Voters say no to more state taxes

By Thunderword staff

Democrats were able to hold onto a slight majority in the state House and Senate in Tuesday’s midterm elections. But they will head back to Olympia in January facing an expected $4 billion budget deficit.

Meanwhile, voters said no to a tax on snack foods and to a proposed state income tax on wealthy people.

“The budget is going to be the overriding problem and the result of the initiatives will add to that,” said state Sen. Keiser, D-Des Moines, who survived an election challenge in the 33rd District.

Sen. Keiser said the budget deficit was estimated to be $3 billion but after the repeal on candy and gum taxes it will be about $4 billion, which is another 10 percent of the budget, adding to the $5 billion that has already been cut.

“We’re down to muscle and bone, and there is going to be blood. There is going to be harm done to our body politic,” said Sen. Keiser, a former Highline trustee.

After accounting for prisons and the cost of incarceration, and medical costs such as providing medical support for those with long-term disabilities, community colleges such as Highline will be taking the hit as far as the budget is concerned, said Sen. Keiser.

Nonetheless, Sen. Keiser is cautiously optimistic.

“Looking at the national situation I am pleased we’re able to maintain some semblance of hope of looking forward without negativity. People are so anxious about the economy. But, our economy is much better off than the rest of the country.”

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Highline welcomes new trustee

By KANDI CARLSON

Staff Reporter

Highline’s newest trustee is a local business owner, international keynote speaker, success coach, and best-selling author.

Debrena Jackson Gandy was appointed to the Highline Board of Trustees this week by Gov. Christine Gregoire.

Gandy fills the seat left open by Dr. Elizabeth Chen. Dr. Chen accepted an appointment to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in March of this year.

Gandy’s business is locally operated in Seattle, and offers clients a variety of services to assist in their corporate and personal growth.

She does this by offering a variety seminars and retreats to her clients. All of which are accessible to public and private sectors.

In fact, it was her business services that originally brought her to Highline.

“Highline was previously a client of mine,” Gandy said.

Her most recent appearance in May 2009 was as the keynote speaker at the Women in Action Award Ceremony sponsored by Women’s Programs.

This ceremony recognizes women within the campus community who have accomplished extraordinary success in the face of extraordinarily difficult or challenging circumstances.

These are the types of accomplishments Gandy is known for encouraging in others as a

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Drunk on campus

An intoxicated man caused problems with Campus Security on Nov. 1.

The man was first found by security sitting outside of Building 26 when they escorted him to the bus stop outside of Building 29.

The man promised security that he would catch a bus, but was later reported back to security because he was yelling at students leaving campus outside of Building 29.

Finally, security led him up to South 240th Street through the South Parking Lot, where he was seen falling down on three separate occasions.

While walking up to South 240th Street, the intoxicated man may have been involved in an incident involving a 2007 Saturn.

A Highline student reported to security that the passenger side mirror of her 2007 Saturn had been vandalized while it was parked in the South Lot. The mirror was found broken off and lying beside the car.

Marijuana on campus

A Highline student reported to security that there was marijuana being smoked on the third floor restroom of Building 26 on Nov. 2.

The Highline student who reported the incident said the smell and smoke was so strong that it hurt her eyes.

When security arrived at the restroom, no one was present; however, the odor was still very strong.

Lost cell phone

A Highline student reported to security that her black cell phone had been lost.

The student reported that the last time she had the phone was in the Library computer area on Nov. 1.

Acura hit and run

A 1994 Acura Integra was hit and run in the South Lot on Oct. 29. There was an eyewitness to the hit and run who left a note taking down the other car's information for the driver with contact information.

Who is Jesus the Messiah?

Today there will be a presentation on who Jesus really is. The presentation is in Building 7 at 12:15 p.m.

There will be speakers from the Muslim religion and the Christian religion.

The first speaker is Michael Ly who is the Northwest Regional Director of Peace Catalyst International and also a pastor for Somali Communities in Renton.

Ly was raised in a Chinese and Cambodian refugee home.

He grew up in a Christian and Ancestral-Buddhist home though not long after moving he followed the teachings of Jesus. In 2007, he began work with Christian and Muslim communities in the Puget Sound area.

The second speaker Tarek Dawoud is an active member of the Muslim community in Seattle.

Dawoud was born in Egypt and has frequently spoken about Islam in the past 10 years.

Dawoud enjoys exchanging ideas about his faith and other approaches from religions and cultures.

When Dawoud is not speaking about his religion, he is working hard as a software engineer.

One of the sponsors is the Muslim Students Association, who focuses on elevating fellow Muslims spirituality and to educate Highline Community College. They also dispel any misconceptions and demonstrate a more accurate view of Islam.

The second sponsor is CRU. Their main goal is to build a community at Highline for those who are being transformed by Jesus Christ. They are a student-led movement that seeks to introduce students to Christ and help them grow in faith.

Lady T-Birds take on Staff and faculty

The women's basketball team will play the faculty and staff in a competitive game of basketball. The game will be in the Pavilion on Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. All donations collected at the basketball game will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help fight breast cancer.

Yogurt tops raise money for breast cancer

During the Lady T-birds staff and faculty basketball game, Women's Programs will be collecting yogurt tops to help raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Each top is worth 10 cents and they will also be collecting leftover Halloween candy to hand out to people attending the game. The basketball game is on Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Pavilion.

First Fridays host sustainability and leadership workshop

Jourdan Keith director of the Urban Wilderness Project will speak at First Fridays about integrating sustainability into student's leadership. Sustainability is a growing conversation as our climate is changing. Students can come and gain a better understanding of sustainability.

The presentation will be this Friday Nov. 5 in Building 8, Mt. Constance room from 2 to 4 p.m.

Academic Achievement Awards are here

The Academic Achievement Award applications for Winter Quarter are now available for students to pick up.

This program is offering 15 full time tuition waivers to students with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher.

Students can pick up applications from Tari Balkenende in Building 11 room 203. The odds of a student receiving the scholarship are 1 in 3 and the application is due by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Two more are needed for Whistler ski trip

The Whistler ski trip application is due tomorrow. The trip is to Whistler, Canada from Dec. 10-12 (three days and two nights). The price varies from $249 and up and includes deluxe bus transportation and two nights at a hotel.

To sign up, go to the International Student Programs office in Building 25, room 506.

Paperback books to provide some comfort for the patients at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Correction

State Sen. Karen Keiser and Jack Michalek's names were spelled incorrectly in the Oct. 21 issue of the Thunderword.

Domestic violence arrest on campus

A male Highline student was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 2 at approximately 9:45 a.m.

The male student once dated a female Highline student.

The two had a conversation in the South Parking Lot where the female student called the Des Moines Police Department, claiming he assaulted her.

The female student had no physical signs of assault, but the male student was arrested and taken into custody because of her “complaints of pain,” Sergeant Bob Collins of the Des Moines Police Department said.

“Based on Washington state laws, we are required to take [him] into the custody for domestic violence,” Sgt. Collins said.

“Based upon her description on her injuries and the event, everything is consistent,” he said.

As of 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, the male subject is still in police custody.
Highline to honor veterans in different ways

By MICHAEL McDONALD JR. Staff Reporter

Veteran’s Remembrance Program will honor the men and women who have served this country in the United States Armed Forces.

The program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at noon. It takes place at the Memorial Rock located below the POW/MIA flag, which is in front of Building 5.

The Highline Chorale will be performing at this event.

The Men’s Ensemble, from the Highline Chorale Group, will be performing America the Beautiful.

Special guest Retired Navy Petty Officer, 1st Class Michael Hansen, will sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Sandra Glover is directing the Highline Chorale Group during this performance.

Everyone is welcome.

An armed forces Veteran shares his experiences at last year’s Veterans ceremony honoring those who have served this country.

Cody Warf/THUNDERWORD

From service to education: Coin honors veterans’ transition

By AARON WALLACH Staff Reporter

Transition is not something new for most Veterans, but for some, being recognized is.

Instructor Gary Nelson is designing a coin to commemorate the services of veterans returning to school.

Nelson is a visual communication instructor with a great deal of experience in the art world.

Since high school he has worked to achieve a career in the arts, he said.

“I was approached by the Veterans Committee to design an original piece for the challenge coin,” he said.

“I’ve never designed a coin before, but I’ve made engravings and have done projects that involved raising metal.”

A challenge coin is unique coin that is typically given to people in the military for overcoming certain obstacles as gratitude for an honorable service.

“One side of the coin will be patriotic to recognize their service, and the other side will represent Highline,” Nelson said.

“We’re not at a point to choose the exact quality of the material we will use to produce the coins,” he said.

Nelson has taken a lot of time out of his schedule to design this coin, he said.

“I had to research coins and the art process that precedes their distribution,” he said.

“I made many preliminary stock images and thumbnails prior to finalizing my design.”

Nelson’s design will provide Highline with an authentic commemorative coin that will be carried on as a new tradition.

This new tradition will honor students who have been in the military for their bravery and courage. It hasn’t been decided if all Veterans at Highline will receive a coin due to funding.

Nelson said he enjoys the challenge of this art form.

“I’m a designer and I have been for years. I designed all sorts of things throughout my life,” he said.

From product packages to stage costumes, Nelson has experience designing many different things.

This is a project he says he is honored to be a part of.

“I think it’s a big deal to honor students who have served in the military. They have sacrificed a lot, and anything that helps make them feel comfortable I will do,” Nelson said.

“Now I mostly do paintings but I still maintain a couple of freelance clients,” Nelson said.

Faculty, staff and students are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony.

The design for the coin will be unveiled on Nov. 9 during the Veteran’s Remembrance Program. The program begins at noon and will take place at the Memorial Rock located at the MIA/POW flagpole in front of Building 3.

Gary Nelson is designing a commemorative coin.
State legislators must work together to solve problems

The elections on Tuesday brought to fruition a clear picture showing the frustration of voters in our state. But we are left with a very murky future, a future that will require tough decisions and cooperation among our state’s legislators to solve the many problems we are faced with.

While there are a few elections that are still too close to call, it has become clear that the majority the Democrats have enjoyed in the State House and Senate will become much narrower.

Also what has become clear through the initiative process is that Washingtonians want to make it very difficult for legislators to raise revenue through taxation.

These election results, coupled with a seemingly ever-widening budget gap, will make it very difficult to balance our state’s financial books, something that is required by our state constitution.

We believe it is now time for our representatives to stop their campaign rhetoric and start working for us; we do not elect them to work for their respective political parties. It’s their responsibility to make decisions based on what is best for every constituent they represent, not the ones who donated the most money.

Society is growing ever weary of the amount of money being pumped into campaigns when our economy is so weak and so many are unemployed. Now is the time for government to prove that campaign money does not influence their legislative actions.

There will be no simple answers—simply slashing taxes will not solve everything, taxes pay for our infrastructure, our police, our schools, etc. On the other hand, you cannot endlessly raise taxes because it can cause a huge strain on small businesses and lead to job loss.

Both Democrats and Republicans will have to get past their ideological differences in the coming session and make some tough decisions. They must protect the vital services the state provides such as education and public safety and dig us out of a $4 billion deficit simultaneously. Failure to work together to accomplish this would go out of business.

We are lucky to live in a part of the country that is rich in culture, innovation, and natural beauty. The potential our society has to keep hundreds of thousands of prisoners in detention.

Our beloved private entrepreneurs reached two goals at once; here they managed to attract new customers through the laws they helped draft, and found a way to retain these customers through other laws we helped pass. More criminals, more money for the private entrepreneurs, and more costs and crimes committed against innocent Americans.

This joint venture didn’t work for the American taxpayers as well as it worked for the private companies. The rate of recidivism is higher among the convicts that were kept in the private prisons than in state-run facilities. Some studies, several studies have shown these studies proved also that the cost is substantially lower when convicts are imprisoned in the state-run facilities. Private prisons have fewer regulations to follow. This allows them to cut corners by understaffing their guards to maximize profits.

Financially, morally, and for our own safety, this is a disturbing issue, which we cannot afford to ignore. Their gain is our loss, their loss is our gain. We can spend less and achieve the same results, or even better. We can protect the public from the usual criminals and those who disguise themselves as private entrepreneurs, but are operating their own crime factories.

It’s time to try a different approach to deal with our crime problems, and address the root of the problem by terminating this deceitful private contracts that cost us both money and lives. Othman is the Chuck Norris of fiscal justice.
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LEHNY BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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What is a "one-armed bandit" located?
Where is the humerus bone in the arm?
Does an octagon have seven sides?
What was called Taliesin West?
Who once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else."
Which president said, "I'm not going to lose any more broccoli."
The Hoilday Craft Market
Thursday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Holiday Craft Market will be showing their work at the 24th Annual Sunrise PTA Autumn Craft Fair is just around the corner.
Beautiful handmade gifts, crafts and vendor items will be for sale.
The event will be on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Sunrise PTA Craft Fair will be at 22300 132nd AVE SE in Kent.
• The Burien Artist’s United 13th Annual Autumn Art Fest is taking place this weekend.
More than 50 local artists will be showing their work at the event.
The event will be held at the Normandy Park Cove building, 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 6 and 7.

Shapely Landmarks

Across
1. Dwiddles
5. Showy extra
10. Plays the ponies
14. Heavenly glow
15. Eagle's nest
16. Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
17. London landmark
20. Shelter, food, etc.
21. Get back together
22. Be on the mend
25. Grace of "Will & Grace"
26. Steeple
30. Goatees, etc
33. Duck down
34. Miner's quest
35. D.C. bigwig
38. Boston landmark (ironically)
42. Mad Hatter's drink
43. Baseball stats
44. Bulwkine, e.g.
45. Abandon
47. Fizzle, with “out”
48. Goldbrick
51. "I, the Explorer"
53. Like a bungee cord
56. Handle
60. Atlantic mystery area
61. Papal tribunal
65. Olympic pointers?
66. Actress Patricia Winger
67. Pale
68. Have a hunch
69. Uses a Singer

Down
1. Corrosse
2. Beachgoer's worry
3. Scottish hillside
4. Hotel convenience
5. Bogus
6. Gas station abbr.
7. One of the Gershwins
8. Actresses Patricia Winger
9. "___, Brute!"
10. Moves by leaps and ___
11. In-box contents
12. Pastry cart choice
13. Look of contempt
14. Stick (to)
15. Campus locale
16. Very loud
17. Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
18. Stick (to)
19. Eagle's nest
20. Shelter, food, etc.
21. Get back together
22. Be on the mend
23. Very loud
24. Composer Bernstein
25. "What ___ is new?"
26. Broken-off branch
27. Stack
28. Concept
29. Increase, with “up”
30. Singer Brooks
31. Puts more in: 2 wds
32. VCR button: Abbr.
33. Union demand
34. Miner's quest
35. D.C. bigwig
36. More than 50 local artists
37. Abandon
38. Boston landmark (ironically)
39. Feeling of despair
40. Old Chevy
41. Caviar
42. Mad Hatter's drink
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ANSWERS
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Trivia test by Fil Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What was the first name of Mr. Spock's mother in Star Trek?
2. U.S. STATES: What is Florida's official state flower?
3. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else."
4. ARCHITECTURE: Which architect's winter residence was called Taliesin West?
5. MATH: How many sides does an octagon have?
6. HUMAN ANATOMY: Where is the humerus bone located?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a "one-armed bandit" located?

ANSWERS
1. Scotty
2. Orange blossom
3. Yogi Berra
4. Frank Lloyd Wright
5. Eight
6. Upper arm
7. Slot machine (gambling)
8. Milk
10. Laser

KNOCK ON WOOD

ARTS CALENDAR

• Enjoy baked goods and live entertainment at the 24th Annual Holiday Craft Market at the Kent Senior Activity Center.
• The event features 70 vendor booths, Bake Sale, live entertainment, lunch and much more.
• This event is Friday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• The Holiday Craft Market will be at Senior Activity Center, 600 E. Smith in downtown Kent.

Weekly Sudoku

Weekly SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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I paint from the top down, From the sky, then the mountains, then the hills, then the houses, then the cattle, and then the people.

Grandma Moses

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: • • •

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Inedible gourds gets a makeover

By AARON WALLACH
Staff Reporter

Timothy J. Fiegal uses an exotic art form to bring ancient designs and images to the present.

Fiegal is a night manager at a hotel who is a gourd art hobbyist. He has created over 50 pieces in the past five years.

Hailing from Wisconsin, Fiegal now resides locally in Des Moines.

A gourd is a non-edible fruit with a hard rind that is related to the pumpkin family. Gourd art is made when the fruit is hollowed, cured, and then set to dry.

This process can take up to a year to accomplish. After being dried, the gourd is ready to be painted and decorated.

Fiegal’s work is inspired by Native American rock art. He has always been a fan of Native American art work, he said.

“I've seen a few [gourds] around at shows, which got me thinking, so I picked up a few books and started to get interested,” Fiegal said.

“It was a natural medium,” Fiegal said when asked about why he chooses to make gourd art.

Since rock art isn't so common in today’s art world, gourd art allows him to create and depict a similar image on a hard durable surface, he said.

Fiegal obtains his gourds by purchasing them online or at farmers markets, and even grows some himself, he said.

Fiegal commonly depicts Aztec and Native American life styles on his gourds. Using the gourd as his canvas, Fiegal free hand draws his image with a pencil and uses a wood burning tool to engrave it.

Afterward he will stain the gourd and add the final touches with beads, feathers, and leather straps. Whether it is a man with a spear or an animal on the prow, Fiegal portrays ancient characteristics of cultures in his art.

“I'm kinda new at it,” Fiegal said. He has only presented his work in a couple art shows and locally showcased his work at the Des Moines art festival, he said.

Fiegal has marketed his work online and is currently in the process of creating a website dedicated to his art. The website should be up within the next two months. He is in the process of creating a domain name, he said.

“There isn't much awareness of gourd art in the Northwest, he said.

“In the Southwest there is more of a demand for that type of thing,” Fiegal said pertaining to the market and culture for gourd art.

Fiegal currently sells his art online and accepts commissions for www.etsy.com/shop/AncienArt.

Fiegal gives new life to inedible gourds to create his art.

Act II

Highline student finds new roles in stage, motherhood

By DANIELLE NOWLIN
Staff Reporter

Kate DeLorenzo’s audition for Highline’s production of The Adding Machine was for extra credit, but she ended up getting a lead role.

Though The Adding Machine is DeLorenzo’s first acting experience at Highline, it is not her first time acting.

“I have been acting since about the second grade,” DeLorenzo said. “When my class put on little skits, I was hooked.”

She has been in about 10 shows since she started, including Alice in Wonderland, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Sleeping Beauty, and The Diary of Anne Frank.

“My mom threw me in every drama camp there was available over school breaks from fifth through ninth grade,” she said. She even had an agent, she said.

The promising career that DeLorenzo had in acting changed when she entered high school and became pregnant with her daughter.

She probably would not have been alive if it was not for her pregnancy of the daughter, DeLorenzo said. Her pregnancy made her quit drugs and get out of a harmful relationship, she said.

After her life took a turn when she found out she was pregnant, she started at Highline as a Running Start student to graduate from high school.

“My greatest aspiration in life is just to get my bachelor’s,” DeLorenzo said.

She first pursued a degree in nursing but changed to business when she was not accepted into the nursing program. She will be finishing her associates of arts degree in Winter Quarter of 2011.

A lot of the stuff she has done would not have been possible if it was not for the support of her family, DeLorenzo said.

DeLorenzo has been attending Highline off and on for the last few years, taking mostly night class in order to take care of her daughter.

“Her grandmother offered to watch her daughter so she could make it to the rehearsals for the role of Daisy,” she said.

She is amazing, helpful, easy to get along with, cheerful, real, and adorable, fellow actors said about DeLorenzo.

“She has taken her troubles in life in stride,” said one.

The character of Daisy is so different from herself, DeLorenzo said. Daisy is pathetic, having no reason to live other than for Mr. Zero, she added.

You can see Kate DeLorenzo play Daisy in the upcoming production of The Adding Machine preview show Nov. 17, and opening night on Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. It will continue Nov. 19, 20 and Dec. 2, 3, 4. General admission is $8 and student admission $7.

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Fiegal draws from many different cultures when creating his art, including the Aztec, Native Americans, Egyptians and Chinese.
Highline gives ground to third-place Peninsula

Highline only 3 points ahead of Peninsula after draws last week

By BEN DRAEGER
and RICHARD MEIER
Staff Reporter

The Highline women’s soccer team had an uneventful week, drawing both games.

Last Wednesday on road, the Lady T-Birds were unable to overcome a slow start, tying third-place Peninsula 2-2. Highline and Peninsula combined for zero first half goals before scoring four in the second half.

“I think this game taught us playing a little slow and unsure, where Peninsula was in a play-off mentality,” Head Coach Tom Moore said. “Once the second half was coming to an end and we found ourselves up against the wall we found our groove and the level of our team rose for the last 15 minutes and that enabled us to score goals late in the game to solidify the tie.”

Highline was unable to maintain its momentum after Peninsula applied the pressure scoring its second goal of the game in the 81st minute when Peninsula’s Shawna Thien put one past Highline goalkeeper Andrea Shepard.

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Highline’s Emilie Ludlow became Highline’s heroine after she scored in the 86th minute, tying the game 2-2.

Highline’s inability to get off to a fast start was a huge factor in the outcome of the game, Moore said.

“We had quite a few opportunities in the first half that we didn’t put away and that kept Peninsula believing they were in the game,” Moore said. “If you keep a team in the game long enough it doesn’t matter how well you’re playing, they can strike at any moment. And that’s what they did, hung on until we made a mistake in the back and put the goals away.”

Highline followed its performance against Peninsula with another draw against fifth-place Tacoma. However, unlike the Highline, the Peninsula match which provided a lot of late drama, Highline and Tacoma combined for zero goals last Saturday.

In a heavy defensive game, Andrea Shepard recorded her first shutout of the year; unfortunately it came on a day when Highline itself was unable to score a goal.

This is the third time that Highline was held scoreless, the first since Sept. 18 when they fell 2-0 at home against Lane.

“I think we have the potential to beat both of those teams,” said Marley Erickson Highline’s midfielder. “We tried our best to get in.”

A win over either Olympic or Bellevue would clinch a playoff birth for Highline. The women control their own destiny and Highline, Moore said. “We just need to come out and play our game vs. Olympic and get the three-points that will ensure us the playoffs.”

“Fortunately, we are still in a spot that we control our own destiny,” Moore said. “We need to come out and play our game vs. Olympic and get the three-points that will ensure us the playoffs. And the playoff race so close, there are no guarantees and you must work hard to get in.”

West Highline women traveled to play last-place Olympic yesterday. Results were not available at press time.

“Our game plan is to stay focused and play our game,” said Erickson before the match. The Thunderbird women finished off the regular season Saturday, Nov. 6 when they host the first-place Bellevue Lady-Bulldogs at the Starfire complex on field 3.

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“Since it’s our last game against a playoff team, it would be everything to us to beat them,” Erickson said.

A win over Bellevue would give Highline momentum before entering the NWAACC Championships on Nov. 21 and 22.

“Playoffs will be exciting,” said Erickson. “We’re keeping a positive mindset hoping to make it all the way.”

Coach Moore is optimistic as well, though he knows his team needs to take it one game at a time. He said that if his team plays its style of soccer they can go far.

“Every game is so important. They all become difficult games to win. It’s not a matter of who you are playing now, but it’s whether or not your team is going to step up and play their own game,” Moore said. “If we can stick to our game plans and execute, we have chances. There’s no telling what we can accomplish.”

The Scoreboard

By TOM MOORE
Sport Editor

NORTH LEA PTS SEA
Shoreline 6-2-2 21 10-0-2
Whatcom 5-3-1 16 6-8-2
Edmonds 5-7-0 15 5-10-4
Sk Valley 2-6-2 8 6-7-4
Everett 1-8-2 5 1-11-3

EAST
Col-Basin 9-0-3 27 10-2-4
Tr. Valley 7-2-3 24 8-5-4
Spokane 6-3-2 19 9-5-4
Walla-Walla 5-3-3 18 8-4-9
Wen. Valley 2-8-2 5 4-9-2

WEST
Bellevue 8-3-0 24 11-3-1
Peninsula 7-2-2 23 9-3-4
Highline 6-3-3 18 9-3-3
Tacoma 4-5-3 15 6-6-3
Olympic 2-5-4 10 2-7-4

SOUTH LEA PTS SEA
Cheneketa 8-1-2 26 14-2-2
Clark 7-1-3 24 9-2-4
Pierce 3-5-3 12 6-5-6
SW Oregon 3-9-0 9 3-12-0
S.P. Sound 0-12-0 1 1-6-0

WOMAN’S SOCCER

NORTH LEA PTS SEA
Edmonds 9-2-1 28 11-3-1
Austin 8-4-1 25 9-4-3
Shoreline 5-7-1 16 7-7-1
Whatcom 3-8-1 10 6-9-2
Sk Valley 0-11-1 1 0-15-1

EAST
Walla-Walla 11-0-2 35 15-0-2
Col. Basin 8-2-3 27 9-5-3
Spokane 7-3-3 24 10-3-2
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Trans. Valley 4-8-1 13 5-11-2
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Highline’s Mallory Murray, left, dribbles past Tacoma’s Monica Araujo, right.

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Third-place Thunderbirds poised for playoff run

By WILLIAM BROKAW
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men sailed past Peninsula and battled Tacom a hard this past week.
The win over Peninsula knocked them out of the first.

Thanks to the T-Birds, Bellevue moved into first in the West Division, with Highline in third place almost certainly clinching a playoff birth having knocked off Tacoma.

Highline beat Peninsula 1-0 on Oct. 27 and tied Tacoma 1-1 on Friday, Oct. 29.
The Thunderbird men went into the game against Peninsula very confident that they would come away with the victory.

“We were positive from the beginning and we knew we were going to win,” said sophomore captain Zach Taylor.

This was the smallest field they played on, Taylor said. It was really torn up and wet so they decided to defend the more torn up side first, said Taylor.

“They were struggling to contain us. We had a couple of good looks,” Taylor said.

“Goals [against Highline] that could have changed the game weren’t called.”

Highline dominated the match and did a good job in the wide areas of the pitch.

“We do well when we play wide. Our outside midfielder do well at cutting into the defender one on one,” said Taylor.

The Thunderbirds came into the half scoreless but were still full of confidence.

“We could see Peninsula was down and we needed to put the ball in,” said Taylor.

Despite the Thunderbird’s domination, the Titans scored a goal very much against the run of play.

Highline kept possession of the ball and looked very strong. The T-Birds lost the ball on the attack and the Titans jumped at their opportunity with a very quick, well-executed counter attack.

The Titans got the ball down the right wing, took it all the way down to the end line and crossed it just behind the Highline defenders. The defense scrambled to clear the ball but didn’t get it very far.

The ball fell to Tacoma freshman Scott Hanson, who drove a low hard shot to the near post into the back of the net, giving Tacoma the 1-0 in the 18th minute.

“We never give up and we know if we go down we can fight back. We weren’t discouraged and we knew we could get the result,” said Taylor.

Amos Nistrian came in for Highline after the half and was creating a lot of problems for the Tacoma defense.

“Amos came in and was really on fire. Getting at Tacoma, penetrating on the dribble, he was pulling their central defender out of position, creating space,” said Taylor.

The major change came with 15 minutes left in the game when the T-Birds went into an attacking formation pushing an additional player forward.

Kevin Bodle provided the finish Highline needed in the 86th minute tying the match at 1-1.

Highline knew if they tied or beat the Titans, their morale would sink. Tacoma had to win that game, said Taylor.

The Thunderbirds played Olympic on Wednesday. Results unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds have one game left this season as they host Bellevue Saturday, Nov. 6.

Highline beat Bellevue earlier in the season 2-1. The Bulldogs will be looking to even the score and remain atop the West Division.

Silent T-Birds speak volumes at tournament

By MARIE THOMA
Staff Reporter

Highline’s women’s volleyball remains in second with only three games until NWAACCs.


Team Captain Davina Fuiava said they should have won in three but fell apart in the third.

“Centralia put up and good game, fighting to go to NWAACCs, serve receive got us in the third game,” said Fuiava.

“Chris’s thought bubbles said ‘good job, nice hit, great play,’” Fuiava said.

Even Highline’s coaches had fun with being mimics, using thought bubbles to talk to the team during the games.

“Chris’s thought bubbles said ‘good job, nice hit, great play, move your feet.’ He even had one for substitutes, which was funny cause we have no subs,” Fuiava said.

Highline played first-place Tacoma last night. Results unavailable at press time.

The next week’s volleyball game will be in the Pavilion on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. against Clark.

Highline can finish no worse than third in the West Division. The top four teams in each division make the playoffs.

The NWAACC Championships begin Nov. 17-20.
By CODY WARF and RICHARD MEIER Staff Reporters

The Highline cross country team got its postseason off to a running start with a second place finish at the Northern Region Championships this past Saturday.

Cross country Coach Taryn Plypick said that she was very pleased with the results and the team’s showing.

“This group of runners did great at the Northern Region Championships, best in a long time,” Plypick said.

The team finished in second place with 129 points, just ahead of the team from Green River who finished in third with 130. The overall team event was dominated by Everett, which finished 87 points head of Highline.

On the men’s side, Highline finished in second place behind Everett and ahead of third-place Green River.

Highline’s Khalid Abebe made his first top-five finish of the year, finishing in 5th with a time of 28:01. Abebe finished 35 seconds behind Everett’s Byron Reim, who placed first with a time of 27:26. Highline also had a top-10 finisher, with Luke Martin finishing in 10th place with a time of 28:45.

Plypick said that she expect the men to compete at a high level and she was very proud of their performance.

“I knew going into the race that we were going to have to do a solid effort from our top seven guys and we could not have any let downs if a guy going to beat Green River,” she said. “The guys take a lot of pride in the way they do things and they even go to the extent of fixing things that are wrong and take the initiative to run on their own. They went out and ran one of the most impressive team races I have seen all season.”

The women’s team finished in third behind second-place Green River and ahead of Olympic. The women’s side mirrored that of the men’s side, with Everett dominating with six top-10 finishers, including four of the top five runners.

“The women did what I expected and put some great individual performances,” Plypick said. “Watch out for all three of these girls next week as they are starting to peak and will run some great times at NWAACCs.”

The women’s team was headlined by Ashley Densmore, who finished just outside of the top-five with a sixth place finish in a time of 20:56. She was followed by fellow sophomore Kalee Cirpa, who finished the race in 12th place with a time of 21:42. Everett’s Martin finished in 10th place Green River and ahead of third-place Green River.

Highline’s fastest cross country runner this year is Khalid Gedlu Abebe. Abebe is Ethiopian, but was born in Kenya. He and his family moved to Texas when he was three-years-old and then to Des Moines when he was seven. Today, he is an 18-year-old freshman, slim and standing at 5’7”.

Abebe graduated from Mount Rainier High School as a full International Baccalaureate student. He plans to major in either engineering or business.

“My dream job will pay me plenty and it would involve me keeping contact with a slew of people,” Abebe said.

Abebe started running track during his junior year in high school and has been running since.

“The thing that I love about running is just getting all those miles under you, improving your times, and the feeling of accomplishment that satisfies the hunger in your soul,” Abebe said.

“I decided to begin running because of my friends and the competitive spirit we always have between us. My desire is to out run really nice running shoes and tone my legs so I can pull off the short shorts look. Besides, I like seeing my times after every race,” Abebe added.

A wrestler in high school, he placed 12th at state as a junior. In the 2010, Abebe won first place in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races in Highline district track meet.

His biggest role model is Abebe Bikila who is from Ethiopia and won medals at the 1960 Rome Olympics and the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

“I trained with him and he helped push me to keep running and be the best athlete I could be,” Abebe said.

“I improved a lot this season so I won’t waste all those efforts by lazing around like the couch potato I am. I’ll enroll in a few marathons and run with a few buddies, see if we can get as much mileage in as we can every week,” Abebe said.

“I decided to continue running out of high school because I like to see improvement. See how good I could get at the end of a season and comparing that to the speedy Gonzaleses around me,” Abebe said.

Abebe finished fifth at the Norther Regional Championships with a time of 28:01, it was his best showing during his freshman season. He looks to improve his time at NWAACCs.

Late addition Martin finds fun in being fit

By EMILY HUYNH Staff Reporter

Highline’s newest runner Luke Martin is now one of the team’s top runners.

“I heard there was a cross country program and I didn’t find out until I came to sign for Winter Quarter, but I couldn’t race because I was only a part-time student at first,” Martin said.

Martin was born in South Korea and came to Federal Way as a foreign exchange student, when he was 13-years-old.

His parents are still in Korea. Martin was adopted by his host family when he was 15. Martin now is in his first quarter here at Highline.

Martin graduated from Todd Beamer High School in 2010 and plans to major in nutrition or child development.

“My dream is to be a pro athlete in the Olympics and if that doesn’t work out, which it most likely won’t, then I will just settle to be a nutritionist,” Martin said with a laugh.

Outside of school, Martin is busy working two jobs. He works at the Northwest Church in Federal Way and a law firm through an internship.

Martin began running in the summer of 2006.

“My athletic Career began, ironically through an injury. I had broken my arm badly in winter of 2005, which required two operations to be healed. I still can’t fully extend my right arm as much as I used to, tend my left one,” Martin said.

“I had no friends to hang out with since I lacked English skills at that period of time. It was an extreme boredom and the sense of obligation that I had to get something done over the summer,” Martin said.

“I started running because I wanted to lose weight; I was 175 pounds and 5’3”. Now I am 145 pounds and 5’7”, so I’m pretty pleased,” Martin said. “I did track my freshman and sophomore year in high school, and then I took a break and started cross country in my senior year. I wanted to run, but I had no ride or support.”

The Pacific Lutheran Invitational was Martin’s first race of the season.

One major role model Martin has is German Fernandez. Fernandez set the American high school national record in the two mile run with a time of 8:34 at the 2008 Nike Outdoor Nationals championship. He also holds the World Junior Indoor Mile record at 3:55.02. “I heard only he had one pair of shoes in his whole high school career, which showed me motivation,” Martin said.

Martin has continued to improve in his short stint with the team after finishing in 10th at the North Regionals last week.
Everyone wants to know “How do I lose weight?” I’m sure many of you over the years have heard about ridiculous weight-loss foods; tried diets that don’t work; seen weight-loss or fat-burning pills; and watched late night infomercials, selling expensive gadgets that don’t work.

Listening to your friends’ stories about how they lost 10 pounds from an all-juice diet is annoying. Well now it’s time to get the facts about losing weight the right way.

•Lifestyle Change – If you need to lose weight, there has probably been an issue with your lifestyle. So now it’s time to mix things up. You need to set some goals. Realistic, attainable goals, like eliminating soda from your diet, or instead of trying to find the closest parking spot to class, park further away to get a little exercise.

It’s the little things that get big results.

•Portion Control – Eat smaller amounts of food at each meal. Try using a smaller plates and bowls. It gives you a visual image of how much you have enough food. Also, try eating five to six times a day, or every couple hours instead of just three times a day. Slow Down – It takes about 20 minutes from the time you put food in your mouth before the brain gets the message that you’re full. If you eat fast, and more than you’re supposed to in less than 20 minutes, you’re going to feel overloaded. Eat slowly and savor the taste of your food.

•Sleep – Not getting enough sleep can lead to weight gain. Studies have shown that not getting enough sleep affects your metabolism, which then influences hunger and weight gain.

It’s recommended that the average person get six to 10 hours of sleep a night. And an added bonus: you won’t be so tired in class.

•Drink Water Daily – Water needs to be your new favorite drink. If you dislike water, try adding lemon or orange slices. This adds flavor and antioxidants to the water. Eight glasses to two gallons a day is preferred, depending on how often and intense your workouts are.

•Get Support – It’s hard enough to start a weight-loss program as it is, but to do it by yourself is even harder. So find a friend who has similar goals, or a personal trainer to help you lose weight. Support helps not only in the gym, but also when going for a walk or a hike. Highline has personal trainers available for free every quarter (contact Josh Baker at bakerj@highline.edu for more information).

•Exercise – If you don’t have access to a gym, you’re making excuses. The fitness center is Building 21 room 103. Even if you’re not enrolled in a fitness center class, you can work out from 1-5 p.m. You should get it keep it off. If you go back to your old ways, you will just gain the weight back, and all that hard work will be for nothing.

•Maintenance – Now that you’ve lost weight, you need to keep it off. If you go back to your old ways, you will just gain the weight back, and all that hard work will be for nothing.

Michael Leishman is a personal fitness training student at Highline.

Balanced diet will help weight problem

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What are triglycerides? What do they do to you? I am a 55-year-old male in good health, so I thought. My lab tests showed I have elevated triglycerides. My doctor believes I need to make funerar arrangements. He told me to cut down on fats. I have never eaten much fat. I don’t use butter. How do I get my level down? -- R.F.

ANSWER: Triglycerides are fats. They’re found in meat and the stuff that surrounds a cut of meat are triglycerides. In the blood, they are not solids. They’re a source of energy for body cells. Excess amounts are stored as fat.

Cholesterol gets all the blame for clogging heart arteries and causing heart attacks. But triglycerides bear part of the blame. A very high blood triglyceride level inflames the pancreas -- pancreatitis. That happens, but is a somewhat rare event compared with other causes of pancreatitis.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I just received a lab slip from my doc- tor’s office for tests that should be done before my visit. Electrolytes are circled. What are they? They sound like something to do with electricity. -- M.Z.

ANSWER: Electrolytes are sodium, potassium, bicarbonate and chloride. They do have something to do with electricity -- they carry a charge.

They’re involved in a huge number of body processes, including keeping the heart beating, facilitating nerve transmission, helping muscle contractions and maintaining the balance between acids and bases.

The booklet on electrolytes describes their functions and details the things that can go wrong when one or other is deficient or excessive. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 202W, Highline has personal trainers student at Highline.

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Highline’s new club PRISM shines its lights on diversity

PRISM, or People Respecting Individuals and Sexual Minorities, is a new group on campus that is in the process of becoming an officially endorsed club at Highline.

“We are a group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning or intersex students and their allies,” said the club’s co-adviser, Mandy Mineard.

“We want to be a safe and accepting place for all students,” Mineard said. Mineard works in the Highline registration office as a credential evaluator.

Meetings provide an open and inviting atmosphere where students and faculty can interact and share their experiences or just talk freely about how they’ve dealt with sexuality.

Discussion topics vary across the spectrum, covering anything and everything from current events to personal experiences.

“I think it is important for all student groups to be represented on campus so all of our students feel like they belong somewhere,” Mineard said.

Everyone is really nice, caring, and we have fun at every meeting.”

Co-adviser Mineard said that PRISM has become a great outlet to reach out to students in a way she wasn’t able to before.

“I am able to help give students something I never had in that there are resources available; there are safe places and safe people to talk to and a place to just be – to just be yourself, whatever that might entail,” said Mineard.

“I didn’t have that when I was coming out,” she said. PRISM welcomes all individuals, members say. The group does not currently have a set meeting time but anyone interested in getting involved should contact Mineard at mmineard@highline.edu or the other co-adviser, Joshua Magallanes, at jmagallanes@highline.edu.

Free flu vaccines offered on campus

Free flu vaccinations for adults and children will be offered at Highline on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8.

Sponsored by King County Health, the event will have limited doses of infant and preservative-free vaccine available. No one will be asked for proof of health insurance or citizenship, or be turned away. For more information, visit kingcounty.gov/health/flu.

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### Revealing the Ripper

**Notorious killer’s story still shrouded in London fog**

By **NICHOLAS MCCOY**
Staff Reporter

The true identity of the serial killer known as Jack the Ripper will likely never be known, a Highline history professor said Wednesday.

Tori Balkenende presented a seminar about Jack the Ripper last week as part of the History Seminar series held every week.

The killer now commonly known as Jack the Ripper was known by several different names during the course of his killing spree in Victorian London in 1888.

Those names included “the Whitechapel Murderer” (for the area in which he was primarily committing his crimes) and early on, “Leather Apron.”

“It’s [Jack the Ripper] the best known name given to a still unknown serial killer,” Balkenende said.

The name “Jack the Ripper” originated from one of several letters that some people believe were written by the killer.

“Lots of other people think it [the letter] was a hoax,” she said. “He sold newspapers.”

Although many people still like to try to figure out who the murderer was, Balkenende said that we are likely to never find out.

“Basically, he’s dead,” Balkenende said.

The ripper was purported to kill prostitutes, although there is some evidence that the women he killed may not have been such, and that the idea that the women were prostitutes may have been exaggerated by the media of the time.

The killings followed an enormous population boom between the start of the century and the time the killings happened, the population had soared from one million to five million people, Balkenende said.

During that time period, the use of the printing press and the literacy rate also boomed, creating a flood of small “half-penny” tabloid-like publications.

“A lot of the newspapers wanted to blame the victim,” she said.

The murders, which included partial decapitation and extreme mutilation of the organs, particularly the genitals and uterus, escalated in severity as time passed.

“All of the victims were women, most of them in their 40s,” she said.

Many of the women had at one point or another been picked up by the police for some form of civil disturbance (which, at the time, included sleeping in the park due to homelessness).

Most “ripper-ologists” (a term Balkenende said is often used by those that dedicate themselves to the study of the unknown perpetrator) agree on five particular murders having definitely been committed by the killer.

Several other murders are sometimes ascribed to the killer, but have aspects that do not match the confirmed killings.

“These were the ‘canonical five,’” she said.

The first ‘canonical’ killing occurred on Aug. 31, 1888 when Mary Ann Nichola was found dead.

The final ‘canonical’ killing was on Nov. 9, 1888, when the ripper killed Mary Jane Kelly.

The final killing was the one that seemed most brutal, Balkenende said.

Kelly’s face was slashed to the point of unrecognizability, and many of her organs were removed or cut off and strewn around her.

“He just completely went to town,” Balkenende said.

Despite that, the murder was unsuccessful for the Ripper, in that he committed it indoors.

Additionally, Kelly’s clothes were found neatly folded nearby.

“This suggests she was unaware anything was wrong,” Balkenende said.

Although many people were suspected and investigated for the Ripper killings, no one was ever convicted.

“I suspect that the real Jack, we may never find him,” she said.

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### Math curriculum subtracts the old and adds the new

By **S. RUSSELL GREGORY**
Staff Reporter

The Math Department hopes to add success to Highline students with a new math curriculum.

Previously, a student who tested into Math 091 first placed in the new 098, which allows pre-calculus students to get the needed information just before they take pre-calculus.

A new custom made book is now being used for Math 081 and 091. Both courses are now taught with MyLabPlus, which is a program that allows the student to do homework online.

The program will also show if the student did the problem correctly and it will tell the student how to do math problems similar to the homework problems.

The new Math 091 now allows a student to have the option of taking Math 111, College Algebra; Math 146, Elements of Statistics; Math 180, Number Theory for Elementary Teachers; or Math 107, Math, a Practical Art.

Students majoring in science, mathematics or engineering need pre-calculus and will have to take Math 098, Intermediate Algebra for Calculus.

“We started the new 081 in the spring. The summer was the first new 091, and this fall we started the new 098, so this fall is the first quarter that all three classes are now running,” Warnock said.

Students who took the old Math 091 will have a chance to take the old-style Math 097 within the next two quarters to allow them to take a college-level math course.

If these students do not pass Math 097, they will need to take the new Math 091 to fulfill the requirements for a college-level math course.

Now the Math Department will wait to see how the students in the new pre-college math curriculum do in the college level courses; that is the true test to see if the new curriculum is truly preparing the students properly for the college math courses, Warnock said.
Scientists still seek answers to dinosaur mysteries

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER  Staff Reporter

Dinosaur fossils are continually being discovered in Utah and with them, more questions arise as to why they are there.

Laura Westergard, one of Highline’s geology instructors, spoke about her trip to Utah over the summer on Friday, Oct. 29 at the Science Seminar: “Utah is an amazing place, geologically. I was excited about having the opportunity to go,” Whittington said.

Westergard spent her summer working at Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry in central-eastern Utah through Geocorps America. This has been a national natural landmark since 1966.

This area has the world’s largest concentration of Jurassic-aged fossils. Bones have been shipped all over the world from this location; some even went to the University of Washington, Whittington said.

“My primary responsibility was staffing the rock quarry and giving interpretive talks at the visitor center,” Whittington said.

She also helped guide hikes for geology and school groups.

“One of the most fun things I did, though a little nerve-racking, was when I got to learn how to extract dinosaur bone from rock material,” Whittington said.

Some of the bones she extracted were approximately 157 million years old. She even got to clean dinosaur bones in the bone preparation lab at the College of Eastern Utah.

“Cleaning the bones was a great learning experience,” Whittington said.

She also did some field work and discovered dinosaur fossils.

How smart are octopi? professor asks

By DAUNTE SANTOS  Staff Reporter

Laura Westergard will miss helping fellow students at Highline.

Westergard’s last day at Highline was on Friday, Oct. 29. She has resigned from her position as director of admissions/services after six years of being on staff here at Highline.

Westergard worked at Highline in the late ’90s and rejoined the Highline family in July of 2004.

She helped students from out of the state with residency and was responsible for admissions, she said.

“I help students with what they want to do and we get them a support system to help reach their goals,” Westergard said.

“I really enjoy the work,” she said. “Our mission is to help support students as they come into the school.”

Although Westergard loved her work, she felt that it was time for a break.

“I’m going to take a break for a couple of months. I feel good about what my team and I have accomplished. I’m proud of the work my team has done,” she said.

Although Westergard is taking a break, she hopes to land in higher education again someday.

Westergard spent time working with her staff and supervising about seven or eight student staff.

“I have a great team,” she said. “I feel honored to be a part of that.”

Westergard and her team help students apply for residency, which she said is a very lengthy process. This is for students who haven’t lived in Washington state and need help with becoming a resident.

“It’s a big piece of what we do,” she said.

Westergard said that what brings her the greatest satisfaction about being in her position is “when a student connects with what they want to do with their life and they make it happen.

One of the things that she will miss the most about Highline is being a part of such a diverse community.

Highline is extremely unique and I love learning about different ethnic cultures and backgrounds that students come from,” she said.

Westergard is from Auburn and enjoys art. She is a member of an art group called the Auburn Valley Creative Arts. She has two cats and her husband, Donald, of 15 years. They both enjoy bicycle riding and skiing and snowshoeing.

One of her staff members Keisha Hendrix of the admissions/entry services said, “Laura has been the best supervisor and I wish her the best on her new journey.”

Westergard’s staff threw her a poola party to celebrate her time here, and a quote popped into her head that she remembered on her hike in the Himalayas in 1988.

“Thule, Thule,” which means “Beyond, Beyond,” Westergard said. “My expectations for my student staff and regular staff go beyond and will continue to go beyond expectations.”

Highline’s MaST Center will be holding a presentation on the intelligence of an Octopus.

The presentation will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 from noon-12:45 p.m. The presenter will be Dr. Roland Anderson, a cephalopodologist and also a biologist emeritus at the Seattle Aquarium.

Dr. Anderson will talk about the intelligence of an octopus. Dr. Anderson has discovered that octopi are able to identify individual humans. He will also provide a history of the world’s largest octopus, the locally found giant Pacific octopus.

The MaST Center is located 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S., Des Moines.

For more information, contact Woody Moses at wmoses@highline.edu or visit flightline.highline.edu/scienceseminars. It is held in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

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been on the coast along with Arizona and Nevada. This could possibly explain the large volume of dinosaur fossils found at this spot.

This large land mass began breaking apart and separating in the early Jurassic period, allowing the Atlantic Ocean to open up. This left the dinosaurs stranded and unable to migrate, Whittington said.

These are all theories from scientists and paleontologists. They are still working towards finding the reasons for the dense concentration of fossils in Utah as they continue to make new discoveries, she said.

Steve Swope, a Highline respiratory care instructor, will discuss respiratory illness on Friday, Nov. 5.

To find out more information on future Science Seminars or watch videos of past events, visit flightline.highline.edu/scienceseminars. It is held in Building 3, room 102 from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

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best a Republican candidate has done against Senator Keiser in a long time. I don’t consider it over yet,” Michalek said.

“The only way you can correct things is by getting involved with them,” said Michalek on running again. “They need to start fitting in what people want instead of doing what they think is best.”

District 33 covers SeaTac, Des Moines, Normandy Park, the Kent Valley, and parts of Burien.

Other local races were not as close.

“In the race for State Senate in the 30th legislative district, which encompasses the cities of Federal Way, Milton, Algona, and Pacific, the race is too close to call between incumbent Democrat Tracey Eide and Republican challenger Tony Moore.

At press time, Eide leads Moore by a total of 477 votes, but results are not expected to become final for a few days. Moore is holding out hope that he will still come out ahead.

“This race is far from over,” he said.

He says that we need more balance in government, and that voters have shown this by electing more republicans all across the country. He said the government is too large, and he wants to make it smaller.

“I hope to win. I hope to stem the tide,” Moore said. “The government is too big and intrusive. We cannot afford it. We have to shrink the size of government.”

Tracey Eide and her campaign manager are hoping to hold onto their slight lead in the election, and are happy with how the campaign went.

“It was great, we ran a strong and aggressive campaign,” said Eide Campaign Manager Carrie Locken.

If Eide is reelected, Locken said that Eide’s first priority in the upcoming session would be the budget.

The race for Position One State Representative resulted in a victory for incumbent Democrat Mark Miloscia over percent of the vote.

At the federal level, voters in the 9th congressional district have chosen to re-elect incumbent Democrat Adam Smith. Smith won convincingly over Republican challenger Dick Muri by receiving over 58 percent of the vote. Muri’s 41 percent.

At the city level, Federal Way elected its first strong mayor.

Former 30th District State Rep. Skip Priest appears to have narrowly beaten Jim Ferrel, taking slightly more than 52 percent of the vote.

There were many ballot measures voted on during this election cycle, dealing from everything to privatizing liquor sales to denying bail for certain criminal suspects.

Both measures that would have privatized state liquor sales appeared to have missed last call. As of Wednesday afternoon, voters had rejected Initiatives 1100, 52-48 and 1105, 64-36.

Spokesman for Yes to 1100 Ashley Bach said he was optimistic 1-1100 would get a majority of the votes. “Clearly people are unhappy with the results now,” Bach said. “We know we’re doing pretty well in King County and King County is where most voters are in the state.”

Although he said he wished the numbers were reversed, Bach and his campaign knew the race for Initiative 1100 would be close. “I think you can see other initiatives were pretty cut and dry,” Bach said. “I think of getting the state out of liquor control was a good idea,” he said. Bach said the only way he saw this happening was by supporting private stores who able to sell and distribute alcohol.

Bach said that Yes to 1100 was “up against a very well-financed campaign,” and “in campaigns like these, money really does matter.”

Among the approximated $6.1 million raised in support of Yes to 1100, Costco Wholesale was among its biggest donors.

Costco donated more than $3.5 million, followed by SafeWay, who donated more than $600,000.

“Right now we’re swaying and seeing the results of the votes,” Bach said.

Initiative 1105, which also had privatized liquor sales, was rejected by voters. Initiative 1098, which would have put a state income tax on salaries above $200,000 per person or $400,000 per couple, was overwhelmingly rejected, with 65 percent saying “no.”

“This was characterized as a battle between billionaires and the state of Washington,” said Mark Funk, spokesman for Defeat 1098.

“It was middle class voters who defeated this initiative,” he said. “They believed that in 2 years the legislature would extend this tax cut to everybody.”

“I think it is going to be very difficult to move forward with an income tax,” he said.

Initiative 1107, which ends taxes on bottled water and candy, easily passed with 62 percent of voters saying “yes.”

Lawmakers predict that this measure will add another $1 billion to the budget deficit.

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“Often people don’t remember where the smoking areas are,” Yok said. If students, staff or faculty see someone smoking outside of the designated areas, they should just remind them of where the zones are.

Highline’s security tends to deal with smoking problems on a case by case basis, said Richard Noyer, chief of Campus Security. “They take it as a priority when they are confronted with it.”

He said that if officers are on route to an emergency, and they see someone smoking outside the smoking areas, “they go to the emergency.”

If Security see someone outside the given areas, they’ll advise those people as to where the areas are, Noyer said. But as far as any punishment or consequences go for those who violate the smoking policy, there are “none at this time,” he said.

“I would love to see smokers pick up after themselves,” was Noyer’s only request “to show they want to keep the designated area.”

While some students disagree with the current smoking situation, others are in favor.

“I do not think the rules are enforced much, but for good reason. If students were standing by doors puffing on a cigarette then I think the pressure on rules should be a bigger deal. Luckily, I have never been bothered,” said another student, Savannah Perez.

As of now, Highline has no plans to become a smoke-free campus, Yok said. "I don’t know that it makes a great deal of difference in terms of compliance," he said. "There are people who smoke and they need a place to do it."

**When I go to HCC I like to:**

A. Circle the parking lot for a space.
B. Freak out about getting another parking ticket.
C. Fill up my gas tank...again.
D. Study or chill on the bus.