



## Highline recovers from 'Snowmageddon' Trial date not set for murder suspect

By THUDNERWORD STAFF

For Highline student Kianna Payne, missing assignments because of the snow was the least of her woes.

Last week, Highline lost three days of school due to what's been referred to as "Snowmageddon." With campus snowed in, and power out for many homes in the area, instructional capability was frozen and students were left in

the dark. Many students were unable to complete assignments and teachers say they lost valuable instruction time.

The snow and ice didn't just disrupt Highline. Payne, a student from Federal Way, said that her Honda Civic was a casualty of the storm.

"During the black-out I discovered a tree fell on my car," said Payne.

"I just got it about three months ago," she said. "Was I pissed? Yes."

"My power was out for about four days. Me and six other family members had to stay at my grandmother's house in a one bedroom apartment," said Payne. She said her classes



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Students scurried to classes amid snow flurries on Jan. 10.

crammed in assignments and that some material they can't cover anymore because of lost time.

"It was pretty bad. People are like 'Did you enjoy the break?' I'm like 'What was

there to enjoy?'" said Payne.

"My final advice to everyone on campus: invest in a generator," Payne said. It will save

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**The arrival of snow through the campus into confusion last week. See page 16**

## Student veteran wins the battle against cancer

By ERIKA WIGREN  
Staff Reporter

After surviving two tours in Iraq, Richard Hernandez, a Highline student and former U.S. Marine was faced with a third battle in September, but this time his enemy was testicular cancer.

Four months after being diagnosed, undergoing chemotherapy, and spreading awareness of testicular cancer, Hernandez arrived at the hospital on Dec. 28.

"I went in for the cat scan about a week before New Year's," said Hernandez, "the doctors reviewed it, then showed the specialist, and then came back to me and said the scan was 100 percent clean."

Hernandez said he was relieved to hear that he had finally won his battle against cancer.

"It was an amazing feeling. We had hit a road bump in our lives, but we made it through," Hernandez said.

For men between the ages of 15 and 35, testicular cancer is the most common type of cancer according to testicularcancersociety.org. About 8,500 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer



Richard Hernandez and his wife Stephanie are celebrating both his triumph over cancer, and the birth of their first son, Richard 'Little Richie' Allen Hernandez.

each year.

On Sept. 26 2011, Hernandez began chemotherapy treatments, as well as naturopathic medicine treatments and vitamin infusions to help build his

immune system. He continued these treatments for eight weeks at the veteran's hospital and cancer center.

For Hernandez and Stephanie, his wife of three years, the

timing could not have been any worse; they were expecting their first child in November. Hernandez

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A 29-year-old male suspect awaits trial while in custody at the Kent Regional Justice Center, for the murder of Highline Student Jayme Thomas.

Johnny Rourn was arrested on Dec. 8. Des Moines police and Valley SWAT surrounded Rourn's home and arrested him in the murder of Jayme Thomas, age 19, and the shooting of 24-year-old Scott Kennedy, who was treated at a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Rourn was booked into the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent and bail was set at \$1 million.

Rourn's next court date is for case setting and will be held on Jan. 31.

According to court documents, Rourn explained to police that he did not mean to shoot Thomas, and he did not even realize that she was sitting in the back seat of the car. Someone handed him a gun and he fired into the air at first. He then started shooting in the area that Thomas and Kennedy were in. Rourn repeatedly said that he wished he could trade places with Thomas.

Rourn is charged with second-degree murder and second degree assault for wounding Kennedy. Both charges also include firearm enhancements and could lead to a longer sentence for Rourn.

Rourn admitted to police that he was the only shooter and that to elude police he changed his clothes and disposed of the clothes he had worn earlier in the night. Rourn also admitted

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## Crime and Punishment

### Student robbed in Highline library

A Highline student reported a robbery on the third floor of the library on Jan. 13.

A man in his early 20s reportedly grabbed the student's throat and took his ipod. The Des Moines Police Department was notified and arrived on scene shortly after.

### Theft from a car on campus reported

A Highline student reported missing items from her car on Jan. 13.

The student found her ipod, worth \$200, and her parking permit to be missing upon returning to her vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry and the incident was reported to Des Moines Police Department.

### Suspicious man tries to get into classrooms

A man was seen checking doors in Building 23, possibly trying to get into one of the classrooms on Dec. 25.

Campus Security made contact with the individual and asked for his I.D. The individual had no I.D. on him and fled campus on a bicycle. There were no signs of a possible break in.

### Student experiences medical trouble

Campus Security was dispatched to the bookstore in the Student Union to assist a student experiencing low blood sugar on Jan. 9.

The student was found sitting on the ground. Upon Campus Security's arrival, she had eaten a cookie that made her feel better. The student declined further medical attention.

### Pregnant student was sent to hospital

A medical emergency was reported regarding a pregnant student experiencing severe contractions on Jan. 9.

South King County Fire and Rescue arrived on site and took the woman's vitals. She was then transported to St. Francis hospital.

-COMPILED BY KATIE LaBORDE

# Blood drive at Highline helps counter shortage

By **KATIE LaBORDE**  
Staff Reporter

A blood supply shortage occurred due to snowy weather, so those who can donate blood should, said the Cascade Regional Blood Services.

Due to poor weather conditions, it is a crucial time to donate blood. Weather conditions and poor roadways postponed some blood drives.

Cascade Regional Blood Services hosted a blood drive on campus on Jan. 25.

The Highline Student Nursing Club sponsored the blood drive and helped with the donors.

All blood types are needed due to the shortage. Blood type O negative is the only blood type that can universally be donated and be used in place of every blood type.

"We are going to try and bring inventory levels back up," said Robin Lulich, donor resource consultant for Cascade blood services. "Thirty-seven percent of the population is able to donate, but only 5 percent of the 37 percent actually do donate."

The goal is to get 60 donors

at each hosted blood drive.

Highline is a crucial participant to blood drives due to the fact that 20 percent of the total blood supply comes from high school and college students, Lulich said.

The blood donations will go to local community hospitals for those who are in need of transfusions.

"Donating blood can possibly save up to three lives," Lulich said. The blood will be used for both major and minor transfusions.

Cascade Regional Blood Services is able to donate the blood nationally if needed.

"We keep three days of blood supply on hand, so we are able to share our resources for other places in need," Lulich said.

There are special requirements in order to give blood. Individuals must be at least 16 years old and must weigh at least 110 pounds. Photo I.D. is also required for donors.

Since a pint of blood is taken from each donor, it is highly recommended that all donors eat prior to donating.

"The experience was great. I felt well taken care of," said blood donor Dani Streuli. "I



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Highline student Mary Shipley donates blood to help counter the recent blood shortage due to the snowy weather.

know that by donating, I am helping others in need. It feels good knowing I'm saving lives."

The blood drive happens twice a year and student are highly encouraged to donate.



## News Briefs

### Scholarship applications deadline approaches

The deadline to apply for Highline scholarships is coming soon.

The Academic Achievement Award is a 15-credit tuition waiver, and is awarded to full-time students with a 3.5 GPA or better.

Running Start students, non-resident students and international students are not eligible.

Applications for the Academic Achievement Award can be picked up in Building 9. The application, as well as other scholarship opportunities, can be found online at [financialaid.highline.edu/Scholarships.php](http://financialaid.highline.edu/Scholarships.php). The application is due Jan. 30.

International students can find scholarship opportunities through International Student Programs.

International students interested in scholarship opportunities can get information and access the scholarship application online at [international.highline.edu/thunderworld/scholarships.htm](http://international.highline.edu/thunderworld/scholarships.htm). The deadline for Interna-

tional Student Programs scholarship applications is Jan. 31.

### Science Seminar resumes

Get your science fix this quarter with the Science Seminar, taking place every Friday.

Jeff Ward will kick off this quarter's series tomorrow, Jan. 27, with a talk on the science of consumer behavior at 2:20 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

The seminars are open to the public, and students can also sign up for General Science 190 and earn a science credit for attending the series of lectures.

### History Seminar takes a vacation

There will be no weekly History Seminars this quarter.

Parties interested in making a presentation this spring can contact Tim McMannon via email, [tmcmannon@highline.edu](mailto:tmcmannon@highline.edu) or by phone, ext. 3329.

To watch videos of past seminars, visit [historyseminar.highline.edu/](http://historyseminar.highline.edu/).

### Students can learn about solar hot water technology

SOLAR101: Solar Hot Water Technology course will start on Feb. 6.

This is a one-month-long course, and the participants

earn three college credits. Tuition is \$289.17, and space is limited to 15 participants.

For more information or to register, visit <https://ce.highline.edu/>.

### New class studies society through film

Students are now able to register for FS107 - Society in Films.

The class earns students two college credits, and starts on Monday, Feb. 13.

The class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from

12:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Museum of Flight honors Black History

Dr. Bernard Harris, the first African-American spacewalker will be speaking at the Museum of Flight on Feb. 4 in honor of Black History Month.

At 2 p.m., Dr. Harris will speak about the 10 years he spent working for NASA.

At 3:15, Dr. Harris will be joined by several aviation professionals for a discussion.

For more information, visit [museumofflight.org](http://museumofflight.org).

### Planning to transfer to a university in-state or out-of-state?

# Transfer Students

*You do not want to miss this!*

Attend this hands-on workshop with Dr. Barbara Clinton for expert help with:

Last day to sign up is Jan 27 at 3 p.m.

**Finding the best college for you**  
**Researching scholarship \$\$\$\$!**  
**Identifying what you need to get accepted**

*Space is limited.*  
**Tuesday, January 31, 1-3PM**  
Sign up TODAY in the Transfer Center.  
Building 6, 2nd Floor  
Or e-mai: [transfer@highline.edu](mailto:transfer@highline.edu)



## Lines are still long despite lower enrollment rates

By **KALEY ISHMAEL**  
Staff Reporter

Despite full parking lots and lines, enrollment has dropped this quarter.

In winter of last year, Highline had 5,640 state full-time equivalent students (FTEs) enrolled, which was 106 percent of their target of 5,300.

An FTE represents the number of enrolled students divided by their credits; three students each taking one five-credit class equals one FTE.

This quarter 5,174 state FTEs are enrolled, which is 98 percent of the target and an 8 percent drop from last winter.

A reason enrollment is down this year could be due to the slight improvement of the unemployment rate of Washington state, which is at its lowest point of 8.5.

This is the lowest been since 2009 when it was at 8.3 percent. In the last year, employment saw an increase of approximately 29,000 jobs.

Even with Running Start enrollment being up from 786 to 831, an 8 percent increase and international student enrollment up from 374 to 407, an increase of 5 percent, there is still



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*Students still have to brave long lines and long waits in the line to pay for their tuition in Building 6.*

roughly a 300 FTE difference between winter of 2011 and winter of 2012.

After looking at how numbers are down from last year, there are still 9,070 people on campus as of Jan. 24. On the

same day last year, there were 9,640 people on campus.

Though enrollment numbers are down, this didn't seem to affect the problems students faced while registering for classes.

Student Karla Garcia said

that by the time she was able to register, all the classes she needed already had six or seven people on the waitlist.

Despite the long waitlists, Garcia was still able to get into three classes, all of which are

full. She said that the full classes don't really affect the lessons, though there are times that her psychology class doesn't have enough seats for everyone.

Eric O'Keefe was another student who had some troubles getting into classes due to long waitlists. Because of this, he was only able to get into one class.

Long waitlists weren't only troubles students faced when registering for classes.

Dalena Tran said she knows a few people who had troubles registering due to issues with financial aid.

For those students who didn't have any troubles with registering for classes, there are other problems they had to deal with.

Many students complained of long lines and difficulty in parking, especially between 8 and 11 a.m.

Some students tried to avoid the long lines by ordering parking permits and textbooks online, though that didn't seem to help either.

"I ordered my parking permit over the break because I knew lines would be crazy," one student said, "Even though I paid online I still had to wait in line to get the sticker."

## Events to help make transferring easy New telephone system makes calls more direct

By **GABI PAULSON**  
Staff Reporter

The Transfer Center will hold several transfer events in the coming weeks for those planning to move on to a four-year university.

These will include a transfer fair where students can contact representatives from colleges, and two workshops that give further help with the transfer process.

The Transfer Fair will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Union.

More than 30 colleges and universities will be present, including a wide variety from in-state and several from out-of-state such as: Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Grand Canyon University, and Hawaii Pacific University.

Admissions representatives can answer transfer questions from students regarding deadlines, majors, financial aid, scholarships and admissions requirements.

Application and program materials will also be available to pick up.

The director of the Transfer Center, Siew Lai Lilley urges students to come to this event.

"There are so many pieces



Siew Lai Lilley

that go into the transfer process," said Lilley. "The earlier a student can start thinking about the transfer process, the better."

Plus, it's convenient.

"The fair is really a quick-answer kind of place," said Lilley.

For extra help, Lilley will have her own information table at the Transfer Fair that will offer students questions that they can ask colleges.

"I don't want students to be shy," said Lilley. "There are some students who just don't know what to ask."

Lilley also said that students need to know things such as: not all colleges will offer every student's particular major, and that some majors have different applications and deadlines.

For more help in this process, a transfer workshop, "Going

Places: A Hands-on Workshop on Finding the Best College for You!" will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

To participate, students must pre-register by Jan. 27 either by emailing [transfer@highline.edu](mailto:transfer@highline.edu) or by signing up at the Transfer Center located in Building 6 on the second floor.

The location of the workshop will be provided to those who register.

This is open to all students except those in Running Start.

With computers available, each student will learn "how to select the best college for them," said Lilley.

"The key thing," said Lilley, "is that this is hands-on."

For those looking for help in writing their personal statements, another workshop will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 12:15 to 1:05 p.m. in the Writing Center, Building 26, room 319.

"A personal statement is a representation of you on paper," said Lilley. "I encourage all transfer students to come to the session."

For students, Lilley said, "It can make the difference of whether they are taken seriously or not."

No pre-registration is required for this workshop.

By **BEN FRIEDLAND**  
Staff Reporter

The new phone system at Highline will make it easier for emergency responders to locate an incident.

All phones on Highline's campus are Direct In Dial (DID) phones. DID allows emergency dispatchers tell the exact location of a phone that makes a 911 call.

Highline's phone number is still the same, as is the fact that an extension can be dialed when prompted. However, a phone can be called by dialing

206-592- plus the four digit extension.

Some extensions have been changed with the new system. Highline operators will be able to reroute the call if an old extension number is called.

The Administrative Technology department oversaw the project, which is called Enhanced 911. Of the 1,800 phones on campus, only 150 were direct dial phones, said Dennis Colgan, the executive director of Administrative Technology. All of the blue emergency phones in the parking lot were also direct dial phones.

In addition to emergency responders, Highline Campus Security will be able to tell where a 911 call originates.

"It's not just a call," said Colgan, "it's a call and a location."

The change was made not to the phones themselves, but to how the phone call is routed.

The Enhanced 911 system will allow Highline's administration to use the phone speakers as a public address system.

Enhanced 911 can also alert Campus Security to prank calls. However, Colgan said that the system is not meant to catch pranksters, but "to make the campus a safer place."



Dennis Colgan



**Editorial comment**

**Awestruck by nature’s power**

Nature showed us its awesome power and took the liberty of denying warmth and comfort to a major part of the Puget Sound population for a week.

We need to take a moment to respect the fact that as much as we try to harness and circumnavigate the power of nature, we can never really match its ability to disrupt our lives and make us feel small.

This is especially true for those of us who lost power.

Some 250,000 customers lost power over the course of last week, effectively leaving these families completely in the dark.

Considering our dependence on electricity, those three to four days of blackout may have seemed like a miniature apocalypse. Last week showed us that we need to become more self-reliant and better prepared to handle catastrophe.

Keep working flashlights and lanterns in the house, make sure you are stocked up on non-perishable food and multiple layers of warm clothing. Even adding a wood stove to your house can mean the difference between a hot meal and comfort, versus canned food and freezing.

It was also heartwarming to hear about instances where we were able to take care of one another.

A family of four is out of power and has no way to keep warm, luckily the elderly couple next door has a wood insert for their fire-place. They invite the young family over and the group weathers the ice storm in relative comfort and security. Hearing stories like these gives us hope, a necessity in our darkest hours.

As we readjust to our normal routines we also need to give thanks to the linemen of Puget Sound Energy.

Puget Sound Energy dispatched 25 different crews, who were responsible for restoring power to the quarter of a million households around the sound. Some of us got our power back in a matter of hours, while about 50,000 didn’t get their power back until last Saturday night.

Although it is doubtful Puget Sound Energy will compensate us for the power outage, we need to be thankful for the relatively timely response from those men and women who restored our power.

These people worked around the clock, in harsh and freezing weather to help return our communities to normalcy, and therefore deserve our thanks.

However, there were steps that could have been taken that would have lessened the severity of the power outage.

First and foremost, Puget Sound Energy, in cooperation with communities, should have done some tree trimming in the months before winter.

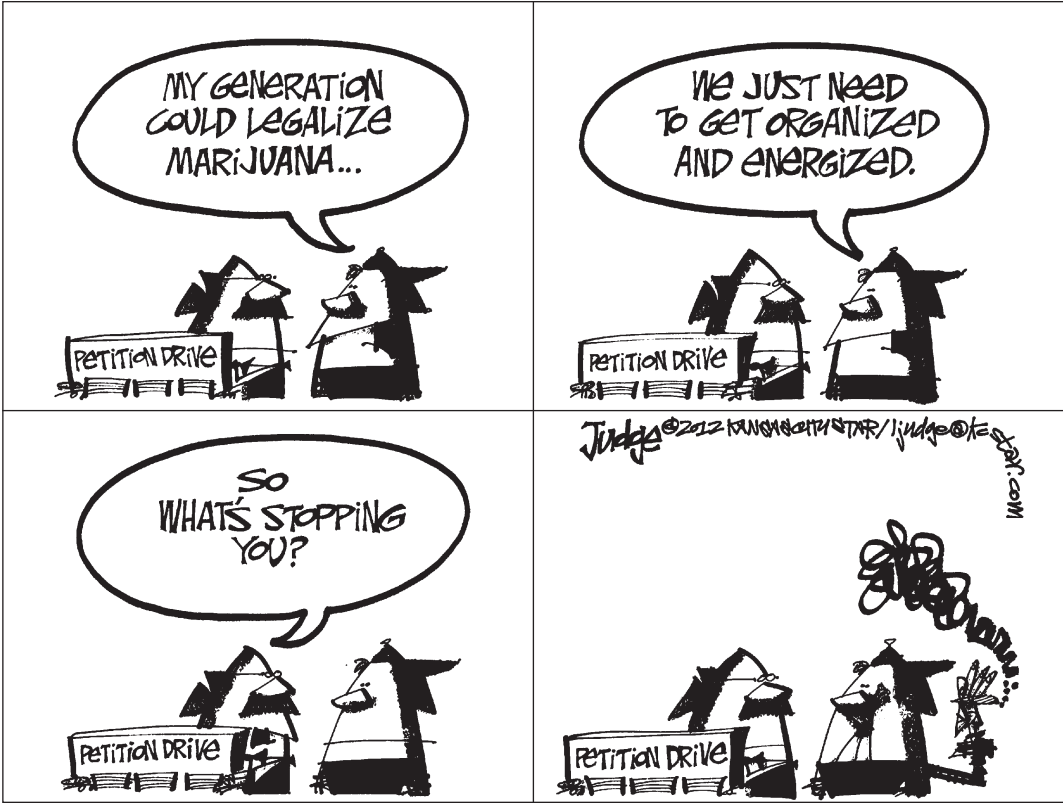
Meteorologists and climatologists have been saying for months that La Niña would be the driving force behind this abnormally cold and wet winter this year. Instead of listening and taking the steps to prepare for the bad winter, trees were allowed to grow past major power lines.

If the trees had been trimmed, the ice would not have been able to build up on the limbs, the limbs would not have become weighed down, and power lines would not have been downed due to the falling limbs.

Nature has shown its ability to outsmart us puny humans, depriving us of our creature comforts and even some necessities. We need to remember this past week in the future, and maybe we will be better prepared when nature decides to take a swing at us again.

**Got something to say? Write to us**

Do you have something you want to say to the student body? Or would you like to respond to something you read in the paper? Send submissions to [jnelson@highline.edu](mailto:jnelson@highline.edu) by Monday for print on Thursday. Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.



**Our great war will be fought digitally**

While the majority of us were snowed in last week, our leaders in Washington D.C. were busy denying us the right to view internet content.

Last week, the online community experienced a minor victory in the battle against internet censorship. The House Judiciary Committee shelved its Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) in response to the online protests on Jan. 18.

The act was aimed at curbing the rampant online piracy that media distributors claim is costing them over half of a billion dollars each year, allowing the U.S. Department of Justice to inhibit U.S. access to infringing websites.

The House shelved the bill after U.S.-hosted websites reddit.com, Wikipedia, Mozilla, and Google spoke out against the censoring of the internet, even going so far as to temporarily black out their websites last Wednesday.

U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., stated, “The voice of the Internet community has been heard. Much more education for members of Congress about the workings of the Internet is essential if anti-piracy legislation is to be workable and achieve broad appeal.”

However, last Friday, less than 24 hours after SOPA was shelved, the Department of Justice took down the Hong Kong-



Commentary  
**Josh Nelson**

based file sharing site megaupload.com.

Following this turn of events, the “hacktivist” group Anonymous launched an attack on the Department of Justice and FBI websites, bringing them down for hours. On top of this they also accessed all the files owned by Sony, CBS, and Universal and publicly posted them.

Every movie made by Universal Studios, every television show produced by CBS, and every album ever distributed by Sony are now online for your downloading pleasure, courtesy of hackers from around the world.

I feel enthusiastic about this cyber-war. There is hope for a better tomorrow with groups like Anonymous willing to combat the governments of the world.

There is injustice in this world, and the internet was thought to be the last frontier, where freedom of speech and expression were solidified into

the foundations of the web.

But like any good oligarchy or dictator, our government has decided to curtail our access to the web.

Lucky for us there are those around the world who feel the same as I do, and also have the means for enforcing our right to an uninhibited internet. Anonymous has been the driving force behind a lot of the revolution seen across the Middle-East and Europe last year.

I encourage all conscious users at Highline to help me take a stand against censorship.

Contact U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, as well as U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-9th District. Let them know that the Internet needs to remain unencumbered, and free of government inhibitions.

I also suggest that students, staff, and faculty participate in the upcoming online boycotts, similar to the one against the domain hosting website GoDaddy.com. Please avoid websites and companies that have pledged their support for SOPA, and its sister bill PIPA (PROTECT IP Act) in the U.S. Senate.

I feel that during the next few months, this country will be ground zero for the war against online censorship, and though most of the online community is frail and easily startled, there is courage to be found and honor as well.

**The Staff“**

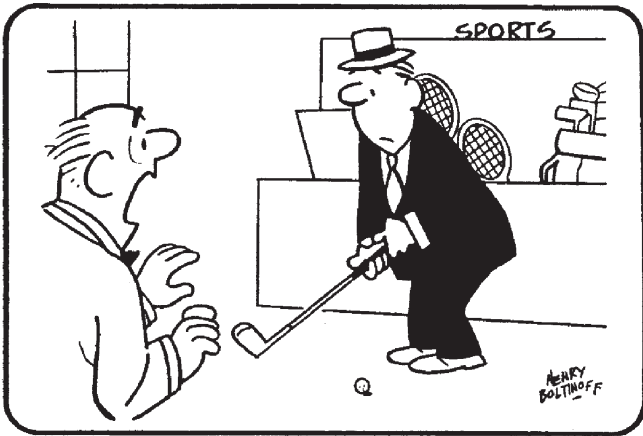
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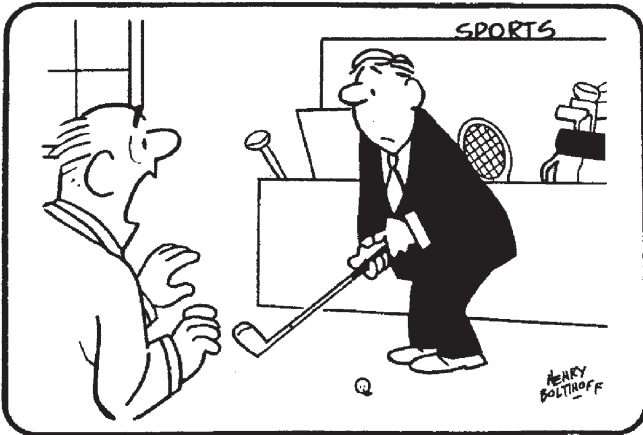
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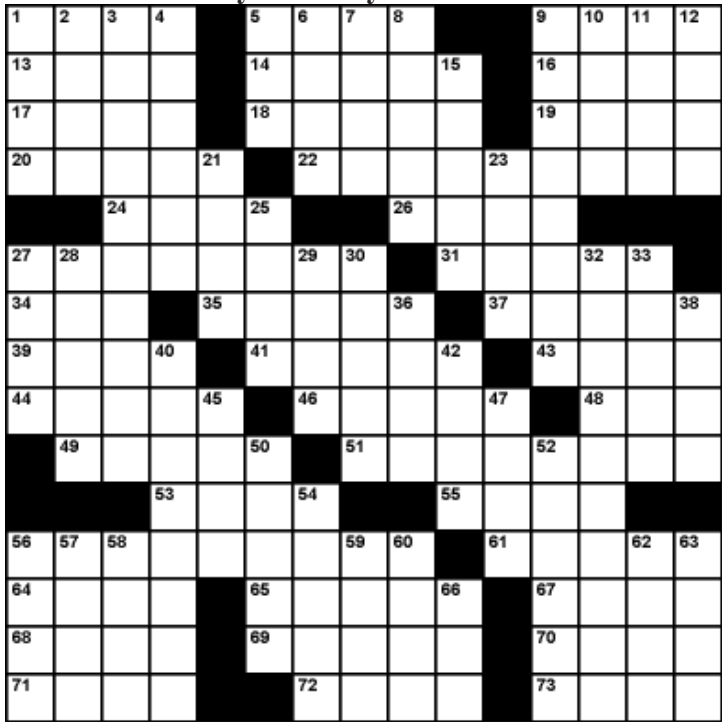


Differences: 1. Tennis racket is missing. 2. Man has no hat. 3. Bat is resting behind counter. 4. Tie is missing. 5. Golf bag is different. 6. Window has no frame.

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



Boxer Rebellion

Across

- 1. Besides
- 5. Trot or canter
- 9. Trudge
- 13. Computer command
- 14. Sight-related
- 16. Easy run
- 17. Pitch
- 18. Atlanta-based airline
- 19. ‘\_\_\_ Tu’ (1974 hit song)
- 20. “Later!”
- 22. Three Stooges specialty
- 24. Shoelace problem
- 26. Ancient mariner
- 27. Monocle
- 31. Feeds pigs
- 34. Droop
- 35. Visine applications
- 37. More genuine
- 39. Norse thunder god
- 41. Nuisances
- 43. The “A” in A.D.
- 44. Foot parts
- 46. New Hampshire college town
- 48. Civil War inits.
- 49. “\_\_\_ a Grecian Urn.”
- 51. Used Google
- 53. Present time?
- 55. Encircle
- 56. Top of the pops
- 61. “Phooey!”
- 64. Bounce back
- 65. Angry
- 67. Battery prefix with “cell”
- 68. Crowd noise
- 69. Latin dance
- 70. 1024 bytes, briefly
- 71. “Put a lid \_\_\_!”
- 72. School zone sign
- 73. \_\_\_-Ball (arcade game)

Down

- 1. Turkish honorific
- 2. Cell phone setting
- 3. Prospector’s vision
- 4. Tea type

- 5. Word on all U.S. coins
- 6. Copies
- 7. “\_\_\_ never work!”
- 8. Industry magnate
- 9. Overabundance
- 10. Actress Petty
- 11. Oil cartel
- 12. Secretary, for one
- 15. Mafia biggies
- 21. Auctioneer’s closing word
- 23. Highway department supply
- 25. Camper’s purchase
- 27. Guesses: Abbr.
- 28. Country bumpkin
- 29. Overcharge, slangily
- 30. Moles, maybe
- 32. Dazed and confused
- 33. Good judgment
- 36. Dagger
- 38. Highway
- 40. Send overseas again
- 42. Glitch
- 45. “Brave New World” drug
- 47. Land of leprechauns
- 50. Drug busters

- 52. Doctrines
- 54. Lee and Roosevelt
- 56. Deli sandwich
- 57. Computer symbol
- 58. Bangkok native
- 59. Gussy (up)
- 60. Roadside name of the past
- 62. Elder, e.g.
- 63. Rice wine
- 66. Tool with teeth

Quotable Quote

On my income tax 1040 it says ‘Check this box if you are blind.’ I wanted to put a check mark about three inches away.

... Tom Lehrer

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Cadence            | ___ _ _ _ O   | Lure                | ___ _ _ _ T   |
| 2. Agile              | ___ _ M _ _ _ | Take small bites    | ___ _ B _ _ _ |
| 3. Church tower       | ___ _ _ R _   | Pepper or cinnamon  | ___ _ _ C _   |
| 4. Center             | M _ _ _ _ _   | Enigma              | R _ _ _ _ _   |
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- 2. HISTORY: The Battle of

- Hastings was fought to control which country?
- 3. CHILDREN’S LITERATURE: What award-winning Christmas book did Chris Van Allsburg write?
- 4. MUSIC: By which nickname did The Doors’ Jim Morrison refer to himself?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What Balkan leader’s real name was Josip Broz?

- 6. MOVIES: What shape did Hermione Granger’s patronus take in the “Harry Potter” series?
- 7. ENTERTAINMENT: What kind of entertainer would use the “DeManche change”?
- 8. LANGUAGE: What is the Hawaiian word for “quick”?

- 9. POETRY: Who wrote *Sonnets from the Portuguese*?
- 10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest tidal estuary in the United States?
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- 2. England
- 3. *The Polar Express*

- 4. The Lizard King
- 5. Tito
- 6. A silver otter
- 7. A magician
- 8. Wiki
- 9. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- 10. Chesapeake Bay
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# Student directed one-acts are set to hit the stage

By **ERIKA WIGREN**  
Staff Reporter

Four of Highline's drama students become the directors this quarter for student one-act plays.

Every Spring Quarter, advanced drama students are given the responsibility of directing their own one act plays. Rick Lorig, the Drama Department director, said this year four students will be directing in Winter quarter.

"Normally we do this in Spring Quarter because it is combination of a whole year's experience. All of the students have gone through this as a class at least once. In the past we have experimented with the Winter Quarter and it worked our pretty well," Lorig said.

"Each student picked three scripts around Thanksgiving. In some cases, one was chosen. In others we would discuss other plays," said Lorig. "The decision is based on content, challenge, and the number of roles."

Lorig said that all the work is done by the students and that he is only there to advise.

"My job is to facilitate the casting process, scheduling, check in on them and their progress, and to keep the peace," said Lorig.

All of the shows will have at least three characters; the largest has eight. Auditions were held Wednesday, Jan. 11 through Jan. 13 and the roles were cast on Jan. 16.

Anthony Keane is one of the students directing a one-act play this quarter. He has been at Highline for two years and is a drama major.

Keane chose the play *Saint Francis Talks to the Birds*, by David Ives.

*Saint Francis Talks to the Birds* is about St. Francis, a man



Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

Student directors Amanda Rae, left, Zach Ginther-Hutt, Anthony Keane, and Matt Johnson.

who awakens to discover that he is dying in the desert, and being devoured by two very talkative vultures.

"The play is about two vultures feasting on St. Francis who wakes up in the middle of it. It is a really good play by David Ives," said Keane. "I chose it because it's uproaringly hilarious. I also gravitate toward plays my mom would hate."

The character St. Francis will be played by student Beau Gitau. Justin Hartinger was cast as the vulture Mike, alongside Amanda Rae who will play the vulture Angela. The grandmother in the play will be played by Tiana Ross.

Drama major Amanda Rae also chose an Ives play for her one-act.

Rae has been a Highline student for one and a half years,

and has been in five shows at Highline.

Rae's play is about two workers in 1000 B.C that are told to build the Tower of Babel, with little instruction.

"My play is *Babel's in Arms*. It is about two workers appointed to build a tower of Babel. It is a parody on all things sacred and a brilliant comedy," said Rae.

"I chose this play because I knew I wanted to do a comedy, but I wanted to do a comedy about something serious."

Rae's play includes five Highline students. Zachary Ginther-Hutt will star as Gorph, Rachael Chapman as the priestess, John Liedtke as Eunuch, Madison Fortney as the businesswoman, and Jake McCauley as Cannapflit.

Student Matt Johnson will

also be directing a one-act play. Johnson has been at Highline for a little over two years and has done four shows.

Johnson's play, *American Dream Revisited*, by Craig Pospisil, is unlike the comedic plays like Rae's and Keane's.

*American Dream Revisited* is about a suburban family that takes their grandfather out to the middle of the desert with the intentions of leaving him there to die, so that they might inherit his money.

"It's depressing and sad. The family in it takes their grandfather to kill him in the desert for his money," said Johnson. "I didn't choose it; Rick chose for me."

Johnson's play includes four main characters. The character of the grandpa will be played by Ginther-Hutt. Eric Lam will

be playing the father Jim while his wife Della will be played by Lauren Scoville. Tierney Patterson will be playing their daughter Chartreuse.

The last student director is Zach Ginther-Hutt.

Ginther-Hutt has been at Highline for two and a half years and has been in seven shows.

His play *People in the Wind*, by William Inge, is about passengers on a long traveling bus that enjoy dinner at a small rest stop diner. Along the way, the passengers learn a few things about each other.

"It's the show that inspired the film, *Bus Stop*. It is the interactions of people in a Mid-western bus stop. It's a slice of life. I chose it because I like shows about people and their interactions. It feels real to me," said Ginther-Hutt.

Starring in Ginther-Hutt's play are Barbara Cawley as Elma and Amanda Enrico as Grace. Other roles in the play will be played by Simone Elbrecht, Justin Hartinger, and Joseph Park. Madison Fortney will play Old Lady 1, alongside Hien Hong as Old Lady 2. The bus driver will be played by Tiana Ross.

Lorig said he is excited for this year's one act plays.

"This is the first time doing six performances, where it is two weeks in a row, so it is kind of exciting," said Lorig. "Some of the students are directing on top of acting, so it will be great."

The shows will be held the weekend of March 1, 2, 3 as well as the following weekend of March 8, 9, 10 in the Little Theatre in Building 4. Tickets will be \$7 for students, \$8 for general admission.

Each show will be about 12-20 minutes long and the entire combination of acts will last an hour to an hour and a half.

## Celebrate Chinese New Year in Seattle's Chinatown



See dancing dragons and lions in Chinatown.

By **GABI PAULSON**  
Staff Reporter

It's big. It's tradition. And it's coming to Seattle's Chinatown this weekend.

This Saturday, Jan. 28, the Mak Fai Washington Kung Fu Club/Lion Dancing Team will kick off Seattle's Annual Lunar New Year Festival with a taste of traditional Chinese lion dancing.

Starting at 11 a.m. in Hing Hay Park near the intersection of Maynard Avenue South and South King Street, the festival will continue until 4 p.m. with other activities such as a food walk, drumming, a children's costume parade, martial arts displays, and more lion dancing.

Viewed in ancient China as a way to scare away evil spirits and bring good luck, said Mak Fai club member Jacky To, "Lion dancing is a traditional and cultural dance, and also a sport."

Eighteen-year-old To has lion danced since he was 13.

"To me, everything about lion dancing is fun," said To. "And it's a good work-out."

Combining both dance and martial arts, lion dancing is thousands of years old, stretching back to the Tang Dynasty of China.

The dance involves a number of performers: a head player and tail player for each lion, plus percussion instruments for music.

While the head player may control

the head of the lion, "the tail player is just as important," said To. "He has to follow all the steps of the head player."

As for music, there is always a drum, and other instruments such as cymbals and gongs can be added also.

"The drum controls the lions' movement," said To. However, "if there's only one lion, the lion controls the drum."

The Mak Fai Washington Kung Fu Club/Lion Dancing Team uses a style of martial arts called Choy Lay Fut in their lion dancing.

It being the Year of the Dragon, the club will have two dragons in its performance, along with several lions.

"This is the biggest performance of the year," To said. "Come down this Saturday."



# Violinist brings unique sound to Seattle

Artist David Garrett combines rock with classical music

By ABIGAIL DAMBACHER  
Staff Reporter

He started the violin in pre-school. By the age of 7, he'd won first prize in music competitions and was performing on the street.

On the brink of his teenage years, he gave a concert at Villa Hammerschmidt, the German equivalent of the White House, upon request, and at 14 was signed to a record label.

He graduated from New York's School of Juilliard in 2004--paying his own way. And in 2008, Guinness World Record named him the World's Fastest Violin Player.

Crossover artist David Garrett, who said music is his passion, has combined his classical background with rock to create a whole new sound.

"I think it surprised everyone when I started releasing crossover material and it became common knowledge I was listening to Metallica and Nirvana — not just classical music," Garrett said.

Born in Aachen, Germany to an American prima ballerina and a German lawyer, Garrett said he began his life of music as a child. His father, who owns a violin auction house, had brought home a violin for Garrett's older brother — but Garrett ended up playing it.

"I guess I was four or five... so I think I was just jealous and wanted to play it too," said Garrett, who is currently on the road for the U.S. tour in support of his latest album, *Rock Symphonies*. "I didn't realize how much of an influence the violin



Garrett performed in Seattle on Jan. 22, playing songs by artists such as Coldplay and Queen.

would have on my life until I grew up and became much older and thought, 'Yeah, I could do this.'"

While other kids went to the movies, played with friends and did sports, Garrett said he spent his time practicing violin for several hours each day.

"I have played the violin more than doing anything else, probably including sleeping."

Home-schooled and classically trained, Garrett traveled throughout Europe to hone his skills on the violin, and said he didn't have much time for anything else.

"I'm sure there were times when I was a teenager and I resented it, but these days I see it as a blessing in disguise. It gave me the drive and discipline that I needed to succeed and keep doing what I do."

Garrett recorded his first CD at the age of 14, but he said

it became his own choice to play for a career when he went to Juilliard: "From there it all seemed to fit into place for me."

He said he released *Rock Symphonies* in 2010 with a goal of exciting his fans and reaching out to new audiences.

"I love rock and classical, so [I] thought, why not combine the two?"

*Rock Symphonies* is filled with classical-rock hybrids, including *Kashmir* (Led Zepelin), *the 5th* (Ludwig van Beethoven), *November Rain* (Guns 'N Roses), *Smells Like Teen Spirit* (Nirvana), *Master of Puppets* (Metallica), and *Vivaldi vs. Vertigo* (U2).

"The violin out of all musical instruments, for me, emulates the human voice the closest. That's why I think it works so well," said Garrett.

This year, he will hit the major cities of the U.S. before

returning home for more concerts.

"I play all genres of music, so there's music that is accessible to all age groups," Garrett said.

"At my concerts I see my friends who don't normally listen to classical music, to kids who are just starting to get into music to the older fans who appreciate my classical roots."

On tour, Garrett said he's played for a variety of audiences—from the stadiums of 20,000 in Germany, where the energy is "electric," to the more intimate venues of the U.S., which are typically smaller.

"It takes a lot of work and passion for the instrument and the music...I play whenever I have moments that I'm not doing anything else."

Garrett said that at his Seattle show on Jan. 22, the audience would get to hear a new version of one of Queen's classics for the first time.

Garrett's two-hour show in Seattle covered a whole range of genres, from songs by Coldplay to Justin Timberlake to Claude Debussy.

He shared personal stories between tunes—such as one where he discovered a bootlegged copy of his DVD in a street market in Bangkok—and later in the evening let his five-man band play an AC/DC song without him.

After receiving an encore, David Garrett returned onstage for one final piece: *We Will Rock You* by Queen. He also dedicated Josh Groban's *You Raise Me Up*, to his Seattle fans, who he said were "a great audience."

To learn more about David Garrett and his music, visit [www.david-garrett.com](http://www.david-garrett.com).



•Highline's International Student Programs will be hosting a *Harry Potter* movie marathon in Building 2 on Jan. 27 at 12:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan 28. All eight *Harry Potter* movies will be featured. The event is free and a dinner and breakfast will be provided.

Anyone can sign up at the International Student Programs office. Students are asked to bring comfortable pillows, blankets, pajamas, and teddy bears.

•Centerstage presents the comedic play, *What the Butler Saw*, at the Family Knutzen Theatre, 3200 Southwest Dash Point Road in Federal Way. The play will begin on Feb. 3 and continue every weekend until Feb. 26. The production will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. For more information on tickets and showtimes call 253-661-1444.

•ACT Theatre's Seattle Dance Project show *Project 5*, will be at the Falls Theatre, 700 Union Street in Seattle this weekend. The show is at 8 p.m. on Friday Jan. 27 and Saturday Jan. 28. On Sunday Jan. 29 the performance will be held at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets and shows call 206-292-7676.

•Molière's play, *Tartuffe*, will be at Taproot Theatre, 204 North 85th Street in Seattle. The production will start on Feb. 1 and continue almost every weekend until March 3. The shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets range from \$22 to \$37. Students will receive \$5 off regular ticket prices. For more information on ticket prices and showtimes call 206-781-9709 or visit [www.taproottheatre.org](http://www.taproottheatre.org).

•5th Avenue theatre's production of *Oklahoma!* begins on Feb. 3 and continues until March 4. The shows will be at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. for matinee. The production is directed by Peter Rothstein and choreographed by Donald Byrd. The show will be held everyday except Monday's and tickets will cost \$29-\$49. For students tickets are \$19. Valid student I.D. is required.. For more information call 206-625-1900 or e-mail [info@5thavenue.org](mailto:info@5thavenue.org).

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# High school student captures life through a lens

By **COREY SUN**  
Staff Reporter

He is 17 years old and a junior at Federal Way High School, but he already has about 20 art exhibitions.

His photos are used by regional and national magazines; he is an artistic and a wildlife and landscape photographer.

His name is Donavon Preiser, and you can find his photographs at the fourth floor of the library until Feb. 1.

Preiser was born in 1994 in the state of Washington. When he was 10 years old, his dad bought him a point-and-shoot camera, and he started to take pictures. Soon after Preiser went to Jaguar shows, and took pictures of the cars and events, and then Jaguar Car Club magazine used his photos for their articles.

After that, his family realized he had a talent for taking pictures. Preiser started to think photography could be something that he could work on, so his dad got his second camera, a Canon SLR rebel.

Preiser is a self-taught photographer who never took any photography classes. He was learning by practice.

He went to Mt. Rainier almost every other weekend, and took pictures of the amazing views at the national park. He went



*Preiser's photograph of Mount Rainier and the Lenticular Clouds, above, won first prize in the Normandy Park Arts Festival.*

there so often, all the staff who worked there knew him and his work, and he was hired as a photographer for Mt. Rainier National Park.

One of his best works, 02 (Mt Rainier & Lenticular Clouds),

is a photograph that captures dramatic clouds during a clear night at the mountain. This photograph has won several awards, including first place in the Normandy Park Arts Festival.

After upgrading his camera to a Canon 60D, he eventually took pictures with higher quality. However, the camera is not everything that matters to him. For him, a good camera is more like a tool to make good art.

"Photographers can be as good as they can, if they have good cameras," Preiser said. "If I were a painter, my camera would be like my brush."

His photos have been used by Sunset magazine, AAA Washington, and Portland Monthly. Preiser said his works are real, because he never uses Photoshop.

"I have nothing against Photoshopped pictures, as long as it's not crazy. I used graduated filter to correct the color of the pictures. It (the filter) can make the sky lighter and avoid over-exposure," Preiser said.

Despite his talent and passion for photography, however, Preiser will not take this as his major when he goes to college. He said he will study business in order to make a living out of his passion.

Nonetheless, being a photographer for National Geographic is his dream job.

"Now, the photography field is very competitive because everyone thinks they are a photographer," Preiser said.



*Donavon Preiser*

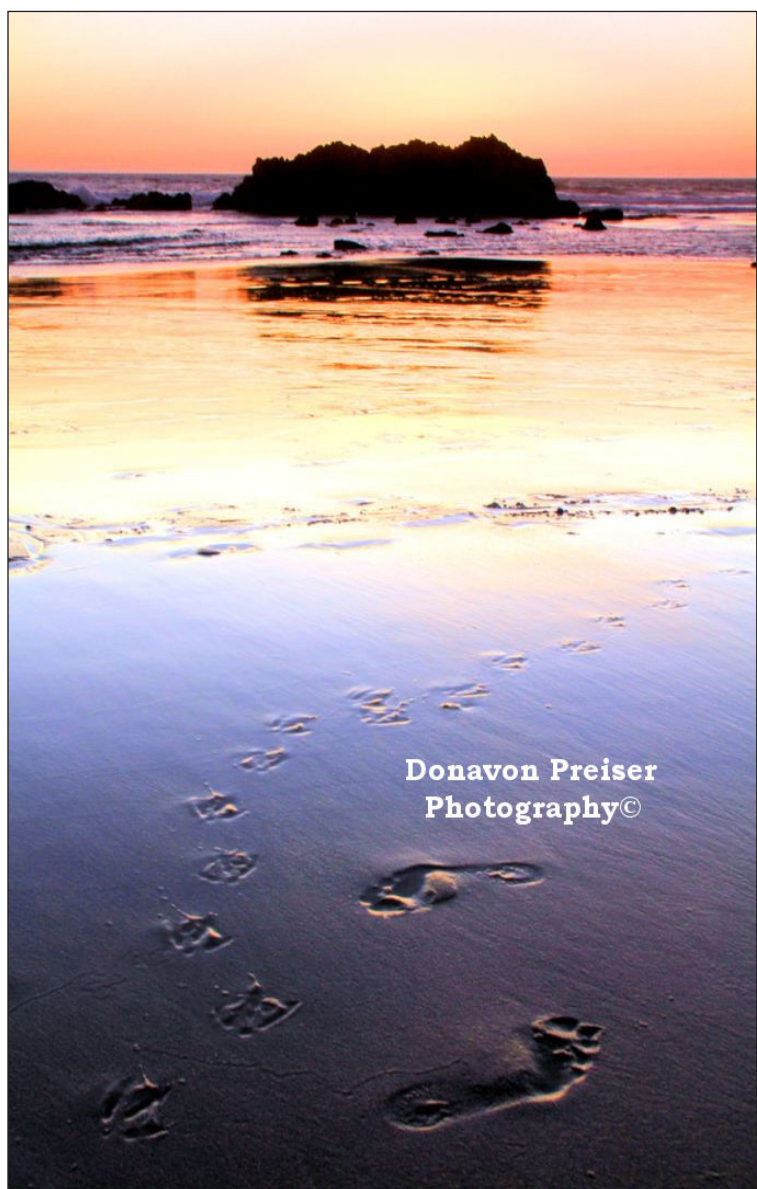
Also, all the money he makes through photography will go to his education fund for college. Since the tuition in four-year school is so expensive now, he might go to a two-year school and then transfer to a four-year university.

"I want him to go to a junior college, because you can take the same classes but at a cheaper price," said Donald Preiser, Donavon's dad.

"Even if he couldn't find a job as photographer, he could always find a sales job in business."

His best 44 photographs are showing at the fourth floor of the library until Feb. 1. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The photographs in the library are also for sale. For any questions about work and pricing information, please contact Donavon Preiser at 253-569-8621.



*Preiser's photo, above, is displayed on the fourth floor of Highline's library.*

## Attention all student writers

Arcturus, Highline's annual literary magazine, is looking for student-written submissions to fill its pages.

Student editors will be accepting submissions in the Student Union Bldg. today from 10 a.m. through noon.

Submissions can also be left in Arcturus advisor Sharon Hashimoto's drop box in Building 5. Work should be placed in a self-addressed envelope including a brief summary describing the submission and a short biography of the author.

Arcturus is especially looking for short stories and essays, which can be from any class, but they will also accept works of art, poetry, drama, and excerpts from novels.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 3.





# Wrestlers battle weather on way to regionals

By **TRAE HARRISON**  
Staff Reporter

Highline lost three wrestling matches in the last few weeks – but to weather and power, not their opponents.

The meets against North Idaho, Yakima, and Pacific were recently cancelled due to snow and power outages, and Highline's next scheduled event is at the Boxer Open on Jan. 28.

Highline went 1-2 over the holiday break with a victory against Pacific and losses to Southwestern Oregon and Pacific.

Highline suffered a 25-13 loss to top-ranked Clackamas on Jan. 13. The meet included lots of back and forth exchanges of momentum and was ultimately decided by a few close matches.

Steven Romero (125 pounds) shut out eighth ranked Sage Ornelas to open the match, and Highline suffered three close matches afterwards.

Drew Dacey (131 pounds) was beating second ranked Martin Gonzalez when he got caught on his back and lost 2-7. Sam Ottow (149 pounds) also started out leading seventh ranked Eric Luna and barely fell out at the end of the match 3-6.

Josh Romero's (141 pounds) match against first ranked Cody Randall was the match of the night. In a series of back and forth Randall barely came out on top 9-11.

"I thought I was gonna get whooped," said Romero. "After that I think I could beat anyone too."

Romero had been held out of practice for the entire week before the match.

"I have to get my stamina back up," he said. "Now I'm going to train harder and do extra running."

"I'm pretty sure we could wrestle in the finals," he said. Head Coach Scott Norton said Josh "will beat him by the national tournament."

Highline was staring at a 9-3 deficit when Micah Morrill (157 pounds) stepped on the mat to take on Clackamas' Kaleb Cook.

Morrill dominated and came up with a pin in 1:26. He tied up the score to 9-9.

Momentum shifted for good to Clackamas' favor at the 165 match.

Nicholas Schmidt was beating 5th ranked Eric Hensel 4-1 when he got caught in a cement mixer at the end of the second period.

Although time had already expired the referee ended up giving Hensel the fall. The call was a 9-point swing in Clackamas' favor and Highline never



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*Highline wrestler Lucas Huyber works against Trent Noon of Clackamas in a recent match.*

ended up recovering.

An entire month before, the holiday break kicked off with a 24-21 loss against Southwestern Oregon Community College on Dec. 9.

The Thunderbirds had already started the match down 12-0 after two wrestlers (125 and 174 pounds) missed weights.

"When guys don't make weight, they're just being lazy," Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas said. "At home you shouldn't miss weight especially because you have the same scale in the locker-room you'd use in a match."

On top of the weight complications, there were complications with the referee.

"He didn't show up," said Luvaas. "It was a miscommunication with confusion all around, and it was just as much our fault as it was the referee's. We should have been better prepared."

Pacifico Garcia, a Thunderbirds wrestling assistant coach ended up stepping in as referee for the meet.

"He did a fine job. But whenever a call could have been made either way he would have to give it to SWOCC," Luvaas said. "He shouldn't have had that responsibility imposed on him."

Due to the weight changes, both Steven and Josh Romero (125 and 141 pounds) were forced to wrestle up a weight class.

Regardless of the weight disadvantage, both of the brothers put on admirable performances. Steven Romero won his match and Josh Romero scored a pin.

"Both the Romeros could beat anyone in the country when wrestling to the best of their abilities," said Luvaas.

The Thunderbirds were unable to completely overcome the points they forfeited and lost a very tight match.

After the meet against Southwestern Oregon, the Thunderbirds got plenty of time over the winter break to re-cooperate and fix some of the technical problems. The break took them all the way to Jan. 7 when they

faced Pacific.

The Thunderbirds came away with a 24-21 win but the coaches were less than thrilled with the victory.

"The match was junk," Luvaas said. "We should have shut them out."

Highline typically beats Pacific on a yearly basis by a much wider margin, so the closeness of the match was alarming.

Highline was crippled with weight problems again on this match, as another two wrestlers missed weights at 157 and 197 pounds. They were also missing two starters to injuries, so it was an uphill battle from the start.

"When guys can't make weight, it's like they aren't even on the team," said Luvaas.

"However the other eight guys really stepped up."

Despite the deficit, Highline won five of the seven played matches and came away with a three-point victory.

Most noticeably, Lucas Huyber received much praise from Luvaas for his performance this season.

"He is by far the most improved player on our team," Luvaas said. "He wrestles with a real physical in-your-face Iowa style. Plus he works as hard as anyone, we have to kick him out when practice finishes."

Luvaas said he has high expectations for Huyber in the upcoming tournament. "Honestly I see him finishing in the top 8 on a podium."



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*Highline's Thomas Reinhart takes on Clackamas' Austin Morehead.*

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# Men's hoops struggle, still hope for a postseason

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**  
Staff Reporter

The T-Bird men basketball team still counts on reaching the playoffs after losing eight of 11 games since Dec. 15.

"It's no secret we have struggled this season in the win column. Despite that, this group has remained cohesive, coachable and unselfish. They have proven to be a good Team. We just need to start finishing games," Head Coach Che Dawson said.

6'10" freshman forward Nkosi Ali, and sophomore Robert Christopher have been the standout players for the T-Birds, throughout the season.

Offensively Ali is averaging 16 points, has a 52 percent field goal percentage per game, and has 59 offensive rebounds this season. Defensively he has found a way to crack down on his opponents blocking 35 shots this season.

"We still have room to improve, so we can reach the playoffs," said Christopher.

Thursday, Dec. 15 Ali had his season high of 30 points in the win against the Cardinals of Skagit Valley; Ali also had 19 blocks and five blocks.

Against the Cardinals the T-Birds controlled the game entering the half 35-30, and won 74-57.

The T-Birds traveled to Phoenix, Arizona for the Maricopa County Holiday Classic.

"The teams we played were pretty good, but we still played hard on the court," said Christopher.

Christopher scored his season high of 33 points in the 86-76 loss to Phoenix College Bears.

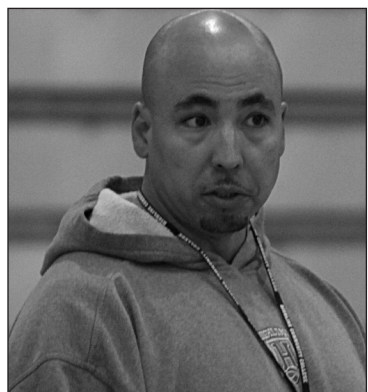
"Overall the tournament helped us become a better team, and helped these young men mature," Coach Dawson said.

After the Holiday Classic the T-Birds played the Green River Gators on Jan. 4.

The game was close going into the second half tied 23-23.

Highline cracked down on the Gators scoring 36 to their 25 points in the second half, winning the game 59-48.

The T-Birds bench players were a huge reason for the win,



Che Dawson



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*Sophomore guard Robert Christopher sinks one for Thunderbirds against Lower Columbia.*

the scored 12 points throughout the game.

Ali was the top performer scoring 29 points, collected 21 total rebounds, and blocked two Gator shots.

Christopher was also a factor scoring 12 points and had 10 rebounds.

The T-Birds dominated the Lower Columbia Red Devils on Jan 7 winning the game 61-58.

The Red Devils lead the game at the end of the half 28-26, but the T-Birds turned their play up in the second half outscoring the Red Devils 35-30.

Ali was once again the T-Birds top performer ending the game with 15 points, 14 total rebounds, and 3 blocks.

Sophomore 6'3" guard Jayson Lewis scored 9 points and had 8 assist in the win.

A week later the T-Birds

faced the West Division's first place Tacoma Titans.

The Titans led the Birds at the end of the first half 39-28.

The Birds outscored the Titans in the second half 40-32, lead the game in defensive stops, total rebound, and points from the bench players, but the Titans were too much for the Birds winning the game by three points 71-68.

6'10" freshman guard Josh Youngblood scored 14 points in the lost while, Ali led the team with 15 points and six rebounds.

"We wanted to win this game, even though we lost we learned from our mistakes," Christopher said.

Sat, Jan. 21 the T-Birds took on the Centralia Trailblazers.

The Bird's seemed to have control of the Trailblazers ending the first half leading 24-21.

The second half of the game the Trailblazers turned up their play outscoring the T-Birds 42-36.

The T-Birds had problems controlling the ball, turning the ball over to the Trailblazers 23 times.

"We will continue to get better in that regard," said Coach Dawson.

The T-Birds have improved throughout the season defensively which has been one of Coach Dawson's main focuses for the team.

"Defensively we have continued to be one of the better teams in the NWAACC which has kept us in games. We consistently hold people way under their scoring averages and shooting percentages and usually win the battle on the boards. We just have to be more consistent in those areas," said Coach Dawson.

The T-Birds defeated the winless Grays Harbor Chocker's 80-58 on Monday, Jan. 23 after the game was cancelled earlier in the week because weather.

"This season we have struggled, but we as a team feel we can turn things around, but if we do it needs to be now," Christopher said.

Coach Dawson has put a lot responsibility on his sophomore guard Christopher, and he continues to handle himself well.

"Robert has been by far our most consistent player this year from an effort, production and maximizing potential standpoint. He is our rock, he makes us go. He has proven to be a leader by both his actions and his words. If the rest of the guys will grab onto the heart and desire that he demonstrates every day in practice and games some really special things could happen for this team, but it has to happen now."

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# Lady 'Birds ripping rebounds, steadily improving

By **ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI**  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball is winning the rebounding war in most their games. But once they get the rock they have a hard time holding on to it.

"We need to continue to develop our defensive positioning and winning the rebounding war. Each time we out-rebound a team we win the ball game and that is obviously what we want to do," Head Women's Basketball Coach Amber Mosley said.

Even though Highline is snagging rebounds, they are continuing to turn over the ball, causing them to lose some games that they should win.

Highline is currently fourth in the West Division with a 4-3 record in league play and a 7-10 record overall.

"We are getting better with each game we play. I am proud of our effort and hustle, especially coming back after the Christmas break. They are continuing to buy into what we are teaching them looking better each day," Mosley said.

"We want to make it to post-season play. With an entire team of true freshmen, if we can make it to the tournament and finish in the top four of our league, we have met our goal," Mosley said.

The team started off the season with a victory, 72-60, against the Whatcom Orcas.

Their first tournament was the Bellevue Bulldog Classic on Dec. 2.

Highline won two of three games there, beating Everett 80-62 before losing 73-67 to Blue Mountain and 63-60 to Mt. Hood.

Their next tournament was in Wenatchee, a much further trip than Bellevue, Dec. 16-18. They were eliminated early by losing their first two games in the tourney.

In their first game of the tournament, the Lady T-Birds, were blown out by Chemeketa, 81-47.

They then lost to Shoreline, 65-63, a game which went down to the wire. Freshman guard Nicole Smith led Highline in scoring with 14 points, shooting 50 percent from the field, including two 3-pointers.

Highline had a non-league contest against third-ranked Bellevue at the Showare Center on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011.

The Bulldogs looked unstoppable against the Lady T-Birds, winning 69-48.

Highline's last preseason tournament was in Salem, Ore. at the Chemeketa Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28.

In their first game against Wenatchee Valley, they lost,



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*Highline guard Keana Magalei drives to the hole against Pierce. Magalei ended with 11 points.*

79-57. Freshman guard Grace Beardemphl led Highline in scoring with 13 points.

The Lady T-Birds lost their second game to Lewis & Clark, 55-51. Highline had strong play from Beardemphl, who put up 20 points and four 3-pointers.

They lost their final game of the tourney, also their last game of preseason, in a nail-biter to Linn-Benton, 69-65.

Highline came out strong in their first league game of the regular season on Jan. 4 with a key victory over rival Green River, 57-51.

Highline took a three-hour ride on Jan. 7 to Vancouver, Wash. to play Clark in their first road game of league play. Highline was led by an outstanding performance from Keana Magalei, who had 20 points and seven rebounds. But Clark pulled away in the second half to come away with a 77-58 victory.

The Lady T-Birds had a home match against Lower Columbia on Jan. 9, winning 69-63. Magalei put up 18 points and 12 rebounds.

"We did win the rebound war with Lower Columbia, but we still gave up way too many offensive rebounds. I thought we out-hustled them and that led to the win," Mosley said.

"We will continue to work on

rebounding the ball consistently and finishing games," she said.

Besides the statistical leaders, "I was really pleased with how Frantasia Johnson and Naomi Brown played off the bench. They really gave us a spark that we needed. Both came into the game and provided us with a rebound, a hustle play and energy," Coach Mosley said.

The Lady T-Birds hosted the Pierce Raiders on Jan. 11. Highline managed to come away with a 59-55 win.

Leading Highline in scoring was Maglei with 11 points. Brianna Votaw led the T-Birds with 12 rebounds.

"These ladies can't keep do-

ing this to me with these nail biting games, but I'm OK with it if it results in a win," Coach Mosley said.

Highline traveled south on I-5 to take on league rival Tacoma Titans on Saturday, Jan. 14. The T-Birds took a seven-point halftime lead but couldn't hang on to it, losing a squeaker to Tacoma 55-53.

Highline was done in by its poor shooting, hitting only 31 percent from the field and four of 21 from behind the three-point line.

The T-Birds did control the boards but the bad shooting, along with being outscored at the free throw line and more

turnovers, proved to be too much for the team to overcome.

Highline was led by Grace Beardemphl with 14 points, while Keana Magalei contributed 9 points and a team-high 11 rebounds. Angelina Wagner-Sanchez led Tacoma with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Highline's shooting was as cold as the temperatures that brought the Snowpocalypse, losing 65-55 to Centralia after shooting 32 percent from the field and adding 23 turnovers.

Centralia didn't shoot much better from the field with 39 percent, but it was enough to win the game.

Nicole Smith was the only Thunderbird scoring in double figures, with 14 points, and added a team-high six assists. Brianna Votaw led the team with seven rebounds.

The Lady T-Birds always play hard. Sometimes not well and sometimes it's not very pretty, but they always play hard. And against Grays Harbor on Jan. 23 playing hard was enough as Highline won 64-58.

The Thunderbirds led throughout the game but not so much that the game ever got comfortable.

A large part of this was due to Highline's dismal shooting, hitting only 23 percent. But playing hard, especially on defense, paid off and the T-Birds had 29 steals, forcing Grays Harbor into 33 total turnovers.

"We need to keep our composure better and stick together as a team. We need to continue to work on blocking out and rebounding," Coach Mosley said.

Magalei had 7 of these steals to go with her 19 points and 12 rebounds. Beardemphl added 12 points, 5 assists, and 4 steals.

Highline had an away match against South Puget Sound on Jan. 25 with results unavailable at press time.

The next women's basketball game will be on the road Wednesday, Feb. 1 against Green River and they return home on Saturday, Feb. 4 against Clark.



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*Lady 'Birds celebrate victory over Pierce.*



The Scoreboard

Men's Basketball				
NORTH	League	PCT	Season	
Whatcom	6-0	1.000	14-2	
Peninsula	5-1	.833	15-2	
Bellevue	4-1	.800	14-1	
Shoreline	4-3	.571	10-8	
Seattle	3-3	.500	8-8	
Edmonds	1-3	.250	1-11	
Olympic	1-3	.250	4-10	
Skagit Valley	1-5	.167	5-9	
Everertt	0-6	.000	3-13	

EAST				
Big Bend	4-1	.800	14-2	
Walla Walla	3-1	.750	12-5	
Yakima Valley	3-1	.750	10-6	
Spokane	2-1	.667	13-3	
Col. Basin	2-2	.500	6-9	
Tr. Valley	2-2	.500	4-10	
Blue Mt.	0-4	.000	4-10	
Wenatchee	0-4	.000	4-9	

WEST				
Clark	5-0	1.000	15-1	
Tacoma	5-0	1.000	13-3	
Lower Columbia	4-2	.667	10-6	
Pierce	3-3	.500	11-6	
Highline	3-4	.429	4-12	
GreenRiver	2-3	.400	8-8	
Centralia	2-4	.333	4-13	
S.Puget Sound	1-4	.200	5-10	
Grays Harbor	0-5	.000	1-12	

SOUTH				
Mt. Hood	5-0	1.000	14-5	
Chemeketa	4-1	.800	12-5	
Linn-Benton	4-1	.800	8-8	
SWOregon	3-1	.200	6-10	
Clackamas	2-3	.400	8-9	
Umpqua	1-4	.200	6-10	
Lane	0-4	.000	0-15	

Women's Basketball				
NORTH				
Skagit Valley	6-0	1.000	11-5	
Peninsula	5-1	.833	11-5	
Bellevue	4-1	.800	12-4	
Everett	3-3	.500	4-10	
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# New club welcomes veterans and rookies

By ZACH GINTHER-HUTT  
Staff Reporter

The new Highline Ski and Snowboard Club say they offer fun times with your friends, trying a new sport on the snow and doing something exciting this winter.

This weekend, Saturday morning, Jan 28, for only 10 bucks, those who sign up will be driven in the comfort via chartered bus from the Highline parking lot to The Summit Pass at Snoqualmie.

Once there, skiers and snowboarders alike can, as Bryce Lacourse and Theron Flowers; club president and vice president said, “get a friendship going,” skiing all day until the bus takes skiers and snowboarders back to the Highline parking lot in the evening.

“No prior experience is needed, just try something new and have fun,” Lacourse said.

“You can chill and hangout with your friends,” club vice president Lacourse, club president, said that skiing and snowboarding challenges the individual, pushing the participant as hard as they desire.

“You set goals for yourself, there’s always something new to challenge yourself and get awesome experience,” Lacourse said.

He reflected that the relaxed, self-driven attitude is a big draw for spending winter quarter on the ski slopes.

“You can be going up to 20 or 30 miles per hour in beautiful



The ski club meets every Tuesday at noon. in Building 8, room 302.

scenery,” Lacourse said. Flow-ers concurred, “I like to some-times stop and just listen to the stillness and look at the serene beauty, its just so great, its super calming.”

Having such a seasonal club as this, as Flowers said, did take some work to get everything to-gether so it would worked.

Originally, the idea of a Highline ski and snowboard club came when Highline soph-omores Lacourse and Flowers, both boarders of 7 years, real-ized Highline didn’t have any winter-sports opportunities for its students.

“We both went to Mill Creek

High School and they had a ski and snowboard club there, but when we got to Highline there wasn’t any,” Lacourse said.


So both Lacourse and Flow-ers found a oppurtunity for change.

“We wanted to get every-body together to snowboard and ski.”

The end result is Highline now has their own ski and snowboard club.

For those looking for fun, friends, and to try something new, club president Bryce Lacourse said, “It’s great expe-rience, tons of fun, what more could you ask for.”

The Highline Ski & Snow-board Club meets every Tues-day at Noon in the Student Union (Building 8) in room 302. For more information visit their web page at Facebook.com/HCCSkiAndSnowboardClub.



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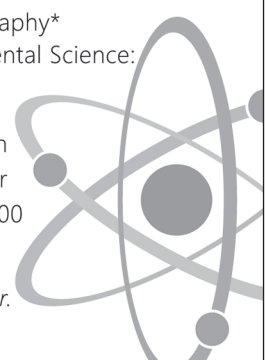
**BIOL 110** — Marine Biology\*

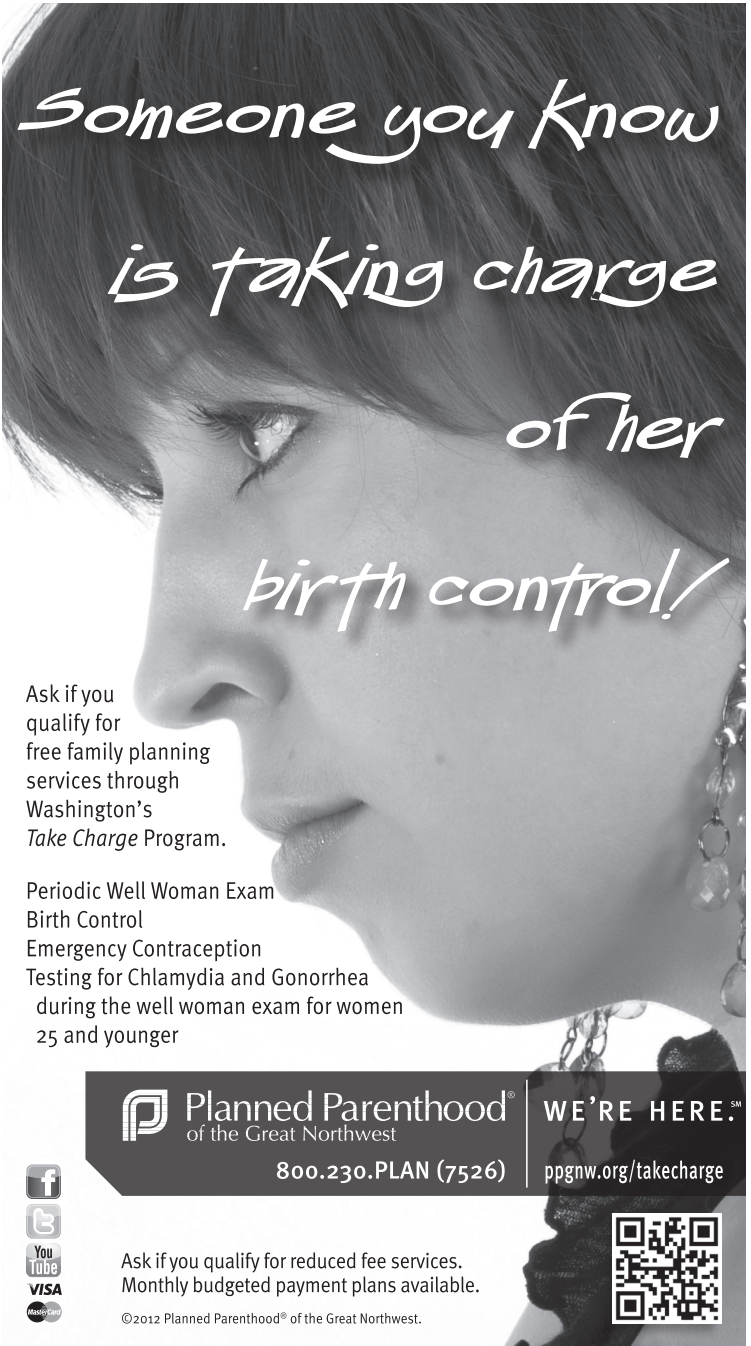
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# StartZone's tax workshop answers your questions

By **ANDREA ASTELL**  
Staff reporter

Highline's business program StartZone has teamed up with United Way to offer free tax preparation this year.

The program will not only help small businesses prepare income tax forms, but individual households as well.

For the last two years StartZone has offered free tax preparation for small business owners and each year the program has helped about 50 businesses. This year will be the third year that StartZone will be offering its free tax preparation.

United Way of King County also has been offering free tax preparation for several years to households whose income is equal or less than \$50,000.

This year will be the first time that one of United Way's 16 locations will be at Highline.

United Way decided to partner with StartZone is that a lot of individuals are considered independent contractors by their employers, and therefore are considered small business owners.



**"Not only are we catering to the small business owners, but we are also reaching out to help individuals and students as well."**

- Mike Skinner,  
StartZone

For such individuals, StartZone can help prepare their income tax forms as well as a Schedule C, another part of an individual income tax report.

"A lot of individuals are considered as independent contractors when they should really be considered employees," said StartZone administrator Mike Skinner. "The employers do this so they won't have to give the individual the benefits of being an employee."

StartZone will help people clarify whether they are employees or independent contractors.

The free tax preparation will mainly focus on helping households prepare the 1040 tax form. In years past, United Way has helped return more than \$19 million in federal refunds to individual households, which includes more than \$6 million in earned income tax credit.

Earned income tax credit is a refundable tax credit for individuals and families with moderate income. In some cases, it alone can account for a 30 to 40 percent boost in annual household income.

However, for whatever reason, whether from lack of infor-

mation or fear of owing the IRS money, numerous households don't fill out federal tax forms.

It is United Way and StartZone's mission to help these households keep more of their money without paying unnecessary fees to tax preparers. So they will also be helping those who are unsure about how to get proper tax preparation help.

Skinner is expecting a bigger turn out this year.

"Not only are we catering to the small business owners, but we are also reaching out to help households, single individuals, and students as well," he said.

The free tax preparation includes businesses, households and individual filers.

The only requirements United Way and StartZone have is that you have a combined household income of equal to or less than \$50,000.

Moreover, tax preparation can help individuals figure out if they are eligible for this or other education tax benefits.

The Highline tax preparation site will be open Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Build-

ing 99.

Although Highline's tax preparation site is only open Thursdays and Saturdays, other times and tax preparation sites are available at [www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp](http://www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/taxhelp).

Volunteers through United Way and Highline's accounting department complete a two day IRS training course which will familiarize the volunteers with the online tax prep and allow them IRS certification.

The Highline tax preparation site is fully staffed for tax preparers; however they are still looking for one or two volunteers to do intake, which signs eligible families up for public benefits such as food stamps, public housing, or English as a Second Language(ESL). If interested, you can apply for this through [www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org](http://www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org), or contact StartZone in Building 99.

Walk-ins are preferred and no appointments are necessary.

For more information, please contact Nigam Shah, Business Tax Center Manager, by phone at 206-878-3710, ext. 6510 or by e-mail at [nshah@highline.edu](mailto:nshah@highline.edu).

# Rising food prices put pressure on families; learn to save

By **DAVID UFFINGTON**

Have you seen the price of hamburger lately? During the past year, the price of beef has skyrocketed, with that made-at-home burger costing 10 percent more than it did a year ago.

The Economic Research Service arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture keeps track of forecasts, and it's taken a close look at 2011. We know it costs more to feed our families, but just how bad is it?

As a general rule, food prices go up 2.9 percent each year. In 2011 the average increase was a whopping 4.5 percent, and where it got us in the wallet was in the staples.

A pork chop costs 6.9 percent more than it did a year ago. A chicken leg costs 10.5 percent more. Eggs are up 10.2 percent. Cheese up 8.4 percent. Turkey up 10.5 percent. Milk up 9.8 percent. Even potatoes soared by 12 percent.

Cereals, on the other hand, went up only 6.2 percent. Is it any wonder people are feeding their kids cereal for dinner?

Supply and demand is given as the reason: More of us are sticking to basics, which pushes up the demand, which pushes up the price. The things we're not buying -- steaks, for example -- didn't see much of a price increase because there wasn't much of a demand.

## Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

The USDA predicts that food prices for 2012 will "only" go up 3 percent to 4 percent, which still is above the long-term average.

How to survive until prices come down? Here are some ideas:

--Shop the ads. This is no time to be loyal. If another nearby store has a special, go there. Stock up within reason.

--Use your customer cards to take advantage of discounts.

--Invest in a big box "club" membership. Be aware that the food comes in large bulk sizes and be prepared to split the

costs with a friend. Divide and freeze meal-size portions. If you don't have a freezer, barter with a friend to share the bounty in exchange for freezer space.

--Study nutrition. Learn how to combine cheaper protein sources, such as beans and rice. Get creative with pasta. Go online to [www.eatingwell.com](http://www.eatingwell.com) and put "cheap" in the search box. Try [www.cheapcooking.com](http://www.cheapcooking.com) and other similar sites.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to [columnreply@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).

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# Entrepreneur has global aim to do good

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**  
Staff Reporter

Aaron Rose wants to do good, and also to make money.

Rose, a global entrepreneur and the cofounder of ROI3, Inc., said that making money while doing good is the best way to make good happen.

"Social enterprises are not sustainable," Rose said at Highline on Tuesday. "You've got to have revenue to keep going."

Rose spoke as part Global Tuesdays, a weekly series of forums on topics of international interest.

"Ninety percent of charities are worthless," he said. They spend a lot of money, but it's hard to tell what they're doing with it and they don't show much in the way of results.

ROI3 hopes to sell mobile phone applications, such as those that could provide childbirth advice to women and crop prices and weather conditions to farmers, in developing countries around the world.

Although they have plans to begin ventures in Afghanistan and Africa, their initial foray will be in China.

Rose said he expects that

China will be 95 percent of the company's revenue for its first three years, after which they full expect their apps will have been pirated and improved by someone there.

But Africa has potential, he said.

"At some point, we have to stop looking at Africa as a land of poverty but as a place of economic opportunity," he said.

Rose started at the University of Colorado, but left and ended up in Seattle, where he now lives. He ended up majoring in philosophy at Seattle University.

Eventually he became an investor.

"I just got lucky when I decided to leave school," Ross said. "I sold my first business for a price I couldn't refuse."

In 2010 Rose partnered up with William C. Joern and Steven E. Drake creating ROI3, with the idea to help people in developing countries through technology such as mobile phones.

"Our company will help educate individuals on health and well-being, promote financial literacy, and also assist individuals with learning or improving

English language skills," Rose said.

He also doesn't like micro-finance – small loans made to poor people to help them start businesses – because the existing programs don't teach financial literacy.

"In Africa our plan is to go away from sms messaging, rather use video messaging," Rose said.

Part of the challenge in Africa remains building the broadband infrastructure to support cellphone use.

The test of a business proposition, he said, is "scalability and sustainability" – can it grow, and can it survive?

Rose advised students at the forum to do three things: Build relationships, as opposed to networking; do research to know the details of what you're looking at; and understand how policy is made, so that you can influence it.

The next Global Tuesdays speaker will be Young Wan Song, consul-general of the Korean Consulate of Seattle.

He will talk about Korea on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. in Building 7. The forums are free and open to the public.



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*Aaron Rose, a successful entrepreneur, said that doing good while making money is the best way to be a positive influence.*

## Women were important in the Black Freedom Movement

By **EMILY BETTRIDGE**  
Staff Reporter

Women were a driving force of the Black Freedom Movement, yet they were content to remain in the background in order to further their cause, a scholar said last week.

Dr. Derrick Brooms, an assistant professor of sociology at Prairie State College in Illinois, spoke last Tuesday for Martin Luther King Jr. Week here.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week is celebrated every year at Highline with a series of films, lectures, panel discussions, and workshops. This year, the theme was "50 Years of Resistance: Racism, Materialism, and Militarism – Then and Now."

Dr. Brooms' lecture, "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders – Women of the Black Freedom Movement (1940-1975)" focused on the women who were instrumental in the development of the Black Freedom Movement.

"When we remember Martin Luther King [Jr.], we need to remember the women who stood with him," Dr. Brooms said during his lecture. "We don't hear about the girls, women and others who worked behind [the scenes]."

The Black Freedom Move-



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*In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Derrick Brooms highlighted several of the women involved in Dr. King's movement.*

ment, as described by Dr. Brooms, is different from the Civil Rights Movement; the Civil Rights Movement was about getting laws into place to recognize the rights of African Americans, whereas the Black Freedom Movement purposed to change the mentality of the

people.

Women were working on the Black Freedom Movement long before the Civil Rights movement came into being; Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mary Church Terrell, and Mary McLeod Bethune fought for freedom and rights in the 18th

and 19th centuries. These women provided the foundation for 20th century women fighters, Dr. Brooms said.

It was the men seen on TV who were the face of the movement, but, according to Dr. Brooms, "women organized and did everything to facilitate what was done."

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was organized by Jo Ann Robinson. She and

two other women, Claudette Colvin and Mary Louise Smith, were arrested, prior to Rosa Parks, for refusing to comply with the segregation of buses, Dr. Brooms explained.

The March on Washington in 1963 was organized by Dorothy Height and the march was led

by Dorothy Cotton, alongside Martin Luther King Jr.

Septima Clark, Fanny Lou Hamer, Victoria Jackson Gray and others worked to teach African Americans literacy and register them to vote in elections, Dr. Brooms related.

Ella Baker and Diane Nash were founding members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and Nash coordinated the Freedom Ride from Birmingham to Mississippi in 1961.

These names are not well-known, however.

"Women suffered the same abuse and violence as the men. ... Men led because the women stepped aside and said 'I don't need to lead,'" said Dr. Brooms.

It wasn't that women didn't contribute, rather, they allowed themselves to be marginalized in order to accomplish a higher goal, said Dr. Brooms.

The reality was that women involved in the Black Freedom Movement often were in leadership roles, and worked hard behind the scenes so that the movement would flourish.

"If we allow people's voices to be marginalized, we allow their voices to not be heard," Dr. Brooms said. "Would Martin Luther King be Martin Luther King without Coretta Scott King?"



## Hernandez

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dez and his family knew his battle with testicular cancer would cause them financial burden.

Renee Gangloff, Hernandez' mother, created a website, Richard's Battle and held several fundraisers to raise awareness about testicular cancer, while raising money to help pay his medical bills.

"It started Sunday Nov. 5 when we had the Bake Sale for Richard," said Gangloff in her blog. "We raised over \$2,500 for Richard's Battle. So many [people] donated and didn't

even take a baked goody in exchange."

There was also a barbeque at Umibushi Self Defense in Des Moines that was organized by Jim Curtis, the owner and a former Marine. The barbeque raised an additional \$350 for Hernandez and his family.

Veterans Day weekend was the biggest success for Richard's Battle. On Friday, Nov. 11, the Sunnyside police department organized a spaghetti feed that raised \$3,100. The following night, the Hernandez family held a pool tournament, auction, and raffle fundraiser at Java Billiards in Federal Way, raising \$7,500.

"Over 250 people attended and over 100 items were donated

for our auction, for Richard's Battle," said Gangloff, "One person commented, 'the love in the room was radiant.'"

Overall the fundraisers and donations raised over \$15,000 for Richard's Battle.

"I want to thank everyone for all the love and support and the kind emails and calls," Hernandez said. "As well as all of the help they have sent our way."

On Dec. 1, Stephanie Hernandez gave birth to their first child, Richard 'Little Richie' Allen Hernandez.

"Seeing my baby every day, as he becomes more aware, more alert, that is really cool," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said that his experience with testicular cancer has

changed his view on life.

"My battle changed my aspect on life for the better. I appreciate things a lot more. Stephanie and I learned to rely on each other, I relied on her for support, and she was there for me."

Hernandez is now back at Highline after taking time off for his chemotherapy.

He is studying business full-time and is planning to transfer to the University of Washington-Tacoma in the spring. After he finishes school, he plans on working in the financial industry.

"I feel wonderful, I have more energy every day, my hair is growing back, and I get to spend time with my son. I feel

great."

Though Hernandez is clear of cancer, he is still required to get checked every three months for the first year.

The number of times he needs to get checked will be reduced every year.

Hernandez said that though he is cancer free, he wants to continue to spread awareness about testicular cancer and how important it is to get checked.

"I'm going to keep telling guys they need to check for symptoms regularly. Not even guys necessarily, people in general," said Hernandez. "I want to continue to get cancer awareness out there. One of the main keys to beating cancer is early detection."

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your life."

Without a generator, or signs of the power company coming, the lights are still out as of Wednesday for Jake McCauley, a Highline sophomore from Federal Way.

"I was already in pain from getting my wisdom teeth removed when the power went out," he said.

After the snow and sleet fell, McCauley said that leaving the house was impossible. "Trees fell over the road, which was a solid sheet of ice, cars could literally not get out," he said.

With no power, his family could only rely on a woodstove for heating and cooking. After cell phones went dead, there was minimal contact with the outside world.

"It felt like I had gone 100 years in the past," he said.

After the weather warmed up a little Friday, melting the snow, McCauley and a few other neighbors had the window of opportunity to cut the trees laying across the road so they could get out.

"I spent a night at a friend's house so I could have a warm house to sleep in and a shower," he said. "I was miserable."

McCauley said power is not due to come back on until threat of further windstorms subsides, which McCauley said could be this weekend at the latest. McCauley said he's very tired of being out of power for such a long time. "It's really starting to drive me crazy."

Instead of staying indoors, Highline Student Kyle Quiroga said he helped out his neighbors.

Quiroga walked by his neighbor's house on his way back home when he heard the sound of running water. He went to see what was causing the sound and discovered that his neighbor,

Bud, a disabled veteran, had a broken pipe that had started to flood his driveway.

After Quiroga realized it was the pipe that was making the noise he rushed to shut off the water.

Quiroga said he was looking out for others, "It is what any good neighbor would do."

Some of Highline's teachers are suffering from the school closure. Debra Pralle, an acting professor, said that since her Acting With Style class lost both Monday and Wednesday, she has had to restructure the syllabus.

She said her students would normally be able to perform their first scenes twice but to make up lost time will only get to perform them once.

"What it really taught me is I need to get on Angel so I can communicate with my students," she said.

Although the snow was a hindrance for Chris Gan, Highline biology and anatomy professor, she said it didn't stop her

in her tracks.

"I made the most of it," she said.

Professor Gan said that even with a lost week, she couldn't cut parts of her curriculum.

"You can't just skip a chapter of anatomy and physiology for pre-med students, you want them to know all the parts of the body, not just some because of missed class," she said.

To make the missed class more manageable for her students, Professor Gan utilized a program called Tegrity. Tegrity is a computer program that records class time and course content for students to watch live, or at a later time.

She recorded her class lectures on PowerPoint so that stu-



Chiara Burt/THUNDERWORD

*Snow covers Military Road in Kent last Wednesday.*

dents, when power returned to their homes, could catch up on all the lectures and be ready for class the next week.

"We started the next chapter on Monday," she said. "We have a huge amount of information to

cover, we're staying on track, we're making it work."

*Reporters Barbara Cawley, Brandon Wolfe, and Zach Gintther-Hutt contributed to this story.*

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# Time freezes as snow storms campus

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Even before the snowstorm hit King County last week, Highline was already feeling the effect of the snow.

The Highline campus was only open on Tuesday the week of Jan. 10, and even with as little as one inch of snow on the ground, students still said some of their classes were cancelled and some they missed.

"Most of my classes were half in size," said student Dennis Deltoro.

Some students weren't sure if the roads were safe enough to drive on.

"There was a lot of hesitation about coming to school," said Thang Tran.

Potentially unsafe roads kept some students at home.

"It was hard to get to school because of where I lived," said Adrianna Hillman.

Other students made the effort to get to school.

Student Somma Rath, who lives in Burien, spent 40 minutes to get to school, double the time she normally takes.

"My brother gave me a ride. He said it's kind of hard to drive because of the snow," Rath said.

One of her class was missing half of the students.

"So far, all the people I know just wanted to stay home and sleep. They seemed not [to be] paying attention in the class," Rath said.

Student Kento Yamaguchi came to school by bus, which took him about 20 minutes from his house in Federal Way, which normally takes 10-15 minutes, he said.

"The road was slippery [on Tuesday morning]," he said. "I had homework but I didn't do that. I thought they'd close [the campus]."

Student Ryan Poquiz commutes from Renton.

"Snow was pretty much gone [by Tuesday morning]. The road was decent," he said. "From Saturday night, especially Sunday was bad. I live by the steep hill so it was hard for everyone to drive up. I needed to take another route."

Linda Quick, pure and applied science division secretary and adjunct for the business division, said a total of 12 instructors cancelled their classes due to the weather on Jan. 17.

Those instructors who couldn't make it to school "made class arrangements online" and gave students assignments in that way, Quick said.

Events that had been scheduled on campus throughout the week — including events in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. — were cancelled due to the snow.



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*Trees made heavy by snow lean precariously over power lines in Federal Way. Falling tree limbs wreaked havoc on the Puget Sound area last week.*

With Federal Way school district closed, and Kent and Auburn schools on a two-hour delay, some students were uncertain about the status of the campus.

"I had to check the internet every 15 minutes," said a student identified only as Jake.

Because closure is an abnormal condition for the campus, Vice President of Administration Larry Yok said, "We only post notices when we're closed."

"The default condition for the campus is open," Yok said.

Highline serves students from four school districts, which makes it impossible to know what the conditions will be like for each student who comes to campus, Yok said. Thus, the focus is on the campus, and if campus can be safely opened and operated, it is.

"Our underlying principle is, the college is open if at all possible," he said.

Yok said that when there is snow, staff members call him at 4 a.m. with local conditions around campus. He then confers with President Jack Bermingham, if he is in town, and a decision is often made by 4:30 a.m.

When the school is dealing with forecasted snow, Yok said the decision is more problematic.

"Tomorrow is a much bigger question," he said. On Jan. 10, weather forecasters were predicting anywhere up to a foot of snow for the 11th. When dealing with forecasted snow, opening campus late or closing campus early is often the solution.

Nonetheless, Highline fared well in the recent snowstorm, according to Barry Holldorf,

director of Facilities Services at Highline.

There was some clean-up necessary due to fallen branches and some trees were leaning over the roads and had to be cut. However, the largest task, Holldorf said, was keeping the parking lot plowed and clear of snow.

Highline didn't lose power, although Monday morning it experienced some "brownouts," said Holldorf.

A brownout is a drop in the amount of electricity used, or the voltage, from an electrical supply system.

Compared to many people in the Puget Sound area, Highline was lucky.

Up to 280,000 Puget Sound Energy customers were without power this past week. Some Puget Sound Energy crews worked 40 hours at a time, stopping only for their mandatory breaks.

Puget Sound Energy had the help of crews from seven other states in addition to crews from British Columbia, making the total number of workers about 2,000.

Some customers didn't get power back until the middle of the week.

The weather has caused only one accident on campus. A Campus Security patrol car ran over a cement divider in the North parking lot on Jan. 16. It was towed by Lloyd's Automotive for repairs. It's not expected to be available for another week. Campus Security will be using a rental car in the meantime.

The recent snow boosted business for the Fireside Bistro on Tuesday, thanks to everyone wanting a hot drink.

"We were super busy today," said Stephanie Morrison, who works at the bistro. "Everyone wanted coffee or hot chocolate."

To find out about campus closures, sign up for HCC text alerts at <https://bob.highline.edu/hccalerts/>, or check school-report.org and searching for Highline Community College (not to be confused with Highline School district).

Reporters Emily Bettridge, Yuri Nishizaki, Ben Friedland, and Alisa Gramann contributed to this story.

## Thomas

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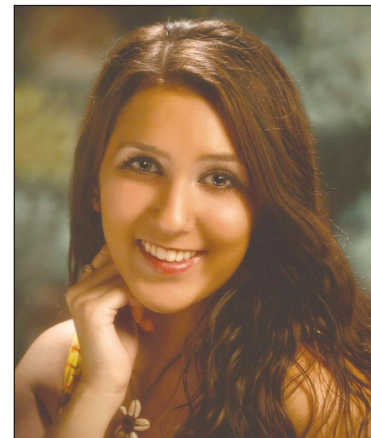
to changing the rims on his car in order to not be identified.

The arrest of Rourn came after Thomas's story ran on the local crime show *Washington's Most Wanted* and a viewer called in a tip as to the location of Rourn.

Rourn waived right to appear at his own bail hearing, but Joe Thomas, father of Jayme Thomas and Thomas's sister Carley were both present at the courthouse at the time of the hearing, saying they wanted to make eye contact with the defendant.

"For him not to show up, you know, it just describes what type of person he is," Carley Thomas said at the bail hearing. "He's probably ashamed of himself; he is going to have to see us sooner or later."

Thomas's father said he wanted to make eye contact with Rourn. "Because I want him to know how serious I am, of the life he's taken," Thomas said.



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