

Higher enrollment means longer waits

By Thunderword Staff

With enrollment up this quarter, Highline students are having to compete for parking spots, books, and a seat in class.

The first day of Fall Quarter saw 7,468 students enrolled. This is about 100 more students than were enrolled last fall. Running Start also saw an increase of about 100 more students, putting this fall's number over 1,000. Additionally, the number of international students increased by a small number.

With more and more students all wanting to pursue college education each year, Highline has had trouble accommodating all of them in many areas.

From class sizes and availability, book availability, parking, lines, and tuition increases; the demand often exceeds the supply.

"I still haven't gotten the program I need for my BTECH class because they ran out by the second day," said returning student Craig Brown.

It was only the first week of school and many students were

already tired of long lines. With some textbooks running out, some students reported waiting over an hour to buy their books from the bookstore.

Other students ordered textbooks online, which some students said was easier and, in some cases, cheaper.

"I got them all," said student Chris Ngy, of ordering his textbooks online, "for how late I did everything."

Some students are also finding out that it's easier to either enroll earlier as well.

Olya Petrova, a sophomore, said, "We know we have to do it sooner."

Students have mixed feelings about waitlists. While some students drop the class if they do not make it in by the first day, other students retain some hope, and attend class to see if they will make it in.

"I was the 11th person on the waitlist but then most people just gave up and I actually ended up as the second on the

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Kaley Ishmael/THUNDERWORD

Refugee farmers and student volunteers sell produce at Highline every Wednesday through October.

Refugee farmers plant roots at Highline

By ERIKA WIGREN

Staff Reporter

Ramadhan Mugasa and his family plant hope for the future.

For the second consecutive year, Highline's Kevin Stanley is helping refugee farmers sell garden-fresh vegetables at a reasonable price in front of the

Student Union every Wednesday for the first few weeks of October.

Mugasa and his daughter, Halima Muya, are Bantu farmers from Somalia. Muya and her six siblings spent the majority of their childhood in Somalia until being forced out of their country and placed in Kenyan refugee

camps.

In 2004, the family resettled in the greater Seattle area, where they began to learn how to farm organically.

Despite the hardships, Mugasa was all smiles last Wednesday.

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Goats eat greens to help Highline become green



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A group of goats were invited to lunch at Highline's drainage park in an effort to go green while cleaning up.

By TYLER CONNELLY

Staff Reporter

If you are wondering what that was behind you, it was a goat.

Craig Madsen, a livestock farmer from Eastern Washington, returned to campus this week with his goats to clear brush and debris from Highline's west end retention ponds.

"The goats are coming on Saturday, Oct. 1 and will be here through Oct. 5," said Central Services Supervisor Dave Kress. So if you noticed a large herd of goats and a few sheep, they were supposed to be there.

This is another action from Highline to go green. The ponds are an important part of the campus and the local ecosystem. Their main purpose is to collect garbage that would otherwise be washed into the sewer, and ultimately the Puget Sound via the Des Moines Marina.

Healing Hooves LLC is a company owned and operated by Craig and Sue Lani Madsen. Both participate in their company's weed control services, which keeps them separated and on the road for up to six months at a time all over Washington.

Madsen typically works away from his home between

May and October.

"I enjoy it, I love being outdoors and it is directly related to what I am interested in," he said. "My wife and I talk every day. We calculated that if we had 8-5 jobs we wouldn't see each other much more than we do."

Though Healing Hooves was on campus back in June of this year, Madsen's goats are here this time to clean up a different section of the drainage park on the west side of campus.

"We are here for four to five

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Crime and Punishment

Graffiti found

Graffiti was found near the main entrance to Building 30 on a pole with a "No Smoking" sign on Sept. 26. Pictures have been taken by Campus Security.

Laptop stolen

A Highline student reported theft of a 14-inch black Dell laptop computer. The student reported it was stolen from the second floor of the Library on Sept. 26.

Security called

Security officers were called to the library after a previously admonished individual was demanding contact information of a woman who formerly worked at Highline. The subject left without incident after the officers asked him to leave.

Inappropriate activity

A couple was found engaging in inappropriate activity in a dark sedan on Sept. 28. They left campus when Security Officers asked them to leave.

Lost property

A student reported the loss of a black Samsung phone in Building 29 on Sept. 27.

A student reported having lost a black wallet on Oct. 4. The wallet is missing along with ID cards inside.

Alarm Scare

An alarm went off in Building 30 on Oct. 1. Officers arrived to find the doors locked, but ajar. Three Highline students were found in the lobby. The students said the doors had been unlocked when they entered. Officers did a walk-through, but reset the alarm when they found nothing missing and no one else in the building.

- Compiled by Ben Friedland

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Highline remembers Marge Command

Margie M. Command (Margie Mignon Command), 78, passed away on Sept. 20, 2011 in Federal Way.

She was born on May 17, 1933 in Seattle, the daughter of John and Margery Rouse. She was raised in Yakima. After graduating from high school, she attended Yakima Community College, earned a bachelor of science degree from Washington State University, and earned a master's in education from Central Washington University.



Marge M. Command

When teaching junior high school she met another junior high teacher, Edward M. Com-

mand, and they were married on Aug. 5, 1962.

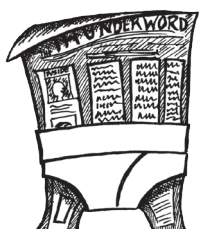
She taught nine years at the junior and high school levels before being selected as the women's physical education and health teacher at Highline in the fall of 1964. While at Highline, she served as women's tennis coach. She retired from Highline in June 2000.

She enjoyed teaching physical education and found even more pleasure teaching adult community college students. She was selected into the Com-

munity College Hall of Fame for her early work in creating and supporting athletic programs for community college women. The tennis courts of Highline are named in her honor.

She enjoyed outdoor activities including gardening, tennis, boating, fishing, and clamming. After retirement, many months were spent on their boat in the San Juan Islands and traveling to many places across the world.

There will be no public services.



News Briefs

Children's book author promotes tolerance

Children's book author Cheryl Kilodavis will be coming to Highline to talk about her book, *My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Likes to Dress Up*.

Kilodavis will be talking about her book in on Oct. 11 in Building 7 from 9-9:50 a.m. A book signing will follow from 10-10:30 a.m.

October is lesbian/gay awareness month. Multicultural Services, Student Programs,

and the Learning and Teaching Center are working together to put on events to promote awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex (LGBTQI) community on campus.

The plankton of Puget Sound explored

Woody Moses will present The Plankton of Puget Sound on Saturday, Oct. 8 from noon-12:45 p.m. at the MaST Center.

Attendants will have the opportunity to collect plankton using nets, and then examine them under a microscope.

The M.a.S.T. Center is located four miles south of Highline's main campus at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive South. For further information and driving directions, see the Highline website

at Highline.edu.

Apply for the Academic Achievement award

The Winter 2012 Academic Achievement Award scholarship application is now available. The scholarship offers tuition waivers to full-time students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Running Start students, non-resident students, and international students are not eligible for the scholarship.

The scholarship application can be found online at www.highline.edu/home/pdf/Acad-Achieve.win12.pdf.

Attend a seminar

Science Seminars takes place every Friday in Building

3 room 102 at 2:20-3:32 p.m. The series features faculty who present topics related to their field. The series also explores scientific discoveries, studies and worldwide interests. The next presenter will be Amelia Phillips on the topic of computer/digital forensics.

History Seminars are held every Wednesday in Building 3, room 102. The next presenter will be Lonnie Somer on the topic of American Degeneracy.

These seminars can be taken for a credit.

Correction

In the Sept. 26 issue, an article on James Spack should have said that Spack began his work at Highline in 1999 at the Center for Learning Connections and started in Safety and Security in 2006.

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Experience Puget Sound and Earn Science Credit!
Each quarter Highline's MaST Center offers hands-on marine science laboratory classes. Earn your 5 credits of lab science with first-hand experiences.

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- Biol 110 – Marine Biology (every quarter – many hybrid)
- Ocea 101 – Introduction to Oceanography (every quarter – many hybrid)
- Envs 101 – Introduction to Environmental Science: Marine Focus (spring and summer)

The MaST Center is located 4 miles south of the Highline Campus in Redondo. Our aquarium has 11 tanks with more than 100 local species on display.



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Goats

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days expect to clear almost 2 acres of new brush,” Madsen said.

Roughly 230 goats, along with a few sheep, will be plowing through blackberries, plants and everything else that gets in their way.

Due to their anatomy, goats hit the plants high and sheep hit them low, cleaning out designated areas without the toxic chemicals that alternative measures would leave behind.

But please be careful. Madsen warned that people should not feed anything to the animals or touch the electrified fences which contain them.

“I have had helpful people in the past try and feed the goats only to get them sick and cause several of them to die,” he said.

Madsen also said he has wit-



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One of Craig Madsen's goats chows down on a blackberry vine in the drainage park on the west side of campus. The goats were back for round two of the park cleanup.

nessed several people in the past come in contact with the fence and receive a good zap of elec-

tricity. The fence has more than 4,000 volts. He asked that curious students look but not touch

the animals. And do not climb into their enclosure under any circumstances.

Women's Programs promotes breast cancer awareness

By **RACHEL MOYER**
Staff Reporter

The Highline community can walk, drop its tops and even shoot hoops in the battle against breast cancer this month.

“Women's Programs at Highline has observed breast cancer awareness month for over 30 years,” Jean Munro said.

Munro is the Women's Programs and Workfirst Services program coordinator, educational adviser and retention specialist, in addition to being a Highline alum herself.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2007, around 202,964 females living in America had a breast cancer diagnosis and 40,598 females died from breast cancer.

Upcoming breast cancer events include:

- Get some fresh air and walk to support breast cancer. The 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of King County Walk will take place at Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth Street, Bellevue, on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 9 a.m. Registration, resource booths and refreshments tables open at 8 a.m.

“Over the years, [the walk] has proven to be a very fun, educational event for our students, staff and faculty,” Munro said.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is non-competitive three-mile route; participants can do the three-mile walk or walk around the park.

“Each student is encouraged ask others students, staff, friends and family to give any donation they can afford, times are hard, but I find that commu-



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Women's Programs

nity members are willing to donate their change or a few dollars since so many are affected by this terrible disease,” Munro said. All donations are accepted, regardless of the amount.

To sign up online for Highline's team at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, long onto <http://main.acsevents.org> and click on the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer tab.

Students and staff can also sign up at Highline's table the morning of the walk. Munro will be at the Highline check-in table from 8 - 9 a.m. to meet with students, faculty and staff; participants can walk alone, with friends or with the Highline group.

“The walk is a networking must since many of the businesses across the state and medical facilities participate, so anyone looking for employment

may want to small talk while they walk,” Munro said.

You can submit donations online, bring them to the sign up table the day of the walk or drop them off at the Women's Programs office in care of Jean Munro.

Individual donations can be made by sending checks to Jean Munro at Women's Programs in Building 6; make checks out to ACS-Making Strides.

Donations can also be made online at the American Cancer Society's website at: www.cancer.org/Involved/index

- Drop your tops by donating your Yoplait Yogurt pink lids. Each pink lid is worth 10 cents and proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Just collect pink lids from Yoplait Yogurt containers and drop them off in the designated bin next to Women's Programs in Building 6 or near the book-

store in Building 8, the Student Union.

Pink lid donations can also be made online by following the link www.yoplait.com/ and entering the code on the bottom of the lid online.

Munro said that in years past, staff, students and faculty have donated about 1,000 lids.

- Hoop it up: Women's Programs and Highline's athletics department will be hosting the annual Charity Basketball Game on Friday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Highline's T-Birds women's team will play against Highline's faculty and staff.

“Students should attend this event because not only is it a great cause, but it is a fun event for participants; they get to see the faculty and staff get beat up by our women's basketball team,” said Highline Athletic Director John Dunn.

Dunn was prompted to get involved in the game through encouragement from Jean Munro from Women's Programs, and because his own mother battled and won her fight with breast cancer.

Some Highline faculty members who will try to stomp the women's basketball team include Dunn, Jason Ramirez, Ed Morris, Josh Baker, Oussama (Sam) Alkhalili, Loyal Allen, Jason Prenovost and retired faculty member Bruce Roberts.

Highline's men's team will play the follow-up basketball game. The date for this game has not been determined.

Students can spread the word about the basketball game, bring in a donation or stop by

Give blood

The Puget Sound Blood Center returns with a blood drive in the Student Union on Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone over 18 years old and in good health can donate blood. People ages 16 and 17 can donate with picture identification and “permission slip signed by a parent or guardian,” according to the blood center.

The American Red Cross website suggests that before you donate blood, eat a healthy meal with iron-rich foods, while avoiding fatty foods, sleep well at night, and stay well hydrated.

“We try to stay with all of the schools. ... They are our main source of blood,” said Julie Smith of the blood center. “Each donation can help up to three people.”

For more information, visit the blood center website at <http://www.psbcc.org/home/index.htm>.

Women's Programs to help or volunteer. The game is free and donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen charity.

“This is our eighth year partnering with the Susan G. Komen society for the game,” said Amber Rowe Mosley, Highline's head women's basketball coach. At the basketball game, a volunteer from Susan G. Komen will talk about early detection of breast cancer at a resource table and t-shirts will be given for donations made. All donations will go to the Susan G. Komen charity.

Wear pink to the basketball game to show your support. Faculty and staff will be wearing pink as well.

- In February, Susan G. Komen and the American Cancer Society will be hosting a workshop for people to learn more about the early detection of breast cancer, and where they can get help and assistance.

The workshop will teach students and staff the importance of early detection. The actual date of this workshop has not been determined.

If students would like to get involved with breast cancer awareness, or with Women's Programs, interested parties can contact Women's Programs in Building 6, in the office next door to the security office.

If you are in need of breast cancer screening or support, contact Women's Programs. Women's Programs connects students with assistance and help through community partners, such as Susan G. Komen, the American Cancer Society and Health Point.

Editorial comment**State should take a look**

The State Legislature is holding a special budget session this coming November, and it's time they made up for the deficit in an area other than higher education.

Instead of cutting funding to state colleges, Olympia should take note of the fact that enrollment has been on a rise since 2008.

The Office of Institutional Research reports that Highline has an ostensible 5 percent increase in Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment this quarter compared to Fall 2010.

FTE is a unit of measure that denotes an individual student as taking enough credits to qualify as a full time student. In the case of Highline, this means 12 credits or more. This figure does not include international transfer students, nor those in Running Start.

It is by the number of FTE students that Washington state determines how much support both the college and these students get per year. And Highline has shown a steady increase.

Due to this increase in FTE enrollment, the Washington State Legislature needs to allocate more funds for higher education across the board.

The Legislature should do this to help encourage the new and returning students of this quarter to remain in their programs of study.

Since they are already investing a portion of their money into the school shouldn't they attempt to insure the investment succeeds?

Highline has been a major contributor to its community for decades.

It is a major employer for the city of Des Moines, providing 1,065 people with jobs, over 900 of which pay taxes in King County.

Highline operations and alumni alone contribute \$254 million to King County's income each year, further showing that Highline is an important economic engine.

As it stands right now, the 2011 Washington budget allocates 14.1 percent of its funds for higher education, which includes four-year universities, community, and technical colleges.

There are 38 state colleges, all grabbing for a piece of the pie.

In essence, Highline receives only a portion of this already slim amount coming from the state.

With the increase in enrollment across the board since 2008, the state needs to take notice of the effect that local colleges have on the economy of the surrounding area and thus reward them for their continuing development.

However, Highline students have instead seen a 12 percent increase in their tuition and fees since Spring Quarter 2010. And the cost doesn't end with the students either.

It costs money to run Highline smoothly. Employees need their wages; services such as groundskeeping and security have to be paid for.

Granted some of these costs do come from what we, as students, pay the Cashier each quarter, but another portion of the necessary funds comes from what the state allocates Highline.

But the trend of disregard for higher education seems to be continuing, with the state predicted to contribute less and less. This boils down to the students having to pay more and more out of pocket.

It may also lead to Highline having cut up to \$4 million more from its own budget. If that happens, the students will begin to see a decline in the quality of their education.

But how can this be?

Can't those in Olympia see that colleges, community or otherwise, directly benefit the communities that surround them?

It falls to us to show the State Legislature that enough is enough.

Our education must not and should not suffer due to shortfalls and discrepancies within the state budget.

**You want change? Then vote!**

"A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."

- Theodore Roosevelt

In 2008, only 56.8 percent of the voter-age population voted.

As citizens of America we must think of our future. We the people have the power to elect our leaders, and only half of us do so.

It is the young that must worry about the future, because soon we will be in charge of electing our leaders and aiding our local government.

Why are people not voting? Are they uninformed, unaware, too busy, or just too lazy?

We need to start caring about the future of this nation for it is the future of our children.

Technology is making everything faster and easier these days. If you want to vote, all it takes is three easy steps.

Register to vote online and you will receive a ballot, then fill it out and send it back on Election Day.

You will not have to register to vote again, so when the Presidential Elections start you will be registered and ready to vote.

Unfortunately, there is a deadline on Oct. 10 for online or mail registration. So try get registered as soon as possible.

With the November elections coming up we need to start

**Guest Commentary**

Aaron Snyder & Petr Sobol

registering now. Visit access.wa.gov, go to the Secretary of State's web page and click on "Register to Vote."

It takes about 10 minutes at the most and you're registered! Those 10 minutes can save you from a bad future.

There will also be students at the Student Union and the Library that can help you register right here at Highline. Computers will be set up with links to the Secretary of State's page on the second floor of the Student Union, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Oct. 6; Friday, Oct. 7; and Monday, Oct. 10.

A lot of people use the "my single vote doesn't matter" excuse, but every individual's vote has the same value.

This is like saying that a single vote won't change anything, because if everyone followed

that same logic then there would be no votes, no elections, and no democracy.

Your vote is as important as anyone else's, no one has more of a voice than you when it comes to voting. If you are qualified to vote you have no excuse, so why not take the 10 minutes and get involved in your government?

If you don't agree with the status quo, vote to change it.

If you do agree, vote to keep it. Either way something must be done; you wouldn't let your parents make all of your decisions would you?

So why let them choose your representatives?

Theodore Roosevelt said, a vote is like a rifle. Use yours wisely.

Petr Sobol and Aaron Snyder are currently studying American Government at Highline.

Write to us

The Thunderword invites Letters and Columns.

Send submissions, with contact information, to thunderword@highline.edu.

Letters should be under 200 words, columns no more than 600.

Submissions due on Monday for print on Thursday, and may be edited for length, grammar, and style.

The Staff

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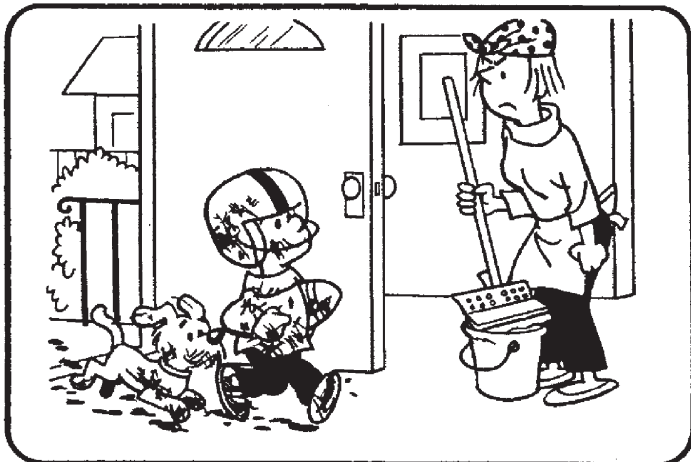
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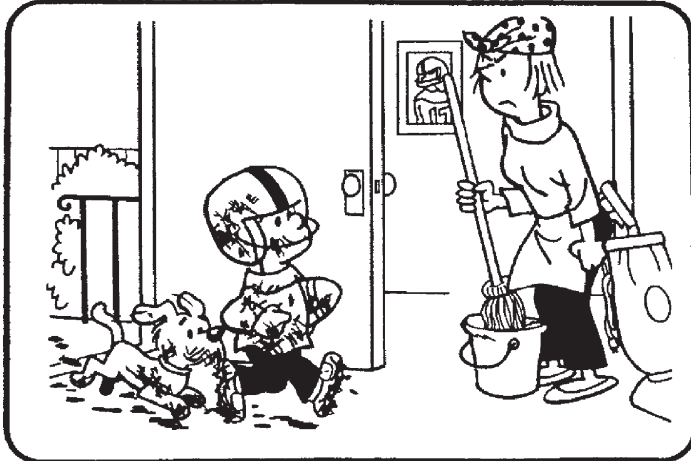
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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A Helping Hand

Across

- 1. Cause for a lawsuit
- 5. Argentine dance
- 10. Pale
- 14. Banned apple spray
- 15. Sped
- 16. Eye sore
- 17. Clock feature
- 19. Spanish snack
- 20. One who uses arsenic
- 21. Worker with a chair
- 23. "Sweeney ____"
- 24. The Brady Bunch mom
- 25. Stocks and such
- 28. Center of a target
- 31. "____ Gold" (Fonda film)
- 32. Nametag word
- 33. Owns
- 34. Saw bones
- 35. Hair lines
- 36. Old salts
- 37. Wall St. debut
- 38. Brockovich and others
- 39. Accord maker
- 40. Essential camping item
- 42. Like pine scent
- 43. Small amounts
- 44. Cry like a baby
- 45. Cornell's home
- 47. Cruel
- 51. Hopper
- 52. East, for one
- 54. Green Gables girl
- 55. Supersized
- 56. Arab ruler
- 57. Tops
- 58. Fencing needs
- 59. Specks

Down

- 1. Pack down
- 2. Hodgepodge
- 3. Hindu princess
- 4. Board
- 5. Fashions
- 6. Sighed with satisfaction

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)

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- 8. Col.'s superior
- 9. Nonconformists
- 10. Texas team
- 11. Saratoga employee
- 12. Hoopla
- 13. Four quarters
- 18. Sweetie pie
- 22. Folk singer Guthrie
- 24. Serious fan groups
- 25. Do C.P.A. work
- 26. Ski run
- 27. Previously owned
- 28. Swiss capital
- 29. Feet containers
- 30. School assignment
- 32. Flags down a taxi
- 35. _____ cause
- 36. Backyard sight
- 38. Huge
- 39. Actor Mandel
- 41. Swaps
- 42. Golf bag items
- 44. Margaret, to friends
- 45. Slanted type: Abbr.
- 46. Author Morrison
- 47. Father
- 48. "____ Shanter"
- 49. Monogram part: Abbr.
- 50. Nav. officers
- 53. Grammy category

Quotable Quote

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without stone
among you cast
the first thing he
can lay his hands
on.

... Robert Frost

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top ten

Fictional
LANGUAGES

- 1. Elvish
- 2. Esperanto
- 3. Klingon
- 4. Newspeak
- 5. Simlish
- 6. Aklo
- 7. Na'vi
- 8. Atlantean
- 9. Parseltongue
- 10. Nadsat

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What famous Hollywood couple starred in the 1967 movie *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*?

- 2. TELEVISION: What was Lurch's job on *The Addams Family*?
- 3. MUSIC: What is Jo Jo's hometown in the Beatles' song *Get Back*?
- 4. RELIGION: On what date is All Saints Day celebrated in Western Christianity?
- 5. PHYSICS: Who is known as "the Father of the Hydrogen Bomb"?

- 6. PRIZES: Who won the 1939 Pulitzer Prize for history with his biography *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years*?
- 7. HISTORY: Which French king abdicated during the Revolution of 1848?
- 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the first Yankee Stadium open?
- 9. INVENTIONS: Who invented the electric battery?
- 10. LITERATURE: Where does Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* take place?

- Answers
- 1. Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn
- 2. Manservant
- 3. Tuscon, Ariz.
- 4. Nov. 1
- 5. Edward Teller
- 6. Carl Sandburg
- 7. Louis Philippe
- 8. 1923
- 9. Alessandro Volta
- 10. Verona, Italy

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People at Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market were as sweet and nice as their products.

Des Moines farmers market enjoys hot summer

By **JAMES LEE**
Staff Reporter

While the national economy is in bad shape, Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market enjoyed its booming business this summer.

"We are up about 40 percent in sales over last year," said Rikki Marohl, who is the market manager of Waterfront Farmers Market. "We are heading forward."

A recent gloomy Saturday was not dark enough to cast a shade over the colorfulness of products and cheerfulness of the people at the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market.

Though the day was rainy, local residents who were not intimidated by some water drops came to the market as if it was their weekly routine to shop for their groceries and needs from the farmers market.

"This is more like a fun hobby to me," said Christal Tsau, who has been a regular customer since 2006, the year the Market started.

After being a customer of the Market for more than five years, Tsau said, "The market has become a necessity of my life."

Seng Cha, who has been in the market since its beginning with his fresh vegetables and

colorfully harmonized bouquets from his farm, Hmong Highland Garden, said, "Frankly, I make \$5 a hour while I am here, but it's still fun to share my fresh produce and to be here, simply."

Michale Lee, who is the chef and the owner of Caribreo Catering & Food Service, said, "We use ingredients from these local farmers who grow their vegetables and fruits with the best care and the most organic way; it just can't go wrong."

"It's literally fabulous market," said Valria Lopez, who sells her organic homemade

cakes and cookies by the name of her business, Baby Cakes. "The charm of our market is every single product here has its birth certificate."

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market, located at the Marina Park on South 227th Street and Dock Street, was founded in 2006 as a non-profit entity, unique among the local farmers markets by requiring all of its farmers to meet a basic set of environmental principles and practices.

These practices include protecting water quality, using natural methods of pest control,

preventing soil loss, conserving energy, protecting fish and wildlife habitat, and enhancing genetic diversity.

Environmental health is not the only benefit of having this market in Des Moines, but also it has become a valuable asset to locals, Market Manager Marohl said.

"The market's strength is not only customers get to learn about the product and know how it was grown, but they also know that the money spent is going directly to the farmer and not spent on a lot of overhead," said Marohl.

"It is a wonder for all the senses," she said.

"It is incredible to just watch neighbors and the communities come together catch up and get their grocery shopping done all in one trip."

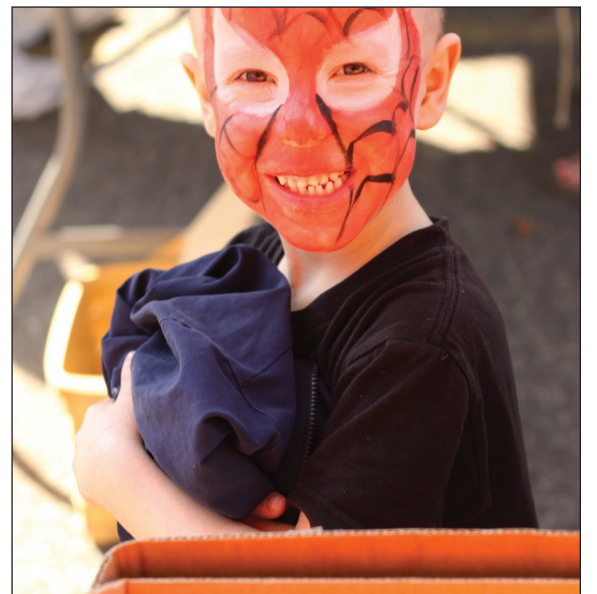
To provide more convenient service, they started the credit/debit/EBT cards system at the market. The card is swiped at the info booth and customers are given tokens to spend at the market.

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market will be open through Oct. 29 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Saturday.



Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

Vivid fresh flowers grace one of the stalls at the farmers market.



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

A child smiles after visiting the face-painting booth.

T-Bird men kick way to first place in West

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds shut out both of their opponents this week with a 4-0 victory over the Shoreline Dolphins, and a 2-0 win against the Edmond Tritons, keeping their playoffs hopes and unbeaten season alive.

Freshman midfielder Issac Cordoza started the game off right Sept. 28 scoring the T-Birds' first goal followed by a quick goal from teammate midfielder Yoshikazu Hayashi.

Forward Darwin Jones added a goal to his season in the 31st minute of the match. Hayashi scored his second goal in 52nd minute. Returning goal keeper Bryan Murray recorded his fourth shutout in the win.

"We are holding serve and winning the games we should be winning," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said after the win against Shoreline.

With his team occupying first place with a 5-0 record, Prenovost is all smiles, but he isn't letting up on the team to keep their eyes on bringing home the championship this season.

"We still have a long way to go and need to get a lot better just to have a chance to make the playoffs let alone win everything. However our team does put in the work."

"Lalo Morales and Kevin Bodle are our captains, and are the foundation of our team," sophomore defender Dustin Hill said.

Both Morales and Bodle are returning players from last season's playoff team, and are listed as players to watch in the NWAACC.

With the T-Birds' win over the Tritons, the men have now outscored their opponents 28-3. Leading team scorer and forward Tody Tolo scored the 'Birds' first goal in the 16th minute on an assist by freshman midfielder Luke Broz. Jones



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Highline's Anthony Leegault drives past an Edmonds defender in a game last week.

scored his sixth goal of the season in minute 40 of the match. Keeper Murray added another shutout to his career giving him five this season.

"The competition is pretty good this year. We have a huge game against Peninsula Saturday. They beat us last year in the playoffs," Hill said.

The T-Birds will go on the road to face the second place Peninsula Pirates Oct. 8. Peninsula is also undefeated, holding a record of 5-0 in league and

11-0 this season.

"Our conference is tough and the other teams in it are pretty much doing the same," said coach Prenovost.

Highline cross country runners aim for fast start

By **MITCHELL KOEHLER**
Staff Reporter

The Highline cross country team took fourth place last Saturday at the annual St. Martins Invitational.

Cross country Coach Taryn Plypick said that she was very happy with the way the team has been performing.

"The team ran hard," said Plypick. "They work even harder than probably any other team in the league."

Highline finished fourth out

of seven with the score of 93 points, just behind St. Martin University who finished third with 81 points and considerably ahead of Green River with 130 points. The field was dominated by University of Victoria who placed their runners in the top five for both women and men.

Highline's Benjamin Rongu led the men's side with a ninth-place finish with a time of 27:37. Rongu finished 1:41 behind Victoria's Cliff Childs who placed first with a time of 25:56. Highline's Luke Martin

finished just outside the top ten with an 11th-place finish with a time of 27:51.

Plypick said that she expects the men to fight for a top-three finish in NWAACC this year.

"We have a really good one and also two runners, there is a lot of competition between the next five guys for the other three spots," she said.

On Highline's women's side, Ivy Meadows led the team with time of 26:52. The field was still dominated by Victoria who had eight women finish inside the

top 12 and were led by SR Deirdre Moran with a time of 22:17.

"I feel good about the women's team," said Coach Plypick. She added that they are low on numbers for the women's team but they have a good leader in Meadows.

"The first four meets are pre-season," said Plypick. They are hoping to use all the practices and meets until North Region Championships to train and condition. She added that the training is focused on helping the runner's peak for regionals

and NWAACC.

They are training hard and focusing on their core strengths and endurance said Plypick. "We work on race pace and race simulation, I tell them it's like a gas tank, I want you to use as much of the gas as possible by the end of the race and make sure you are as close to empty as possible," said Plypick.

Highline will have their next meet at the NWAACC Preview tomorrow, Friday, Oct 7 at Everett Community College which will be a 5k and 8k race.

Lady T-Birds bounce back after loss

By KEVIN BODLE
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds stumbled last week with a loss to Green River, but recovered by gaining four points in the last two games of conference crossover play.

On Saturday, Sept. 24 the women faced off against Green River in a hard fought women's soccer game, but came up short, losing 1-0.

Sophomore captain and center defender Dani Streuli said that the team "did pretty good" and that they "let in an easy goal." Streuli said that they controlled most of the game and that they just couldn't put the ball away.

Next Highline traveled to Shoreline on Sept. 28 to face the Dolphins.

The Lady Thunderbirds went down early with Shoreline scoring in the 18th minute in a game that Captain Streuli called "A straight fight."

"They were a really dirty team," Streuli said.

Highline evened the score in the 83rd minute with a goal from Emma Gremer, with an assist coming from Chenelle Green. The game ended 1-1 and Highline gained a much-needed point to keep within four points of second-place Bellevue.

Streuli said that she thinks the team will move up in the rankings because the team has improved with every game.

"We will go far; we just need to work on the little things," Streuli said.

On the first day of October the Lady Thunderbirds battled Edmonds, coming out on top with a 2-0 victory, with goals coming from Lauren Johnson in the 49th minute and Emily Schuck in the 81st. Assists were delivered by Gremer and



Highline's Katie Laborde passes Edmonds Defender in the win.

Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

Streuli.

After the conference crossover games with the North division the Lady Thunderbirds

record stands at 3-4-1 for the season and 3-2-1 in league play.

Highline traveled to Lower Columbia on Oct. 5 with results

unavailable at press time. Next the team travels to Peninsula on Saturday the 8th and then to Tacoma on Oct. 12.

Volleyball team doubles its roster size

By ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI
Staff Reporter

With more depth on the team, the Lady Thunderbirds are getting better, Head Coach Chris Littleman said.

The T-Birds volleyball team went 1-2 in their first three league games of the season. Although the record doesn't show it, Littleman said he works on his "players getting better every practice and in games."

As the T-Birds continue to battle through league play, Coach Littleman said that his team "is one of the top two teams in the league" and "top

five" in the NWAACC.

Last year's volleyball team had only six players. This year Highline has 11 players.

Coach Littleman said that with more players there is "more competition between the players, knowing that they're fighting for their positions because there are other players behind them working hard and fighting for the same position."

During the month of August the T-Birds traveled to Brazil for team camp.

One of Highline's players, Rebekah Young, said that the trip to Brazil was amazing because they got in about 30 practices while they were there.

Also the team got to see the Brazil Olympic team play, which also helped Highline, Young said.

Highline won its first league game against Lower Columbia on Sept. 21. The T-Birds took the first match 25-17 and continued to roll to take the next two sets, 25-21, 25-22.

Highline traveled down south to take on division rival Tacoma on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Tacoma won the first match 25-17, then Highline won the next two 25-21, 25-20. In the fourth match Tacoma came back and won 25-16 and in the last set Tacoma won 15-12.

"We should have won the game," Coach Littleman said. "Our players beat themselves which resulted in not executing the plays, cost them the game."

Highline was on the road on Sept. 30 against Clark College and lost in five matches 25-18, 17-25, 23-25, 25-14, and 15-13.

Highline had a home match against Green River on Oct. 5 with results unavailable at press time.

The next women's volleyball game will be home at the Pavilion, Friday, Oct. 7 against Centralia at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, Oct. 12 the T-Birds are on the road against Pierce College at 7 p.m.

The Scoreboard

Men's Soccer				
NORTH	League	Pts	Season	
Edmonds	1-3-1	4	3-6-0	
Everett	1-3-1	4	1-6-1	
Whatcom	0-4-1	1	1-5-1	
Shoreline	0-5-0	0	0-10-1	
Skagit Valley	0-5-0	0	1-3-0	

EAST				
Walla Walla	4-0-1	13	7-1-0	
Spokane	3-0-2	11	3-3-5	
Col. Basin	2-3-0	6	2-4-1	
Tr. Valley	1-4-0	3	2-8-0	
Wenatchee	0-4-1	1	2-5-2	
WEST				
Highline	5-0-0	15	7-0-1	
Penisuala	5-0-0	15	11-0-0	
Olympic	4-0-1	13	6-1-2	
Bellevue	3-0-2	11	4-0-3	
Tacoma	3-2-0	9	4-3-1	
SOUTH				
Clark	3-0-2	11	5-1-2	
SP Sound	3-1-1	10	5-4-1	
Chemeketa	3-2-0	9	7-2-2	
Pierce	2-3-0	6	3-5-1	
SWOregon	0-2-1	1	0-4-1	

Women's Soccer				
NORTH				
Edmonds	4-2-0	12	8-4-0	
Everett	4-2-0	12	6-2-1	
Gr.River	3-2-1	10	5-2-2	
Shoreline	3-2-1	10	3-3-3	
Whartcom	3-2-1	10	4-2-2	
Skagit	0-3-0	0	0-4-0	
EAST				
Spokane	5-0-0	15	8-1-0	
Walla Walla	5-0-0	15	9-0-1	
Col. Basin	4-0-0	13	6-0-1	
Yakima	4-1-0	12	6-2-1	
Tr. Valley	2-3-0	6	2-5-0	
Wenatchee	1-4-0	3	2-6-0	
WEST				
Peninsula	5-1-0	15	6-2-2	
Bellevue	4-0-2	14	4-2-2	
Highline	3-2-1	14	3-5-0	
Tacoma	2-4-0	6	1-4-0	
L. Columbia	1-5-0	3	1-7-0	
Olympic	0-5-0	0	1-6-0	
SOUTH				
Clackamas	3-3-0	9	3-4-1	
Lane	2-3-1	7	3-4-2	
Clark	2-4-0	6	2-7-0	
Chemeketa	1-5-0	3	1-9-1	
SW Oregon	0-6-0	0	1-7-0	

Volleyball				
NORTH	League	Season		
Bellevue	3-0	12-7		
Shoreline	2-0	9-4		
Whatcom	2-1	9-9		
Olympic	2-2	6-14		
Evertt	0-3	6-14		
Edmonds	0-3	1-12		
EAST				
Spokane	5-1	20-4		
Walla Walla	5-1	19-5		
Blue Mountain	5-1	17-5		
Yakima Valley	4-2	17-6		
Treasure Valley	2-4	3-12		
Col. Basin	1-5	6-14		
Big Bend	1-5	6-14		
Wenatchee	1-5	5-10		
WEST				
Tacoma	4-0	19-5		
Clark	3-0	5-5		
Green River	2-1	7-9		
Pierce	1-2	5-11		
Highline	1-2	5-13		
L. Columbia	1-3	9-17		
Centralia	0-4	1-13		
SOUTH				
Linn-Benton	3-0	21-4		
Clackamas	3-1	18-9		
Mt. Hood	3-1	13-3		
Umpqua	1-2	12-16		
Chemeketa	0-3	5-9		
SWOregon	0-3	5-10		

All-American cowboy singers ride into town

By **AMANDA SILLS**
Staff Reporter

All-American western music and comedy group, Riders in the Sky, are preparing to lasso your attention with their wild personalities and original music on Oct. 14 at the Kentwood Performing Arts Center.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with tickets ranging from \$30 for general, \$28 for senior and \$20 for youth.

Based in Nashville, Tenn. Riders in the Sky began their career in 1978 and have kept the group together for more than 30 years.

Within the group are lead singer and guitarist, Douglas B. Green known as Ranger Doug; singer and fiddler Paul Chrisman, known as Woody Paul; singer and bassist Fred LaBour, known as Too Slim; and accordion player Joey Miskulin, known as Joey the Cowpolka King.

Before Riders in the Sky joined together, Green had already been experimenting with a guitar and western music.

"I was probably about 11 when I picked up guitar," Green said.

His love for cowboys and the "wild west" began at a young age. "I saw a lot of cowboy stuff on television and loved the image, loved the look," he said.

Riders in the Sky were not always a four-man band.

In the beginning LaBour and Green were good friends who had spent time jamming music together and decided to try a show.

"Too Slim and I were the original two," Green said. People loved the show so much that they decided to start a band, he said.

In 1978, LaBour and Green put together an official band. "August of 1978 is what we count as our professional beginning," Green said.

There first album was called *Three on the Trail*. "We were



Western musical group Riders in the Sky with Douglas Green, Paul Chrisman, Fred LaBour and Joey Miskulin, stand in their best cowboy pose.

full of ideas and had a whole bunch of tunes we tried to write," he said.

"We brought western music to shows and humor and that's what we will be bringing to this show," Green said.

This band of comedic cowboys are loved for their unique but familiar western style threaded with humor. They are also known as a children's band and have written and performed music for major motion pictures such as *Woody's Roundup* from *Toy Story 2* and the Pixar short film, *For the Birds*.

"We wrote the score for the short film *For the Birds* and experienced our huge success with *Toy Story 2*," Green said.

Soon after their achievement with *Toy Story 2*, Riders in the Sky were awarded their first Grammy in 2001 for best musi-

cal album for children.

Just two years later they were awarded a second Grammy for their album, *Scream Factory Favorites*, with music produced for Pixar's *Monsters, Inc.*

Riders in the Sky has done 6,200 live performances, appeared on almost 300 national television shows, and been guests on over 200 public radio shows.

They have performed with many different musical artists such as *America's Got Talent* finalist Taylor Ware at the Grand Ole Opry when she was 9 years old.

"People like our family friendly presence and authentic renditions of classic western songs as well as our own works," Green said.

"One of our core phrases is: You fellers know that would be

the easy way, but it wouldn't be the cowboy way," Green said.

The members of Riders in the Sky have not always been purely in the music business. Unknown to many, Paul Chrisman (Woody Paul) has a Ph.D. in theoretical plasma physics from MIT, Green said.

"Chrisman was also a Golden Gloves boxer and once shadow-boxed with Muhammad Ali," Green said.

"In high school, I played right guard on offense and right tackle on defense for the football team," Green said.

LaBour was a writer for the University of Michigan Daily his sophomore year of college and fed a rumor that Paul McCartney was dead. For those who have a hard time believing this, you can Google "Paul is dead rumor," Green said.

What's Happening?

•Cowboy singer comedians Riders in The Sky perform Friday, Oct. 14 at the Kentwood Performing Arts Center, 25800 164th Ave. SE, Covington, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors and \$20 for youths. Tickets are available on-line at www.kentarts.com, by calling 253-856-5051 or in person at the Kent Commons (525 4th Ave. N.)

•Students can experience all the wit and sparkle of Oscar Wilde, one of Britain's most beloved playwrights-without breaking the bank with Taproot Theatres production of *An Ideal Husband* opening on Sept. 23 and running through Oct. 22. Taproot Theatre Company is located at 204 N. 85th St., Seattle.

•Cash'd Out, "the next best thing to Johnny Cash," performs Friday, Oct. 7 at the Tractor Tavern, 5213 Ballard Ave. NW, Seattle at 7 and 11 p.m. 21 and over; tickets are \$15/\$18 day of the show. Call 206-789-3599

Mona and Funeral Party with special guest Locksley, perform Sunday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Tractor Tavern in Ballard. Tickets \$12. Call 206-789-3599

•India.Arie and Idan Raichel perform Sunday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the S. Mark Taper Auditorium at Benaroya Hall, 200 University Street, Seattle. Call 206-215-4800. All ages. Tickets range from: \$34.50, \$49.50, \$64.50 in advance, all seats \$5 higher day of show.

•Burien Little Theater's first production is a premiere of "Frankenstein" which follows closely to the book. The show will run Sept. 30 through Oct. 30 and on the first Saturday of each production; they are offering 2-for-1 tickets to all students, faculty, staff and administrators at Highline. To reserve 2-for-1 tickets, email in advance at tickets@biurienlittletheatre.org. Regular tickets are \$18 for general, \$15 for student/senior and can be bought on-line at <http://www.burienlittletheatre.org>

•Well known expert guitarist and multi-instrumentalist/composer Mike Keneally will be performing at The Rendezvous, in Seattle, 2322 2nd Ave., on Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at <http://www.jewelboxtheater.com> or by calling 206-441-5823.

Des Moines Art's Alive series begins this month

By **AMANDA SILLS**
Staff Reporter

Des Moines Art's Alive family performance series begins on Saturday, Oct. 15 and provides opportunity for inexpensive fun for the whole family.

The "Not-Its!" musical kids band will open the festivities at 10:30 a.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door and can be purchased online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com> or by calling the Parks and Recreation depart-

ment at 206-870-6527.

Put together by the Des Moines Parks and Recreation board and Arts Commission, this year's series has a variety of family friendly events such as kid-friendly bands, comedic performances and a visit from the reptile guy.

Each event is held on the third Saturday of every month through March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

On Nov. 19, Alex Zerbe, "a professional zaniac," will show off talented tricks and acrobatics. On Dec. 17, kids will have an opportunity to spend break-

fast with Santa.

Highline audiences might have seen Zerbe performing in the juggling group Brothers from Different Mothers last spring at Highline.

Further on Jan. 21 the Reptile Man will bring his scaly friends to visit. On Feb. 18 magician Goofy Gideon will perform his unbelievable magic. Finally on March 17 the musical kids band Harmonica Pocket will perform "Get loose with Seuss show."

For more information about the events you can call 206-870-6527.



Alex Zerbe

What's Happening?

•January Gill O'Neil poet and writer will be holding a poetry reading on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Highline in Building 8, in the Mt Olympus Room. The reading will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a question and answer session.



Gill O'Neil

•The 5th Avenue Theatre's production of *Saving Aimee*, a new musical based on a true story, opened on Sept. 30 and runs through Oct. 29 at 1308 5th Ave. in Downtown Seattle. To reserve tickets, contact Bridget at bsummers@5thavenue.org.

•Current independent movies from around the world will be shown at the Grand Cinema Film Festival at Tacoma Art Museum 1701 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, WA on Oct 8 and 9. Cost is \$6.50 and \$5 for Tacoma Art Museum and Grand Cinema members.

•Des Moines Art's Alive family performance series begins on Saturday, Oct. 15 and will be held on the third Saturday of every month through March, at the Field House 1000 S. 220th St. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

•The Ruth Moody band, a multi-instrumentalism musical group, will be performing at the Kentwood Performing Arts Center on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for general, \$22 for senior and \$18 youth.

•Send arts calendar items to arts editor Amanda Sills at asills@highline.edu by Tuesday of each week.

Highline's next big production is 'Fortinbras'

By MICAH MORRILL
Staff Reporter

Hamlet did not survive to view the beginning of this production; perhaps Fortinbras will be lucky enough to make it out of his own story.

Last week students thronged to Building 4 to audition for this fall's drama production, *Fortinbras*. "There were a good mix of experienced, returning students and new folks," said Rick Lorig, drama professor and the show's director.

"I was particularly impressed that this group of students included a number of students who had never auditioned for a play before. I appreciate the guts that requires," he said.

"The thing I liked about Fortinbras is that even though it has a main character throughout it feels more like an ensemble



Tabitha Renwick/THUNDERWORD

Highline student auditions for the fall drama production.

show," Lorig said.

"The productions central character, Fortinbras, will be played by Zach Ginther-Hunt

and the rest of the cast is filled with, "lots of very rich character roles," he said.

Fortinbras, written in 1991

by Lee Blessing, "is a comedy that begins where Hamlet ends," Lorig said. "With nearly everybody dead in the court of Denmark and Fortinbras, a Norwegian prince, entering the castle only to find out that he is left in charge. Convinced that no one will believe what really happened, he creates his own tale for the media to justify his rule. Things go well until the ghosts of the dead start making demands," he said.

The cast will be rehearsing Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. for several weekends throughout the quarter to prepare. The big show is on Dec. 1-3 and 8-10 at 8 p.m. in Building 4, room 122.

Tickets will be \$7 for students and \$8 for general admission. For more information contact Lorig at Rlorig@highline.edu

Tacoma hosts film festival on Friday

By MADISON PHELPS
Staff Reporter

Calling all movie lovers to the 2011 Tacoma Film Festival to eat, drink and talk movies with people that have a passion for film.

Tacoma Film Festival, will present their opening night gala and film showing at the Annie Wright Great Hall and Kemper Theater at 6:30 p.m. The first film screening is called *Natural Selection* which stars Rachel Harris from *The Hangover* movies and starts at 7:30 p.m.

The numerous films that will be shown are all current, independent, or documentary productions with a unique creative style.

The primary focus of the festival is on art and foreign language. Each film has been directed since 2006.

A variety of films will be



Rachel Harris

showing Oct. 6 through the 13 at the Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Ave, Tacoma School of Arts and the Grand Cinema. For a full list of theaters please visit www.grandcinema.com.

Highline Chorale continues auditions

Highline's Chorale and chamber music auditions are still open for those interested in singing. They are also looking for string or ensemble players.

The chamber music group is welcome to start a club to receive support from the S & A. The group will also have the chance to perform in concerts with the Chorale as well as independently.

Sandra Glover, the chorale director, will oversee the auditions in her office, Building 4, room 102. Her office hours are from 10 a.m. to noon.

Last week's puzzle answers

Stickelers Answer

Here's the correct order, left to right:
NICKEL, QUARTER, DIME, PENNY

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Answer

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8	3	6	1	4	2	7	5	9
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6	2	8	4	3	7	5	9	1
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Register to make your vote count

By **ZAHRA NIAZI**
Staff Reporter

Students at Highline are hosting a voter registration in Building 8, the Student Union.

The registration will be held on Thursday Oct. 6, Friday Oct. 7, and Monday Oct. 10, which is the deadline to register for the upcoming elections. It will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and people will be there to help walk the students through the process.

They are providing the tools and information for students to register to vote and start making a difference in their communities.

Students Arielle Lane and Collin Nisco said they want to bring about more awareness and get students involved with initiatives and conflicts that could possibly affect them.

Both students said that registering is a quick and simple process.

When registering, students will need to have an official I.D., must be a U.S. citizen, a resident in Washington and at least 18 years old.

Lane and Nisco said that all students should know the importance of voting and how certain state conflicts can really affect them.

All sorts of initiatives and elections can indirectly or directly affect students, especially when it comes down to tuition.

Lane said, "State funding has been cut and Highline might be cut next."

Both Nisco and Lane said that a lot of voters who haven't registered have the whole mentality of "My vote won't make a difference" and that is a big factor that's holding them back.

Lane said that depending on the majority it can affect the races, how fast certain issues get resolved, and whether initiatives get approved as well.

"If you want your programs to remain the same, you have to vote, you're taking it upon yourself," Nisco said.

Arts programs, sports, and music programs could be cut at any time, he said.

"College students are taught to think critically, get involved and pay attention to what's around them, let your vote count," Lane said.

For more information, students can visit the event on Facebook titled "Register to vote at Highline Community College."

You can also get registered at <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/olvr-site/>.

Students say they transitioned well to Highline

By **ERICA MORAN**
Staff Reporter

For Highline's 1,600 new college students, the first day of school was more than just attending classes.

Monday, Sept. 26 was a substantial transition from high school to college, some students said.

Highline student Daileen Grega was ready to go back to school because most of her friends had already started.

Student Aimee Stephens said she likes school so she's glad it started.

Some students say they don't know what to expect on their first day in college, and can cause unease.

"I was nervous and had restless sleep but some of my friends that went here before reassured me because of the relaxing environment," student Alicia Cimmer said.

Although some students said they didn't know what to expect, some students expected the worst while others had no trouble at all.

"I expected it being much



Kaley Ishmael/THUNDERWORD

The traditional long lines of the first week of school were as daunting as ever.

harder than it ended up being," student Kelson Edgar said.

Student Korey Kaufmann said Highline classes are normal compared to schools in general.

"At first I thought they were going to be easy but I was wrong," Chenelle Green said.

The difference between high school teachers and college pro-

fessors can also be a substantial change.

"My teachers were really good at explaining the course," student Daileen Grega said.

"They're really nice and if you do what they tell you to do, you'll do well in the class," student Harkaran Hans said.

"My classes were full of a lot of interesting people," Kelson

Edgar said.

It is possible for a new student to experience stressful situations on the first day.

"It was scary when I was waiting for my first class, because by the time I realized my class got moved I was already late," student Kaylee Moran said.

Student Alicia Cimmer said that she thought

she would be late to her classes or would have trouble finding them.

Now that the first week is over, new students say they have an idea what the rest of the quarter will be like.

"I expect it to get harder, and maybe have more homework," student Aimee Stephens said.

Highline increases completion rates

By **ALISA GRAMANN**
Staff Reporter

Highline has been recognized as a leader in the National Student Completion Movement.

For the past five years, Highline has been involved with Achieving the Dream, a program that is dedicated to seeing more students earn college certificates or degrees.

Colleges involved in the program submit data reports on student progression to Achieving the Dream. The colleges also use this data to identify road blocks to student success and develop intervention programs and they keep Achieving the Dream apprised of the work being done.

This year, Achieving the Dream recognized 23 colleges as being effective in their efforts to increase student success.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeff Wagnitz said, "You apply [to be a leader college] by virtue of submitting your annual report."

The rest, he said, is determined by how compelling the case is, or how effective the college has been in raising student completion levels.

Up to this point, Highline has been working on changes in three areas; the ESL program and the English and math departments, said Wagnitz.

In the English and math de-

partments, Highline has been working on ways to help students who test in below the college level of math and English get through their pre-college courses sooner. Multiple quarters of a subject that is not a student's forte can be a deterrent to their completion, Wagnitz said.

"You lose students just because of that," he said.

In the English Department, one of the most noticeable changes is the opportunity for students to take both English 91 and English 101 at the same time, allowing them to be finished in one quarter instead



Wagnitz

of two.

In the Math Department, the four pre-college level classes have been reorganized and modified in curricula to shorten the time students have to spend in pre-college classes.

These changes have met with success, said Wagnitz.

"Student performance in those areas improved, and rather significantly," he said. "We've had very, very good participation from our faculty and staff."

Wagnitz said that these programs are able to continue with successful results without the

same amount of supervision. College officials will now resume looking for gaps in student completion.

They hope to identify additional areas that need intervention, and they will select the areas that will have the most benefit for the college community, Wagnitz said.

Wagnitz said that recognition as a leader college may open up more opportunities for funding

and grants that will help Highline be able to continue making these positive changes.

"It gives us some national recognition that may be of use to us," he said.

He also said that this recognition boosts the college's overall competitiveness among its peers.

"It [also] validates the usefulness of some of the work we've done," Wagnitz said.

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day as students and teachers purchased produce from his vegetable stand. By the end of the afternoon, almost all of the produce had been sold.

Mugasa and his family are a few of the many participants in the Seattle Tilth's United People's Farm located in Auburn.

The farm is referred to what is known as an incubator farm. The objective is to aid refugees and immigrants in becoming successful and financially independent. The participants receive education and training in the art of farming, business planning, and marketing.

Currently, Mugasa and his family have a quarter acre of farmland with the help of the United People's Farm. As they

become more profitable and independent they will gain more land.

"As they earn more land and become more successful, the amount of support they receive lessens over time," Stanley said. "That is what's known as an incubator."

Stanley teaches economics and global studies on campus and said he is enthusiastic about helping refugee farmers sell produce here on campus, while educating students.

"Students work with the refugees to market and sell their produce. Many of the students in our economics classes are interested in starting or running a business someday and they get a chance to get some hands-on experience. We also use it for social research. Students use the market space as a lab to supplement course material," Stanley said.

After hearing about the

refugee farmers from a Highline student last year, Stanley jumped on the opportunity to get involved.

"Not only is it beneficial to the farmers, but it has been a great addition to my classes by getting students to interact with one another and helping facilitate more vibrant classroom discussion," he said.

Stanley said that though the refugees have experience with farming they had never sold their produce directly to customers in the United States prior to selling with the Highline market. Many of them have since gone on to sell at farmers markets in Des Moines, Kent, Federal Way and Burien.

The profit earned selling produce at Highline isn't the only benefit for the refugee farmers. Experiencing the Highline environment is shaping a bigger future for some.

"Three former refugees that

sold produce at Highline last year have now become Highline students," Stanley said.

The vegetable stand will continue on the Highline campus every Wednesday for the next couple weeks at 11 a.m. in front of the Student Union.

"We're a community col-

lege," Stanley said, "and it's all about helping the community."

For more information about the Seattle Tilth's United People's Farm or to learn how to get involved, visit www.unitedgepeoplesfarm.wordpress.com or www.seattletilth.org/about/farmincubatorprogram.

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waitlist," said Ahmed Ahmed.

Although higher enrollment often means full classes, most students seem to have gotten the classes they wanted.

Student SunMin Lee said, "I got my classes two days ago and I'm happy with the way they worked out."

Many students have complained about the parking situation on campus.

"We had to wait like two hours in line just to get a parking spot," Ahmed said.

Unlike previous quarters, where campus security had allowed a week's grace period before issuing tickets, security began issuing them on Wednesday Sept. 28, only three days after classes began. Jake Portes parked in the second to last row on Wednesday and was ticketed \$29 for not having a parking pass.

"This is my first quarter of college and I didn't even know I needed it," he said.

While some students drive around and are late to classes trying to find a spot, others avoid the parking peril by taking the bus to school.

It may take students longer to get to campus but Abdul Rahim says it is only \$5 a day.

"If you calculate it out versus gas and insurance, it's much cheaper," he said.

"Even if it's an emergency, I can't park at Highline," said student Muibah Azeez, who parks at a transit center and takes the bus.

Some students are also complaining about the cost of a parking permit when a spot is not guaranteed. Faculty member Rachel Collins advises stu-

dents to arrive early to get a spot.

"Parking is a pain," student Roxanne Adams said. "I was told to get here by 8:30 to get a good spot but I've been getting here at 8:15 and still getting a spot in the back."

"I would give the advice to come earlier," says Sanel Hirkic. "But if we all did then it wouldn't work out."

Parking at the Lowe's store across the street may seem tempting, but manager Jim Harris warns that they're "serious about towing."

Harris asked that Highline students respect their business. In a letter to the Thunderword, the store's human resources manager wrote, "As a reminder, the Lowe's parking lot is for Lowe's customers. Your vehicle can be towed if you park in the lot and you are unauthorized. In

order be authorized to park in the lot, you must be a customer of Lowe's or one of the other stores located in our complex on the day you are parking."

He went on to say, "We also want everyone who is shopping at Lowe's and also taking classes at Highline to please park in the spaces closest to Pacific Highway."

Students have had mixed reactions to the hustle and bustle of the first week.

"The first day was fine," said student Taylor Roberts, "after that, it was downhill."

Student Diamond Bailey had a different, more optimistic view, saying, "I don't think it's that hard."

Reporters Ben Friedland, Svetlana Kazak and Micah Morrill contributed to this story.



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