

Nomination battle comes to state

Students seem unconcerned with elections

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Highline students seem to be unprepared for the upcoming presidential election.

More than half of the 218 students interviewed in a non-scientific survey this week did not know when the next election was.

"I think it's in June. Not sure," said Highline student Tek Rizal. "Oh wait, November."

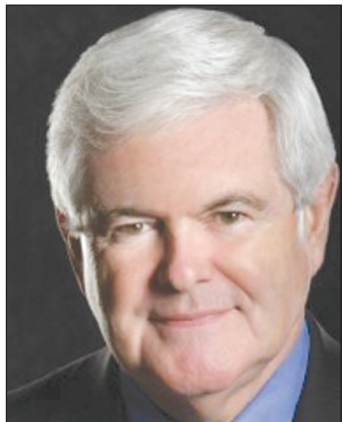
"I think it's in April 2012," said student John Sunday.

"It's in 2013," said Asha Salim.

"Around the fall?" asked Codi Palm. "I'm not exactly positive."

Only five of the more than 200 students surveyed knew the date of the next election.

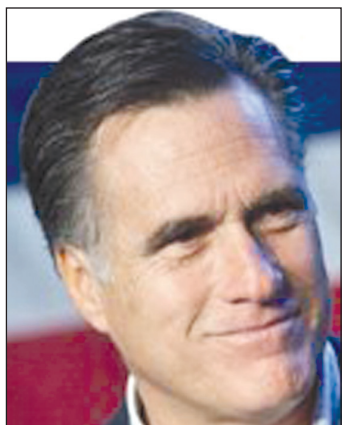
The primary election for the offices of president, vice president, U. S. senator, U.S. representative, attorney general, and secretary of state will be on Aug. 7. The general election will be on Nov. 6. The Republican and Democratic caucuses to choose the presidential candidate will be this Saturday.



Newt Gingrich



Ron Paul



Mitt Romney



Rick Santorum

This year, voters will also be electing the Washington state governor, the state senate, the state house of representatives, and the state treasurer, as well as the Washington state auditor, the superintendent of public instruction, the commissioner of insurance, and the commissioner of public lands.

Not only do students not know when the next election is, they also are unaware of what races will be on the ballot.

In fact, 43 percent of students surveyed answered with an ethnicity.

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Republican caucuses on Saturday

By BEN FRIEDLAND
Staff Reporter

Washington state voters will be able to attend the Republican caucuses on March 3.

The caucuses start at 10 a.m. and will last until noon.

Texas Congressman Ron Paul, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum will campaign in Washington. Romney is scheduled to hold a fundraiser in Bellevue later today.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had campaigned in Olympia earlier, but has made no further plans to visit Washington state, instead opting to stay in Georgia where he hopes he can revive his campaign.

Paul will be campaigning in Clark County and Spokane Friday evening.

Santorum had campaigned in Tacoma and Olympia two weeks ago, but he's focusing

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Budget proposals to protect higher ed

By ALISA GRAMANN
Staff Reporter

The budget picture for Highline and other state colleges is brightening, according to budgets now being proposed in the Legislature.

A change in state revenue forecasts and a new federal grant program has created some wiggle room in the budget for higher education. Additionally, the House budget proposes a 2.7 percent cut to higher education, while the Senate budget calls for no cuts at all to higher education.

Previous budget proposals based on revenue forecasts called for \$75 million in budget cuts for Washington's 34 community and technical colleges. A recent forecast, however, showed some slight revenue increases and dropped the called-for cuts to \$34 million.

"[This] created a little bit of wiggle room," said Laura McDowell, the director of communications for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Although cuts to higher education can be damaging, McDowell said, "We're moving in the right direction."

Whatever budget gets approved will filter down to institutions such as Highline.

The Senate recently unveiled an idealistic budget on Tuesday morning via a press conference.

This budget would require no cuts from K-12 or higher education, as members of the budget committee recognize the importance of higher education.

Instead, more than \$350 million in cuts would come from

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Police seek info in murder of Highline student

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Seattle Police are investigating the murder of Highline student Mike Dozier.

Dozier, 33, was studying to be a personal fitness trainer at Highline. Dozier also went by the name "Lucky." He was killed in a shoot-out at Rainier Beach on Feb. 21 outside Mayas Mexican Restaurant, a well-

known restaurant and bar on the 9400 block of South Rainier Avenue. Mayas is a well-known hot spot where a lot of violence occurs due to the presence of local gangs, drugs and prostitution activity in the area, police say.

Witnesses say Dozier was fatally wounded in a shoot-out with George Hendricks, who also was killed that night.

Hendricks was also known

as "P-Nutt." Sources say that the incident was a personal conflict between the two men. Hendricks or an associate of Hendricks' shot Dozier after he had apparently opened fire and killed Hendricks. Both Dozier and Hendricks were transported to Harborview Medical Center,

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"Lucky" Mike Dozier

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Crime and Punishment

Vehicle reported stolen

A white four-door Honda Civic was reported stolen out of the East Parking Lot on Feb. 24.

Campus Security notified Des Moines Police Department and an officer arrived on scene.

A case of deadly coughs

A Highline student had an asthma attack in Building 23 on Feb. 27.

The student did not have her asthma medicine with her. She refused medical assistance because she said her boyfriend was bringing her medicine.

GPS stolen out of car

A Highline student reported that her Scion was broken into on Feb. 24.

She reported that her car window was broken and her GPS system was missing.

Eavesdropping sparks phone altercation

A Highline student reported that a woman was listening in on his cell phone conversation in Building 26 on Feb. 24.

The woman interrupted the conversation with her opinion and began to induce a verbal altercation with the student. The student was told to contact Campus Security in order to locate the woman in order to come to a resolution.

Where there's smoke, there's also fire

The media services staff reported that two males were lighting a fire in an ash tray in the smoking area near Building 17 on Feb. 24.

When the media services staff approached the two males, they ran off toward Building 8. Campus Security was unable to locate the two males and the small fire was put out by the media services staff.

Suspicious cigarette smoke reported

Campus Security was called to the women's restroom in Building 30 to investigate a report of cigarette smoke on Feb.

27.

Upon Campus Security's arrival, the smoke was gone but Campus Security found small traces of ash in one of the bathroom stalls.

Stuff stolen from car

A Highline student reported that her Ford Explorer was broken into in the East Parking Lot on Feb. 23.

The student reported that some of her personal belongings were taken from the vehicle.

Not how to get that first date

A receptionist in Building 30 reported that an unknown man about 60 years old spoke to her rudely for unknown reasons on Feb. 28.

The receptionist did not wish to submit a statement to Campus Security. Campus Security instructed her to call security if the man contacts her again.

Students linger near building

Campus Security reported 23 people were lingering inside Building 8 on Feb. 28.

The students were rehearsing for an event. Campus Security made sure only authorized students were in the building.

Items found this week

A key set was found in Building 6 on Feb. 23.

A LG cell phone was found in Building 29 on Feb. 23.

A heart ring was found in the East Parking Lot on Feb. 23.

-Compiled by Katie LaBorde

Black Student Union shares exhibit

By JASLEEN KAUR
Staff Reporter

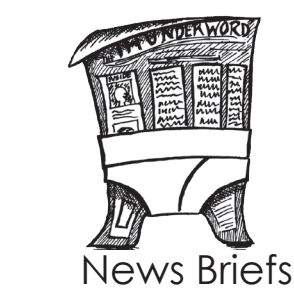
Slavery is something everyone should know about, a historian said here recently.

The large exhibit entitled, "The Unspoken Truths" is the work of Delbert Richardson, a second-generation storyteller.

The Black Student Union held an exhibit with posters and items related to slavery and African-American inventors with Richardson as the guest speaker.

His exhibit had information on different parts of slavery, including black on black violence, The Jim Crow Era, and a collection of objects used during slavery, such as a slave collar.

"My main response is to provide information in a way



High tech condoms free in Building 6

Women's Programs are offering condoms for free with no questions asked as a part of a safe sex campaign. The condoms have a QR code on the wrapper that can be scanned with a smart phone and direct you to a link with information on safe sex.

Women's Programs is located in Building 6 on the lower level and is open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday.

Donate old jeans to Women's Programs

Women's Programs is encouraging students to embrace their genes and jeans by bringing awareness to eating disorders. During the health fair, students will be invited to draw on the donated jeans to express how they feel about their body image and any experiences they have gone through.

Women's Programs is located in Building 6 on the lower level and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Films to feature influential women

In honor of Women's History Month, Women's Programs will be showing various documentaries of influential women throughout history. The docu-

mentaries will be shown in the lobby just outside of the office. that'll inspire people's curiosity, which in turn will stimulate them to seek their own truth," said Richardson.

"The progress of African-Americans over time is what should inspire youths today."

Richardson's exhibit also included information on African-American inventors and their inventions such as the ironing board, cell phone technology, hair brush, and ice cream scoop.

"The individuals [African-Americans] that have been exposed to tremendous hardship, that meaning Jim Crow, managed to understand the importance of perseverance and utilize the effect of knowledge to be acquired to Mother Africa and slavery from what we use every day," Richardson said.

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They will be shown continually throughout the month, with the first documentary featuring Elizabeth Perotovich, civil rights activist from Alaska.

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Come celebrate Xuan

The Vietnamese Students Association and the Center for Leadership and Service will be putting on a Spring-time Xuan Festival at 6 p.m. -9 p.m. tonight in the Student Union.

Everyone is invited, so don't be shy. Admission and food are free.

The celebration will feature modern music accompanied by traditional dance.

Donate your services to Woman's Programs

Women's Programs is accepting donations for their 30th annual celebration. Donations will support their emergency scholarship fund that can help students with monetary barriers that may stand in their way.

They are asking for either themed baskets or certificates of services such as teaching someone to play an instrument, speak a new language, or whatever else you can think of.

Donations will be accepted until May 3 and on May 10 a formal reception and silent auc-

tion will take place at 4 p.m. On May 16 there will be a vintage fashion show and the Women In Action awards and appetizers will take place.

For more information contact Jean Munro at jmunro@highline.edu or call 206-592-3365.

Scholarships available from foundation

The 2012-2013 foundation scholarship applications are now available at www.fund-s4highline.org.

Last year more than 60 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$10,000.


The deadline for students to apply is April 30. For more information visit the website above or call Rod Stephenson at 206-878-3710, ext. 3696.

Attend First Friday Leadership Institute

Kayleen Oka, from the Sociology Department of Seattle Central Community College, will be giving a presentation entitled, "The Dynamics Between Us: What You Bring to the Game of life," this Friday, March 3.

The presentation will take place at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Constance room of the Student Union.

Sponsored by the Center for Leadership and service, the presentation will be a First Friday Leadership Institute. For more information go to studentprograms.highline.edu/firstfridays.php.



**WHAT'S
NEW
AT THE
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MaST

Marine Science & Technology Center

Highline's MaST Center, located in Redondo, has lots going on if you are interested in your local environment.


WATER WEEKEND – Every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. We are open FREE OF CHARGE to the public to view more than 100 local species in our aquarium

SCIENCE ON THE SOUND SPEAKER SERIES – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month. Local scientists and environmental educators discuss the health of Puget Sound.

LIVE DIVER – 2nd Saturday of every month. Shows at 11 and noon.

THE WHALE PROJECT – The MaST Center is rebuilding the skeleton of a grey whale that died in Puget Sound to be displayed in the MaST Center. Current work is happening at Foss Waterway Seaport in Tacoma. Come and see the progress.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS – Most of the work at the MaST Center is done by our team of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering you can come and visit the Center, or e-mail us at mast@highline.edu



Student president encourages more involvement

By JESSICA GULCHUK
Staff Reporter

Highline's student president has goals she would like to inform students about.

Thuy Nguyen is the new student president of the Associated Students of Highline Community College.

As Zoey Myagmarjav stepped down from her student president position on Dec. 30, 2011, Nguyen was appointed president by getting the majority vote at a council meeting.

"Even though I held a previous position in Student Government, it is a different ball park," she said.

Nguyen went to Evergreen High School for four years.

Right after she graduated high school, she got into the University of Washington for one year.

After studying for one year at the University of Washington, she could not decide what she wanted to study.

She worked for five years and decided to go to school at Highline.

Nguyen has now been at Highline for four quarters and looks forward to graduating with an Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in business after summer 2012.



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

New student president Thuy Nguyen has many goals for Highline and its students. Nguyen encourages more student participation and involvement on campus.

"I am in the process of continuing the work and previous commitments Associated Students of Highline Community College presidents before me have carved out,"

said Nguyen who is currently a business major.

Nguyen said she has a couple goals she would like to share with Highline students to better their education.

One goal she wants to see is for students to fight for their education by bringing up all the budget cuts and economic hardships.

"Participation of our student body as a whole is vital through these economic hardships," she said.

"Budget cuts are happening while the tuition rates are increasing," she continued.

Tuition rates are rising and if students are not capable of paying, they will have less access to community and technical colleges.

Students will have less access or no access for higher education.

Another goal she looks forward to is connecting students with administration. She wants students to get involved at school and understand what is happening and how it will affect them.

"As I am advocating for students to be more knowledgeable with our government, there is power in numbers and the one cohesive message matters," she said.

"To be more active and show that our education is crucial to our success is important to voice to our legislators."

SLAC is the Student Led Action Committee at Highline.

At these meetings, students have a chance to discuss legislative actions and issues pertaining to all students.

Students need to connect with their legislators through email or phone calls and discuss as to why we need higher education, Nguyen said.

To get students involved, these meetings will take place every other Thursday in Building 8, in the CLS suite.

For the remainder of her term here at Highline, Nguyen said she would like to further extend that communication with administration and Board of Trustees, she said.

"To create that link between students and administration is a great opportunity for students to know that their personal story matters," Nguyen said.

Getting students involved in Student Government, especially because it is election year, is important, Nguyen said.

"We may all have come from different backgrounds and experiences, yet we have the common goal to successfully graduate," she said.

Library to get minor makeover, classroom space

By EMILY BETTRIDGE
Staff Reporter

Highline will soon announce the contract winner for the Building 25 alteration project planned for Spring Quarter.

The project went out to bid Feb. 9, overseen by the contracting company Shinstine Associates, LLC.

A project bid is a company's proposed price for undertaking a project, including materials and labor; the company with the lowest bid generally gets the job.

The participating companies submitted their bids on the 23rd and the winning bid was determined Feb. 27.

Having the lowest proposed cost, however, isn't the sole determiner of who is contracted for the project.

"The winning bidder was Registry Northwest Construction Inc. They were the low bidder but must meet the Responsibility Criteria and reference checks prior to being awarded the job," said Barry Holldorf, the director of facilities at Highline.

The bid winner has to prove they are qualified to do the job before the college will hire

them, he said. "We can't have a grounds contractor with a general contractor license trying to do sophisticated work."

In this case, sophisticated work means retrofitting the first and fifth floor bathrooms to be ADA accessible, replacing the water heater in the penthouse and constructing a new classroom on the second floor, Holldorf said.

Being ADA accessible means that the bathrooms comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards and can accommodate all students, including those with special needs such as wheelchair access.

The new classroom will be located in the northwest corner of the main floor of the library.

"It will be used for classes that come to the library for information literacy instruction," said Monica Luce, the dean of Instructional Resources.

The existing classroom in the library will be open to all library students after the new classroom opens, said Luce.

"We won't have to ask people to give up their computers when a class is scheduled."

Classes that need access to library resources can meet here,



The Library will get classroom space and accessible restrooms as part of the remodeling project.

but unlike the current classroom it will have more computers, be used exclusively for classes, and will be closed off from the rest of the library, reducing interruptions, said Luce.

"Our goal is to create a better learning and teaching environment in the library."

The estimated \$370,000 project, which will go through

Spring Quarter, also includes replacing the front doors of Building 25 with swinging doors and installing new water fountains and a water bottle filling station on the second floor.

"Most of the work will happen at one time. Take our lumps and get out. Work will begin around the end of March/early April and they will have

120 days to do the work," said Holldorf.

"There may be some minor inconveniences and some noise but the operation and accessibility should not be impacted," he said. "Of course the biggest noticeable part of the work will be the complete replacement of the front doors which will be very visible while we are working."

Editorial comment**Why aren't we doing more?**

When it comes to worthy causes, one that stands out among them is research into multiple sclerosis.

This disease is very prominent here in the northwest, affecting more than 12,000 patients in the region. No one knows what is exactly to blame – low vitamin D, something in the atmosphere – the list of goes on.

With all the unknowns surrounding this deadly affliction, isn't it important that we try to learn more about it?

We would like to take this opportunity to applaud foundations such as The National Multiple Sclerosis Society. They sponsor the MS Walk in Seattle, which helps raise both awareness and funds for research into the disease.

The varied nature of symptoms makes the disease increasingly hard to study, or sometimes even diagnose. Due to its impediment of the central nervous system, multiple sclerosis can be one of the most debilitating and depressing diseases we can face.

We want to extend our sympathies and thoughts to those Highline alums suffering from this disease.

An MS patient said, "MS equals surviving the unknown." We always fear what we don't understand, but it is important to overcome that fear and not become crippled within our sympathies.

Action is necessary, from both the public and private sectors. Contact MS Northwest to become involved in finding not only the cause of this awful disease, but also help discover a cure.

Students, faculty, and staff can visit <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/donate>, where you can choose to do a one-time, tax-deductible gift or you can donate to an already existing fund established on the site.

You may also help by sponsoring walkers and bikers in the MS Walk and Bike MS, pledging your support for the participants. Lastly, it may also be beneficial to set up a workplace giving program, where you and your coworkers can assist in combating this deadly disease.

Be neighborly, attend a caucus

While presidential elections may be little way off, there is still time for you to participate. That is why we encourage staff, faculty, and students to pay attention to the upcoming GOP and Democratic caucuses that are taking place this Saturday, March 3.

Delegates from each precinct will be nominated, usually surrounded by neighbors and friends. While normally boring and tedious, it is a chance for you to become involved in the grass roots part of your political party.

By attending the GOP caucus, you will probably hear things concerned with the moral implications of abortion, maintaining tax incentives for the wealthy, and learn about the measures needed for "Merica" to get back to our roots.

On the other side of the coin, you will see the Democrats arguing over increased taxes and possible accountability, freedom of worship, and maintaining our political and militaristic power.

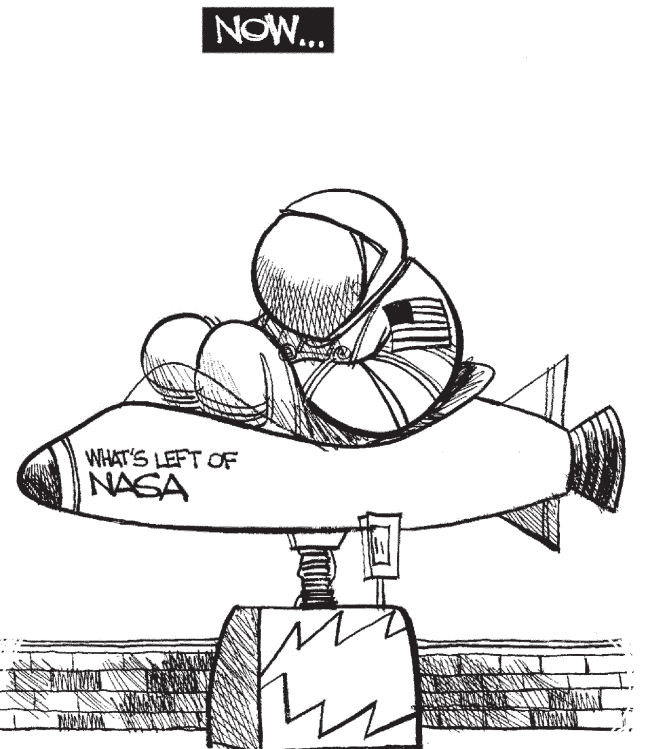
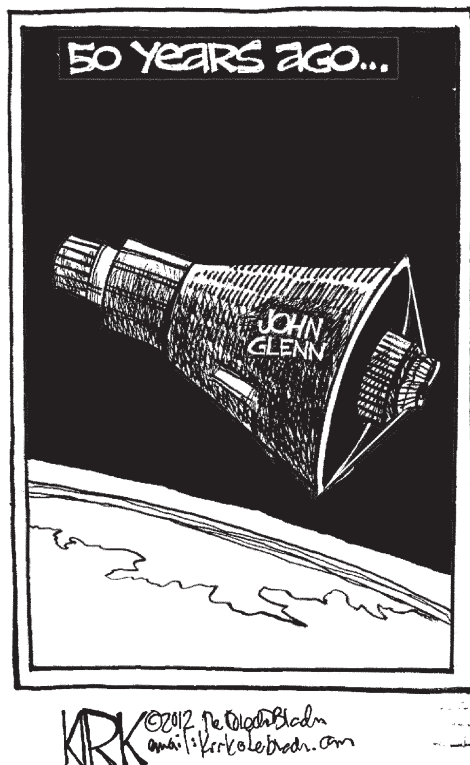
The point is to gather with like-minded individuals and pledge your support for this year's potential president.

This is an opportunity to become an active participant in politics, more so than just voting. Democrats wanting more information, visit <http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucuses>. As for you Republicans, you can find more information at <http://www.wsrp.org/>.

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 by Monday for print on Thursday. Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.

**Won't stop 'til the plunderin's done**

Ahoy me swarthies!

Welcome aboard the Anarchy State Ship *D-GAF*. I be yer captain and ye've just been shanghaied into service.

Before we continue, I am obligated to inform ye that copyright infringement is punishable by up to \$500,000 in fines and five years in prison.

That warning being properly ignored, let's move on to yer duties.

We be chartin' a course to the nearest foreign owned server, and it be our duty to plunder all the files and media we can find and distribute it to the masses, and yes that includes yer mates.

We'll begin below decks, where me quartermaster will supply ye with all the tools o' the trade, dedicated media center, torrenting software, and all the like.

We be runnin' low on the space round here, so get used to the low light and short ceilings. All me crew has bad posture anyway.

Share, share, share mateys. That be the name o' this piratin' game. Me bosun will be checkin' on ye once a day, and ye best be seedin' them files yer findin'.

Aye, we keep to the Piratin' Code, handed down to us from the dread pirate Napster and his young mate Limewire. Take what ye can, give it all back. Honor yer mates, help them along, for it will be repaid.



Grindin' Me Gears

Josh Nelson

Any man caught leechin' will be subject to public humiliation and 29 lashings against the mast, with me own self laughin' as ye scream.

Ye may drink on yer voyages, but if ye be distracted by the rum, floggings will be meted out.

It ain't always smooth sailin' fer us out here, no. Them dreaded mercs o' the Department o' Justice, hired guns for movie agencies and record labels. Them scallywags will stop at nothin' to bring down me and me mates.

Megaupload, may he rest beneath the waves, was sent to the gallows earlier this year. Any crewman found givin' up booty or bearings to them scurvy bilge rats will be keel hauled on sight.

We be the modern Robin Hood, we plunder from the overindulged and the greedy. Every byte ye share, and every torrent ye seed fer, slowly whittles at the scum's resolve.

Even me mate Snoop Dogg — we be real close chums me and him — be tellin' his fans not to buy his box sets. He be burstin' with angerrr cuz all them loots would go to Death Row Records.

Them feckless jackanapes, with holds already swellin' with plunder.

Avast, luckily we ain't alone our here, we be findin' safe ports all across the seas. The Netherlands, Denmark, and Hong Kong have all harbored me and me mates in the past. Hopefully us sea-dogs can make berth there again.

Them media hounds, they be trackin' us as best they can, makin' us out to be heathens and common thieves. But listen good me hearties, we be workin' fer the public trust, bringin' entertainment and thrill to them landlubbers.

Fortunate we be to have mates like Anonymous and LulzSec with us. Hackin' off the limbs of the DoJ, snippin' their claws left and right.

Normally this is where I ask ye if ye'll serve before *D-GAF*'s mast, but seein' as how ye have no choice in the matter — Get to work ye knaves, these files won't be sharin' themselves. YAR!

Josh Nelson knows this entire story is grammatically incorrect, but he's not sorry.

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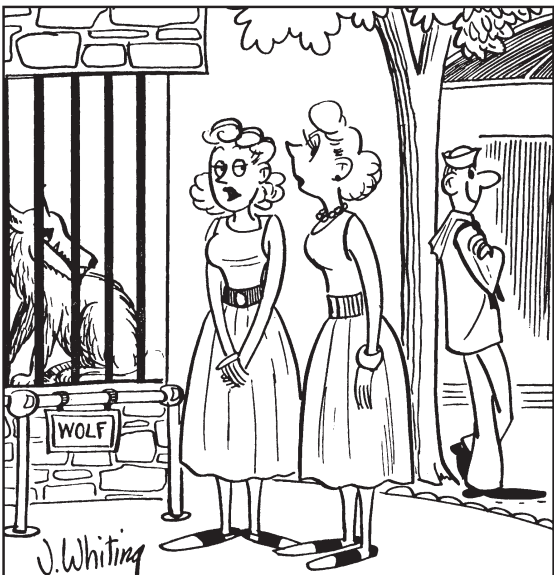
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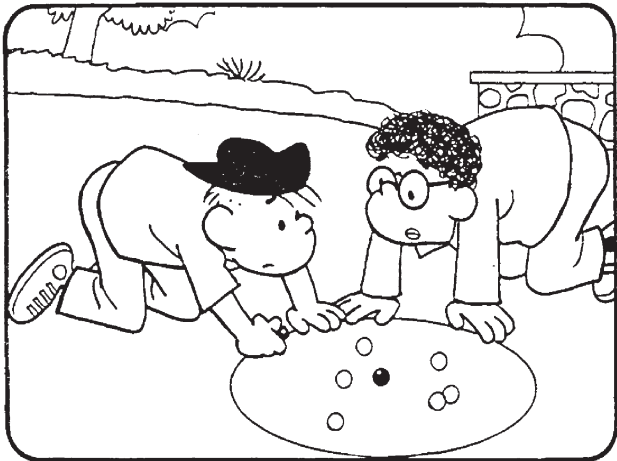
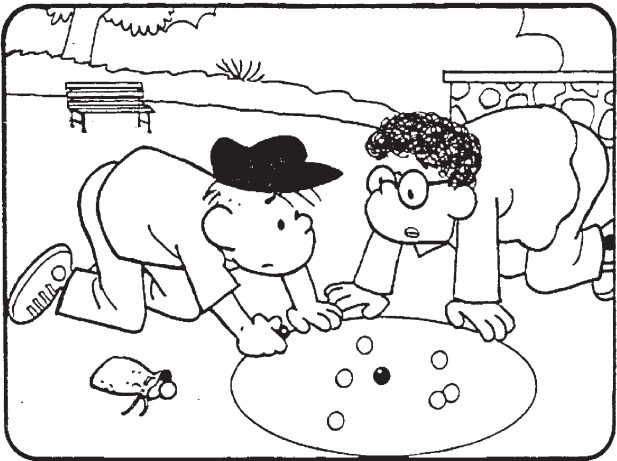
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"We're surrounded!"

HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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25. Concurred
28. Meadow sounds
29. L.A. hours
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34. Eye drop
35. Cried really hard
38. Top guns
39. Horse feed
40. Dinnertime annoyances
41. Koppel of "Nightline"
42. 100-lb. units
43. Mason assistant
44. Prohibits
45. Stewart and Bon Jovi
46. All over again
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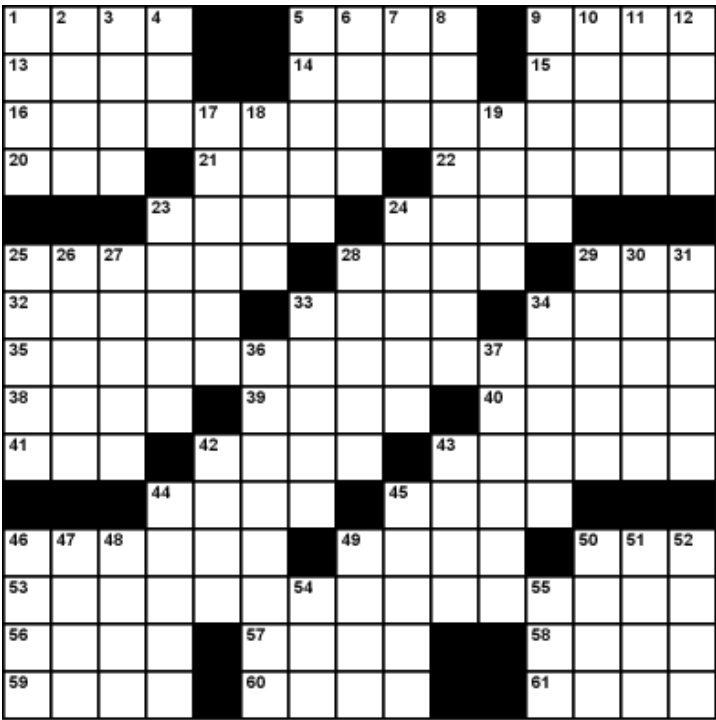
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18. Highway
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23. Has a hunch
24. Pitchers' no nos
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26. Pre-meal thanks
27. Marry again
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29. Norman Vincent ___
30. Fine fur
31. Rendezvous
33. Crib parts
34. They'll give you a lift
36. Slalom alternative
37. TV ad directive
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44. Guinness and Miller
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52. Inquires
54. ___ Valley, San Francisco
55. Tiebreakers, briefly

Quotable Quote

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer.
••• Will Rogers

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays features the line, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be"?

2. LANGUAGE: What would a diaper be called in Great Britain?
3. HISTORY: In what year did man first walk on the moon?
4. GAMES: Who invented basketball?
5. AD SLOGANS: What fast-food restaurant chain urged customers to, "have it your way."

6. RELIGION: Who was the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main liquor used in margaritas?
8. MOVIES: Which character was the only non-Jedi to use a lightsaber in the first *Star Wars* trilogy?

9. ANATOMY: Where are the deltoids located in the human body?
 10. TELEVISION: How many seasons did the comedy series *Bewitched* run on TV?
- Answers
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 2. A nappy
 3. 1969

4. Sports coach James Naismith
 5. Burger King
 6. Joseph Smith
 7. Tequila
 8. Han Solo
 9. Shoulders
 10. Eight
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By **ANDREA ASTELL**
Staff Reporter

Something's fishy

And for people who like salmon, that's a good thing

Living in the Northwest makes salmon readily available, especially in the upcoming months of June, July, and August.

Salmon season is one that many fishers and restaurants look forward to.

"It just has such a different taste than most other seafood," Redondo fisherman John Sobus said recently. "I look forward to salmon season every summer."

Although many enjoy the taste of salmon, few know how simple it can be to cook.

Redondo Salty's sous chef, Jeremy Kirk, said it's easy to cook salmon, and still make your taste buds happy.

"The first secret to cooking any salmon is you have to use the right spices. You want to use flavors that compliment the natural delicious taste of the fish, and of course not over-using any spice because it will take away from that flavor," Kirk said.

"Whenever I'm cooking a fish like salmon the first spice I reach for is dill weed," Kirk said. "The natural lemon fragrance will compliment the taste of the salmon and really bring out its flavor."

Dill weed is what dried out dill leaves are referred to as. Usually best if used fresh, dill weed can be found at any local grocery store.

"The second and most important secret to cooking salmon is to cook it for the right amount of time," Kirk said. "You want to cook the fish long enough to

simmer and so the natural juices arise but not too long because the flavor can be lost."

Kirk shared a few of his favorite recipes for cooking this native fish.

Fried salmon cakes

You will need:

2 strips of bacon, cooked until crispy, crumbled, leave bacon fat reserved

¼ cup of chopped onion

1 egg

½ cup mayonnaise

2 teaspoons of Dijon mustard

½ teaspoon of sugar

½ lemon, zested

1 pound (16 ounces) of fresh salmon

¼ cup of bread crumbs

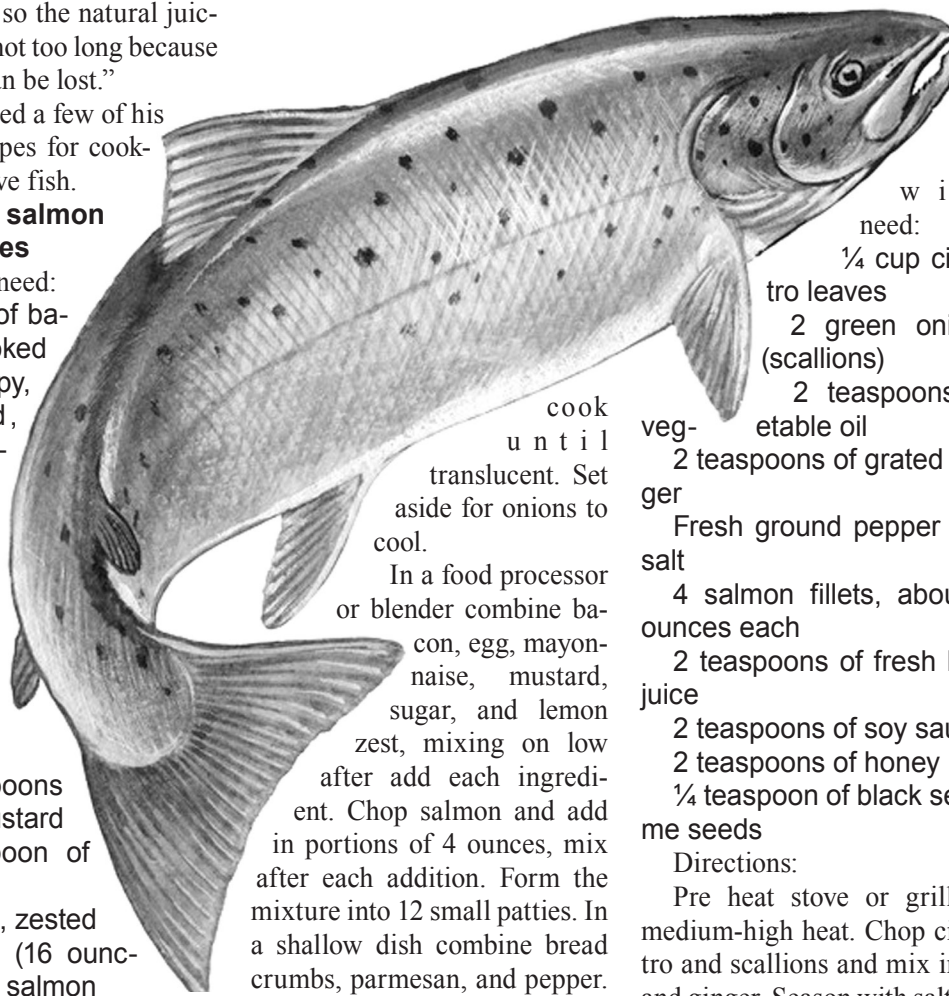
2 tablespoons of grated parmesan

Fresh ground black pepper

½ cup vegetable oil

Directions:

Heat one tablespoon of reserved bacon fat in a small pan over low heat. Add onions and



cook until translucent. Set aside for onions to cool.

In a food processor or blender combine bacon, egg, mayonnaise, mustard, sugar, and lemon zest, mixing on low after add each ingredient. Chop salmon and add in portions of 4 ounces, mix after each addition. Form the mixture into 12 small patties. In a shallow dish combine bread crumbs, parmesan, and pepper. Coat patties in bread crumb topping. In a large pan heat ¼ cup of oil over medium heat. Cook patties in batches until golden brown, about 3-4 minutes on each side. Add more oil to pan if necessary to keep patties from sticking.

Honey-Soy Broiled Salmon

You will need:

¼ cup cilantro leaves

2 green onions (scallions)

2 teaspoons of vegetable oil

2 teaspoons of grated ginger

Fresh ground pepper and salt

4 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces each

2 teaspoons of fresh lime juice

2 teaspoons of soy sauce

2 teaspoons of honey

¼ teaspoon of black sesame seeds

Directions:

Pre heat stove or grill on medium-high heat. Chop cilantro and scallions and mix in oil and ginger. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Cut two 3-inch slit in salmon fillets lengthwise, going about halfway into the salmon. Evenly stuff the salmon with herb mixture. Season the fish with salt and pepper to taste.

In a bowl stir together lime juice, soy and honey until smooth. Place the salmon, slits

facing upward, on grill racks, or if you are using a stove use a medium size pan and coat with thin layer of oil. Cook until well-marked, about 3-4 minutes. Turn the salmon and brush with the lime honey sauce, until the fish is cooked through, about another 3-4 minutes. Transfer to serving plate and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Oven Poached Salmon with dill-onion Relish

You will need:

1 table spoon of butter

4 salmon fillets, 6 to 8 ounces each

Fresh ground pepper

3 tablespoons of chopped fresh dill

2 cups of chicken broth

2 teaspoons of sugar

1 teaspoon of salt

¼ cup of white wine vinegar

1 small Vidalia onion, chopped

½ cucumber, chopped

2 radishes, chopped

Directions:

Pre heat oven to 400 degrees F. Rub the bottom of a baking dish with butter to prevent from sticking. Arrange salmon fillets in dish. Season fish with salt and pepper, to taste. Add broth and a few pinches of dill to the pan. Roast for 12-15 minutes.

Combine sugar, salt, and vinegar in the bottom of a medium bowl. Add chopped onions, chopped cucumber, and radishes. Sprinkle in 3 tablespoon of chopped dill. Mix until well combined.

Remove fish from oven and spoon juices over fish. Carefully transfer to serving plate and top with relish.

Slow roasted: Local chef cooks up a tasty career

By **ANDREA ASTELL**
Staff Reporter



Jeremy Kirk may have been destined for greatness in the food industry.

His mother was a chef, and by the age of 13 Kirk was an aspiring connoisseur. He knew he wanted to eventually become a chef at a very young age.

"Instead of going out and riding my bike with all my friends, I would be waiting in the kitchen to help my mom cook dinner," said Kirk.

"This cycle continued up until about high school, up until I took over for my mom, I was the new head chef of the household," Kirk said.

Fresh out of high school, Kirk was determined to make good use of his skill set. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to do something involving a kitchen and food."

The Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Seattle has been described as one of the na-

tion's most prestigious institutes in fine-tuning the ancient crafts of the cook book.

"My uncle had told me about some good culinary programs based in the Seattle area, honestly I chose the one I did [Le Cordon Bleu] because it had a catchy name," Kirk said. "I knew if I had any chance of one day working in an 'upper class' restaurant I had to have some school under my belt."

Kirk applied to the school several times before working out a financial aid package that allowed him to study there. He also got strong recommendations from his mother, the pastry chef at The Brick restaurant in Chehalis, and his home economics teacher from J.M. Weatherwax High School in his home town of Aberdeen.

The next 84 weeks of his culinary program flew by for Kirk.

"It felt as though I had just started by the time graduation came around. The fact that time had gone by so quickly re-

assured me that I was headed in the right career path."

Kirk graduated in June 2004.

"After I graduated It was kind of like, OK, what do I do now? It's not like you can walk into a five-star restaurant and say 'hey give me a job' in the food industry you work your way up," Kirk said.

Throughout the next six years, he landed many oddities and semi-unworthy positions.

"Starting out was hard, I felt like I was at the bottom of the barrel and everyone knew it," Kirk said.

Finally, in May 2011, he was hired on as a sous chef (sous meaning assistant / helper) at the acclaimed seafood restaurant Salty's, at Redondo Beach in Des Moines, where he currently resides.

"It was like I had hit the jackpot; I was given an amazing opportunity and knew I had to make the most of it," Kirk said. "Now I wake up everyday and say 'I GET to go to work today.'"

Andrea Astell/THUNDERWORD

Jeremy Kirk prepares a meal at Salty's.

Red Cross seeks volunteers, offers opportunities

By **ANDREA ASTELL**
Staff Reporter

The American Red Cross is 131 years old and still training and providing emergency relief throughout the nation.

March is National Red Cross month. Not only is the organization being recognized nationwide but also locally in the Puget Sound area.

Since the late 1800s the Red Cross has been one of America's primary emergency response organizations.

"We are very excited about this upcoming March," Puget Sound Red Cross coordinator Karen Griffith said. "Some families are still recovering from the winter storm we had. We are hoping March will bring awareness and reach out to more volunteers."

The American Red Cross provides emergency relief to victims of natural or man-made disasters.

In the fiscal year of 2011 the Puget Sound chapter of the American Red Cross provided over 11,000 meals, trained over 100,000 youth and adults in



Ben Depp/American Red Cross

Red Cross volunteers gather in Haiti earlier this year.

emergency preparedness, and provided over 130,000 service hours to victims of disasters.

"Since January, the Puget Sound Red Cross has provided relief to over 15,000 families, we are hoping to double that this upcoming March," Griffith

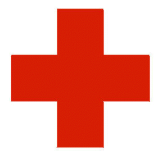
said.

On average the American Red Cross responds to over 70,000 disasters a year.

The Red Cross was started in 1881 by Clara Barton to provide relief to families and soldiers of war, and has been a leading re-

lief organization ever since.

March was declared national Red Cross month by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to raise awareness of the nation's Red Cross and the volunteers that run the organization. Every president since then has de-



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

clared March to be national Red Cross month as well.

"People don't realize how many families and individuals the Red Cross touches every year," Griffith said. "And that number is increasing every year, we need as many volunteers as we can get."

Not only is the Red Cross the leading organization in emergency response, but it's also one of the leading organizations in training individuals in emergency preparedness.

"The Red Cross offers training courses in CPR, first aid, and disaster relief," Griffith said. "It is never a bad thing to have Red Cross training under your belt."

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information on the Red Cross go to seattleredcross.org.

'Minor' heart attacks can still be deadly

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

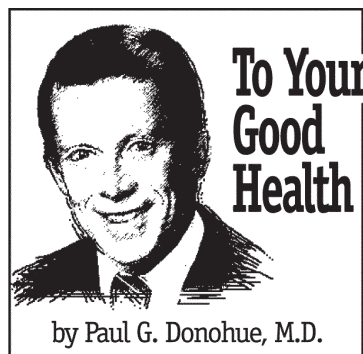
My husband, 46, died suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack. An autopsy showed that he died from what the doctor said was a minor heart attack. How does a minor heart attack kill? It was major for him and me. -- C.C.

ANSWER: The pathologist who performed the autopsy must have found that only a small section of heart was involved, and only a small heart artery was obstructed. Minor heart attacks can lead to major complications, including death. They can generate abnormal heartbeats, so abnormal that the heart's pumping action stops.

You have my deepest sympathy.

The booklet on heart attacks explains why they happen and how they're prevented. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I want to get rid of a lot of expired medicines. I have heard that flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the garbage will make them end up in our drinking water. What is the proper solution? -- M.S.



ANSWER: Different government agencies have different recommendations for medicine disposal. Congress is trying to resolve those differences.

First, check with your drugstore to see if it has a program to dispose of medicines; many do. Also check with your town, county or state to see if it has "take-back" programs. Many do.

If you can't find a facility that accepts old medicines, mix them with coffee grounds, sawdust, kitty litter or similar materials (making them less appealing for children or pets to eat), seal them in a plastic bag and put them in your trash.

A few drugs ought to be flushed down the toilet or the sink. These drugs are mostly powerful painkillers, like morphine, fentanyl, oxycodone and Demerol. They pose a danger to children, pets and even adults if accidentally ingested. This advice comes from the Food and Drug Administration. You can find the complete list at www.fda.gov.

fda.gov.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have an ingrown toenail that's giving me much grief. I'd like to take care of it myself. I'm out of work and have no insurance.

Will you give me some directions on what to do? -- H.A.

ANSWER: You can try to handle it on your own, but be careful. Don't traumatize the toe or skin.

Soak your foot in warm, soapy water for 10 minutes. To free the nail from the corner of the skin in which it is imbedded, try to work a small ball of cotton between the nail and the skin. Dental floss hooked under the corner of the skin helps you accomplish this.

From this day onward, cut your toenails on a horizontal plane. Don't round off the edges. That's an invitation to an ingrown toenail.

If all of this is a bit overwhelming, let a podiatrist free the nail for you. Make some arrangements for a later payment.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

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Olympic	6-10 .375	9-17
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Lady T-Birds slip out of playoff picture

By ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds fell short of clinching the last playoff spot in the West Division, when Tacoma beat Green River on Saturday to clinch fourth place.

Despite Highline defeating the South Puget Sound Clippers, they missed the last playoff spot as Tacoma won their last two games of the year.

The women's basketball team finished fifth in the West Division with a 9-7 record in league play and a 12-14 overall record.

Highline played the Clippers on Wednesday, Feb. 22, won 63-49. Tacoma played Lower Columbia Red Devils on Wednesday, Feb. 22, defeating them 87-78. The Titans were on the road Saturday, Feb. 25 against the Green River Gators, smashing them 71-38.

Tacoma had the same league record as the T-birds at 9-7 but finished ahead of them because the Titans defeated Highline twice in the regular season.

Tacoma defeated Highline 55-53 on Jan. 14 and 56-51 on Feb. 13.

In the game against South Puget Sound, Highline outscored the Clippers 41-17 in the second half, after falling behind by 15 early in the first half.

"I was very shocked, but I know we can play like that all the time. We just didn't. I'm hoping next year when we are a year older, we will better understand the intensity and effort we need to bring every night to compete in league," said Head Coach Amber Mosley.

"We ran the floor well in the second half and were able to put together a good second half to come away with the win," Mosley said.

"It was not surprising to see us down in the first half. I feel like we played inconsistently the entire year, this lack of consistency cost us a spot in post season play. I have no doubt we were one of the four best teams



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Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said she hopes that with more experience, her T-Birds will be tougher next year.

in our region but we did not play like it every game," Mosley said.

The key to the Lady T-Birds defeating the Clippers was due to them having only six players suited up for the game.

"We were able to get out and run on them in the second half, which was no doubt partially due to their lack of depth," Mosley said.

"We changed our defense but more importantly we challenged them. They were not

playing with any intensity in the first half and it showed," Mosley said.

Freshman forward Christina Fields led Highline in scoring with 17 points and nine rebounds, shooting 89 percent from the field. Brianna Votaw had 12 points and eight rebounds, shooting 83 percent from the field.

"Fields carried us the entire game. She was great," Mosley said.

Highline's team leaders in

statistics through Feb. 21 include: Keana Magalei, 382 points, 14.69 per game; Magalei, 177 rebounds, 6.8 per game; Grace Beardemphl 102 assists, 3.92 per game; Beardemphl 73 steals, 2.81 per game; Brianna Fiso 16 blocks, 0.62 per game.

With an all-freshman team, Highline should be returning most of its players next year.

"We are going to spend more time than usual working on the mental side of the game," Mosley said.

Fastpitch team scores at annual auction

By ANTHONY BERTOLUCCI
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's softball team had a successful night, raising enough money at the annual Diamond Bash fund-raiser on Saturday, Feb. 11 for traveling expenses and equipment.

The women's softball team raised "a little over \$10,000, up from \$4,200 last year," Head Coach Scott Dillinger said.

"I thought it went very well.

We raised more money than this event has in years, and all feedback has been positive," said Dillinger.

"Along with family and friends, it was attended by members of our administration and faculty, and it was warming to see the enthusiasm and support toward our ladies that night," Dillinger said.

The Diamond Bash fund-raiser took place at the Student Union at Highline.

There was "112 people that attended the fund-raiser, up from 46 from last year," Dillinger said.

There were "many items auctioned off, too many to be very specific. We had 25 items that went in the live auction (higher end things auctioned off by the auctioneer). Sixty-four items went in the silent auction," Dillinger said.

"We also did a 50/50 drawing, a dessert dash, and sold

orders for gear (sweatshirts, t-shirts, caps) worn by the team," Dillinger said.

Even though the women's softball team didn't raise enough money for the trip to Hawaii, they made "enough to travel for a spring break trip/tourney in a warmer climate if it's a good fit," Dillinger said.

The women's softball team opens up the season with a pre-season game on March, 9 at 1 p.m. against Bellevue.

T-Birds brick season with another close loss

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

The T-Birds couldn't find a way to make it to the NWAACC playoffs, and Head Coach Che Dawson takes full credit for the results.

The T-Bird men ended their season last week in seventh place in the West Division, finishing the season with a record of 6-10 in league and 7-18 overall.

The T-Birds took another buzzer beating 56-54 loss on Wednesday, Feb. 22 against the South Puget Sound Clippers.

This loss officially ends their hopes of making the NWAACC playoffs.

"It was a hard way to end this season," said guard Jayson Lewis.

Lewis in the game against the Clippers scored nine points and shot 27 percent from the field.

This season the T-Birds lost nine games by a five point or less, beginning their season with an 85-84 double overtime loss to the Whatcom Orcas.

"I made a few mistakes in my recruiting this season," said Dawson.

The T-Birds had eight freshmen on their roster.

Only a few players made it to the end of the season.

Coach Dawson focuses on making sure that his players are mature on and off the court.

This season there was no ma-



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Head Coach Che Dawson throws his hands up after a play against the South Puget Sound Clippers.

turity from most of the freshmen, he said.

"We put ourselves in the situations," said sophomore forward Robert Christopher.

This season the T-Birds as players had a laid-back attitude,

and it was apparent in preparation for their games, and the many close losses.

Dawson has been the T-Bird men's head coach for eight seasons.

His coaching record is 141-

87 overall and 87-41 in the West Division.

"I don't feel there was a lack of respect from players to coaches, but rather there was a lack of respect for the players who made this program what it

is," said Coach Dawson.

Coach Dawson said he isn't going to change his coaching style because of the losing season, but says he will make sure his players are mature.

"Sophomores Juwan Harris, Jayson Lewis, and Robert Christopher deserve all the recognition for the success that did happen this season," Dawson said.

Harris, Lewis, and Christopher were the leaders of the team, he said.

Christopher was ranked the 16th best player in the West Division, ending his season with 171 points, 22 assists, 113 boards, and 25 steals.

Lewis was a quite player in the beginning of the season, but turned up his 3-point game after break, hitting 32 percent.

Harris is a 6'6" forward who plays with a lot of intensity. During games Harris would always scream "let's go" after making a second-chance bucket.

"Juwan turned up his game after winter break. He had a couple of games where the team just sat in ahh," said freshman guard Joshua Youngblood.

Next season the T-Birds aren't sure who they will have returning, after the cuts Dawson made at the final team meeting on Monday.

"We have started our recruiting process, but I'm not sure on who will join us next season," Coach Dawson said.

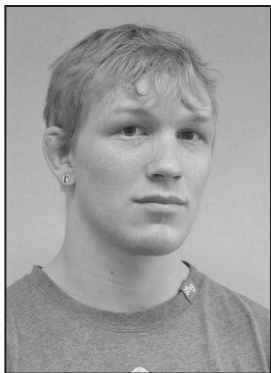
Wrestlers bonded despite disappointing results

ROCHESTER, Minn. – Cold wind swept across the plain state of Minnesota, carrying with it small flakes of snow and the aspirations of our national competitors. Spirits remained higher than the temperature though because of team camaraderie and the reality of just how close we really were.

This last Friday and Saturday was the NJCAA national wrestling tournament. We took six wrestlers to the competition this year with hopes of six All-Americans.

In the end, Highline had two national place winners, Lucas Huyber and Steven Romero, but we wanted a lot more. Each of us had a goal to place at nationals, and those of us who accomplished that had a goal to place higher.

The quarterfinals of the tournament held five of our wrestlers one match away from the placing rounds the next day, but only Romero made it through that round unscathed into the semis. In the final consolation round that followed, only Huy-



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Micah Morrill

ber was able to rally with a win to keep himself in the hunt.

The rest of us left the Regional Sports Center with glum expressions, but also with the knowledge that we had battled neck and neck against the best competition in the nation. Those of us with more years to compete determined to make the little changes needed to accomplish our waylaid goals next season and break through the barrier we had encountered that day.

Saturday's competition was difficult to watch for those of us in our tennis shoes. We cheered Huyber to his eighth-place finish and then gave him pats on the back of reassurance that he is a bad ass.

Then we went out to dinner as a team to await the finals that night, where we would watch Romero compete for the national title at 125 pounds.

Laughter and appetite prevailed at Whiskey Creek, where we all enjoyed the opportunity to fill our stomachs as much as humanly possible. Fun thing about wrestling, after you've cut weight all season, anything and everything that is edible in sight, no matter how full you are or how unhealthy it is, is going to be devoured.

Sitting with relatives and loved ones that had come to watch us compete, and our coaches who had supported us all season, the feeling that we were all one big happy family prevailed and drove away the rain clouds that many of us had in our heads.

After dinner we returned to the sports center with anticipation for Steven Romero's upcoming match. After a half hour including inductions to the NJCAA Hall of Fame, a parade of the All-Americans, and spotlight introductions of the finalists the lights dimmed again and the 125 pound match began.

The crowd was silent as the first period passed scoreless, with small flurries of offensive action by both athletes. In the second round Romero chose the down position and got a reversal, earning two points, and then quickly gave up a one point escape.

In the third period Steven led 2-1 and he was in his best position, on top. The clock ticked by slowly as Romero rode out his opponent, controlling him until there were only 30 seconds left. We all watched glumly as Jeff Vesta, from Neosho Community College, slipped out from behind and underneath Steven to claim a two-point reversal. Steven's mom started crying.

For the remaining seconds

Romero struggled to escape and accomplish his goal to become a national champion, but to no avail, and then it was over.

Even though we had all expected more of our nationals team, Coach Norton commended us for our hard work throughout the weekend and told us he was proud.

To get our minds off of our defeat we prowled the streets of Rochester without aim until we got too cold. Then we went back to the hotel, wandering the halls causing mischief and watching TV until the wee hours of the night.

The vans left at 5:30 a.m. and none of us had gotten more than an hour of sleep. As we left this bittersweet town and rested our eyes, everyone's faces were decorated with the smiles of their waking dreams and the knowledge of what we had and hadn't accomplished.

Micah Morrill is news editor of the Thunderword, and still the best wrestler in the news-room.



Photo by Elvira Chaprez

Nicholas Schmidt works on his opponent at the national tournament. Schmidt went on to win his first match, but then lost his next two by scores of 10-6 and 5-2.

Highline falls short of expectations at nationals

By **TRAE HARRISON**
Staff Reporter

Highline finished off the season on Feb. 25 with two wrestlers making All-American and a 14th place finish in the national tournament at Rochester, Minn.

Steven Romero (125 pounds) finished second in his bracket and Lucas Huyber (174) finished eighth. Josh Romero (141), Nicholas Schmidt (157), Micah Morrill (165), and Anthony Whitmarsh (197) also competed, all just missing placing after close losses.

"It was the toughest competition ever," said Morrill. "We didn't quite come up with what we wanted."

Highline went into the tournament with hopes of all six wrestlers making All-American and at least one national champion. All six wrestlers started off winning their first matches, but lost in the second and third round.

"Some of us lost our focus when we lost our first match, while some of us let refs that made a few bad calls distract us," said Schmidt.

"They just didn't wrestle to their potential," said Assistant Coach Brad Luvaas.

Steven Romero, initially ranked first in the nation, had the most success throughout the tournament, only losing 3-2 in the finals.

"Steven wrestled the best," said Brad Luvaas. "He had a lot of tough matches throughout the tournament."

With 17 seconds left in the final match, Romero gave up his first escape of the year to his opponent.

"He's such a good kid. It was the most heartbreaking thing I've ever went through as a coach," said Luvaas. "He did everything he had to do until the last 17 seconds of that match."

"It takes nothing away from



Photo by Elvira Chaprez

Josh Romero takes his opponent airborne at nationals.

him as a wrestler," said Morrill. "He might not have the title, but he still deserves the same respect as if he won it."

Steven's brother, Josh Romero, won his first two matches by scores of 14-5 and 6-3. He was pinned in the quarterfinals by Ethan Raley of Lincoln College. Raley ended up placing second in the tournament.

"Josh needs to get more offense," said Luvaas. "When he wrestles hard he's one of the best in the nation."

Nicholas Schmidt won his opening match with a technical fall (15-0) but lost his last two matches by scores of 10-6 and 5-2.

"I think Schmidt did well," said Luvaas. "I'm proud of how far he came."

Along with Huyber, Luvaas says Schmidt is one of the most improved wrestlers this season.

"He's not the most athletic wrestler but he's a hard worker," said Luvaas. "I'd rather have

him any day over a lazy wrestler with a lot of athletic talent."

Micah Morrill started off the tournament with a quick win when his opponent injured his arm in the opening minute. His next match went a lot longer, with Morrill winning 10-7.

"The second match tired me out," said Morrill. "It led to a dogfight in my third match."

Morrill lost his third match 3-2 after he gave up an escape in the last few seconds. A win would have guaranteed him a top six ranking.

"Micah wrestled well," said Luvaas. "But he needs to be more offensive on his feet."

Lucas Huyber ended up being the only other All-American for Highline. He won his first match with a pin, and then fell in the quarterfinals 10-5. He won his next two consolation matches to guarantee a top eight finish.

"Lucas wrestled great," said Luvaas. "He very easily could

have been in the finals, but had a bad draw and ended up wrestling a couple tough guys."

Huyber finished eighth in the tournament. He'll likely be back next year to battle for a higher ranking.

"If you asked me at the beginning of the season to name who I thought would be All-Americans, his name would not be on my list," said Luvaas.

Anthony Whitmarsh had early success as well, shutting out his first two opponents 4-0 and 6-0. He lost in the quarterfinals 15-3.

"Anthony wrestled really well," said Luvaas. "He needs to be more offensive though. He's living off of high school moves."

Luvaas hopes to move forward next year with Whitmarsh

and the other eligible returners.

"I know for sure Josh and Lucas are coming back," said Luvaas. "We'll have to see if the other wrestlers still show up to class and get their schoolwork done in the offseason too."

A disappointing finish could also leave some of the wrestlers wanting another opportunity to rank higher.

"I wasn't planning on wrestling next year until after [nationals]," said Morrill. "I know I could make All-American if I come back again."

Highline should be poised to return to the top 10 if enough wrestlers returned.

"We're a team of friends that worked hard and accomplished a lot," said Morrill. "There's a lot to come if all the guys come back."

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Greater success is closer than you think.

SoKing radio: Local boys are making some noise

By COREY SUN
Staff Reporter

If you are hungry for local music, SoKing Internet Radio can fill you up.

“SoKing” stands for South King County. SoKing Internet Radio is a new local online radio station that plays music only from the Northwest.

It has been on the air 24/7 since Feb. 15. The station was founded by, Highline alum, Scott Schaefer who is the owner and publisher of the B-Town blog, and his partner Michael Brunk, who is the photographer and technician of the B-Town blog.

After he graduated from Highline in 1979, Schaefer found a career in the television field, and then worked in Hollywood for six years. Eventually, Schaefer moved back to the Seattle area.

Schaefer and his other partners started a series blog include the B-Town blog in 2007. They are websites that mainly report local news and events in the Des Moines, SeaTac, Burien, Tukwila, and Normandy Park areas.

Brunk said, there are many local newspapers, however, they have little local news and mainly national stories. B-Town blog is trying to do truly local news not “written somewhere else and then republished locally, and radio is the same way,” Brunk said.

Schaefer got the idea to start an online station two years after seeing local bands play at Burien’s Strawberry Festival.

“These bands are really good, but I had never heard them before. It would be great if their songs are playing on the



Corey Sun/THUNDERWORD

SoKing Internet Radio founders Scott Schaefer (left) and Michael Brunk (right) said their main criteria for musicians they play is that they have to be from the Northwest.

radio,” Schaefer said. “Well, in the modern media age, it’s hard for bands to get on the radio, especially local bands.”

Schaefer and his partners bounced this idea around for about two years, and toward end of last year, at one of their meetings, they decided to start an online radio station in early 2012.

“We know a lot of local bands. And people help us to reach out to more bands, promote the station from blogs and through Facebook,” Schaefer said.

There are two main criteria in the selection process: where is the band from and the quality of the music.

“Our main criterion is that

band has to be from the Northwest,” Schaefer said.

“We won’t guarantee if they submit music that we will play it. Obviously, we are looking for at least a certain level of quality, as far as recording and music need to fit our mix,” Brunk said. “But basically, everybody [from the Northwest] can submit their music.”

Brunk said they definitely want to promote local artists. They want to emphasize music from South King County. However, there is only so much now, and they can’t program their entire station with South King County music, Brunk said.

After gathering local music in every possible way, SoKing now has a huge playlist of dif-

ferent types of style: from alternative rock, indie rock, punk rock, jazz, hip-hop, to old country music.

“We are playing off the singles, but one of the things we are working on is.....maybe create a specific playlist,” Brunk said. “We talked about to do a Hip-hop Blog, a Sunday Jazz, or a more hardcore Blog at late night.”

“We want more people to discover us, because we are not that well-known yet,” Schaefer said.

However, selecting music is not the only issue that they need to deal with but also the technology of setting up and maintaining a radio station.

“It’s new to both of us, so

we figured it out how it works.” Brunk said. “We use commercial software, Radiologik. And the station basically goes from the office to a service provider on internet. When people listen to it, they will connect to that provider.”

Schaefer said that, at the station launch party, they broadcast a live show of two local bands. It went well and made them want to raise money to open a new studio to do more live shows.

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“Even though we run it as a business, it’s more like a life style than a job. We want to do truly local music and news,” Schaefer said.

Because SoKing is an internet radio station, Schaefer said with the availability of wi-fi, you can listen to the station through phone, computer, or even wi-fi radio in your car.

“I think It could be a big thing. Pretty soon you will be able to get internet radio in your car. We think in next five years, SoKing will become more mainstream,” Schaefer said. “We want to be established by the time you can listen to us in a car.”

If you want to listen to SoKing, visit its website at streamlicensing.com/stations/soking/listennow.htm.

If you are a local artist, you can email your work to music@sokinginternetradio.com, for more information go to sokinginternetradio.com/artist-submission.

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Actor charms audiences in one-man performance

By **ERIKA WIGREN**
Staff Reporter

Audiences will laugh, cry, and applaud Seattle Repertory Theatre's production of Doug Wright's *I Am My Own Wife*.

I Am My Own Wife won the Pulitzer Prize in 2004 and is based on playwright Wright's real life conversations with 65-year-old German transvestite Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, who was originally born Lothar Berfelde. Wright began interviewing Von Mahlsdorf after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Von Mahlsdorf lived in Germany during World War II and survived the Nazi and Communist regimes in East Berlin, as a transvestite. When Von Mahlsdorf was a child, she killed her abusive father, a German Nazi, to protect her mother.

Von Mahlsdorf went on to collect gramophone records, antique clocks, and furniture, ultimately turning her home into a museum of her own in Berlin.

In 1993, the reunified German state gave Von Mahlsdorf the Bundesverdienstkreuz (Order of Merit), for her work as founder of the Gründerzeit Museum.

Seattle Rep's production of *I Am My Own Wife*, directed by Jerry Manning, has only one



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Nick Garrison plays German transvestite Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, an amusing furniture collector who adores gramophones.

actor and more than 30 characters, all played by actor Nick Garrison.

Garrison's acting is flawless. His portrayal of the amusing

Charlotte von Mahlsdorf is exceptional, as well as the character of Doug Wright.

Director Manning and Garrison work brilliantly together to

ensure that the audience knows which character Garrison is playing at certain moments, even though he wears the same costume almost the entire show.

Garrison's changes in tone, movement, and facial expressions also allow the play to continue clearly and accurately.

The simplicity of the set design, lighting, and costume designs in the play is they key aspect that makes the production so outstanding.

Scenic designer Jennifer Zeyl creates a simple stage design for the show. The story takes place in the home of von Mahlsdorf, where Wright is interviewing her. The main set did not change throughout the show consisting of only a table, a gramophone, a hutch, and a concrete-style wall as the backdrop.

Despite the small stage detail, the lighting, designed by Robert J. Aguilar, allows the audience to keep their eyes on Garrison and the situations his character is describing. At one point, when von Mahlsdorf is describing a gay bar, a rainbow lights up the entire stage, cuing Garrison to dance.

Overall, the lighting was consistent and Aguilar worked well with Zeyl's set design. The backdrop Zeyl creates, combined with Aguilar's light-

ing design created a scrim that showed the audience they were in a new setting in the house.

Costume designer Erik Andor had the simple task of creating two costumes for the production. Garrison wears one simple grey dress, with black shoes, black stockings, a gray headband, and a pearl necklace. The design of the dress emphasized Garrison's slim figure, and his flawless acting distracts the audience enough to make you forget that he is in fact a man.

The only other costume used in the play was an internment camp uniform that Alfred Kirschner, a friend of van Mahlsdorf, wore while reading a letter.

Seattle Rep's *I Am My Own Wife* has received such rave reviews that Seattle Rep has extended it until March 10. The show runs every Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., as well as Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The show is at Seattle Rep's Bagley Wright Theatre located at 155 Mercer St in Seattle. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$30 and are available at www.seattlerep.org/Buy/Tickets.

For more information visit www.seattlerep.org or call 206-443-2222.

Highline listens: Irish poet to read creative works today

By **GABI PAULSON**
Staff Reporter

Guest speaker and Ireland native Geraldine Mills will share her writing work today in the Mt. Constance room at 11 a.m.

All are welcome to attend this "Highline Listens" event.

Originally established by English Professor Susan Rich, the "Highline Listens: Writers Read Their Work" program invites local writers and writers from all over the world to Highline.

"I initiated this program seven years ago to complement the extensive creative writing program that Highline offers," said Rich. "I wanted there to be writers, real writers that students could listen to."

Mills, a real writer, has "published multiple collections of poems and short stories," said Rich.

"I met her 10 years ago

when we both had first books coming out," said Rich. "We gave a reading together, became friends, and kept in touch from that point on."

"It is a rare opportunity to meet a writer from a different culture," said Rich, "and personally, she is an extremely talented poet that I think students can relate to."

Although Mills' writing revolves much around her local Ireland and personal history, "they resonate in a universal way," she said.

"She writes about family, hard times and to understand herself better."

Highline student Alicia Cimmer will introduce Mills at her very first reading in the Northwest.

The bookstore will be selling Mills' books and she'll be free to sign them after the event.

"She'll also be available to just talk about writing," said Rich.

Soul singer honors local volunteer

By **ABIGAIL DAMBACHER**
Staff Reporter

In honor of a community volunteer, soul singer Bettye LaVette will perform at the Spotlight Series in Kent on Saturday, March 10.

Patricia "Pat" Curran, who passed away last year, attended and sponsored many Spotlight Series concerts throughout the years and was "the consummate community volunteer" of Kent, Cultural Programs Manager Rhonda Billerbeck said.

Judy Woods, a long-time friend of Curran's, said, "She always showed up and stayed the course without fanfare or need of acknowledgment. She was a hero to those familiar with her multitude of good works."

Curran was a published poet and served as a Washington State Arts Commissioner. Her volunteer work ranged from human service projects to creating the city's Saturday Market and Street Tree Ordinance.

Curran and her husband were regular attendees at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival and enjoyed Bettye LaVette's performance at their last festival together.

To honor Curran and her ser-



LaVette was a Grammy nominee for Best Contemporary Blues Album in 2011.

vice to the community, the critically-acclaimed LaVette will sing at the Kentwood Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

LaVette is a Michigan native who grew up in Detroit. She completed her first record at age 16 and is known for combining elements of soul, country, blues, gospel, and R&B.

LaVette's Let Me Down Easy hit the charts in 1965 and remains one of the top soul songs of all time.

LaVette is a multiple-award winner and has been putting out records for decades. She

performed *A Change Is Gonna Come* with Jon Bon Jovi at President Obama's inauguration in 2009, and has appeared on several late-night talk shows.

Known for her emotionally raw performances, LaVette was compared to Aretha Franklin by the New York Times and was a 2011 Grammy nominee for Best Contemporary Blues Album.

Tickets for the Spotlight Series are range from \$20 to \$30. For tickets call 253-856-5051. Tickets are also available at the Kent Commons, located at 525 4th Ave. N.

All that jazz

Classic jazz festival to rock Des Moines

By ABIGAIL DAMBACHER
Staff Reporter

This year’s Highline Classic Jazz Festival will feature 11 bands of varying jazz styles, dinner and dancing, and jam sessions with performers and attendees.

Taking place at the Landmark Event Center in Des Moines, the festival is set for Saturday, March 10 from 2-10 p.m.

Two separate venues within the Landmark Event Center—the Auditorium and the Banquet Hall—will have parallel performances running throughout the day.

The Living Room will host jam sessions with performers and attendees, who can bring their own instruments.

Jazz styles from the bands include New Orleans and Chicago style Hot Jazz, Gypsy Jazz, Western Swing, Jump, Blues, Swing Standards, and Big Band jazz from the ‘20s and ‘30s.

The Auditorium will host Susan Pascal and Greta Matassa, the Mount Rainier High School Jazz Band and the Gail Pettis Trio from 3:15-6 p.m.

Greta Matassa, a jazz vocalist who is part of the opening act, said she loves what she does.

“Having sung virtually every other kind of music, I find jazz is the best outlet for a creative musician. It’s really like song writing,” she said.

“Every time I do a tune, I reinterpret the melody to suit my mood, the players or the given night.”

Matassa said she came from a jazz-loving family, listening to and singing along with “many of the greats” including Ellie Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, and Billie Holiday.

With her parent’s support, Matassa left school at 17 to start working in bands. She made a living performing for wedding receptions.

“I enjoyed the years I learned my craft doing covers of everything from Whitney Houston tunes, Def Leppard to jazz standards.”

She now has eight CDs out and performs across the Pacific Northwest; her latest record is I Wanna Be Loved.

At the festival, Matassa will perform with vibraphonist Susan Pascal, who Matassa said is

her best friend and a marvelous musician.

“Susan and I have played together for over 20 years and it keeps getting better and better. I’m very lucky to have such great musicians as friends.”

Together, they will perform some well-known tunes as well as many of Matassa’s songs.

Meanwhile in the Banquet Hall, bands Pearl Django, The Jangles, and Glenn Crytzer and His Syncopators will play from 3-5:45 p.m.

A five-man band, Pearl Django has 16 years of performing under their belt, together meshing the sounds of the guitar, violin, accordion, and bass to create Hot Jazz. While Pearl Django remains heavily influenced by the late French jazz artist Django Reinhardt, they have also created several original compositions.

Starting at 6 p.m. the Banquet Hall will hold a joint dinner for all attendees of the festival.

\$14 includes dinner (London broil, ginger sesame salmon, salad, and Gorgonzola breads), one drink, and dessert, all provided by EJ’s catering. There will be dancing and bar concession during the dinner break.

Following dinner, the Jennifer Scott Trio, Del Rey and Matt Weiner, and the Echoes of Harlem Orchestra will perform in the Auditorium from 7-10 p.m.

The Echoes of Harlem Jazz Orchestra plays Big Band jazz



Susan Pascal is a jazz vibraphonist. Pascal will perform with jazz vocalist Greta Matassa at the Highline Classic Jazz Festival.

from the ‘20s and ‘30s, made up of 12 musicians who are known to play in the style of each original recording.

At the same time, the Banquet Hall will host Holotrad-band and the Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band from 7-9 p.m.

The Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band has performed across the U.S. and abroad since 1971, featuring Dixieland jazz. They play the works of Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, and other early jazz artists.

Tickets for the festival are \$35 for adults and \$30 for seniors and active military. Youth 18 years and under can go for free.

To purchase tickets, visit

brownpapertickets.com. You can also buy them at the Highline Classic Jazz Festival booth at the Poverty Bay Wine Festival, which is also located at the Landmark Event Center and goes from March 2-4.

Tickets are available at the door starting at 2 p.m. on the day of the festival. A 30 percent discount will be given at the door when you donate a used musical instrument that goes to Highline Music4Life, a community service organization that gives instruments to elementary schools to support their music programs.

For more information on the Highline Classic Jazz Festival, visit highlineclassicjazz.com.



•Molière’s play, *Tartuffe*, will be at Taproot Theatre, 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle. This is the productions last weekend and tickets are selling fast. The shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets range from \$22-\$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.

•On Monday, March 12, the Latin Jazz Trio Q.E.D. will perform at Highline at 12 p.m. in Building 7. Q.E.D. is a unique and adventurous trio of multi-instrumentalists and composers. The group includes Highline instructor Ben Thomas, as well as former Green River Community College instructor Chris Stover, and Alex Chadsey who occasionally teaches at Cornish College for the Arts. The event is free and anyone is welcome to attend.

• The Auburn Community Players are holding auditions at the Auburn Avenue Theater for *Footloose* on Saturday, March 17. Participants need to prepare a song from musical theater, a one to two minute monologue, and a headshot. An accompanist is provided; please bring your sheet music in the correct key. Auditions will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The theater is located at 10 Auburn Avenue, Auburn 98002. Call Jim Kleinbeck at 253-804-5057 to set up an audition time.

•John Logan’s *Red* is now at the Seattle Repertory Theatre at 155 Mercer St. in Seattle. The show runs until March 24 and starts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Prices range from \$30 to \$47. For students under the age of 25, tickets are \$12 if purchased at www.seattle-center.com/teentix. For ticket information and showtimes call 206-443-2222 or visit, www.seattlerep.org.

•On Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m., Rainier Youth Choirs & Rainier Chorale will present *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter. The event is at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 Seniors/Students. To purchase tickets visit www.rainieryouthchoirs.org or call 253-347-0180.

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Customers flocking to Highline's SuperHost

SuperHost differentiates itself from ordinary hospitality program

By **YURI NISHIZAKI**
Staff Reporter

Highline is offering a quality customer service program, SuperHost, on campus, while tying up with local organizations to provide it to more people.

SuperHost, now known as WorldHost, is a one-day, eight-hour program that teaches skills to be able to provide standardized quality front-line customer service, which was developed by Tourism British Columbia.

Highline obtained the sublicense for providing the program from Tourism British Columbia in June 2011, and currently has six certified trainers on campus who are qualified to offer the program.

"There was some interest actually shown by our hospitality department, and there had been some request for some customer service training not only within the college itself, but also Sea-Tac International Airport was looking for customer service training," Continuing Education Operations Manager Crystal Kitterman said.

"About 200 people have run through the program between



SuperHost was invited to the SeaTac airport for their employees.

the airport and Highline," she said.

The SuperHost program was launched by the Tourism British Columbia when Expo '86 was held in Vancouver, B.C. The SuperHost rebranded to WorldHost in 2009.

"Approximately 550,000 British Colombians have completed a SuperHost workshop," she said. "Our [SuperHost] license is good through another two years so we stay SuperHost."

The course is offered internally and externally on campus: the internal one is for staff members, and the external one, or open enrollment, is for students and anyone in the community who wants to take the course, Kitterman said.

"The feedback from the courses has been absolutely wonderful," she said, and many of the participants want to take more classes.

The large difference between

the SuperHost program and the hospitality classes offered at Highline is its interactivity.

"There are a lot of opportunities for role-play and engagement of the students about every five to seven minutes. We have a change-up in delivery. There will be a tiny little piece of content delivery from the trainer and then we do things," said Nancy Warren, program manager of Highline's Hospitality and Tourism program and one of the SuperHost certified trainers at Highline.

At the end of the program, participants take a 10-question quiz to see their understanding of the key concepts of SuperHost. They are evaluated based on their participation and the quiz, which are worth 50 percent each, and participants need 75 percent or higher to pass, Warren said.

"They [students] should all take it. As we all know, we all work in customer service. We

all have customers. We may not think of that person as a customer," Warren said. Through the program, people will be able to have ability to "provide exceptional customer service."

However, since there are only six trainers at Highline, their difficulty is to find the right time and date for the course.

"Our biggest difficulty is being able to provide courses for everyone who would like to take the program," Kitterman said.

At the Sea-Tac airport, the SuperHost program is offered to the employees by certified trainer from Highline. The content is especially designed for airport jobs.

In addition, the program at the airport is 11 hours long, which "allows the college to award one college credit upon successful completion of the course," she said.

"They were interested in being able to have the college award. The airport was really trying to encourage the ability to have a credit earned after they completed the course," Kitterman said.

Training at the airport benefits not only the airport, but also the college.

"Half of them [the trainees at the airport] have a pretty serious interest in continuing at Highline Community College. So it's been not only a customer service training, but of real direct marketing opportunity for the college to reach out the air-



Nancy Warren

port employees," said Warren.

Highline is currently in the process of expanding its program.

The Seattle Southside Visitor Center's "one of their 2012 business initiatives is to start offering to their members" in the community, Kitterman said. They are aiming to start the first training in the beginning of May.

The next open enrollment course is will be held on May 7 and 9, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For registering the course and inquiries for the open enrollment course, call Continuing Education at 206 870-3785, or visit their website at <https://ce.highline.edu/> for more information.

For more information about customized SuperHost training including ones offered at the airport and the Visitor Center, call Crystal Kitterman at 206-592-3341 or email at ckitterman@highline.edu.

Settlement brings mortgage help Tool makes hiring easier

If you have mortgage problems, parts of a \$25 billion settlement could be coming your way.

Five of the nation's largest banks accused of abusive practices have agreed to help 1 million homeowners. The banks are Bank of America, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan, Chase, Citigroup and Ally Financial.

Allegations included the extensive use of robo-signers (foreclosure documents were signed without even being read), failure to offer foreclosure options and incorrect handling of loan modifications.

Borrowers who are underwater (the house is worth less than what's due on it) but still holding on will get some help in the form of reduced debt, either from lowered interest rates or principal reduction.

It's thought that 11 million borrowers owe more than their homes are worth, which means they haven't been able to sell or refinance.

Lenders will be required to

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

rework loans and reduce the principal for those nearing foreclosure.

If you lost your home to foreclosure (as did 750,000 families) between 2008 and 2011, you could receive a payment of \$2,000.

That's not to say all the problems are over. For some, the nightmare continues.

While the investigations into alleged abusive practices were going on, some lenders just called a halt to the final steps of foreclosures. Families continued to live in their homes without making any payments.

Now that the guideline are clear, lenders are likely to press forward with those planned foreclosures.

Neighborhoods that saw too

many empty houses due to foreclosure could see many more, as not everyone will qualify for assistance.

This could force home prices down even more in neighborhoods hardest hit, as more bank-owned properties come on the market and investors pick up properties to turn into rentals -- never a good way to stabilize a neighborhood. Ideally, banks won't release all the properties at once.

The programs funded with the \$25 billion settlement are set to run for three years, but lenders are being given incentives to act within the first year.

If your mortgage is in trouble, call your lender.

Ask specifically who is holding your note, as changes might have been made when loans ended up in various secondary-market packages. Take the names of those you talk to. Ask what specific programs will be available to help you. Ask for a time frame and follow up weekly.

By **COREY SUN**
Staff Reporter

Highline's Human Resource Department has started to use a new online hiring tool called Neogov to manage applicants' information online instead on paper.

Neogov is an off-the-shelf software which was developed by a company from California. Many state, and local government agencies and colleges, such as the State of Washington, the City of Tacoma, and Bellevue College, are using it.

This program allows employers to review, rate, and measure the applicants in a faster and clearer platforms by analysis, auto-scoring and tracking applicants' information.

Beth Brooks, the executive director of Human Resources, said Neogov will be more effective because applicants can fill out the applications fully online and save their time on the screening process.

"It's a brand new recruit-

ment program that helps both us and applicants. It will save staff time to process and view applications," Brooks said. "We don't need to scan and print them over again."

Just like Interfase Database, which is a job listing database for both on-campus and off-campus positions, positions on Neogov require applicants to upload their cover letters, resume, and references.

"Applicants need to register their own logins, and they could apply for the positions," Brooks said. "They can use the same resume, but different positions may require different cover letters."

Another feature of Neogov is when an applicant wants to apply for a position that is not currently hiring, they can be notified by email when the job is open.

If you want to apply for positions open on campus, visit Human Resource website at agency.governmentjobs.com/highline.

Trade with Canada is important to the U.S. and Washington

By **ADRIAN SCOTT**
Staff Reporter

Canada is the top supplier of oil to the U.S., a representative of the Canadian Consulate of Seattle said here on Tuesday.

Kevin Cook, senior political, economic and academic officer of the Canadian Consulate of Seattle, spoke at Highline as part of Global Tuesdays, a weekly series of international forums.

"The Canadian Consulate of Seattle educates and informs people about Canada," said Cook.

The Canadian Consulate of Seattle is broken up into four sections: political, business development, visa/immigration, and the consular section, which



Kevin Cook

helps Canadians who might be in trouble in the U.S.

"We have a staff of 40 who work within these sections," Cook said.

Cook said the U.S. and

Canada have a huge economic relationship, trading energy, raw materials, automobiles and parts, and manufactured goods back and forth across the border to the tune of \$1.8 billion per day.

"The bottom line is the Canadian economy is very dependent on what happens in the U.S.," he said. In Washington state, for example, 174,000 jobs depend on trade with Canada.

Canada has the second largest oil reserves in the world, and is the largest supplier of oil, uranium and electricity to the United States.

"Ninety-seven percent of Canada's energy exports were traded with the U.S. in 2009," Cook said. "The sands can produce 2 million barrels of oil a

day."

Oil sands don't just boost the U.S. economy, but also have a tremendous impact on the local economy.

Despite longstanding ties between the two countries, Cook said issues remain to be discussed.

Those issues include the "North American economy," border security, energy policy, and the Arctic region.

Before 9/11, crossing the 5,500-mile long U.S.-Canadian border was easy. After the terrorist attacks, however, border security was greatly tightened.

That has an economic impact, Cook said, because it slows down the movement of goods and people across the border.

Those issues are being addressed, based in part on solutions worked out between Washington and British Columbia.

Cook pointed to the enhanced driver's license, which lets people cross the border without a passport. That grew out of talks between Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire and BC Premier Gordon Campbell.

Issues in the management of the Arctic region include natural resources, territorial water boundaries, environmental issues, and fisheries.

Sam Kaplan, president of Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, will be speaking at the next Global Tuesdays on March 6 at 10 a.m. in Building 7.

New club doesn't take members for granite

Geology Club to unearth Northwest processes

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

The new Geology Club at Highline is a rocking place to study the earth.

"Rocks tell stories," said Kate Collinsworth, the club vice president.

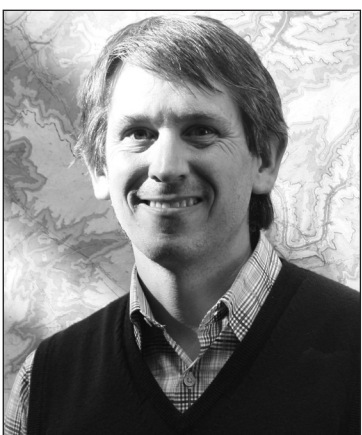
"We love learning about the earth," said Bryanna Robbins, a club member.

The club is a place for people to hang out and talk about the earth, said Collinsworth.

"We're focused on learning, helping each other, and community service," she said. "My goal is to help people understand the processes that go on in the Northwest."

"We're here to help and also to have fun at the same time," said Robbins.

The club is working on getting an earthquake kit together and has plans to visit two retire-



Dr. Eric Baer



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Patrick Santiago (left), Kate Collinsworth (middle), and Bryanna Robbins (right), show off the 3D geology posters located on the third floor of Building 29.

ment homes to talk about earthquake safety, said Collinsworth.

The club also has plans for a walk on the beach to talk about all the different rocks they find

there and a trip to a rock and mineral show, said Dr. Eric Baer, the club's faculty adviser.

"We may go visit the UW seismology lab," said Collin-

sworth.

Although they have many fun activities planned they are still short on members.

The club was just formed a



Carla Whittington

few weeks ago so they are having trouble bringing in members, said Collinsworth.

Forming a geology club was an easy decision for the club's president.

"Joh [Hurley, the club's president] and me were talking about taking our teacher down to the beach and asking him what all the rocks were and how they were formed," said Collinsworth. "Then he said 'Why don't you form a club?'"

The club studies many aspects of geology, including potential disasters.

"I like how relevant it is," said Carla Whittington, another geology professor. "The students can learn stuff in class then see it happen."

"I think risk is one of the coolest things about geology," said Bryanna Robbins, "knowing an earthquake could happen at any time."

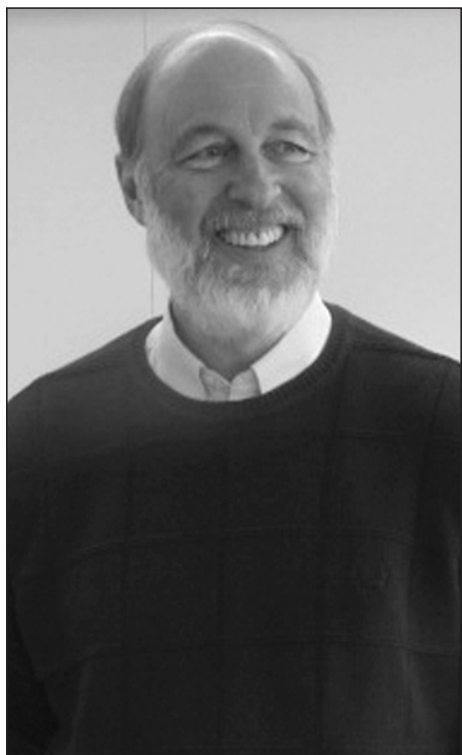
The club is for anyone who wants to learn about the earth.

"You could be an engineer, you could be a psych major, we all live on the same planet," said Robbins.

The Geology Club meets on Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Building 29, room 321.

"Geology rocks," said Robbins.

Highline professor co-authors book on caregiving



Chiara Burt/THUNDERWORD
Dr. Bob Baugher says that his experience with caretaking and grief helped him co-author his book.

By **BARBARA CAWLEY**
Staff Reporter

Highline psychology professor Dr. Bob Baugher has co-authored a new book for caretakers called *In the Midst of Caregiving*.

"It's for people who are taking care of a loved one, maybe an elderly parent, or maybe a child which has an illness that requires you to take care of them," said Dr. Baugher. "It's for people who don't get paid for it."

Both Dr. Baugher and his co-author, Dr. Darcie Sims, have experience with caretaking so they know how it feels, he said.

"A friend of mine had ALS [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis] and he came to live with us because he had no family," he said.

"In 1997 he arrived on our doorstep and he couldn't walk," said Dr. Baugher. "He had driven from LA but he couldn't get out of the car. The whole car smelled of urine since he couldn't get out to use the bathroom."

"I got his wheelchair, I got him inside, and I cleaned him up," said Dr. Baugher. "Then I took care of him, 24/7, for a month before I found a residential care facility for him."

"I love this guy but suddenly I felt trapped [having to take care of him]," he said.

"On the one hand I know how it feels to love somebody, on the other hand I know what it's like to feel trapped," said Dr. Baugher, who teaches a number of courses on grief, death and dying at Highline.

The book helps people understand they're not alone and the feelings they have are shared by everyone else who goes through this, said Dr. Baugher.

Thirty-five years ago, Dr. Darcie Sims and her husband had a 4-year-old daughter and an infant son.

When their son was a year old he was diagnosed with cancer and he died, said Dr. Baugher.

"Here they were, a young couple devastated with the loss of a child," said Dr. Baugher.

After a few years Dr. Sims was able

to find a support group and then, after a few years of participating in the support group, she was asked to give a talk about grief there, said Dr. Baugher.

"She did so well that she was asked to give another talk, then another, then another, and that's why she's famous," he said. "She's very good at what she does."

Despite all the personal experience and knowledge shared by Dr. Baugher and Dr. Sims it still took 3 years to finish the book.

"During dinner [after my last book was published] my wife goes 'So what's the next book?' Darcie said 'I've been thinking about writing a book on caregiving.'"

It took so long to write the book because Dr. Sims flies all over the place to give talks on grief, he said.

They kept the book short and easy to read, said Dr. Baugher. "We know people are stressed so we purposely kept it simple."

The book is entirely self-published and is available on Dr. Sims' website, www.GriefStore.com, and will soon be available on amazon.com for \$12.

Heritage University carves out a niche for students at Highline

By **BRIAN MAHAR**
Staff Reporter

Heritage University Seattle is offering a bachelor's degree in teaching at Highline Community College.

Heritage University is a private university that has a main campus in Toppenish and three regional locations. Heritage Seattle's previous location was at South Seattle Community College. At Highline, Heritage Seattle is the newest of the regional sites. The other two are in Tri-Cities and Moses Lake.

The bachelors in teaching degree through the Seattle location that may make it possible for students who work a full time job during the week and would like to keep their jobs.

"We offer a bachelor of arts in education degree that holds its classes during weekend evenings and online," said Heritage University Regional Director Connie Hedman.

Hedman said that Heritage is after a different student market.

"We [Heritage] want to offer students a different niche for furthering their education," she said. "We are here for students who work full time or have families and have limited schedules who want to earn their degree in teaching."

Heritage University requires students to have their associate of the arts degree under the

Direct Transfer Agreement to pursue their bachelor's degree in education.

"Students who receive a bachelor of arts in education earn a K-8 certification as well as an Early Language Learners certificate," Hedman said. "Our bachelor degree program is designed for students to pick up in their third year and become qualified to teach in an elementary school setting."

Classes are grouped into cohorts and average 11 students per class. Heritage classes are on a semester schedule that begins Sept. 6.

"We also offer a master's in teaching program out of our main campus in Toppenish or

online," Hedman said. "This program is designed for people who already have four-year degrees and want to teach."

The master's in teaching degree has been designed for students who wish to build their teaching credentials or transition into administration.

"We receive students with many different types of degrees from many different backgrounds who simply want to become teachers," Hedman said. "We have a commitment to people who want to further their education."

Several financial aid options are available to students through scholarships and loans.

"Students should understand

that Heritage tuition is separate from Highline's," Hedman said.

"We are a private university, with private university tuition."

The Heritage website has directions for applying for financial aid that could relieve more of the burden of the cost of tu-

ition and books through scholarships.

Enrollment for fall semester opens up in March. The application process for students is available online and is free for undergraduate admission. To apply, go to www.heritage.edu.

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International students adjust to life at Highline

By JEMIMAH KAMAU
Staff Reporter

International students who joined Highline this quarter have different views about their new environment.

Weather is one of the biggest changes that these students experienced.

"It's crazily different. In South Korea, unless it's summer time, it hardly rains. The rain there is like 90 percent less compared to here," said Jung Hwan Kim, who is also known as John.

"In Taiwan, we have winter but it's not too cold like here," said I-Hsun Lee, who is also known as Peter.

Judith Kabanga from Congo said that it's normally warm in her country and it doesn't rain everyday like in Seattle.

The rain in Seattle seems to interfere with some of the students' activities.

"I get irritated when it rains. I like playing outside and the rain keeps me off from playing," said Yu Sakamoto from Japan.

Other students don't appreciate the rain.

"It always rains in Seattle and I don't like that," said Kwai Shan Lam from Hong Kong.

"In Seattle, it rains every day. I hate it," said Myeong Pyo Hong from Korea.

Apart from the cold weather and the rainy days, getting used to the transport system in Seattle is also a challenge.

"It sucks here. It's not convenient at all. The buses take too long before they come," said Kwai Shan Lam.

"In Taiwan, there is better transport than in U.S. The problem here [in the U.S.] is the buses. You have to wait for more than an hour to get one. It's not convenient for me. In Washington, I need a car to circulate well and avoid being late for school," said I-Hsun Lee.

"Buses here take 30 minutes or one hour to arrive. In Korea, buses are like line A. We have buses every 10 minutes," said Jung Hwan Kim.

However, there are those who think that transport in Seattle is much better compared to what they had in their country.

"There are a lot of traffic jam and congestion in Thailand. But here, I don't see that. It's much better," said Chaiyaghahone Kuptanisahorn.

The consumption of fast food has also been debated by the new students.

Some don't worry about it and some eat it to avoid cooking.

"I like fast food because I am lazy and I don't want to cook," said Judith Kabanga.



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International students such as Kwai Shan Lam, left, Myeong Pyo Hong, Judith Kabanga, Jung Hwan Kim and Chaiyaghahone Kuptanisahorn say they like some things about Highline, but not Seattle weather.

But some think fast food is not nutritious at all.

"There is a lot of fast food in America which is not healthy. Even though we have McDonald's and Burger King in my country (Taiwan), eating fast food is not that common. We mostly eat rice, pork and cooked vegetable," said I-Hsun Lee.

Kwai Shan Lam explained why the consumption of fast food is lower in China compared to America.

"In Hong Kong, you will find people selling already cooked food along the streets, that's why people don't eat a lot of fast food," said Lam.

Even though new students don't seem to like the weather, transport and food in their new environment, Highline has pro-

vided the best learning conditions for them.

"I like small classes because I can talk to the teacher easily," said Yu Sakamoto from Japan.

"In class, we have group discussion. In Hong Kong, we only had a few talks in class," said Kwai Shan Lam.

"At Highline, students have freedom to talk to the professor in class and eat in class. In my country (Korea), no way. During the class, students don't say anything. They just listen and take notes," said Myeong Pyo Hong.

Yu Sakamoto said that he prefers the 50 minutes classes offered at Highline compared to the 90 minutes classes that were offered at his university in Japan.

"I think it's better to have shorter classes. Ninety minutes is very long and I get tired," said Sakamoto.

The new students find teachers at Highline full of energy and dedicated to their work.

"Teachers at Highline are interesting. In Taiwan, teachers will give the answers to a problem, so you have no chance to find it on your own. But at Highline, teachers will help you find the solution," said I-Hsun Lee.

"Teachers here are more open minded and outgoing. I can tell they have more energy than in Korea. They are less strict. Korean teachers are the opposite of this," said Jung Hwan Kim.

Studying in the U.S. gave

some students the chance to meet other students from other parts of the world.

"There are many people from different countries at Highline. In Thailand, you'll only find people from Thailand except in Bangkok, Pataya and another city that I can't remember the name," said Chaiyaghahone Kuptanisahorn.

Students have also noted how Americans interact and most of them said that Americans talk a lot.

"Americans are very talkative. They talk randomly to any stranger without any problem. I like that. In Korea, not unless you are interested in that person [stranger], we don't talk much," said Jung Hwan Kim.

"People here like to talk to you in the elevators and at the bus stop. In Hong Kong, people don't do that," said Kwai Shan Lam.

Other students have observed that people in the U.S are kinder and more patient compared to their fellow countrymen.

Myeong Pyo Hong said that in the U.S., people take time to try to understand what he says.

"In Hong Kong, if they don't understand your question, they just pass you," he added.

"In the U.S., people are more kind than in Japan. When I am lost, people help me find my way. In my country, no. Especially if you are a tourist, they will pass you," said Yu Sakamoto.

However, some students miss certain things from their countries.

"I miss sushi from my country. Food in Japan is more delicious than the one in Japanese restaurants here," said Sakamoto.

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Campus to install more cameras to help increase safety

By **BRANDON WOLFE**
Staff Reporter

Highline is planning to increase its surveillance at the beginning of Spring Quarter with the addition of one or two new cameras in the East Parking Lot.

The cameras on campus are here for the safety of the students, faculty, and staff of Highline said Denis Colgan, the executive director of Administrative technology.

Their job is to record what happens on campus and if something were to happen then Highline could have it on record to use as evidence.

The cameras are going to go into the East Parking Lot because it is a busy area due to all of the people that make their

way to and from their vehicles, in addition to those that cut through the parking lot to get to the bus stop.

Administrative Technology is responsible for the placement and installation of the new cameras, said Colgan.

The new cameras will be in addition to the two that have already been installed on the second floor of Building 29.

The cameras in Building 29 watch over the North and South parking lots. The south camera is mainly for watching the bus stop because of all the people that pass through it.

The north camera is for keeping an eye on cars in case of a situation that may involve security.

The new cameras will be an upgrade from the current ones



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Dennis Colgan says that new cameras will contribute to increasing safety at Highline.

and require different software tools for viewing compared to you average off-the-shelf web camera, Colgan said.

The new cameras will need

to have special features because they will be placed outside and have to deal with the changing weather. These features will include heaters for inclement

weather and management software tools for viewing, said Colgan.

The cameras not only need to have special features but, they will need to have a larger server space to record the higher quality images, Colgan said.

However the need for larger server space is not a problem for Administrative Technology because "there is no plan to archive any of these recorded images, only to maintain for two to four weeks," said Colgan.

These more advanced cameras come with their own price tag. The current price for the additional two cameras and installation is \$5,000, said Colgan.

Administrative Technology is aiming to have the cameras in by the start of Spring Quarter.

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non-education state services.

Despite the impact these cuts may have on people, it is said that budget negotiators thought that these were the most reasonable cuts to make.

This budget was made possible by ending the tax exemptions on mortgage interest for national banks and wind power generation equipment.

"[The budget] still needs to pass out of committee and the Senate, but this is good news," said Lisa Skari, Highline's vice president for institutional advancement. "Assuming it gets the votes and passes out of the Senate, the two [House and Senate] will need to work together to come up with a final bill for the Governor to sign."

The House budget proposal would cut as little as 2.7 percent, or \$15.5 million, from the higher education allocation.

"The governor's proposed supplemental budget would have cut \$79.3 million from the grand total," Roberts said.

However, expected budget cuts to higher education now have dropped from 15 percent to roughly 3 percent.

"The original 2011-13 budget included \$573.3 million for all 34 community and technical colleges," said Gregory Roberts, communication specialist for the House Democrat Caucus. "Appropriations to individual schools are determined by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges."

"At this point, the proposed reduction to higher education is about 3 percent but we don't have any information about how that specifically affects Highline," said Larry Yok, Highline

vice president for administration.

"We currently receive a little over \$20 million in operating

dollars from the state," Skari said. "The 3 percent cut is to the system, so the actual percentages to each college, and the State Board, will vary. We will not know the actual dollar amount until the final cut is determined and the State Board allocates it across the institutions."

Although no cuts would be ideal, Skari said, "This is a manageable cut."

How these cuts will manifest themselves at community colleges still remains to be seen. Tuition — which is independent of budget cuts — may continue to increase by as much as 12 percent next year.

Tuition is set by a nine-member, governor-appointed board, said McDowell. However, she said that the board will not be making any tuition decisions until after the legislative session ends.

Where the cuts will occur at Highline also remains to be seen.

"The college has not made any decisions as to where the cuts will be taken," Skari said. "This will occur after we know the actual amount of the cut."

Skari said that the college will evaluate programs and face some difficult questions.

"What are we trying to protect? Where can we find opportunities?" Skari said. Once the college has sorted out the answers to these questions, officials will determine where to cut.



Skari

In addition to fluctuation within higher education's budget, as well as looming tuition increases, other cuts in the budget could have an impact on higher education.

"The House budget did have a cut to the state need grant," said Skari.

Last year, Skari said, there was a need for more state money to help students attend college. The House budget, which cuts an additional \$10 million from the state need grant, may hinder some students' ability to attend college.

Some \$500 million in grants made available by the Obama Administration may help to offset some of the cuts.

This set of grants — made official on Monday — will work to create a partnership between community colleges and local businesses to train employees in practical skill sets that employers seek.

The series of grants is part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program.

"The Department intends to fund multi-year grants to eligible institutions for either developing new education and career training program strategies or for replicating existing evidence-based design, development, and/or delivery strategies for such programs," Skari said.

The \$500 million will be divided up by state — with each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia — each receiving about \$2.5 million, which will go to eligible institutions that have applied for and won a grant.

"In addition to grants of \$2.5 to \$3 million to individual applicants, the Department intends to fund grants of \$5 million to

\$15 million to consortium applicants that propose programs that will impact TAA-eligible workers and other adults across a state, region or regions, industry sector or cluster of related industries," Skari said.

Skari said that it is likely that Highline will apply for a portion of this competitive grant, though what that application will look like is still being discussed.

"They are really looking for significant impact," Skari said. "It is too soon to know if the college will identify a competitive proposal, and if that would be part of a consortium or not."

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, said that proper management of taxpayer money — which the government has a responsibility to spend wisely — includes funding higher education.

"We must reinvest in our education system, in our workers, in our nation's infrastructure and in the development of clean en-

ergy technologies that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil," said Sen. Cantwell.

"By making these important investments today and helping revitalize our economy, we can leave our children with prosperity not debt."

"As a member of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee I will continue to work with President Obama and with my colleagues to draft legislation that strikes the right balance in how we collect and spend federal tax dollars so we can leave more than debt to the next generation," Sen. Cantwell said. "It is critical that we carefully evaluate all spending proposals that come before the U.S. Congress; we have to focus on investing taxpayer dollars wisely."



Sen. Cantwell

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Black and white,” said student Adam Carter.

“African-American, Caucasian, and Italian. Nobody else,” said Ben Burdette.

“African-American and most Republicans are white,” said Bryanna Robbins.

“Caucasian. Oh, Obama, so I guess you could say African-American,” said Renita Ham-pel.

Only 13 percent of students surveyed said they knew what races would be on the ballot.

“Presidential election, that’s the only one I can think of,” said

Eric Mandelas.

“Presidential. I do believe we already had the senatorial/representative ones, but I might be wrong on that,” said Elizabeth Lewis.

Some 62 percent of students say they are not even registered to vote.

“No I am not, I’ve been too busy,” said Joseph Park.

“No, I’ve never done that before so I don’t know how,” said Hoi Duong.

However, 60 percent of students say they plan to vote in the upcoming election.

“Yeah, definitely,” said Highline student Aman Fisse-haye.

“Hell yeah,” said Miski Os-man.

Most students say they know who they want to vote for.

Some 39 percent of students say they will vote to re-elect Barack Obama in the upcoming election.

“I would probably vote for Obama,” said Simone Elbrecht. “To me he seems like the best candidate right now.”

“[I would vote for] Obama, because he represents a people who were once considered lesser men. So now he is leading a country of people who have no choice but to see him as a man of equal value if not greater value,” said Jamaar Smiley.

Some 16 percent of students say they will vote for a Republican candidate while 13 percent say they will vote for a Demo-

cratic candidate. Six percent of students said they will vote for Mitt Romney, three percent said they will vote for Ron Paul while only one percent said they will vote for Newt Gingrich.

Some students have unique opinions about who to vote for.

“Uh... Arnold Schwarzenegger,” said Keanu Plymale.

“Short answer: I need to run for president. At least [things] will get done,” said Matt Johnson, “Or maybe Ron Paul.”

“If Ralph Nader runs, him. Obama hasn’t done enough and there’s no way in hell I’m voting Republican,” said Madison Fortney.

“I’d vote for Mitt Romney, I don’t like him, but I’d vote for him,” said Highline student

Coleby, who declined to give her last name.

However 21 percent of students do not know who they want to vote for.

“I don’t know who’s running, probably a chick. I don’t know if there is a chick who is running, but if there was, I’d vote for her,” said Noel Allen.

“Honestly, I have no clue because I am not really into politics. I don’t even know who’s running for presidency,” said Brenda Landin. “All I know is that Obama is president.”

Reporters Barbara Cawley, Zachary Ginther-Hutt, Gabi Paulson, Kaley Ishmael, Brandon Wolfe, and Jemimah Kam-au contributed to this story

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on Spokane and eastern Washington this time around.

The Washington caucuses are being held only three days before “Super Tuesday,” when voters in 10 states will choose among the Republican presidential contenders.

But with the nomination very much in doubt, Washington’s caucuses are more important than usual, with 40 delegates at stake.

State Republican Party officials say they expect record turnouts ranging from 25,000-60,000 people attending.

The locations of caucuses are based on the precinct in which you live. Washington GOP officials encourage voters to arrive half an hour early with their voter identification cards in hand. Without the cards, you won’t be checked in.

Voters do not need to be registered Republicans, but they need to sign a form stating they “consider themselves Republican” and promise not to participate in any other party’s caucus.

To find where your precinct caucus will be held, you can go to wsrpcaucus.tumblr.com/caucuslocator. Simply select your county and follow directions to find your precinct name.

At the caucuses, voters meet by precinct, choosing among themselves as to who will represent the precinct at the next level, with delegates pledged to one candidate.

Delegates elected there continue on to legislative district, county and state conventions, where the process is repeated. Delegates elected at the state convention will attend the national Republican convention this summer. Delegates also debate and vote on party platforms, which are statements of the party’s general principles.

Retail training program ringing up customers

By **BRIAN MAHAR**
Staff Reporter

Many employees of major grocers and retailers are choosing Highline for the education needed to advance their careers into management roles.

Highline is now offering a newly endorsed Retail Management Certification Program that will prepare students with up-to-date worker training that could likely boost their careers or turn into a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree.

The Retail Management Certificate Program was endorsed last year by the Western Association of Food Chains.

“The program, endorsed by the Western Association of Food Chains, has become a highly sought after certificate program for employees in the grocery and retail business,” said Highline Business Professor Meg Ryan. “Many retailers who use the program are paying for the education of their own employees.”

“Highline is one of 10 local community colleges approved to offer this program,” said Ryan. “This offering has catapulted Highline in becoming one of the more popular choices among local retailers.”

The Western Association of Food Chains was established in 1921 and is dedicated to the educational advancement of its employees through the program.

“They [the Western Association of Food Chains] are partnering up with other technical and community colleges,” Ryan said. “There are four other schools pending in the agreement.”

The program is supported by major grocers and retailers such as Safeway, Albertson’s, Costco, Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

“Retailers feel that putting



Meg Ryan

their employees who are seeking advancement benefit from this by learning the tools they need to succeed in leadership roles,” Ryan said.

“At first we were getting maybe two students in the program and would have to cancel classes,” Ryan said. “With the newly endorsed program, we are full with 28 students.”

“I would say that about 98 percent of the students enrolled in the program are from the grocery business,” she said.

The Retail Management Certificate Program offers a 10-class certification that offers flexibility to its students.

“All classes are offered online,” said Ryan. “I have students that are living in Alaska.”

By offering this program mainly online, Ryan said that increases the likelihood for more businesses to use Highline as the school of choice for their employees.

“This is a fast-paced environment,” Ryan said. “We work very closely with retailers to ensure an enriched curriculum.”

“We have a very reciprocal working relationship [with grocers],” she said.

Ryan said that many students see this as an opportunity for advancement.

“I really don’t see a downside to the program,” Ryan said.

“Some of these students already have four-year degrees,” Ryan said, “while some get into school and see it as motivation

for more.”

“Those who choose to can continue on with the program and turn their certification into a two-year degree,” Ryan said.

Many of the retailers and grocers who participate in the program are paying for their employees to enroll.

“Many of the major grocers are paying the full tuition as well as covering the cost of books,” Ryan said.

“I think it’s great that these retailers are offering their employees the benefit of furthering their education and skills,” Ryan said. “Being able to come away with a certificate or con-

tinue toward a two-year degree and have both I think is a good thing.”

The program is currently being offered as a one year certificate or a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree.

“Maybe one day down the road there will be an articulation agreement that will offer this also as a four-year degree.”

For more information about the Retail Management Certification Program visit Highline’s General Business Program on the web at <http://business.highline.edu> where you can gain access to this and other business offerings.

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where they both died from their wounds.

The shoot-out occurred shortly after 8 p.m. Dozier was a one-time member of the Bloods gang in West Seattle, but friends say he was turning his life around.

Originally from Sacramento, California, Dozier grew up in a broken home where he freely admitted that his father was a pimp and his mother was a prostitute. He was exposed to the gang culture at an early age before moving to Seattle.

Here, Dozier sold drugs and later went to a prison where he served a five-year sentence in the Washington State Department of Corrections.

Dozier was released from prison last year and enrolled in Highline's Personal Fitness Trainer Program last spring. He was just about to graduate from the program.

Tim Vagen, manager of the Personal Fitness Trainer Program, said that Dozier was dedicated to the program, and well on his way to being a trainer.

"It's a big loss to our program," Vagen said. "He was great to have in class."

Darin Smith, the coordinator of Highline's Physical Education Department, said Dozier "definitely will be missed."

"Lucky was trying to change his life and get a new career," Smith said of Dozier.

"There wasn't a person on this campus who didn't like him," Vagen said. "He cared about everybody."

As a fitness trainer, Smith said Dozier "didn't want to work with muscle bound guys," but had plans to become a fitness trainer working with disabled children and older adults, people who are in the most need of his help.

"Those hopes and plans have been cut short," Smith said.

Hendricks was an original member of the 74 Hoover Crips in Seattle, which originated in Los Angeles. He had a criminal record dating back to 1987, which included drug possession and possession of an illegal fire arm. An anonymous ATF gang task force member said, "He was definitely one of the more feared gangsters in Seattle."

Seattle Police are asking for witnesses to come forward.

Police have said they will increase patrols in and around the areas in Rainier Valley where violent acts have occurred.

Dozier's funeral service is scheduled for today.

Reporters Michael McDonald Jr., Alisa Gramann and Ben Friedland contributed to this story.

Two years later: Highline's whale makes it home

By JORDAN TASCA
Staff Reporter

After nearly two years of preparation and more than 2,000 hours of volunteer help from Highline staff and students, the Marine Science and Technology center will finally be unveiling its whale of an exhibit this Saturday.

Rus Higley, a marine biology instructor and the manager of the Marine Science and Technology center at Redondo, talked about the processes he went through in taking on such a mammoth project. He spoke during Science Seminar, a weekly series of forums on scientific topics here on campus last Friday.

"The whale actually made international news because of the trash that was found in its stomach," he said.

Biology experts found 3 percent of the whale's stomach contents to be trash, mainly

bags and single-use plastic bags. This was not the cause of death, however.

"Gray whales are a filter feeding, or baleen feeding whale. They go into the shallow areas or intertidal waters where they lay on their side and suck up large amounts of sand with their mouths," Higley said. "They then blow the sand out and eat the sand shrimp and other critters that are left."

Dr. Robert Ettlinger, a whale specialist and rheumatologist who has been performing an autopsy on the whale, said he believes the cause of death was calcification, stiffness, and injuries to bones.

Dr. Ettlinger found that vertebra 8 and 9 were fused together revealing a serious back injury. The whale also had idiopathic arthritis and a nasty tail injury. The biggest contributor that he found was disease.

Higley began the project in April 2010 when he received

a call that the body of a gray whale had been found on Arroyo Beach in West Seattle.

After federal agents signed the carcass over to Higley, he immediately sent an email out to all the friends and faculty of the MaST Center, asking for volunteers.

More than 50 volunteers helped with the process that he estimated would have required \$20,000 to pay for.

"The tongue was over 800 pounds alone," he added with a slide show that revealed very long and difficult pulling of whale blubber up the beach.

In order to save time and money, Higley brought the bones to a farm where he laid them out on horse manure and buried them. This was required in order to remove the last amounts of tissue still attached to them. The bones were dug up a month later, sun dried, scrubbed, and then left for another month.

"The sun bleaches them clean," Higley said. "We were very close to letting them sit on the top of a Highline building before we decided to use hydrogen peroxide to finish the job."

The 40-foot skeleton made its final move to Highline's MaST center last week for unveiling this Saturday.

"The Marine Science and Technology center will have a 50-foot, blow-up whale that you can actually go inside of," Rus Higley said.

This along with the erected whale bones and some other exhibits will be open to the public this weekend, March 3. The center is located on Redondo Beach Drive South in Des Moines.

Science Seminar returns this Friday with a popular and annual event called the Chemistry Show. Marie Nguyen and Heather Price will host it this week in Building 7 and it begins at 2:20 p.m.

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