she said.

Although the loss to Spokane was disappointing, Littleman said he thought the team played well in the tournament overall and also sheds light on how the team is improving.

“We played well, we got to see some things that we liked,” he said.

“We are spreading the sets around and having success making us a balanced team. Leticia Colon and Whitney Hodge have been working hard at becoming more of threat hitting,” he said.

“We now have five hitters as threats to the other team, while other teams might have three at most. Each girl has one or two things that they can fix each match that will allow us the opportunity to score points.”

In their next two games, Highline defeated Edmonds, 2-4 in the North Division, 25-13, 25-23, 21-25 and 25-17 and Linn-Benton, 2-3 in the South Division, 19-25, 25-16, 25-20 and 25-15.

As well as finishing in second place, freshmen Fuiava and Mooth made the all-tournament team.

Fuiava said she was surprised and gave credit to the rest of her team.

“I was shocked actually,” she said. “I just played, I didn’t feel like I was standing out. It was a blessing nonetheless, but it was my hitters and passers making me look good.”

Highline resumed league play on Wednesday, Oct. 21, when they took on Green River in Auburn at 7 p.m. with results unavailable at press time.

The team’s next match will be against Pierce on Friday Oct. 23, at home at 7 p.m. Pierce is the only division rival to have beaten Highline this season.

Highline cross country finishes last at invitational meet

BY AMANDA LEBEAU
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird cross country team slowed down at the Puget Sound Invitational in Fort Steilacoom, Oct. 17.

The invitational was much smaller than those that the team has been to earlier in the season, consisting of only seven teams in both the men’s eight-kilometer race and the women’s six-kilometer race.

“The smaller meet allows our runners to relax a little bit and they can run at their pace be-

cause they aren’t stuck behind huge packs,” said Head Coach Josh Baker.

Highline was the only community college competing in the meet. They raced Lewis and Clark College, Linfield College, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound, Whitman College and Whitworth University.

The Thunderbirds finished last in both the men’s and women’s race. Whitworth University won both.

Baker said earlier this season that his team is full of new

runners and shouldn’t expect to come in first when competing against four-year colleges. The team focuses on personal records and not on who came in first.

Individuals leading Highline’s men were Ryan Eidsmoe and Colby Peters who finished in 23rd and 41st out of 76 runners total. Eidsmoe finished with a time of 27:55 and Peters with a time of 29:04.

Following them was Cory Richardson, 56th in 30:08; Austin Allen, 58th in 30:16; Paul Huynh, 61st in 30:55; and Na-

than Tustison, 76th in 35:59.

Highline’s women were lead by Ashley Densmore, who finished 53rd out of 94 runners with a time of 25:51. Next to finish was Ashley Hamman, 56th in 25:59; Kalee Cipra, 71st in 27:01; Cassie Barber, 91st in 32:03; Maria Gonzalez, 92nd in 32:03; and Catherine Nalley, 94th in 36:08.

All of the runners added significant amounts of time onto their previous records. The team’s next meet is the Northern Regional Championships on Oct. 31 in Bellingham.

Scoreboard



Men’s soccer standings

West Division

League/Pts/Season

Peninsula	4-2-2	14	8-4-3
Bellevue	3-2-3	12	7-4-3
Highline	2-4-3	9	7-6-3

Women’s soccer standings

West Division

League/Pts/Season

Olympic	4-4-1	13	6-5-1
Tacoma	3-5-0	9	2-5-0
Highline	2-5-2	8	2-8-2

Western Washington lands another T-Bird

By **CHRIS WELLS**
Staff Reporter

Highline basketball player Dan Young, a 6'10" center from Federal Way High School, has verbally committed to play for Western Washington University starting in the 2010-2011 season.

The Bellingham school is a Division II basketball program.

Out of all the schools recruiting him, Young said that Western Washington was the school for him.

"I think it was a good fit as far as the program goes," Young said.

"Over the years they've graduated a lot of their seniors and they have a few guys from Highline currently. They are also losing their big guys and it's a good situation for me to go into," he said.

"I feel like the level of play is one that I can succeed at. It's also a good school academically and I believe I can reach my potential there."

Young, who finished last season with an average of 8 points, 5.57 rebounds and 1.25 blocks per game for the West Division champions, said he has chosen what he wants to major in.

"I'm planning in majoring in business," Young said. "As of right now I am thinking either international business or business marketing."

Highline Head Coach Ché



Bill Schlepp/THUNDERWORD

Highline center Dan Young working hard in practice as they prepare for the regular season.

Dawson said that Young is has a lot of long-term potential.

"I think Dan is going to get better and better as his repetition and his confidence grows," Coach Dawson said.

"He is a little bit behind the curve than where he would like to be at this point, but he works

so hard that he is going to quickly catch up."

The Vikings, who have a

pipeline through Highline with three current players in Derrick Webb, Morris Anderson and Zach Bruce, won a battle for Young's services over schools such as Eastern Washington University, Idaho State University and Southeastern Louisiana University, who all offered scholarships to Young.

Other schools in contact with Young throughout the recruiting process were Texas Christian University, Seattle University, Campbell University and University of California Riverside.

Although Young has only been at Highline for a year and a half, Coach Dawson said that he is a great guy to have around.

"He is an outstanding person and student and should graduate at the end of Winter Quarter. Also he is very conscientious and team-oriented," said Coach Dawson.

"He is very humble and has all of the qualities that you want in a gentleman in our program," he said.

Although Young's foreseeable future after Highline appears to be set, he said there are still goals he has in mind for this year.

"I am looking to have a great experience with my teammates, a lot of fun, be confident and to win the NWAACC title," Young said.

Faculty, women hoop it up for a good cause

By **BRIAN GROVE**
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team will take on the faculty and staff in a game played for a worthy cause.

On Friday, Oct. 23, the Lady T-Birds along with the faculty and staff will participate in the annual charity game to raise money for breast cancer awareness with all donations going to the Susan G. Komen/Puget Sound Fund.

Women's programs and Workfirst advisor/coordinator Jean Monroe said the basketball game has taken place for almost 30 years.

The event typically raises close to \$600 and the proceeds have been going to Susan G. Komen for five years.

Highline Athletic Director John Dunn said the event originally began for a completely different cause.

"It started as a canned food drive and evolved into a breast

cancer event," he said.

"But most of the time it has been an 'ass kicking' by the women's team."

Dunn also said the purpose of the event was breast cancer awareness and not having to use the automated external defibrillator in the gym.

"Our mission is to continue supporting agencies and educate the campus about early detection and it allows Women's Programs staff to continue to refer individuals to these agencies," Monroe said.

Although the game is for charity and doesn't effect any real records, the faculty and staff will still be taking the game seriously.

"Our number one goal is always, 'pain.' If we can embarrass the Women's team, then we will," he said.

The game will be in the pavilion, Building 28 at 1 p.m. Students who come are invited to wear pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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Spirits stores will soon bring liquid cheer

By JON BAKER
Staff Reporter

Liquor stores are coming to a mall near you.

Last week the Washington State Liquor Control Board announced that it will be operating four new liquor stores this holiday season. This is the first time the liquor board has operated holiday gift stores in shopping malls.

The four test locations for this pilot program are Alderwood Mall, Bellis Fair Mall, The Commons at Federal Way, and Pacific Place in Seattle. These locations were selected based on location, proximity to other liquor stores, cost, and size.

All stores will be open seven days a week and hours will vary by location.

Holiday gift stores will carry spirit gift packages and a limited selection of spirits, wine and spirits-based chocolates and eggnog.

Brian Smith, communications director for the liquor board, says that Governor Christine Gregoire has called on all state agencies to find new ways to raise revenue for the state in addition to cutting their budgets.

The liquor board believes that these stores will generate \$3.8 million in additional revenue during the 2009 and 2010 holiday seasons, helping to balance the state budget. Alcohol is taxed at a rate of 47 percent in Washington State.

"This program has been in our long-term business plan for several years," Smith said. "As far as we can tell from our initial research and planning, we are the first state that will be operating holiday stores in shopping malls."

Mike Armstrong, a Highline professor, said that he understands why the state is implementing this plan.

"Half the price of a bottle is tax and that doesn't include the markup on the liquor. It's a huge source of revenue for the state," said Armstrong.

Armstrong also said that the state should be able to meet its goals of raising more revenue with the gift boxes. Having already purchased a gift box as a



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present for someone else, said he sees the value in having a liquor store at the mall.

"It will provide another option for people to find gifts for others. Most people won't pay the premium price for a gift box if they are going to be the ones drinking it," Armstrong said.

Although state is pushing sales towards those looking for gifts, other people are finding a different value in having a liquor store in the mall.

Jordan Bauer, a student at Highline, was thrilled to hear of the new liquor store opening in The Commons.

"Even if it is a little bit more money for the gift box, they will be open later than normal liquor stores," Bauer said. "I'll be able to go on a Friday night and get a bottle after work without rushing or having to make previous plans."

"I won't be shopping for gifts at the store, but I plan on buying for myself there," said Bauer.

Gary Martindale, general manager of The Commons, said

that having a store in the mall will be a positive experience for their customers.

"Liquor stores have been in outdoor shopping centers for a long time and have never been a problem. Now we are just bringing them into enclosed shopping centers," said Martindale.

"The face of enclosed malls is changing and they are becoming more community oriented," said Martindale. "Bringing these stores that are traditionally outdoors inside is a way of providing more options to our customers."

Brian Smith said that the state has been receiving calls from citizens concerned over the potential for these stores to increase the access of alcohol to minors.

"We are very aware of that," said Smith. "We have a dual mission that involves selling liquor and raising revenue, but also to responsibly sell the liquor."

The stores will be taking steps to limit the visual aspects

and branding in the stores. All advertising will be indoor advertising and not on the windows facing into the mall.

Part of the process for choosing stores was that they weren't in close proximity to places people congregate.

"We chose locations in the mall that weren't near food courts or clothing stores that teens frequent," Smith said.

Martindale said that the store will be located in the center of the main concourse near Macy's. Build out on the store is also ahead of schedule and should be completed within the next week, allowing for an early opening.

The liquor control board encourages parents to take time and speak with their children about family expectations about alcohol use.

For more information on the holiday gift stores, visit the liquor board website at www.liq.wa.gov.

Customers are also invited to send comments about the holi-

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Scammers never go away. They just get more creative in their methods of getting you to part with your money. Here's a sampling of current scams to watch out for:

- **Scareware:** Scam software that gets into your computer and makes you believe your machine has a virus. You'll be notified with an urgent popup screen that says you need to download certain anti-virus software immediately or your computer will be in danger. The real danger is that you'll fall for it and download (and pay for) the suggested software to fix the nonexistent problem.

- **Foreign lotteries:** If you get a call saying you've won a foreign lottery, hang up. One, you likely didn't enter the lottery, and two, you surely didn't give them your phone number. The scam comes in when you're told that you need to pay fees in advance for various reasons.

- **Charity scams:** Anytime there's a disaster, the scammers will hit you up for donations to help the victims. Many people would genuinely like to help, but beware who you give your dollars to. The more emotional the request for money, the more likely it is to be a scam. Stick with the big names such as the Red Cross or The Salvation Army if you want to respond to a disaster.

- **Auctions:** Foreclosed properties and seized cars have big scam potential. The ads make it sound like you can pick up a house for only a few thousand dollars or a vehicle for a few hundred. The scam comes when you're asked to buy a guide to all the foreclosed properties and seized vehicles in your area. The guides aren't cheap. If you give them your credit-card number, you've given them free license to charge more things to your card. To explore genuine foreclosed properties, start with the government's Housing and Urban Development Web site at www.hud.gov.

- **Census:** The 2010 Census has plenty of opportunities for scams, and some have already surfaced. At this point, census takers are verifying addresses only. If someone appears at your door saying they're from the Census and asking for information that includes your Social Security number or bank information, it's a scam. Also beware of e-mail supposedly from the Census: You will not be contacted that way.

Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will to his best to incorporate them in his column.

Highline students learning to manage their money

BY DAVID STEELE
Staff Reporter

A group of students want to help educate you on how to manage your money.

The Students Small Capital Investment Club will host various speakers all throughout Fall Quarter. The group is focused on learning about investment and money.

The first event will take place on Nov. 3. Bill Webster, a Highline investing instructor, will talk about mutual funds and stocks.

The next event, Nov. 17, the club hopes to have someone from the BECU credit union present seminars on the basic fundamentals of investments and how to reduce credit card debt.

Students Small Capital Investment Club was established at Highline in 2006.

Mary Christensen, president, said their mission is "to educate and inform college students of various investment options and wealth building strategies available in the market place."

The club also believes that it is also very important to help students learn the basics of fi-

nancial issues, she said.

"We are open to suggestions from all Highline College students regarding money issues," said Christensen. "It is our hope that our club will facilitate students' finding solutions to their money nightmares."

Students Small Capital Investment Club meets every other Tuesday at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Building 10, room 101.

TASTY TATERS

Versatile spuds pack nutritious, flavorful punch

By SHANNON SEVEREID
Staff Reporter

Vodka. Batteries. Plastic utensils.

These things all have one thing in common: potatoes.

Potatoes originated in Peru, said Chris Voigt, the executive director for the Washington State Potato Commission.

In the 1500s, Europeans found potatoes during their expeditions to the New World, he said.

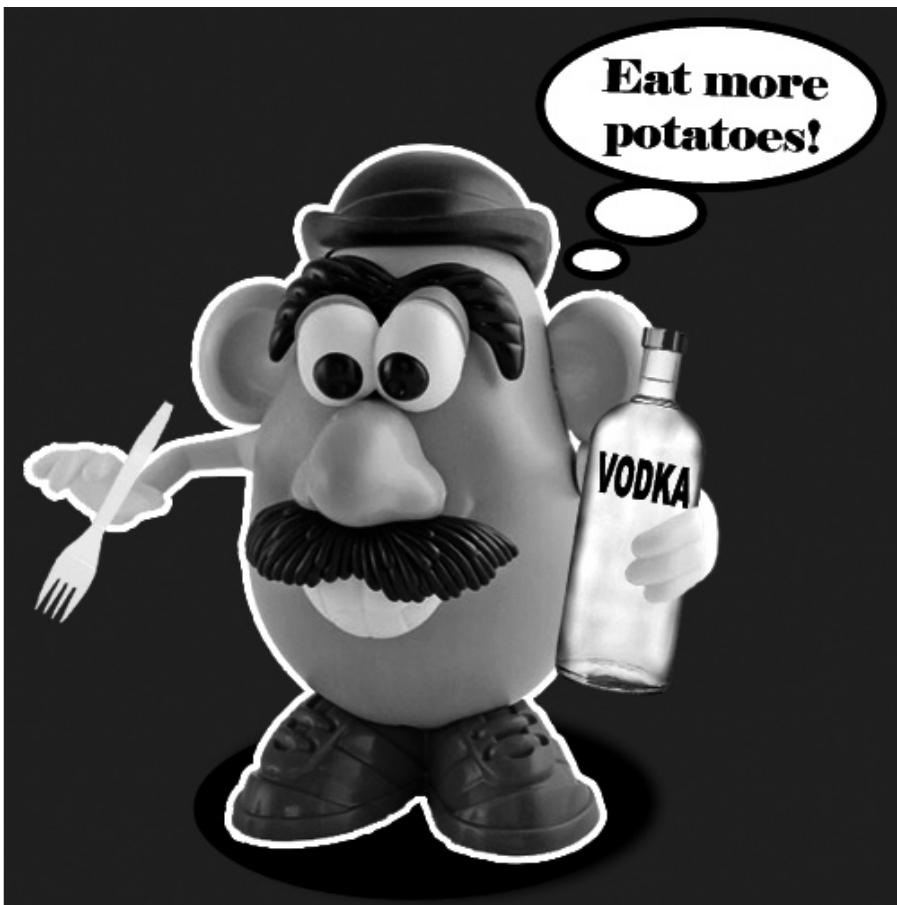
Potatoes were brought back to Europe, and from there were spread throughout the world.

“Potatoes are one of the most nutritious produce items, and one of the most nutrient-dense foods,” Voigt said.

“One 5.5 ounce potato has 110 calories per serving, no fat and no cholesterol,” he said.

Each serving contains twice the potassium of a banana, half of your daily vitamin C intake, iron, folic acid and fiber, Voigt said.

“There are hundreds, if not thousands, of different types of



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varieties of potatoes,” he said.

The most common types are brown, red, yellow and white, Voigt said.

The russet potato, a variety of brown potatoes, is the most widely grown and least expensive potato in Washington.

Russet potatoes yield about 60,000 pounds per acre as opposed to a Yukon potato, a variety of yellow potatoes, which yields approximately 45,000 pounds per acre, he said.

“Washington is the second-largest potato producing state in the United States. The value of potatoes grown in 2008 reached \$693 million, a record for the

Evergreen state,” said Mike Louiselle, public information officer for the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

“The state is highly recognized as an exporter across the world for products such as french fries and other frozen potato products,” Louiselle said in an email.

A potato is a very versatile food because “you can eat potatoes for breakfast, lunch or dinner,” said Melissa Runyan, a culinary artist.

“Nevertheless, it is important to eat all foods in moderation,” Runyan said.

“With all this craze against

cottage cheese or steamed broccoli, she said.

Mashed potatoes are another great preparation.

You can make mashed potatoes healthier by leaving the skins on and using low-fat cream cheese instead of heavy cream, Runyan said.

Broth-based gravy is also a healthier variation of traditional gravy, which is full of fat.

“Melt one tablespoon of butter and mix together with one tablespoon of flour, which makes a roux,” Runyan said.

“Then add low-sodium vegetable, chicken, or beef broth and a splash of milk or cream.”

carbohydrates, people tend to shy away from potatoes,” she said.

“However, potatoes have a lot of health benefits to them, including potassium, vitamin C, vitamin B-6 and manganese.”

Even the skin is full of nutrients, Runyan said.

There are plenty of healthy ways to prepare potatoes, she said.

Before cooking, you should wash your potatoes, Runyan said.

Baking is a versatile way to prepare potatoes because they can be topped with an assortment of nutritious ingredients: salsa, low-fat

Melissa Runyan's Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 6 med. Yukon gold potatoes, cut into one-inch cubes
- 4 oz. cream cheese (or low-fat cream cheese)
- 1 tsp garlic powder or fresh minced garlic
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

- Bring a large pot of water to a boil. When the water has come to a rolling boil, add the potatoes.
- Boil the potatoes for approximately 12 to 15 minutes. Stick a fork in the potato and turn it. If the potato falls apart, it is done.
- When the potatoes are done, drain them in a colander. Make sure you have drained out all of the water.
- Return the potatoes to the pan and, with a potato masher, mash the potatoes until almost no lumps appear.
- Add the cream cheese, and mash well into the potatoes.
- Next, add the garlic (powder or fresh) and salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve immediately. Top with butter or gravy, if desired, and enjoy.

Spot reduction does not work

By JEFF P. WOOD

Everyone has a certain difficult spot where fat seems to persist, or where they want to lose fat.

For women it may be in their hips and thighs, or under the arms.

For men it is typically in the gut.

A friend once asked me what exercises she could do to get rid of her love handles.

My reply was simple: “Put down the fork.”

Though the location may be different per individual, people have one thing in common: a tough spot where fat loss seems impossible and they want some special exercises to get rid of it.

Contrary to what infomercials and corporations might tell you, spot reduction, the idea of using specific exercises to target fat loss in a certain area, is a myth.

Fat loss happens all over the body; in some places more than others depending on genetics,

gender and age.

Body fat throughout the entire body must be reduced to affect a certain

area; planks, bridges, and other core and leg exercises will only work the muscles underneath the fat.

Even though spot reduction is a myth there are ways to help reduce fat in your troubled areas and, likewise, your entire body.

Here are some suggestions to help you lose fat, look good, and feel great:

Slow down when you eat.

It takes the body roughly 20 minutes to start feeling full from the food you provide it.

Instead of quickly wolfing down a whole pizza, try eating more slowly to allow your stomach enough time to tell your brain to stop eating.



Wood

Putting down the fork between bites is a great way to help slow you down.

Drink a tall glass of water (16oz) before every meal.

This will help you to feel fuller sooner.

Use a smaller plate.

The brain doesn't like to feel cheated. If you use a smaller plate, you can fill the plate with less food and feel satisfied when you are done.

Don't go for seconds.

Eat the rainbow.

Eat a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables.

Choose lean sources of meat.

Avoid empty calories.

Refrain from fatty junk foods, candy, and alcohol.

Exercise!

Do aerobic and strength training workouts: 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity five days a week.

Jeff Wood is a certified personal trainer and a PFT (Personal Fitness Trainer) student at Highline.

Disparity rising in who gets health care and who doesn't

By LORI WHITTAKER, MD

As a doctor, I am concerned about whether people in the Puget Sound region and across the country get health care that is safe and effective.

We know that there are sometimes gaps in the quality of health care delivered, and that these gaps are even wider for people in certain minority groups, people whose primary language is not English and people who are socially or economically disadvantaged.

The truth is, there are racial and ethnic disparities in our health care system—even in our own community, which is one of the most diverse in the country.

The Puget Sound Health Alliance is helping to make connections between doctor's offices, hospitals and community groups in an effort to build bridges so we can work together to provide safe, effective health care for everyone in the region.

The first step in tackling any problem is knowing the facts.



Dr. Lori Whittaker

That's why you may have been asked to state your race, ethnicity or primary language when you last visited the doctor or hospital.

Health care teams in hospitals and clinics who ask this are tracking this information to make sure that they provide every patient with high quality health care.

To learn more and compare health care provided in local doctors offices and hospitals, go to www.WACommunityCheck-up.org.

Dr. Lori Whittaker is a practicing family physician who provides consultation to the Puget Sound Health Alliance.

'Into the Fire' sparks new passion for veterans

By **CAITLYN STARKEY**
Staff Reporter

Carrie Gibson says she will never look at a veteran the same way again.

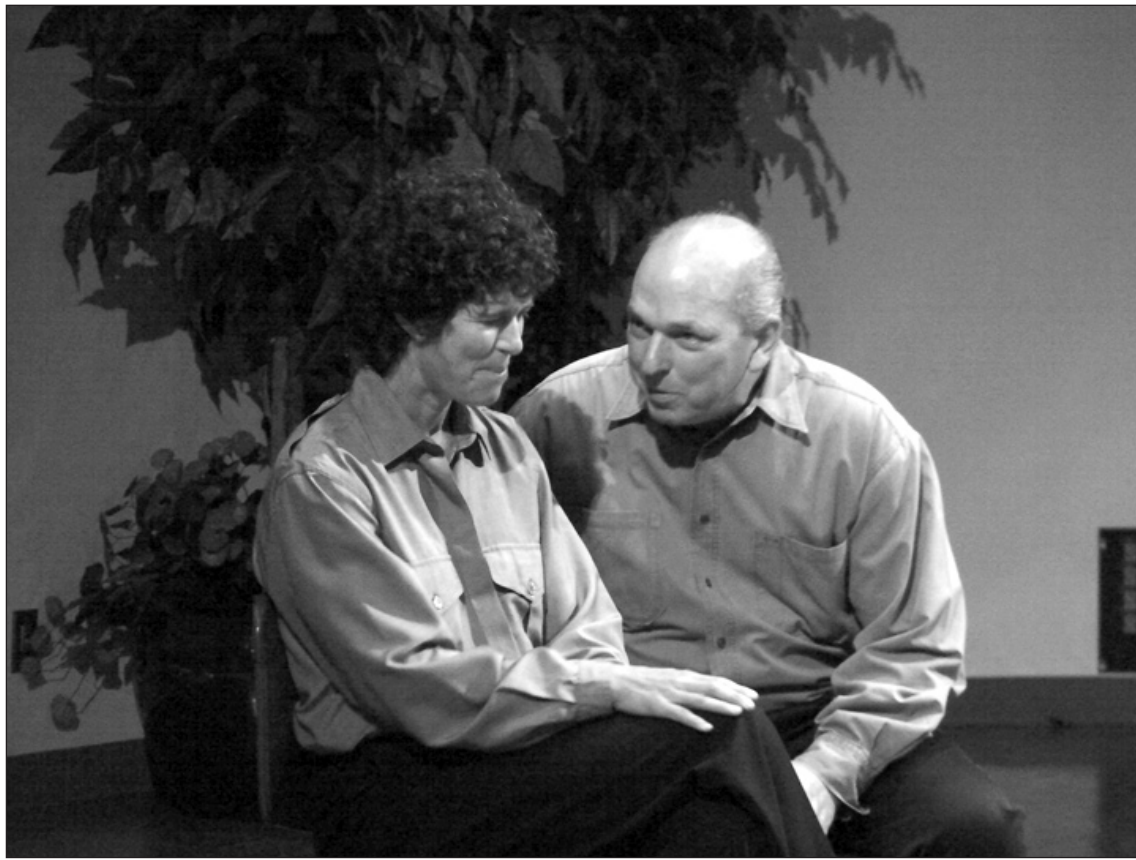
Gibson is the co-writer and performer of *Into the Fire*, a dramatic presentation of disabled veterans' experiences after war as they merge back into civilian life.

The play was written and is performed by Tony Curry and Gibson. It is based on interviews with veterans from Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.

The play was performed on Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Building 7. *Into the Fire* is a series of short vignettes about veteran's lives. Curry and Gibson perform with two chairs and a blank stage.

They previously had no connection with veterans. But after their earlier play, *Not Just Ramps*, which was about disabilities, a lady approached them about writing a story about veterans, Curry said. After the first interview with a veteran, they were captivated and *Into the Fire* was created.

"Originally it was created for people who have no connection with veterans," Curry said.



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Actors Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson portray the struggles of returning war veterans.

Yet they have found the biggest impact to be with veterans, he said.

There are no politics in the play, just people's stories, Curry said.

Over time, the play has become very personal.

"It took me 50 years to realize they did this for me, they did it to protect me, they did it because they felt compelled to serve their country," Curry said.

"The humanity, the power, the call for us to understand it is huge," Gibson said.

As she researched, Gibson discovered that her husband, who is not a veteran, has post-traumatic stress disorder. His father was a Marine and the disorder can be transferred generationally, he said.

"400,000 disabled veterans

are coming into the schools, businesses, and community," said Curry.

Highline's Veterans Services Center is located in the lower level of Building 6, next to Registration and Records.

"They want to make a place for veterans to come to," said Matt English of Veterans Services.

There are about 100-150 registered veterans on campus, but that number does not include Army reserve members, or veterans who are saving their benefits for a four-year school, English said.

The center is only about a month old and so still is being set up.

"I believe interaction is the foundation," he said. But the center does have plans for new services, such as a veterans club that they hope to start.

The Veterans Services Center aims "to make an easier transition for veterans coming back to school," English said.

For more information, please contact the Veterans Services Center 206-878-3710, ext. 3285 or email at lyates@highline.edu. The center is located in the lower level of Building 6 next to Registration and Records.

Initiative 1033: accountability or micromanagement?

By **NICHOLAS MCCOY**
Staff Reporter

I-1033 seeks to fix the state budget, but it would only make the state worse off, said a representative from the No on I-1033 campaign at an event here yesterday.

Initiative 1033 is a measure introduced by Tim Eyman that seeks to cap state spending so that each year's budget will be equal to the previous year's spending, adjusted with the National Inflation Index and population growth; it would make it so that no tax increase could be passed on the state or local level without being passed by voters.

Student Programs held a Caucus Forum on Wednesday to give students the opportunity to learn about both sides of the issue. A small crowd attended.

Jacqui Trillo read arguments for the pro I-1033 campaign from the King County Voter's Pamphlet after the campaign did not respond to invitations to attend the event.

The No on I-1033 campaign sent Heather Villanueva, a volunteer with the campaign from the SEIU union for long-term care health workers.

"My union has loaned staff to the campaign because we feel that if I-1033 passes, it will be devastating to our members,"

she said.

"The problem with 1033 is that it sounds really simple, like it's a great idea, but what the state spends money on, like health care, has a much higher inflation rate [than the rate I-1033 would use]," she said.

"It would mean next year's budget would be based on the worst recession year," Villanueva said. As a result of the recession and the budget crisis, she said, the state has had to cut funding to a lot of programs. 1033 would mean that when spending gets cut during a recession, those cuts would be institutionalized the following year, making it difficult to bring cut programs back up as the economy gets better.

"When the recession hit [again] it would just make it that much harder," she said.

Villanueva compared the initiative to a measure that was passed in Colorado, and then later suspended in 2005.

"People had to vote on everything, even, say, if a school needed to buy books," she said.

"It would require so much citizen action, it would be cumbersome. It makes it very difficult," she said.

Villanueva said the issue in Colorado went beyond party lines.

"The republican governor in

Colorado came out against it," she said.

"Clearly, we do need to keep our government accountable on how they're spending our money. This is not the way to do it," Villanueva said. "We're not really focusing on what the other solution would be, just that this absolutely is not the right one."

Trillo used arguments from an article in the Issaquah Reporter in support of the initiative to bolster her side of the debate.

"Tim Eyman wrote this [1033], and he argues that in 1993 voters approved a measure [I-601] and it worked really well until '98," she said. The article in the Issaquah Reporter said that the Legislature then started putting loopholes in the initiative.

"His argument is this led to the deficit," she said. "1033 will just be a reaffirmation of I-601."

"It's the best way to have it be a sustainable budget," Trillo said.

Some students were bothered by the Eyman campaign's failure to attend.

Ken Hemple, a student in the Paralegal program, was among those dissatisfied by the absence.

"It kind of frosts me," he said.

"I mean, we're college stu-

dents, but we know people. I know people and I'll be talking to a lot of people about this subject. The fact that Eyman couldn't send somebody out here speaks to his character," Hempel said.

Another student, Cassie Barber, was also disappointed by the absence.

"I thought it was good, but I think it would have been better if the vote yes side had been here," she said.

Highline will be hosting another election-related event next

week.

Speakers on both sides of Referendum 71, which concerns the state's domestic partnership law, will present at an event on Monday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. in the Mt. Constance room in the Student Union. Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, will appear again to argue for the referendum, while Robert Struble from Protect Marriage Washington will argue against it. The panel is a presentation by the Defining Democracy program.

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History Seminar recalls Alaska-Pacific expo

By KUMIKO YOKOTA
Staff Reporter

One hundred years ago the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition put Seattle on the map.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was a world's fair held in Seattle on the University of Washington campus in 1909, celebrating the Gold Rush.

A King County historian, Stephen Grate, spoke at Wednesday's History Seminar to an audience of 16 people on the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition.

"At the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, gold was introduced. This was all about gold. In 1989, we discovered gold in Yukon that put Seattle, Washington on the map," Grate said.

"We were the last upon the railroad before gold prospectors headed up to the Yukon. We outfitted them, making companies that supplied people going to the Yukon and were wealthy and famous. So, some of the people who were making huge money in Seattle said, 'We need to have an exposition, a world's fair'," Grate said about the reason why the fair was held in Seattle.

Grate said the fair had 3.7 million visitors and the toughest day was neither the opening day nor the last day.



A view of Mount Rainier, looking over the Court of Honor on the University of Washington campus.

"On Sept. 30, we had a tough day. President William Howard Taft came and visited. The largest attendance of the fair was during the tough day. The opening day was the second largest (toughest day).

"More visitors came on the tough day." Grate showed a picture of President Taft and a crowded audience. "This picture is him coming down. These

stairs, were quite crowded. People showed up to see him," Grate said.

Although the fair was named Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, there was only one country from the Pacific region.

"The only Pacific country that showed up was Japan, but its presence was enough and it was a top sell at that time," Grate said.

Today, two of the buildings built for the fair still exist. They are Bagley Hall and Cunningham Hall on the University of Washington campus.

Grate showed pictures of buildings at the University of Washington and pointed out one of the buildings. "This is the original UW building. Everything in this picture was built for the fair and broken down af-

terwards except for a handful of buildings. Two of these buildings remain today," Grate said.

Next week's History Seminar will be on "A Child of Hanford Looks for Herself in the Declassified Truth," presented by Kathleen Flenniken.

History Seminar meets Wednesday at 1:30-2:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102. It is open to the public.

Des Moines candidates make pitch to Highline students

By ANDREW SIMPSON
Staff Reporter

Des Moines Council candidates described how they would strengthen the relationship between Highline and the city of Des Moines at a candidates' forum here on Monday.

The candidates fielded questions from an audience of approximately 35 people in Building 7.

Among the candidates present was Matt Pina, who is pursuing Council Position No. 1. His opponent, Anne Farmer, did not attend.

Two-term incumbent councilwoman Carmen Scott, Position No. 3, attended, as did her opponent, Des Moines photographer Melissa Ponder.

Dave Kaplan, another two-term council member, also came to the forum. His opponent, Posting No. 7 incumbent Susan White, did not attend.

Melissa Musser, who is unopposed in seeking Position No. 5, also did not attend.

The forum was moderated by Highline Student Government Vice President Olga Afichuck.

Although much of the cam-



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Council candidates Matt Pina, Melissa Ponder and Carmen Scott listen to Dave Kaplan in Building 7 on Monday afternoon.

paign has centered around issues such as the city's chronic shortage of money, crime rates, and communication among council members, the candidates were faced with a different question at Highline.

Council candidates were asked to, "Share ways in which you think Highline can

strengthen partnerships between the college and the city of Des Moines."

The four candidates offered different approaches to that question.

There are resources that the college has that the city can take advantage of, Kaplan said.

There are "specific projects

where students can help us out," he said.

For example, "If we built a beach park where we could rent out facilities, we could use knowledgeable students that could help us market and promote our beach park to business communities and existing businesses in town," Kaplan said.

Pina said that he believes internships are the key to connecting Highline with the city of Des Moines.

"This is an educational facility training associates and undergrads," Pina said.

"I am a firm believer that internships give students the opportunity to understand their field and area of interests with real practice. From that, students may gain experience which may lead to a job," Pina said.

That's a two-way street, he said.

"The business owner gets a fresh, educated perspective, and the student gains experience," he said.

Ponder said that there is opportunity for Highline to aid the city of Des Moines.

"There is economic development that Highline can assist with," Ponder said. "We need to use Highline as a resource to draw in community members."

Scott said that internships are a way of connecting Highline College with the city of Des Moines.

It also comes down to being creative, and partnering up to make it happen, she said.

Spanish station tries to offer more

By **AMBROSIO AGUSTIN**
Staff Reporter

Antonio Gomez and the folks over at KCTS 9 think that Latino viewers deserve more from their programming than music videos and telenovelas.

“This is a community that has been here for a long time – at least since the 1930s and 40s,” Gomez said.

He is the community outreach coordinator for KCTS, which is based in Seattle.

Latinos and Hispanics make up a sizable portion of the community.

9.8 percent of Washington residents are of Latino or Hispanic origin, according to the 2008 U.S. Census.

It is this group that KCTS 9 is reaching out to with their new channel, V-me.

Pronounced “vay-may,” the channel runs 24 hours a day.

Like KCTS, V-me broadcasts documentaries, 40 hours a week of childrens programming, lifestyle, travel and current affairs programming and sports coverage.

What separates V-me from other public television channels is that they broadcast completely in Spanish, for the Spanish-speaking community.

In Gomez’s visit to Highline yesterday, 22 students and teachers filled the seats in the Mt. Constance meeting room.

“If we took a picture of everyone here, everybody could pass for Latino – there’s no one look,” Gomez said. He went



Antonio Gomez

on to discuss the history of the many Latino groups that call Washington their home.

Uniting those different Latino subsets with a single set of programming is one of the larger goals that KCTS and V-me hope to achieve.

“For a lot of people it may mean hearing different voices from Argentina, or Colombia or Puerto Rico. It may mean seeing different foods from different cultures,” Gomez said.

Choosing that programming is not that different from the way that other public television stations select content, he said.

“Certainly we want to produce content that attracts ratings, but it isn’t the only variable,” Gomez said.

Some of what V-me has to offer includes content that might not have what other channels would call commercial appeal.

V-me hosted a debate between Governor Christine Gre-

goire and her opponent, Dino Rossi, last year.

Voters submitted video-taped questions for the candidates, in Spanish, to be answered in the debate.

The entire event was then overdubbed in Spanish and aired on the network.

“Overdubbed KCTS content makes up very little of the programming on V-me,” Gomez said.

He says that much of the programming is acquired from Spanish-language stations in Spain, Australia and Argentina. Content produced in Seattle is also a staple for the station.

V-me, like other public stations, has fallen on hard times. The channel relies heavily on state funding, but lately those funds have been reduced, forcing a drastic cut in their operating budget.

In order to stay on the air, Gomez said that they will forgo the telethons of PBS fame, instead favoring options like having a membership program.

“It has forced us to seek additional funding,” Gomez said. “We’re exploring grants and other options like corporate underwriters.”

But Gomez says that V-me and KCTS are undeterred. They are excited and will continue broadcasting.

“We always hear about communities at odds with each other, but there is this rich history of Coalition Building [within the Latino community]. This story needs to be told.”

Parking

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forced.

After the first fee, the fine will continue to rise to \$20, \$30 and then \$175 for each additional citation on that vehicle.

If three citations are left unpaid, the campus security will place a wheel lock on the student’s car and give the student 24 hours to pay the citations off before towing.

In contrast, Highline charges \$29 dollars for parking without a permit and parking in the wrong area, improper parking, parking in a no-parking zone, speeding, reckless/negligent driving, failing to yield the right of way, failing to oblige to a stop sign and wrong way on a one-way road cost \$58. If anyone amasses over \$100 in unpaid fines, the student’s car will be towed.

Also at Green River, due to the influx of more students over the years, they have rented out the parking lot at the Pacific Raceways to have more parking spaces available for their students.

Students are transported from the Pacific Raceways to Green River via a shuttle bus owned by the school. The trip takes a total of five minutes.

Upon their first parking citation, students are also given the opportunity to have the ticket waived if they park at Pacific Raceways the next day.

Bellevue College also takes on its own distinct approach for parking fees.

“We do have a parking fee,

but it is wrapped up as one of the factors in the comprehensive fee, which also covers such things as production of transcripts and a free catalog for every student when first entering the college,” said Bob Adams, the public information director at Bellevue Community College.

“The fee is \$1.50 per credit [\$15 max] and is paid by all students.”

At Bellevue, they have 18 official parking lots for students, as well as a parking garage on campus.

Adams said that, like Highline, the parking fees go back toward maintenance and expenses.

“The comprehensive fee goes into a fund from which we pay for various services, including grounds and parking lot maintenance and the parking garage debt service. Parking fines also go into this fund,” Adams said.

Officials at Tacoma Community College did not respond to requests for an interview, but they also have a different way to charge for parking than the other local schools.

According to their website, Tacoma students have to pay an extra \$15 in their tuition to cover the community safety fee which grants them parking privileges.

The other big difference among each of the schools is a difference in tuition.

Bellevue is the most expensive, charging \$1,050 for a resident taking 15 credits, Tacoma falls behind them with a total of \$1,002.50 and Highline and Green River both charge \$975.

All-USA scholarship now available

By **BILL SCHLEPP**
Staff Reporter

Highline students have the opportunity to win an All-USA Community College Academic Team scholarship worth up to \$2,500.

The scholarship is a group effort brought together by USA Today, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the scholarship.

Around \$500,000 in awards will be handed out to students this year. There will be 370 students receiving the scholarships, which will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Barbara Clinton, director of the Honors Program, says that the scholarships are awarded to students who have a good grade point average and who are involved in extracurricular activities.

“These students are people



Dr. Barbara Clinton

who make a difference,” she said.

Dr. Clinton said that last year, Highline student Tierney Kuhn won an All-USA Community College Academic Team Scholarship at the state level, worth \$2,000.

Dr. Clinton also said that they usually don’t get more than two dozen applicants.

“I would like to see twice as many,” Clinton said. “I know that we always miss good can-

didates.”

She also said that common mistakes applicants for the scholarships make is that they rush their essays.

“Well-written essays make a huge difference,” Clinton said.

For students to apply for the scholarship program, they must meet certain criteria.

They must have a cumulative college-level GPA of 3.5 or higher for all coursework completed in the last five years; they must be on track to get an associate’s or bachelor’s degree; they cannot have been previously nominated for the scholarship in the past; and they cannot be a convicted felon.

For the full list of eligibility criteria, go to www.ptk.org/schol/aaat/announce.htm

Participants must apply before Nov. 16 to be eligible for the scholarship.

For more information on this scholarship, go to www.ptk.org or pick up an application form at Barbara Clinton’s office door in Building 18, room 207.

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measure if they read the ballot carefully.

"We have had some feedback on voters who missed it the first time around but were able to find it," Coppersmith said. She said that they received help finding it by calling King County Elections.

"We're really encouraging voters to read the ballot really thoroughly from front to back," she said. "If they do, they'll go right into it."

Benton County has the two state measures, I-1033 and Referendum 71, located underneath voter's instructions in the first column on the ballot.

However, Whatcom, Spokane, Snohomish and Kitsap Counties all had the instructions run horizontally across the top of the page, with ballot measures falling underneath in columns, thus avoiding any chance voters might miss the initiative.

Clark County isolates the two state initiatives onto a separate page, following the instructions and preceding the rest of the ballot.

Tsunami

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her father and nieces were safe as well, but had heard nothing from her sister.

It wasn't until Saturday night that Sefilino heard from her sister. She had been staying at a church that was turned into a tsunami relief base.

The church is still being used as the center for relief victims who have lost their homes. "Some people don't have their houses, only the foundations," said Sefilino. "My sister's house got washed out from the water. They have nothing."

Even though Sefilino didn't lose any family members, she did lose people close to her. "I lost my mom's good friend," she said. "She was driving by the time the wave hit and the roads are right near the water."

"[The people of Pago Pago] have lost their houses and belongings, but it is nothing compared to the loss of their loved ones," said Sefilino.

Highline student Destiny Leauepe's grandmother lives on the island of Savaii in Western Samoa. "I came home and

my parents were just sitting there," said Leauepe.

"All the phone lines were down," she said. "I just prayed. That's all I could do," Leauepe said.

Leauepe said that her house was in chaos as her family in the states were trying to reach her other relatives in Western Samoa.

They eventually were able to get through to her grandmother and found that their village wasn't damaged. Her family is sending money to her grandmother so that she can bring the money to the surrounding villages that were affected.

"It was sad to see my people's lives lost, buildings lost," Leauepe said. "Now we feel the pain [that other tsunami victims went through], because it is our people."

American Samoa has been a U.S. territory since the early 1960s and was a coaling station and a naval base for the US in World War II.

It has a population of more than 65,000 people and consists of four islands, Tutuila, Manu'a, Olosega, and Aunuu, and two coral reefs, Rose and Swains.

The recovery effort in American Samoa is underway, al-

though it is expected to take three full months before the island is back on its feet. The islands experienced its third aftershock Monday, two weeks after the initial quake occurred.

Relief is coming in from all over the world including the United States. American Samoa is getting help from organizations such as the U.S. Federal Emergency (FEMA), while Western Samoa is receiving aid from New Zealand's Oxfam. Various organizations and churches have sent help and are there now helping the villagers clean up in the aftermath of the tsunami.

Other organizations such as UNICEF, Direct Relief International, World Vision, and Red Cross, are among those bringing aid to the Samoan Islands.

"There have been a lot of charities and group organizations such as the AmeriCorps, Red Cross, FEMA, and a lot more, it was the most devastating thing to ever happen here," said Miracle Sene, a resident of American Samoa in a telephone interview.

Government officials have been able to identify the areas most affected by the quake. Such places include Pago Plaza,

Maliu Mai Resort, the Leone Post Office and parts of the Leone Hospital.

But Sene said that small businesses and stores are the ones who suffered the most damage.

The government is trying its best to get help to everyone around the island but due to the conditions of the roads, this task is proving to be difficult.

The residents, however, are trying their best to maintain a normal life, and that includes going to school.

"We still have midterms, because in order for us to be the best, we got to sacrifice," said Ululani Moemoega, a Samoan high school student.

"Our high school has started a program called, 'Adopt a Wildcat'", and it's a program that helps those without a place to stay find temporary homes with those who still have a house," said Lehualani Uluega, another high school student.

One thing that concerns the government though is how the residents will spend their money.

"The government is trying to ban bingo because they say that the people would use the money to go bingo, rather than build a house," said Sene.

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