Student dies in car crash

By Thunderword Staff

Highline’s Hip Hop Club members plan to honor their late former president at a dance summit next week.

Hip Hop Summit 2013: In Loving Memory of Asha Salim will be held on May 17 on the first floor of the Student Union from 4-11 p.m.

Asha Salim, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene.

For many of Salim’s former club members, honoring her at the Hip Hop Summit will be particularly poignant.

“I remember in one conversation recently before her passing, she told me one of her biggest dreams was to do the Hip Hop Summit,” said Keyonti Hilliard, a former Highline student who also worked with Salim at Fred Meyer.

“She was really ecstatic about having the chance to have [ran] her own battle,” said Tom Duong, a friend and event planner of the summit.

“I felt as if to make myself feel at ease, to make it up to her [and] to grasp who she is, [would be to] make it just the way she would want it,” Duong said.

More than 100 people attended Salim’s funeral last Friday afternoon.

“She had a welcoming heart and to see her at her funeral was something no one could handle … we are all torn up by this,” said Highline student and friend Najma Mire.

“She was a free-spirited person and was there for everybody,” said Michelle Valdez.

Valdez said that the one thing she will miss most about Salim is her contagious smile because when Salim smiled, she smiled too.

“She gave me a social life,” said Valdez.

Salim was “bubbly, energetic, outgoing … always had a smile,” said Michael Fields, who met Salim through Hip Hop Club.

Fields knew Salim for almost two years and they met every Monday and Thursday to dance in the Student Union.

Salim was the type of person who “wanted everyone to have a good day,” said Ethel Gumin, a friend who’s known Salim since.

Friends of Salim held a vigil for her last Friday evening.

Profs fondly remember Baez

By Erika Wigren

Staff Reporter

Students, staff and faculty are mourning the death of 24-year-old Highline student Justine Baez.

On April 21, Baez was killed by her boyfriend, 27-year-old Highline student Dennis Clark III, in a domestic dispute before he went on a rampage and killed three others.

The shootings occurred at the Pinewood Village Apartments in Federal Way.

When police arrived on the scene, Clark had already killed Baez as well as 23-year-old Cesar Valdovinos, 62-year-old Roland Scober, and 47-year-old Bradley Fischer.

The Federal Way Police Department said that Clark reached for a weapon and was subsequently shot and killed by officers.

English professor Susan Rich said she was sad to hear the fate of Baez who she had had in her

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The race is on for student elections

By Racquel Arceo

Staff Reporter

Leadership of Highline’s Student Government for the 2013-2014 school year will be determined over the next week. At stake are the offices of president and vice president.

The candidates will be campaigning all over campus, in hopes of gaining votes.

Voting will be strictly online and will open on May 15 at 8:30 am. and close on May 16 at midnight. Voting stations will be available in the Student Union during regular hours.

The online ballot will feature all of the candidates and include links to each of their personal statements and letters of endorsement.

Those running include:

Miac Vichitnand:
Candidate for President

As he runs for Student Government, second-year Highline student Micah Vichitnand, says he has an “unwarranted dedication” to Highline.

“I love this school, it helped to challenge me a lot and I hope to help it as much as possible,” Vichitnand said.

Previously the president of Choir Club, Vichitnand is touting his leadership experience.

Vichitnand said that he learned early on that not everyone is willing to take on the responsibility of leading others.

“I decided to run because I think there is a lack of people willing and able to take on leadership positions,” said Vichitnand.

Vichitnand said his skill
Accepting culture is crucial, says prof

By Dariana Young
Staff Reporter

The Intercultural Center is a safe place on campus where students can meet to discuss diversity, a communication instructor said last week.

Teeda Foxworth told appropriately students at a Global Live presentation that culture is important in both home and work settings, that it’s important to understand one’s background. Melding pot is a metaphor she uses to describe blending cultures. It is important to bond with others, and to address issues to understand one another, Foxworth said.

“What is culture? Culture is tradition, value, beliefs and norms. It is not about color or race. The hardest part most people have is figuring out what culture is,” Foxworth said.

Communication is creating an understanding of what people are saying, she said.

“I look at salience as an ingredient. The more of the ingredient you put in will affect the outcome,” Foxworth said.

“How much of our culture effects our communication?” she asked.

Pop culture such as movies, television, books, and the Internet became popular because people participated.

To culture is influencing people’s lives, Foxworth said.

“So many of us are logging on and tuning in that we begin to discuss and believe that everything [that] is said is true,” she said.

There are two key elements to better understanding one’s culture.

One is to have a better understanding of one’s self and the other is to be able to learn about others without stereotyping, Foxworth said.

“Gaining a sense of culture is important, get-up get out and become a better communicator,” she said.

“It was an eye-opener, very motivating,” said Highline student Elizabeth Kim of the lecture.

To find out about more Intercultural Center events call 206-592-4350.

Congressman holds Town Hall on campus

Rebecca Starkey/Thunderword

U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, D-North District, visits Highline for a town hall meeting. Approximately 140 people attend the meeting, including Highline President Dr. Jack Bermingham, to listen and express their concerns. Rep. Smith briefly presents on the topic of income inequality in the United States and expresses his view on how the middle class should be maintained. Constituents ask questions and comment on issues such as health care, immigration, education, the deficit and the military.

The book explores from a child’s perspective the lifestyle changes of a Vietnamese family that moves to America. Books will be provided for the first 50 students who show up.

Contact committee members Chera Amlag at camlag@highline.edu or Noory Kim at nkim@highline.edu for any questions about any of the events.

Corrections

An article in the May 2 issue erroneously linked the rate of black incarceration to a lack of education.

The speaker’s intent was to show that the way census data is collected increasingly does not reflect the realities of the black condition in the United States. Another article should have said that the Life SLED club meetings would be in Building 8, room 302. The name and position of the Speaker of the Caucus of Student Government, Annie Boyenne, were written incorrectly in an article. The Speak Out event was a collaboration between Boyenne and Student Government.

Elect student body officials next week

Voting for student body candidates start Wednesday, May 15 at 8 a.m.

Student candidates are running for president and vice president.

The voting will last until midnight on May 16. To vote, go to bob.highline.edu/edulecasts.

Students to survey cars in East Lot

Students from an environmental science class will be surveying cars in the East Parking Lot on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30-6 p.m.

Students will be noting the make, model and year of the cars on their clipboards for a research project on fuel usage.

No information on owners or drivers will be recorded.

Post a sign on the car window with the make, model and year to avoid students observing for too long.

Discuss new medicine, biology

“New Medicine and the Business of Biology: Immunotherapy, Stem Cells and 3-D Bioprinting” is the topic of tomorrow’s Science Seminar and will be presented by biology instructor Sam Shabb.

For those interested, the seminar will be from 2:20-3:23 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Celebrate Asians, Pacific Islanders

Multicultural Affairs is celebrating the fourth annual Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the theme “The Perpetual American: Becoming Home” this week until next Tuesday.

Thursday, May 9:

Writer Mia Mingus will present “Creating What We Need and Finding Home” and discuss her story as a queer disabled activist.

Uwajumoku is the founding director of the Pacific Islander Student Commission at the University of Washington and taught ethnic studies at the University of California-Berkeley.

He is working on completing his doctorate.

Tuesday, May 14:

A campuswide book reading on The Gangster We Are All Looking For by Le Thi Diem Thuy runs from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Mount Skokomish room of Building 8.

An instructor’s record player was stolen from Building 26 when she left it unattended on Thursday, May 2.

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Federal Way Coalition hosts race against human trafficking

By Lindsey Tyson
Staff Reporter

A 5K event to raise funds for the Federal Way Coalition Against Trafficking will be hosted on May 18 by the Advancing Leadership program.

Advancing Leadership hopes to bring together emerging leaders from across the city for intensive leadership training and in-depth examination of key community components. Each class is involved with the program from September through May and spends a portion of the months planning a team project.

This year the program chose to support FWCAT by holding a 5K event in which participants may bike, walk or scoot.

“I think this project touched all of our hearts and emotions,” Hall, Advancing Leadership member, said. “It will leave a lasting impact on the community.”

Hall said the primary goal for the event is to raise awareness of the human trafficking happening in the city. The secondary goal is to raise funds to support FWCAT.

The event will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $15 for one adult and $30 for families. Registration online at advancingleadership.givezooks.com/events/fwcwcat-break-the-chains.
Alcohol thefts may need an attack plan

An increase in thefts since Washington voters determined that the state should no longer control liquor sales has prompted the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to ask that stores now be required to report all liquor thefts so that a plan to curb the problem can be developed.

It was June 1, 2012 that Washington state closed all state-run liquor stores. Washington voters had decided with Initiation 1183 to make liquor available at state-owned and privately owned stores.

However, with convenience in travel comes a negative assumption that was made by the staff of Dry Fly’s said he before I-1183 was passed he was worried of legitimate sales tax collection and an increasing black market focused on theft and resale of spirits,” he said.

One of the few good things that the transition provided was convenience because now all one has to do is go to their local grocery store to purchase whatever alcohol they want.

With this much theft surrounding the transition from state-run liquor stores to privately owned stores selling alcohol; it has led some to believe that we were better off with state-run liquor stores since the increased access is causing too many problems.

“As a result of the passage of I-1183, we believe significant amounts of spirits are being diverted from legitimate sales and unlawfully making their way into the community,” Ed Holmes, Mercer Island police chief and head of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs wrote in a letter to the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

“This is resulting in increased access to alcohol by youth under 21 years of age, secondary unlawful sales of spirits, loss of legitimate sales tax collection and an increasing black market focused on theft and resale of spirits,” he said.

One of the few good things that the transition provided was convenience because now all one has to do is go to their local grocery store to purchase whatever alcohol they want.

However, with convenience in travel comes a negative regarding price.

Many stores are now charging more for alcohol than liquor stores in the past.

Dry Fly Distilling in Spokane is an example.

In an article by theSunBreak, Kent Fleischmann, co-owner of Dry Fly’s said be before 1-1183 was passed he was worried that prices would be driven up by retailers and distributors and he was right.

After I-1183 passed Dry Fly’s 750-milliliter bottle of gin and vodka went from $29.95 to $34.99, said Fleischmann.

With all the problems that have taken place since the switch from state-run liquor stores to privately-owned stores, we would be better off going back to state-run stores so that there would be less theft and cheaper prices.

Letters to the editor

Abortion debate isn’t so black and white

Dear Editor: I am writing to you in response to the May 2 edition of The Thunderword, in which Aleah Hatch responded to Ian Morris’s comments about being anti-woman.

I believe both parties have convincing arguments.

Ian is wrong to call Aleah “anti-woman.”

However, Aleah is wrong in assuming abortion is the true problem.

I agree that life begins at conception, but this issue goes deeper than that.

If we start giving control of abortion to the government, who gets to decide whether or not, I, as a woman, get to have an abortion?

If I became pregnant tomorrow, I can’t say whether or not I would choose an abortion, because I am not financially or mentally ready for pregnancy or raising a child.

If the government wants to make abortion illegal, then they need to give women who don’t want a child options.

1. There should be laws for taking care of women.

If the pro-life people want their way, then they should come up with a way for women to support themselves and their future children.

2. Pro-life people need to be pro-birth control as well.

If more birth control was available, there wouldn’t be people in need of abortions to begin with.

Ultimately, for now, getting an abortion should be my choice, as a woman.

Even if I believe life begins at conception, it’s my body, and it’s nobody else’s business what I decide to do with it.

Madison Fortney
Highline Student

Abortion debate isn’t so black and white

Dear Editor: I am writing in response to the article [titled, Lack of education leading to higher incarceration rates for blacks], published on May 2.

I feel this title is misleading and highly problematic.

I attended this talk and I am fairly certain that Dr. Pettit never stated that education leads to incarceration for blacks.

Basically, I think this is an assumption that was made by the reporter.

In your article, you go on to repeat this statement, attribute it to Dr. Pettit, and not actually quote her.

This is problematic for many reasons; including the fact that you are quoting someone for saying something that was actually never said.

Most importantly, this oversimplification of a serious social issue creates the impression that a lack of education is the only reason that blacks are overly-represented in the prison system (and perhaps that this is even their fault).

Dr. Pettit focused more on the tools we use to collect data and some of the limitations of them.

She never really got into the causes.

Perhaps a follow-up to this article could focus on some of the reasons why people of color find themselves incarcerated at higher levels.

This article could explore issues such as racism, classism, racial profiling, and mandatory sentencing, the privatization and expansion of the prison-industrial complex, and racial disparities in ruling and sentencing, etc.

Sunny Ybarra
Coordinator Running Start/ Multicultural Affairs
**Weekly SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

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

1. Olive or emerald ___ ___ ___ N From Athens ___ ___ ___ K
2. Rectangle ___ ___ ___ B Dark tea ___ O ___ ___
3. Sheriff’s team ___ ___ ___ S Composure ___ I ___ ___
4. Middy meal ___ ___ ___ L Gut feeling H ___ ___
5. Kite rope ___ ___ ___ I Powerful ___ O ___ ___
6. Delaware’s capital ___ ___ ___ O Pearl-ooyster collector ___ I ___ ___
7. Kitchen cabinet ___ ___ ___ N Bakery good ___ S ___ ___
8. Rapid ___ ___ ___ W Change gears H ___ ___
9. Trend ___ ___ ___ Z Long-necked bird ___ N ___ ___
10. Football maneuver ___ ___ ___ A Make you laugh ___ I ___ ___

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

**BY HENRY BOLTONOFF**

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**Crossword 101**

By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)

**Etched In Stone**

Across
1. Pop icon?
6. “No prob!”
11. 1/24 case
14. Milk top, once
15. Cowboy’s lasso
16. GI’s entertainer
17. Lake Stone
19. Tach measure
20. “Gotcha!”
21. Distributes
23. Prepare to fight!
26. Sounding wowed
27. Compels
28. John, Sean or Julian
30. Writer Dinesen
31. Sportscaster Jim
32. 3.14 or 4.0
35. Little john?
36. Like Dalmatians
38. ‘60s battleground
39. Storm center
40. Congress staffers
41. “Molto ___!”
42. Antacid brand
44. Makes into confetti
46. Where spirits meet?
48. Central New York tribe
49. ___ blanche
50. Newborn
52. Boat with a double standard?
53. DPW’s stone
58. 1 or 66: Abbr.
59. Not worth ___
60. Give right of way
61. Word on a gift tag
62. “Ransom” actress Rene
63. Daggers of yore

Down
1. Angel dust, briefly
2. Ending for ranch or canyon
3. Author
4. Schlemiel
5. Post-workout words
6. Become apparent
7. 1980 NFL MVP
8. A shirt tag may tickle it
9. “Thanks, but I already ___”
10. Forgive
11. Canadian stone
12. Colorado ski city
13. Chinese food request
18. Swing-set set
22. “I get it now!”
23. Use TurboTax
24. “You have ___ in the matter!”
25. Cemetery stone
26. ___ in a blue moon
28. Type of paint
29. M.D.’s who may cure snoring
31. Aborted, at NASA
33. 2008 Beijing Olympics mascot
34. Totally unkn... 36. It’s touched by the thumb
37. Lose lust...
41. United Kingdom
43. Worker on the mound?
44. Bump in the road
45. Eight English kings
46. Boa
47. Kept an ___ the ground
48. ___ a good start
49. Citizens: Suffix
51. Nice negatives
52. Victory sign
53. Eleven starters
55. Group in Utah
56. Group in Utah
57. Gp. in Utah

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Softball team advances to playoffs

By Zach Stemm  Staff Reporter

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The tournament will take place in Building 28 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

In this tournament, they will have three levels to it (beginners, intermediate, and advance) instead of five.

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Highline serves up another table tennis tournament

By Sam Johnson  Staff Reporter

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In the beginners level, Daniel Green took first, Colin Kim came in second, and Nicolay Pekhotin finished with third.

In the intermediate level, Nick Cheng took first, Long Liu came in second, and Zoan Wang finished with third.

In the advanced level, Kyle Kim took first, Long Liu came in second, and Binh Pham finished with third.
Student hanging up her dancing shoes

By Racquel Arceo  
Staff Reporter

Laura Walsh and Peter Marriott (center) dance a Viennese waltz with the Pacific Ballroom Dance, a dance company based in Auburn, at a spring concert.

“Cue the Donna Summers music: graduation may signal one Highline student’s Last Dance.”

After performing with Pacific Ballroom Dance for six years, high school senior and second-year running start student at Highline, Laura Walsh says she might be done.

Next year Walsh will be attending Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, Idaho.

“I might take a few dance classes when I go to BYU, Idaho but I think after this year I might be done,” said Walsh.

With a part-time job and school, Walsh said she hasn’t had time to compete as much as she has in the past.

“Just busy with school and trying to graduate,” she said.

Walsh discovered ballroom dance from her older siblings.

“My older brother and my older sister did it and they really loved it so it seemed fun,” she said.

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Walsh has learned an assortment of dances through the years, but she said one of her favorites was one that she learned this year.

“This year the dance I did at nationals, it’s called ‘Angels and Demons’, it’s probably the most memorable because I’ve worked on it more than any other dance I’ve ever worked on. I put a lot of work into that dance,” Walsh said.

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“I teach friends dance for fun sometimes. People randomly ask me to teach them stuff, I don’t realize how hard it is until I’m trying to teach them,” said Walsh.

Aside from dancing, Walsh sings for Decatur High School’s concert choir.

“I’ve worked so long I don’t let it stop me,” Walsh said. “I don’t let it stop me.”

Walsh said her favorite dance is the waltz.

“It’s a dance where you really have to connect with your partner. Well, it’s the dance of love and passion so it’s fun to fake that sometimes,” said Walsh.

There are two different main types of shoes. There’s your standard shoes, which is like a really basic heel that is used for ballroom dancing, then there’s Latin shoes, Walsh said.

“The Latin shoes are better looking, but the standard shoes are more comfortable,” she said.

Pacific Ballroom Dance’s season runs through the school year during which the group gets the opportunity to perform in different competitions.

“We go to nationals every year which is in Provo, Utah. Then there’s smaller competitions in the area. There’s one called Scarlett Star Ball. Those are the main ones,” said Walsh.

This year, at nationals, Pacific Ballroom Dance brought home a plethora of awards but Walsh said that it isn’t new for them.

“At nationals you can go with your team or as a couple with a partner, when they announce the finals it is, like, all Pacific Ballroom Dance, every time,” Walsh said.

When performing, Walsh and the rest of the group, dress in extravagant costumes covered in sequins, sparkles and bright colors.

“My favorite costume, I’m not actually in the dance but my team does it, it’s white and has blue trimming, it’s really simple but when they pull it down, it’s this bright pink, completely sequenced, dress,” said Walsh.

Walsh said she enjoys performing with Pacific Ballroom Dance and getting the opportunity to meet new people.

“A lot of my closest friends I’ve met through there,” she said.

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“Singing, dancing and hanging out with my friends takes up most of my free time,” Walsh said.

With the season coming to a close in June, there aren’t any more competitions but Pacific Ballroom Dance will be hosting a concert You Can’t Stop the Beat.

“We prepare [for the concert] basically the entire year,” said Walsh. The concert will be from May 31–June 1 at the Auburn Performing Arts Center.

Ticket prices right now are at $12 for evening ticket and $10 for Saturday matinee, “but the prices will go up as it gets closer to the event,” Walsh said.

Tickets can be purchased at pacificballroom.org.
Renton Civic Theatre is at 507 S Third \( \text{ets} \) cost $10. The address of the Day at the Renton Civic Theatre. 

Show opens on Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m. Order tickets at: rentoncivic...information, call 206-242-5180.

Centerstage Theatre is at 3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way. For more information, visit the centerstagetheatre...com or call 253-661-1444.

Act I Theatre Quilters will run May 9-12, while the Two-Year College Music Department Festival alongside six other community colleges on May 17 in Bremerton. The festival is an all-day event in Olym...College that starts at noon and ends approximately at 6 p.m.

Some of the colleges that will be participating include Clark, Wenas, and Skagit community colleges. Centerstage will showcase the rock 'n' roll hits of the '50s, '60s and '70s, arranged by David Duvall. The program will run May 10-12, 1444. Mary in Federal Way. For more information, visit act1theatrepro.com or call 425-226-5529.

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Staff Reporter

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Highline seeks new Employee of the Year

By Jawaahir Omar
Staff Reporter

Highline has extended its deadline for its 2013 Employee of the Year nominations to May 17 at 5 p.m.

Each year, the college recognizes a permanent classified, professional and administrative staff member who has gone above and beyond in their department, a person who continues to bring in substantial performances in and day out.

This year’s winner will receive $1,500 cash award from the Highline Community College Foundation and be announced at the Faculty and Staff Spring Luncheon on June 13.

Any Highline student, student, faculty member, or administrator can make nominations. Nomination letters should address the following criteria:

• What sets the employee apart from his/her co-workers
• Specific achievements and impact
• Working relationships with others in his/her department

Highline Community College’s institutional Research Department does not track students registered at Highline who would be covered by House Bill 1079.

Valenzuela said he hopes that the demand for a reform continues to grow and that the goal of humane immigration reform is someday realized.

“Immigrant communities have transitioned from being a minority to being a majority in this country. We speak English and have grown into this country’s norms and traditions,” Valenzuela said.

“We pay taxes, yet we aren’t considered American because of some number or status. The reform would change that,” he said.

Exhibit shows the struggle of Asian-American Pacific Islanders

By Bailey Williams
Staff Reporter


“His description was passed on to the Des Moines Police Department, said Noyer.

“The safety of persons on our campus is our No. 1 priority,” said Curtis. “If you see this individual in the act of committing a crime, do not approach or engage him.”

Owners of vehicles with back-lift mounted spare tires are urged to secure their tires tightly with a lock or mounting them with bolts.

“His name is not hitting Highline. This has happened within a 20-25 mile radius of campus, also,” said Noyer.

For any questions or concerns, contact Campus Safety at 206-592-3218 or ext. 3911 from any campus phone.

Callers can remain anonymous if they prefer.
Infamous Civil War participants crossed paths in this area first

By Nathan Brewster
Staff Reporter

An international incident in 1859 between Great Britain and the United States that took place here on the Puget Sound had very civil overtones. The incident involved the killing of a pig and two of the major players would gain infamy in the slaughter of the American Civil War.

Michael Vouri, the chief of interpretation and historians for Fort Steilacoom National Historical Park, told a group of 30 people at the History Seminar on May 1 about the Pig War and the different paths two of the American participants would take a few years later.

In the late 1850s, the border between the United States’ Oregon Territory and Great Britain’s British North America was in dispute. Both countries claimed the San Juan Islands and settlers from each side walked a delicate tightrope, not knowing what might prompt an international incident.

So when a pig owned by a British company was killed by an American farmer as it rooted in his vegetable garden in early 1859, the shot touched off a mini war. The Americans sent a young captain named George Pickett to prepare fortifications on San Juan Island and James Alden was the captain of the ship that would be Pickett’s main link to reinforcements at Fort Steilacoom just south of what is now Tacoma.

“The British responded to the United States occupying the San Juan Islands with warships,” Vouri said.

The dispute would go on for 12 years and the only casualty in the war was the pig, but for Pickett and Alden, greater infamy would lie in the looming American Civil War that would begin in 1861.

As American officers were forced to choose up sides for that conflict, Pickett and Alden took divergent paths on the road to war.

Some officers had to make the decision whether to stay with the US army or switch over to the Confederacy,” Vouri said.

For Pickett, his decision was made once his native Virginia seceded from the Union.

“Pickett was to be removed of power after switching to the Confederacy,” Vouri said.

Pickett returned to Fort Steilacoom and took a leave of absence from the army but would later deal information to James Douglas, the British governor of the colony of Vancouver Island, Vouri said.

Douglas wanted Pickett to eventually take over and keep the camp on San Juan Island as an important base of operations for the Confederacy and thereby distract the Union. But it never happened. Pickett, instead, would return to the East Coast and eventually gain infamy at Gettysburg, the Civil War battle that would lead to the ultimate demise of the Confederacy.

Pickett led the fateful charge ordered by Gen. Robert E. Lee in the heart of Union forces that when repelled, broke the back of the Confederate effort.

“Pickett’s Civil War career came to an inglorious end with the division being overwhelmed by the Union,” Vouri said.

Alden’s inglorious demise would come in service to the Union forces. He had been placed in command of the San Juan Island camp when Pickett left to join the Confederacy.

“Alden was a 19th Century Forrest Gump,” Vouri said. Someone who just happened to be in the right place at some time and something significant happened.

Alden stayed with the Union but eventually relocated back to the East Coast to help lead ships against the Confederacy. But along the way, his actions would result in one of the Union’s prized warships the USS Merrimack being turned into a famous Confederate ironclad.

“Alden successfully brought the Merrimack to Philadelphia,” Vouri said. But when Confederate forces prepared to seize the ship, Alden delayed and had to scuttle the ship to avoid it falling into the rebels’ hands. The Confederacy raised the ship, rebuilt it as an ironclad and renamed it the CSS Virginia. It would later sink two major Union warships, including the famous USS Monitor, and injure or kill more than 360 Union sailors. The battle with the USS Monitor was one of the major stories of the Civil War.

“Alden was collaterally famous as well,” Vouri said. Although both Alden and Pickett, former comrades here in the Puget Sound region, were on different sides during the Civil War, their impacts had similar results.

“Two different careers, two different paths,” Vouri said.

Memorial Circle construction begins Monday

By Ryan Johnstone
Staff Reporter

Construction begins Monday on a memorial circle to commemorate those whom Highline has lost.

The memorial will be built on the grassy area between Buildings 10 and 21. A walkway will connect the ramp outside Building 21 to the memorial, which will have a five-foot circular sidewalk. “The pathway will be about 400 square feet,” Project Manager Mike Dooley said. It will surround an inner circle that will be about 15 feet in diameter. The inner circle will house the memorial pieces.

In the past, when the campus community wanted to memorialize a lost faculty or staff member, they would place a flower in front of a tree or represent their sorrow in another way, Dooley said.

This gives [the campus community] a structured way to memorialize,” Dooley said.

As of this time, however, the exact nature of how people will be memorialized is undetermined.

“The process for memorializing people at the memorial circle has not been developed,” Larry Yock, vice president of Administration, said.

The memorial will cost approximately $2,000 and be finished in three weeks, Dooley said.
By Taylor Rengstorff
Staff Reporter

Additive manufacturing or 3D printing is a 30-year-old technology that could change the future. A Highline professor told a Science Seminar audience last Friday.

Instead of the traditional manufacturing that is a subtractive process, layer by layer, that would be able to replace broken parts in every day items.

Imagine you’re vacuuming your house, and BAM, vacuum broke off and the vacuum won’t work without it. This is where 3-D printing could take off.

Tyler Youngblood, a part time computer information systems teacher and computer sciences instructor, said.

He said that if everyone had a 3-D printer in their homes, small tasks, such as that small piece of plastic from the vacuum, that needed to be replaced, could be printed and actually replaced.

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One of the biggest questions that Youngblood always gets is, “Can you print gun parts with a 3-D printer?”

Although his answer was yes he qualified it by saying that an entire gun cannot be printed, put together and used because when a gun is fired, the gun becomes too hot and melts when it is fired.

There is also a misconception that printing in 3-D stops with plastic.

“They would be wrong,” said Youngblood.

The technology to print in 3-D has expanded to where anything from chocolate to human body parts can be printed out in a matter of hours.

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This week Sam Shabb, a member of the life, oceans and general sciences department, will be talking about bio-tech breakthroughs.

Instructor advises students to focus on dividends went purchasing stock

By Cristina Acuna
Staff Reporter

A business instructor gave key advice on stock market investment at the most recent Students Small Capital Investment Club meeting.

Dividends hold the potential for building wealth, said Bill Webster, a business instructor at Highline since 1967 and a broker at KMS Financial Services since 1984.

Webster told 25 attendees on April 30 about several aspects of stock investment.

He touched upon topics such as where to buy stock, what to avoid, what to look for, how to find good stocks and portfolio trackers.

But dividends prevailed in his lecture as the thing to look for when buying stock.

“My thinking on selective stocks has turned to dividends because they are paid out of the earnings of the company. In many cases you can receive dividends in cash or reinvest them into the company,” Webster said.

Spent a while looking at annual earnings, Webster learned that dividends are a more reliable sign of how well a stock will pay because companies often manipulate their earnings.

According to Business Week, “Even when playing by the book, companies have many ways to inflate—or deflate—the earnings they report... Estimate sales, predict bad debts, adjust inventory, and forecast unusual gains or losses.”

That is the basis for Webster’s strategy to seek out rising dividends.

Since 1926, dividend payers are responsible for more than 40 percent of the market’s total return,” Webster said.

“Over the past four decades, stocks with rising dividends outperformed stocks with flat, shrinking, or no dividends.”

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By Michaela Vue
Staff Reporter

Applying for financial aid will change as of January 2014 due to new recognitions of different family dynamics.

“The Department of Education is planning to change the definition of who is considered a parent,” Director of Financial Aid Odom said.

“Dependent students will be required to include information about both of the student’s legal parents if the parents are living together, regardless of the parents’ marital status or gender.”

The fee application for Federal Student Aid is careful not to use gender-specific terms and will broaden the term parent to include legal stepparents and foster parents.

Currently, the financial aid form only requires information if the student’s parents are married. Students whose legal parents are not married will not be affected by this change.

If including a parent increases the student’s Expected Family Contribution the amount of funding for financial aid (grants, loans, student employment/work study, third party assistance) will be reduced.

Eligibility for financial aid may decrease for students because income for both legal parents will now be reported, Odom said.

On the other hand, financial aid may increase because the number in the house increases.

“It will result in equitable treatment of all families when determining financial need,” she said.

Overall, Odom does not think the change will have a significant impact on students.

If financial aid is reduced for students, they should turn in all required financial aid documents in by the published deadline, Odom said, because there is limited funding and students who do not qualify for federal or state grants. Eligibility for this limited funding is determined through the FAFSA process.

Students who need help or have questions about financial aid can go to free FAFSA workshops where Highline Financial Aid advisers are on hand. There is limited space and online registration is required. The next workshop is open on May 34.

Deadlines for FAFSA, HCC Data Sheet and other documents are:

Fall 2013: May 30, 2013
Summer 2014: April 20, 2014
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Highline and she was such a kind, curious, and gentle person. " Rich also said that Baez was creative and loved art. "She loved making things with her hands and wrote eloquently about a ceramics course she took at Highline—the excitement of creating art from a slab of clay. She was creative, " Rich said.

Ceramics instructor Rob Droessler remembers Baez as a pretty good art student. She was fun to have in class and got along with everyone. I even have a cross she had made that she left with me to finish her. She was going to "pack it up,"" Droessler said. "I remember her being very into the ceramics class and tak-

english 101 class in the fall. "I'm still processing what's happened. She was smart, sen-

dious, and curious about the world. "There was no question that she would succeed, " Rich said. "In a classroom of students Justine stood out because she was committed to her educa-

tion and focused on success. It makes no sense that she's gone — I can't process it. She deserved so much more than this ending, "

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ested in learning and passionate about her education. "I justine would sometimes stay after class and talk to me about how she'd been thinking about the film we'd watched in class. She was always processing what she learned, making con-

nections between the classroom and her own life, " Rich said. "She was a very thoughtful young woman and wrote well. I would describe her as a kind, curious, and gentle person. " Rich also said that Baez was

got along with customers and other employees, Maddern said. Maddern said he couldn't believe it when he found out and "just broke down" two days after. "[We're] kind of like family in the Deli," Maddern said.

"She was a hard worker and she never gave up on anything, especially dancing," said Jonny, a student and friend. "It's tragic. I can't believe she's really gone, " said Ramla Mohamed, Saka's cousin and a Highline student. "She was one of the most life-changing friends you can ever meet," said student and former Student Government President Raphael Pierre.

Saka was Pirre's campaign manager when he ran for stu-

dent body president in Spring Quarter 2012.

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