

# Obamacare launches in Washington

**By Silvestre Aguilar**  
Staff Reporter

Washington residents may now have more options for health insurance with the Oct. 1 debut of the Affordable Care Act.

Also known as Obamacare, the sometimes controversial plan requires most people in the country to have health insurance by Jan. 1, 2014. By getting more people in the insurance pool, the president and his allies hope that it will provide more health care while lowering

costs for most consumers.

To facilitate this, the plan has set up a series of market places, in which consumers can shop for health insurance plans to meet both their needs and their budgets.

Washington residents, including Highline students, can now shop for insurance using the Washington Healthplanfinder, [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org).

The cost of a health plan depends on which plan is selected. They are categorized by medal levels:

Bronze (plan pays 60 percent, partici-

pants pay 40 percent).

Silver (plan pays 70 percent, participants pay 40 percent).

Gold (plan pays 80 percent, participants pay 20 percent).

Platinum (plan pays 90 percent, participants pay 10 percent).

The plan offers support for low-income people. Individuals earning less than \$15,856 a year can qualify for expanded Medicaid, which would grant them free coverage, said Stephanie Marquis, spokeswoman for the Wash-

ington State Insurance Commissioner's office. The insurance commissioner is in charge of Washington's marketplace.

Also, individuals earning between \$15,856-\$45,960 yearly are eligible for tax credits, which can help pay for their health care.

Individuals younger than 26 years and currently on a parent's health care plan can remain so. Participants younger

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Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

Students prepare to get on the RapidRide via Pacific Highway South on Oct. 2. The RapidRide averages 8,640 people riding weekly.

## Metro cuts don't include RapidRide

**By Ryan Johnston**  
Staff Reporter

RapidRide routes near Highline won't be significantly affected by planned cuts to Metro's service.

RapidRide is a public transportation service that arrives to RapidRide stations at least 10 minutes every day a week. Rapid-

Ride line A provides transport to Highline via Pacific Highway South. The average weekly ridership for line A is 8,640 people.

Metro is \$75 million short of what is needed to maintain its service, so it plans to cut service by 17 percent in fall 2014.

"Funding from King County is waning," said Rochelle Ogershok, public affairs coordinator for the King County Department of

Transportation.

"About 65 Metro routes could be cancelled and 84 could have service reductions unless the Legislature [provides financial help]," Ogershok said. "[However], I don't believe RapidRide will be affected."

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## Higher education gets more funding

**By Erika Wigren**  
Staff Reporter

Legislative leaders made higher education more of a priority for the 2013-'14 state budget, which means more money for colleges such as Highline, college President Dr. Jack Bermingham said.

In a campuswide email, Dr. Bermingham said the state budget for the academic year held positive news for community and technical colleges.

Dr. Bermingham said that not only was there no tuition increase for Highline this year, but that the college will also not suffer any net reductions.

"In fact, the [Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges] system received a small operating funding increase. Further, the 3 percent salary reduction from the last two years was returned," Dr. Bermingham said.

"These resources will

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## Highline honks at vehicle damages

Reports of vehicle damages occurred recently.

A fender bender occurred between two cars in the South Parking Lot on Sept. 25. Neither driver sustained any personal injury, and they exchanged information.

On Sept. 30, a student hit another vehicle with their own before leaving the East Parking Lot.

## Cell phone thieves continue to strike

Cell phone theft incidents persist through the start of the quarter.

Two cell phones in total were stolen from Building 25 on Sept. 25 and 26. One cell phone was stolen from Building 6 on Sept. 26.

Additionally, on Sept. 26 a campus member refused to give their cell phone to another person, forcing the suspect to leave.

## Book thieves steal knowledge

Some textbooks have been stolen from the campus.

On Sept. 24, a suspect stole a textbook from the bookstore.

On Sep. 26, two textbook thefts occurred. A student had a textbook stolen from Building 6, and another textbook was stolen from Building 8.

## Property returned to campus

Highline can take a small breath of relief due to the apprehension of a criminal.

On Sep. 24, Des Moines Police stopped a vehicle on their stolen car list. The vehicle had some Highline property inside.

The property was returned to the campus, and the suspect was charged with vehicular theft and possession of stolen property.

## Student has seizure, declines EMS help

On Sep. 25, a student had a seizure. Emergency medical services arrived, but the student declined treatment and left with some family members.

## Bicycle thief pedals away

A student reported that their bicycle had been stolen on Sept. 30.

The student claimed that their bicycle was stolen from the bike rack near Building 25.

**Compiled by Sam Hong**

# Extreme weather leaves campus running for cover



Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

Two students hesitantly walk through the campus during heavy rainfall, shortly before the rain becomes a combination of rain and hail. In an attempt to stop flooding, grounds crew placed sand bags around entrances of Building 4, 19, and 21. Building 4 had previously needed renovations from flooding damage due to heavy rain on Aug. 29.



## Workshop talks servant leadership

The First Leadership Workshop will be holding their first meeting, The Power of Servant Leadership, on Oct. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Mt. Constance/Olympus room in Building 8.

The meeting will discuss the importance and history of servant leadership, a philosophy where an individual interacts with others to achieve authority but not power.

First Leadership Workshops are every first Friday of each month. Students who attend five or more sessions throughout the school year will receive a certificate of completion.

## ICC opens First Thursday event

The Inter-Cultural Center and Writing Center introduce First Thursday's Diverse Voices: Open-Mic event.

Students can read or listen to any story, essay, rap, poem, or free write. The event takes place today, Oct. 3, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in the Inter-Cultural Center in Building 8, room 204.

First Thursday events are every first Thursday of each month.

## ULA marks Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by attending United Latino Association events.

The ULA social will let attendees meet with ULA members and enjoy music and dancing, among other activities. The social will be on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mt. Townsend stage in Building 8.

The "Latin@" & LGBT event, facilitated by Vice President of Student Services Toni Castro, will let students discuss being gay or lesbian and its effect on their "latin@" lifestyle. The meeting will be on Oct. 8 from 12:10 p.m. to 1:13 p.m. in the Mt. Olympus/Mt. Constance room in Building 8.

The first ULA meeting will be on Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 302.

To end the week, ULA Vice President Lorena Sepin will discuss domestic violence on Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8.

For any additional information or special accommodations, contact Rigoberto Garcia at HighlineULA@gmail.com. The ULA meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Building 8, room 302.

## Alaska Airlines donates money

Highline has received a \$75,000 donation from Alaska

Airlines to support scholarships from the Adult Basic Education department.

The ABE department provides English as a second language and general educational development programs.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be enrolled in an ABE, ESL, or GED course at Highline, then they must complete the GED tests or the highest ESL level, and intend to enroll in a credit lev-

el program of study within a quarter of receiving the scholarship.

## Flight attendant fought for equality

Campus members can attend the Pay Equality in the Flight Attendant Industry event.

As part of Fall Quarter's health and wellness workshops for Women's Programs, Highline welcomes Mary Patricia

Laffey Inman, a retired flight attendant who fought for women's equality in the workplace during the Civil Rights Movement.

The event will take place on Oct. 10 in Building 8's Mt. Constance/Olympus room from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a lecture for less than an hour to start the event, and then it will close with a question and answer session.



## You're Invited

The Highline Community College Registered Nursing Program is hosting a site review for continuing accreditation of the Associate Degree Nursing Program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

*You are invited to meet the site team at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 in Building 2*

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer  
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326

or email [sjtanner@acenursing.org](mailto:sjtanner@acenursing.org)

*All written comments should be received by the ACEN no later than Oct. 7, 2013*



# Highline raises breast cancer awareness

**By Kady Gellner**  
Staff Reporter

A team of students and staff will be walking in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk this Sunday, Oct 6.

Highline will be joining the fight against breast cancer at the annual event held by the American Cancer Society at Bellevue Square Park.

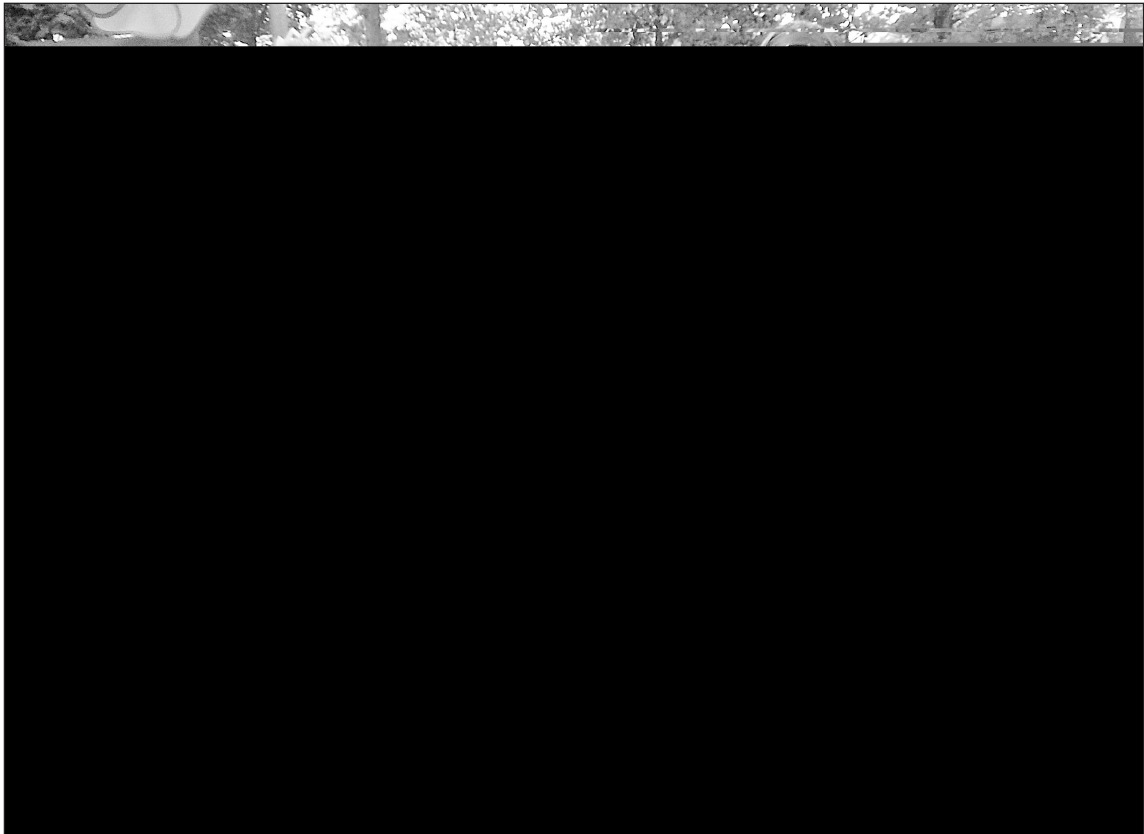
The 5k walk begins at 9 a.m. and team members can meet in Highline's East Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. to carpool and caravan to the event.

Jean Munro, program coordinator for Women's Programs on campus, will lead the team and she has a personal motivation for participating in the walk.

"Breast cancer is obviously a very serious issue, but my role is to bring awareness to the students on campus regarding health issues. So this walk is a low-stress, very fun event that brings awareness, more than anything, to the issue," she said.

Munro said the Making Strides walk can make a difference to the student population.

"There are a lot of students who have never had anyone in their lives being proactive in



Courtesy of Jean Munro/WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

*Last year's Highline team walks in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.*

teaching them about the importance of routine medical check-ups," she said. "Because of that a lot of people are afraid of doctors or are completely unaware of the impact of health issues like breast cancer. Anytime you have an opportunity like this to educate and encourage these people is really great."

Munro said that student involvement is very important: the more students that participate in the walk, the stronger the message sent to the community, and more importantly, to the Highline campus.

There are many ways that students can get involved.

"[Making Strides] want do-

nations, that is how they are able to continue to do what they do. They work hard at providing resources for health care, but the event is not focused on the money. It is all about raising awareness, and a three-mile march through the community really sends a message," Munro said.

For those who have fought against or are currently fighting breast cancer, this event provides a sense of community, Munro said.

"Being able to connect with survivors gives them encouragement that it is possible to live through it, which is really important," she said.

Munro said that the walk itself is healthy for those with breast cancer and for their friends and family, or anyone interested in helping the cause.

"It is a chance to get outside and be physically active, but it also is healthy to be an involved part of the community, and to build relationships and connections with other people with similar experiences," she said.

There is no prerequisite to become involved in the event and there is no cost to sign up or participate.

You can sign up or donate to Team HCC online at: [main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=55756&pg=team&team\\_id=1434399](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=55756&pg=team&team_id=1434399).

"We really want to encourage any students to participate in the walk," Munro said. "Donations are important, but awareness is the real goal of the event."

## Higher enrollment means longer lines

**By Cristina Acuna**  
Staff Reporter

Student enrollment for Fall 2013 is slightly higher than last year, so the long lines in Building 6 continued to be an issue for Highline students in the first week of the quarter.

"The total number of students enrolled at Highline as of Sept. 26 is 8,087," said Kelsey Anderson, Highline Enrollment Data Specialist.

Compared to a total of 7,954 students enrolled by the fourth day of 2012, enrollment is up by 133 students.

These numbers are likely to rise by the end of the month.

"ESL students do not start registering until the first day of the quarter," Anderson said.

In fact, the last day to add classes for all students without a late fee is Oct. 4. Thus, the college can count on an increase in registration traffic until then, which sometimes creates an issue of inconvenient lines and long waits for students who have yet to register.

"The lines to meet with advisers are always long," said Angela Avery, a 25-year-old Highline student aiming to get her associates degree in business

by Spring 2015. "I had to take a bunch of beginning classes not on my degree plan."

The full waiting rooms in Building 6 are proof of this issue, as students wait for several minutes for their numbers to be displayed on an LED screen to meet with an adviser.

"I'm a new student this quarter because I need to take a few extra credits while I go to UW," said student Erika Ganjargal. "But figuring out which classes to take and how to register for them has been a painful process. With my busy schedule and the never ending lines, there never seems to be time to meet with an adviser. By the time I figure out which class I can take, they will all be full."

Students must also keep in mind that online registration is closed as of Sept. 25, so lines at the registrar's office are due to lengthen.

"Paperwork and acquiring the instructor's signature are probably the most frustrating parts of the registration process now that online registration is closed," said Jenny Cheng, a student at Highline for more than seven quarters. "If that process was made easier I'd have no complaints."

## Thunderweek spreads good cheer



Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

*Student Body President Saka Raheem hands out t-shirts during the Student Success and Involvement Fair as part of Thunderweek on Sept. 26. The girl on the right represented Highline's Anime Club. Thunderweek began on Sept. 23 and ends on Oct. 4 with the First Friday's Leadership Workshop. Thunderweek kicks off the start of each academic year.*



# Students are not indestructible

Last week’s Thunderword updated the details of the untimely deaths of several Highline students. There is one basic message that can be crafted from each of these tragic stories: Students need to be more careful in their every day lives.

When sitting down inside a car, the first thing to do would seem obvious to most, put on a seatbelt. It’s something taught at a young age, something that one would never seem to forget until the moment where it counted the most.

In an automobile accident. It would be the one time that simple task was forgotten about, the one time that it could have properly done its job, which is protecting the person it wraps around, that it would have been vital to remember.

According to the Transport Accident Commission, in 2012 40 passengers as well as drivers were found not wearing their seatbelt and were killed in car accidents. 25 percent of those 40 were between the ages of 18 and 25, the age group of many Highline students.

We acknowledge that we’re stating the obvious – wear a seatbelt, don’t take your eyes off the road, and don’t speed. But, when we’re young we tend to think that we’re indestructible, but we’re here to remind them that we’re not.

Whether it feels uncomfortable or there’s worry that an outfit will be ruined by wearing one, just do it. It’s much more likely to save your life in an accident than if you’re not wearing one.

We are stating the obvious because Highline students and others continue to die from sometimes-preventable accidents.

This is the big one we all need to remember, something that would seem just as obvious as wearing your seatbelt: don’t drink and drive.

Call a cab, hop on the bus, or call a friend who has not been drinking. Under the influence drivers are not only a danger to other drivers but especially to themselves.

And of course, being in Seattle, cold weather is upon us. Students also need to be extremely careful when driving on the roads this season. Heavy showers and the possibility of black ice on the roads is never a good combination.

Constantly check the weather as this year comes to a close to ensure safety. If the roads are slick be prepared to receive a ride from a helpful family member, or leave earlier than usual to both get to class on time and to be cautious.

Halloween is coming up as well, and it happens to be one of the most dangerous nights for pedestrians.

When students are walking around with their younger family members for trick-or-treating or are with friends, make sure to bring anything deemed necessary: flashlights, reflectors, and anything else to make it possible for drivers to see them.

In order for people to be safe, they need to take care of themselves.

### Have something to say?

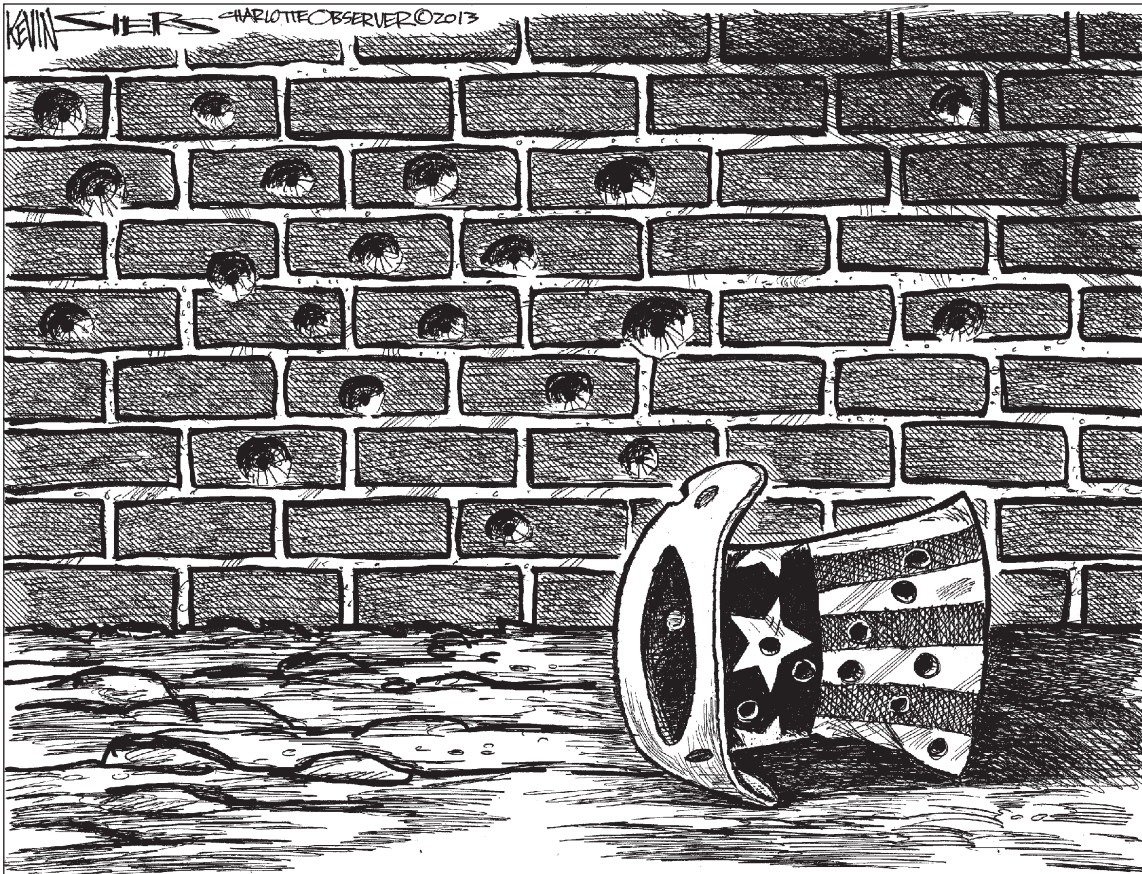
Have something you want to say to the student body?

The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be about 200 words, columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send submissions to [thunderword@highline.edu](mailto:thunderword@highline.edu) by Monday for print on Thursday.

Write to us!



THIS AMERICAN LIFE

## Register today for a better tomorrow

Publicity assignment-Why don’t people vote?

Most of us spend hours being entertained by box office films, listening to music artists on the radio, and watching our favorite sports teams play their rivals, and yet we are unfamiliar with local government ballot topics.

Our society is filled with these distractions that disconnect us from the reality of the world we live in today.

Young people between the ages of 18-25 are the least engaged in their Local and State government processes and its systems.

“Young people today don’t vote because they are uneducated,” Highline student Jonell G. said.

Let’s ask ourselves a few questions...

Do you know anyone who lives in SeaTac?

Residents in SeaTac are facing Initiative Prop 1 Good Jobs.

This initiative is intended to raise minimum wage rates for workers in SeaTac. Sure this sounds like a great plan, but it is the citizen of SeaTac who need to educate themselves on how this will affect all business in the city before jumping on board this gravy train.

Do you purchase groceries at a local grocery store?



Commentary

### LaTonya Brisbane

A statewide issues that affects everyone in Washington is Initiative No. 522, labeling of genetically-engineered foods.

This initiative will require all food producers that use

genetically engineered procedures to identify their products with a genetically modified organisms (GMO) label.

If the cause is lack of education for ages of 18-25, we have to consider educating ourselves.

So, wake up to reality people! Pay attention! And let’s get educated!

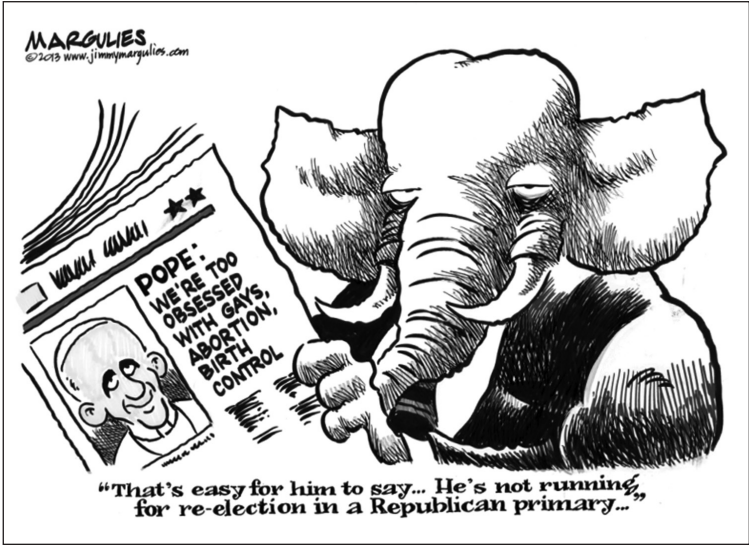
General elections are November 5th.

Register to vote on campus in Building 8, 2nd floor, from 8am-1pm.

Give yourself a voice that can be heard! Don’t get lost in the circus of distraction.

REGISTER to VOTE!

-LaTonya Brisbane is the speaker for the Center of Leadership and Service.



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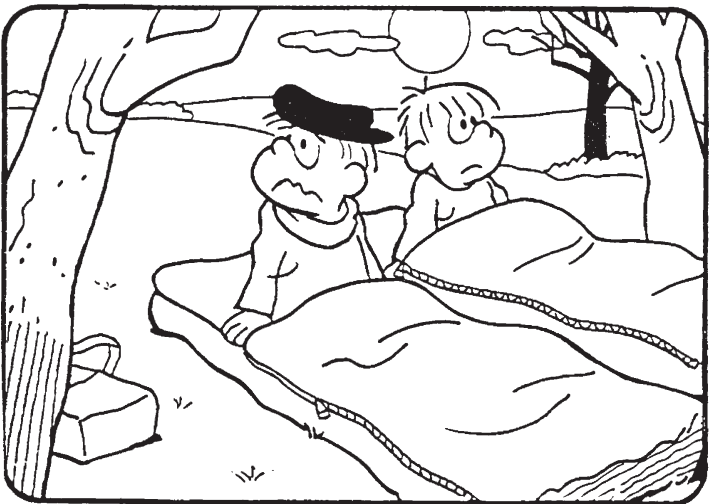
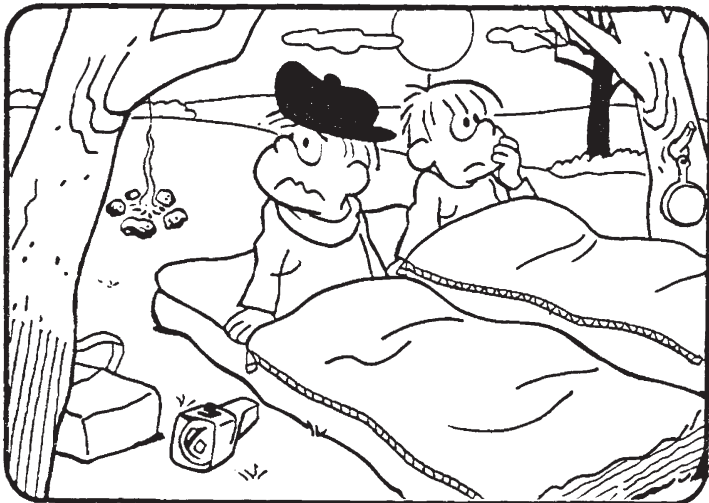
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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Campfire is missing. 2. Light is different. 3. Cap is different. 4. Zipper is open. 5. Arm is hidden. 6. Flying pan is missing.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Spaces
- 5 Slight touch
- 8 South American country
- 12 Geometric multiplication
- 13 Individual
- 14 Ostriches' kin
- 15 Willing, old-style
- 16 Bowling variation
- 18 Wool provider from 8-Across
- 20 Examiner
- 21 — -tat-tat
- 23 Set of parts and tools
- 24 Anarchist's belief
- 28 Pinches
- 31 Coach Parseghian
- 32 Choral composition
- 34 Actress Vardalos
- 35 Poet
- 37 About 78 percent of our atmosphere
- 39 Melody
- 41 Bar
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- 45 Hang around

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- 49 Early bird's opposite?
- 51 Change
- 52 Hint
- 53 Island neckwear
- 54 Great Lake
- 55 Watches
- 56 And so on (Abbr.)
- 57 Half the offspring
- expedition
- 5 Philanthropic gift
- 6 Blackbird
- 7 Crooked
- 8 Stomach enzyme
- 9 Sending out letter
- 10 Mysterious
- 11 Cold War country (Abbr.)
- 17 "A mouse!"
- 19 Serene
- 22 Moving about
- 24 Arrest
- 25 A Gershwin
- 26 Lecture
- 27 Made of iron, e.g.
- 29 Baked dessert
- 30 — Francisco
- 33 Threesome
- 36 Plates
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
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1. ADVERTISING: When did the United States ban cigarette ads on television?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What nation controls the Madeira Islands?
3. THEATER: Who wrote the play *Man and Superman*?
4. MEDICAL: The lack of

what vitamin causes beriberi?

5. HISTORY: Who founded the colony of Rhode Island?
6. MUSIC: What kind of musical instrument is a zither?
7. TELEVISION: What is the longest running animated series on TV in the United States?
8. MOVIES: Who played a bit part in the 2008 movie *The Incredible Hulk* and

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Fred's neighbor
2. Tale
3. Foolishness
4. Texas capital
5. BA or PhD
6. Pathway
7. Ladder rung
8. King Midas, e.g.
9. Hotel guest
10. Skirt fold
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- also played the Hulk in the earlier TV series?
9. ROYALS: How long did Lady Jane Grey reign as queen of England?
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What famous actor once said, "Always get

married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted a whole day"?

Answers

1. 1970
2. Portugal
3. George Bernard Shaw
4. Vitamin B-1

5. Roger Williams
6. Stringed
7. *The Simpsons*
8. Lou Ferrigno
9. Nine days
10. Mickey Rooney, who was married eight times

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## Local actors bite into vampires

**By Bailey Williams**  
Staff Reporter

After their two year hiatus, Breeders Theater resurfaces with white-collar bloodsuckers, in the witty comedy *Blood Pudding* by Dr. T.M. Sell, Highline professor.

"The show is about a man named Jonathon Harker who comes to work for a company that is going under," said Amanda Rae, stage manager and actor. "The company has brought in new management, including a new CEO named Vlada Dracul. As Harker begins to learn more about his new company, he hears many things that make him question just how thirsty the company is for fresh blood."

This will be Breeders Theater's first production in nearly two years and they have been preparing for quite some time.

"We began rehearsals on the 23rd of September but there was a starter read-through several months ago and auditions the week before rehearsals started," Rae said.

The show is being directed by J Howard Boyd. Among the cast are former Highline students Steven Davis, Matt Johnson, Lauren Scoville and Danny Vogt.

Everyone should come and see this play, said Rae.

"T.M. writes a lot of comedy into his shows," she said. "And in addition to a lot of the quick-witted humor there are also a lot



Ipek Saday/THUNDERWORD

Actors Steven Davis, left, Lauren Scoville, Matt Johnson and Danny Vogt rehearse a scene from *Blood Pudding*.

of really wonderful local actors in it as well."

The show runs two weekends, Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 1-3. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7 p.m. and Sunday shows

will be at 2 p.m. The performances will be at the Des Moines Beach Park Auditorium, 22030 Cliff Ave S. For tickets, visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

## Author wears short shorts with pride

**By Bailey Williams**  
Staff Reporter

Highline Listens presents noted author and professor Sam Ligon who will be visiting the campus on Oct. 10 to explore the world of short short stories.

Ligon is the author of *Drift and Swerve*, a collection of stories (2009), and *Safe in Heaven Dead*, a novel (2003).

He's been published in *The Quarterly*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *StoryQuarterly*, *New England Review*, *Noise: Fiction Inspired by Sonic Youth*, *Post Road*, *Keyhole*, *Sleepingfish*, *Gulf Coast*, and elsewhere.

He teaches at Eastern Washington University's Inland Northwest Center for Writers, in Spokane, Washington, and is the editor of *Willow Springs*.

Writing has always been Ligon's passion.

"When I was in high school I loved reading," said Ligon. "And when I got into college I started writing stories and thought 'oh this is something I can do that I really love.'"

"All you need is a pen," he said.

One has to be obsessive as a young writer, Ligon said.

"The obsession is not a problem; it's what you want," he said.



Sam Ligon

"To grow and become a better writer you need to do two things: read and write," Ligon said. "The more you write, the more you see the world for material."

Ligon will be reading some of his own short short fiction.

"Short short stories are really fun to do. They are around 1,000 words and anyone can do it," Ligon said.

"Sam Ligon is a bundle of energy and talent," said Susan Landgraf, Highline professor. "If you're not teaching, come yourself for a great hour or two"

"There are no sign ups necessary," Ligon said. "I hope everyone comes. It's going to be really fun."

There will be a reading at noon and a workshop from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 8, Mt. Constance.

## Federal Way moves forward into the past

**By April Pacheco**  
Staff Reporter

Noted pianist Mark Salaman will take his audience back in time at the Federal Way Symphony's concert Back to the Classics concert for the Federal Way Symphony on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Church.

Salaman has been playing piano since he was 7 years old and majored in piano at the Juilliard School in New York City.

Salaman is an expert on Beethoven and will accompany the symphony on Beethoven pieces.

"He's a composer I've felt close to since I was little [he's] real central to classical music, but he has the most impact of romantic music in every emotion felt in him," said Salaman.

"Every piece of Beethoven has a certain aspect of the human experience. You can see the kind of mad man Beethoven is in his first movement," he said.

Salaman said that although this music is old, there is still opportunities for an artist to bring something new to the table.

"Even though this music has been written, there is huge amounts of creativity and individualism by bringing out your own favorite parts of a piece," said Salaman.

The concert will include music from other recognized composers such as Schubert and Mozart as well.

The venue has a very intimate feel with the audience due to its small size but great acoustics, Salaman said.

For anyone who hasn't experienced a live classical concert, Salaman said to just "come in and listen, see what happens and where the music takes you. Look for the shades and emotion in everything."

The event is part of the Federal Way Symphony's Seasons Concert Series, which includes six other concerts from October to April.

Tickets are on sale now on the Federal Way Symphony website, [federalwaysymphony.org](http://federalwaysymphony.org). Tickets prices are \$32 for adults, \$28 for seniors and \$15 for students older than 18 with valid identification. Youth younger than 18 are free. St. Luke's church is at 515 S. 312th St., Federal Way.



• Movie Fridays presents a free screening of *World War Z* on Friday Oct. 4 in Building 29, room 104.

• Auburn's White River Valley Museum presents *Gentleman Desperado* through Oct. 6. Performances will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6 at the Mary Olson Farm at 28728 Green River Road Auburn. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at [wrvmuseum.org/outlaw\\_days.htm](http://wrvmuseum.org/outlaw_days.htm)

• Renton Civic Theatre presents *The 39 Steps* by Patrick Barlow. The show is every Thursday through Saturday til Oct. 5. Show times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students, and \$15 for military. To purchase tickets visit [rentoncivictheatre.org/](http://rentoncivictheatre.org/). The theatre is at 507 S. Third St. For further information call 425-226-5529.

• Auburn Community Players present *Young Frankenstein the Musical* by Mel Brooks. The show is Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$17 at the door one hour before show time. For more information call 253-931-3043.

• Rainier Symphony will perform Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No. 2* and Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2* Oct. 19 and 20. Tickets are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Adult tickets are \$15, student and senior tickets are \$10, and children 12 and under are free. Performances will be on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 S. Second St., and Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Foster Performing Arts Center located at 4242 S. 144th St. Tukwila. For further information call 206-781-5618 or by email at [questions@rainiersymphony.org](mailto:questions@rainiersymphony.org).

• Also Burien Actors Theatre presents *Young Frankenstein the Musical* by Mel Brooks. Shows are every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Oct. 27. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$17 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets visit [click4tix.com/showdates.php?s\\_id=429000](http://click4tix.com/showdates.php?s_id=429000) or email Burien Actor's Theatre at [tickets@burienactorstheatre.org](mailto:tickets@burienactorstheatre.org). Burien Actor's Theatre is located in the Burien Community Center Annex, 14501 Fourth Ave. S.W.

• Federal Way Symphony will present a Back to the Classics piano concert on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. This concert features Steinway artist Mark Salaman. Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$28 for seniors, \$15 for students with 18+ with valid identification, and youth under 18 are free. The concert will be at Saint Luke's Church at 515 S. 312th St., Federal Way.



## T-Bird men seize second place in West Division

Showdown with Peninsula this week

By Justin Kemp  
Staff Reporter

After two games last week ending in identical 2-0, 2-0, victories over Chemeketa and Shoreline, the Highline Thunderbirds kicked off this week with a game against division-leading Peninsula.

This made for a highly anticipated clash between the goal-happy Peninsula offense and the shut-down Highline defense

on Wednesday afternoon in Port Angeles. Results from that game were unavailable at press time.

Highline hosted Chemeketa (2-4-4), ranked fourth in the Southern Division, on Sept. 21 with three saves from goal keeper Trevor Larson and two goals from forward Stefan Bangsund, the Thunderbirds recorded their sixth win and fourth shutout of the season.

Just three days later the Thunderbirds hit the field at Starfire for a friendly match against the Shoreline Dolphins(1-6-3), and again coasted to a comfortable win.

This time for Highline it was forward David Loeung with a goal at the six-minute mark, followed by forward Stefan Bangsund with the game clincher in the 80th minute.

Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost said that it was a great opportunity to “get guys comfortable” as they build toward the playoffs.

With no game on Sept. 28, the Thunderbirds had extra time to prepare for the big game against West Division-leading (11-0-1) Peninsula Wednesday afternoon.

Coach Prenovost described the game as the team’s “biggest



Prenovost

challenge” and an especially important building block towards their goal of becoming the best team in the league.

Coach Prenovost said he

takes tremendous pride in his defense, which consists mostly of mid-fielders who were turned this year into defenders.

“The defense is the strength of our team,” he said, confident in their chances to improve their 3-1-0 in division and 7-2-1 season records.

In the upcoming week, the Thunderbirds travel south to match up against 1-5-1 Southwest Oregon Oct. 5.

They then return home for a divisional game against Tacoma, who are right on the Thunderbirds’ tails, boasting a solid 3-2-0 in division record on Oct. 9 at 3 p.m.

## Lady T-Birds work through difficulties

By Joel Jessen  
Staff Reporter

Consistency continues to be an issue for Highline’s young volleyball team this year.

The team currently has a record of 1-1 in the West Division of the NWAACC, 9-10 overall. But coaches and players say there is more to this team than those numbers reflect.

The Lady T-Birds have been going hard since early August with preseason training, which included a two week camp at the Brazil National Training Center in Rio. The team started the season strong only a few days after returning from South America, winning four out of five games at the Highline Invitational Tournament.

A week later, at the Spokane Falls Invitational, the T-Birds lost three of five games. The rough patch continued for the women at the following match with a loss at home against visiting Olympic and only two wins out of five at the Everett Crossover Tournament.

The team brought it together last Wednesday at Grays Harbor in what Coach Chris Littleman called, “an easy win for the girls.”

Highline beat the Chokers in a clean sweep 25-17, 25-7, 25-9

Tacoma defeated Highline 25-18, 25-23, 25-20 last Friday. The match was expected to be a hard fought battle and it lived



Sherry Holt/THUNDERWORD

Highline middle blocker Jessica Markham is a promising player on this year’s Thunderbird team.

up to expectations.

The T-Birds had a slow beginning in the first set of the night, with Tacoma starting hard and riding momentum to the win. Highline came on hard in the second set leading for most of the match until the very end.

Both sides played very strong defense with numerous volleys back and forth. Tacoma, however, was able to take the win with short, well-placed serves and big plays by the hitters.

The third set was well fought,

but after two losses in a row, the Highline women had difficulty finding footing, rounding out the night with a clean sweep by Tacoma.

Highline was led by team captain and last year’s NWAACC MVP, sophomore Mikaela Ballou, with 18 kills. Sophomore Captains Miranda Grieser (13 digs, 18 assists), Ashley Barnum (6 assists), and freshman Leone Tanielu (12 digs) also stood out as impact players of the night.

Coach Littleman summed up the season by saying that the

losses so far are to the teams the ladies will face in the playoffs, notably Tacoma, Pierce, Clark and Lower Columbia.

“The girls fight hard, especially against the tough opponents, but in the end, losses come from them beating themselves with little mistakes,” he said.

With only four returning sophomores this season, the youth of the team is undoubtedly an issue.

“We are a young team, and we have to get consistent,” said

Littleman. “However, this year we are bringing more depth to each position, which makes us a stronger team all around.”

“Last year we had only 10 girls which limited what we could do in practice. This year, we have a large enough team to scrimmage regularly,” added team Captain Grieser.

The overall consensus, of both the sophomore leaders and the coaching staff, is that this group of freshman is an asset rather than a detriment.

“This year’s team just has a higher level of competitiveness. We want to win more,” said Captain Ashley Barnum. “We are very professional on the court and we have come together as a team. I think we are better than last year.”

Among the freshman group, a few players stand out. Middle blocker Chloe Mensching, middle blocker Jessica Markham, and outside hitter Danielle Tabor are leading the pack in leadership and talent, the coaches and captains said.

Highline hosted Centralia on Wednesday, with results unavailable at press.

The Thunderbirds travel to Longview to take on Lower Columbia on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

Highline next plays at home on Wednesday, Oct. 9 against Clark, also at 7 p.m. Games are free to attend for Highline students.

Like sports? Like to write? Have a car and free time on campus during the day? The Thunderword needs a sports editor. This is a paid, on-campus position; you must be a Highline student enrolled for at least six credits to qualify.

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Scoreboard

MEN'S SOCCER

North Division						
	League		Season			
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L
Edmonds	3	1	1	10	3	4
Skagit	3	2	0	9	5	2
Whatcom	1	2	2	5	1	3
Shoreline	0	1	1	5	1	6
Everett	1	3	1	4	1	6

East Division						
Walla Walla	4	0	1	13	6	1
Spokane	3	1	1	10	8	1
C. Basin	1	2	2	5	2	5
Wenatchee	1	3	1	4	2	4
Tr. Valley	1	3	1	4	1	3

West Division						
Peninsula	5	0	0	15	11	0
Highline	3	1	0	9	7	2
Tacoma	3	2	0	9	4	5
Olympic	2	2	1	7	3	4
Bellevue	2	3	0	6	3	5

South Division						
Clark	5	0	0	10	9	1
Pierce	1	3	1	4	1	5
S. P. Sound	1	4	0	3	2	2
Chemeketa	0	3	1	1	2	4
SW Oregon	0	4	1	1	1	5

WOMEN'S SOCCER

North Division						
	League		Season			
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L
Edmonds	4	1	1	13	6	2
Everett	4	1	1	13	5	3
Whatcom	3	0	3	12	4	1
Shoreline	3	2	1	10	6	3
Skagit	3	2	1	10	4	2
Green River	2	3	1	7	5	3

East Division						
Walla Walla	5	0	1	16	9	0
Spokane	3	0	3	12	5	0
C. Basin	1	3	2	5	2	1
Tr. Valley	0	4	2	2	0	0
Yakima	0	6	0	0	1	7
Wenatchee	0	6	0	0	0	8

West Division						
Peninsula	6	0	0	18	7	2
Highline	5	1	0	15	8	1
Bellevue	3	1	2	11	4	2
Olympic	2	2	2	8	2	2
Tacoma	2	4	0	6	3	7
L. Columbia	1	5	0	3	1	9

South Division						
Clackamas	5	1	0	15	5	3
Clark	3	2	1	10	3	6
Lane	3	3	0	9	4	3
SW Oregon	1	4	1	4	2	5
Pierce	1	5	0	3	2	8
Chemeketa	1	5	0	3	1	7

VOLLEYBALL

West Division				
	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Pierce	2	0	10	9
Tacoma	1	1	13	6
Green River	1	1	8	7
Highline	1	1	9	10
Centralia	1	1	2	6
Clark	1	1	5	9
L. Columbia	1	1	4	13
Grays Harbor	0	2	8	7

North Division		
Bellevue	2	0
Shoreline	2	0



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD

Highline's Jessi Beverlin (13) drives the ball amid last Saturday's rainstorm against Clackamas.

# Lady T-Birds' undefeated season ends in downpour

By Bayonne Beninger  
Staff Reporter

Highline's women's soccer is no longer undefeated after a 1-0 loss last Saturday to Clackamas. Both teams were very competitive and almost mirrored each other's skills in this rainy and windy game, which is what made this so entertaining to watch. Coach Tom Moore said that Clackamas was "easily the best team we've played all year." Despite many shots being taken, no goals were scored until the 86th minute when Marci

Haynes of Clackamas scored the first and only goal of the game. But that did not stop the Thunderbirds, as they continued fighting for the ball and gaining possession. They had a couple more chances to score up front, but were unable to put any shots into Clackamas goalie Melanie Trumbull's net. "We can learn from this game and hope a goal against us doesn't happen this late again," said Highline forward Rachel Neira. The loss now gives Highline a 8-1-1 record and 5-1-0 in divi-

sion play. Highline is second in the NWAACC West Division. Prior to the game against Clackamas Highline played Lower Columbia on Sept. 25, winning 7-0. Coming back after missing shooting opportunities in the beginning of the game, the Thunderbirds made four goals in only six minutes beginning in the 23rd minute. Later on in the game Highline and scored two more goals against Lower Columbia. The Thunderbirds' defense was also very strong this game, not allowing any shots to be made

into are goal. Approaching the end of the game Highline scored once again, off of an amazing corner kick by Bailey Allison to Natalie Lawrence in the 90th minute. Jessi Beverlin scored two goals. Taylor Holtman, Emily Hanna, and Bailey Allison each scored one goal, and Nicole Cruz scored one goal and had two assists this game. Highline played first-place Peninsula on Wednesday, with results unavailable at press time. Highline faces Southwest Oregon on Friday, Oct. 4 and Tacoma on Oct. 9 at Starfire in Tukwila.

# Cross country needs a few more runners

By Shakina Baker  
Staff Reporter

Despite a winless record and being short of runners, Highline's cross country team is still making progress and improving with every meet, said Head Coach Taryn Plypick. Highline has competed at three meets so far and has finished near the bottom each time. In the third meet Highline was not eligible to compete as a team as it didn't have enough runners. Teams need at least five runners to compete as a team. Plypick said this is the only weakness the team has. She said

that she always welcomes walkers for people who want to join. Participants need to be full-time students at Highline. She said that the team needs more runners, especially on the women's side, since there are only two women on the team. And there are some extra, unused scholarships for the ladies. Team members are Briana Serjeant and Taylor Lafranchi. Lafranchi is in her first year at Highline and in her first season of cross country. On the men's side Joey Walker has been leading the pack for the Thunderbirds as the top finisher for Highline in every meet.

Coach Plypick said Deshar House has also been making progress for the men's team. So far, Highline has competed in the Clark Preview Meet on Sept. 7 in Battle Ground, Wash. Walker led Highline's men in 39th place overall, finishing the 8k race in 28 minutes, 57 seconds, followed by House in 29 minutes, eight seconds. The meet was won by Lane and Highline finished eighth out of 12 teams. Brianna Serjeant finished 47th in 23 minutes, 37 seconds for Highline. The Thunderbirds next competed in the Sundodger Invitational Sept. 14 at Lincoln Park in Seattle, finishing 18th out of 18 teams.

In a crowded field, Walker finished 137th in 28 minutes, eight seconds for 8k for the men and Lafranchi finished 194th in 27:01 over 5k. Highline also ran in the St. Martin's Invitational on Sept. 28, but did not record a team score due to a lack of runners. Walker again led the T-Birds, finishing 28th in 28 minutes, nine seconds. Lafranchi finished 19th for the Highline women, running 26 minutes, 41 seconds over 5k. Highline's next meet is Oct. 12 at the Mike Hodges Invitational at Clackamas in Oregon City, Ore.



# Honors Program returns with a new Clinton

**By Erika Wigren**  
Staff Reporter

Rumors of the death of the Honors Program have been greatly exaggerated.

After the departure of former Honors Program Director Dr. Barbara Clinton, rumors spread across campus that the program was being cut.

However, the Honors Program lives and is now under new direction.

Jacque Clinton, a Highline alumni (no relation to Dr. Barbara Clinton), has taken on the role of the Honors Program director.

"Despite what rumors have said, the college is still very passionate about the Honors Program and wants to continue it," Clinton said.

Clinton, who was a participant in the Honors Program while attending Highline, graduated with her associates degree in 2008 and also received her bachelor's degree in politics and values from the University of Washington-Tacoma, and her master's degree in comparative public policy at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

"Because of the skills I learned in the program, I was able to pay for school on scholarships and grants, without ever taking out a loan. That wouldn't



Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

*Jacque Clinton, a Highline alumni, is the new Honors Program director.*

have been as easy without those Honors skills," Clinton said. "So I am a big believer in this program."

The program is intended to help prepare academically successful students for a more effective transition to either a four-year institution or to an occupation.

Clinton, who will be in charge of the program for the year, said she has many plans

and hopes to continue to drive students toward success.

"Students who are already enrolled in the program will not experience any changes," Clinton said.

"The program's focus will still be to continue enabling students to take on more challenging academic coursework, to help them reach their goals for four-year universities, and teaching students how to write personal statements, college ap-

plications, resumes, and essays."

Because of the common use of social networking sites in today's society, Clinton said that she is highlighting on social networking for the program courses like Honors 100.

"There will be more of an emphasis on sites like LinkedIn [a professional networking site] and other social networking sites, and more of an online aspect to the classes," Clinton said.

Participation in the program is open to all students who have registered for 12 credits of college-level work with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

In order to graduate as a Highline Honors Scholar, students must have a minimum of 35 honors credits.

These credits consist of two credits from Honors 100, 1 credit from Honors 101, and 30 credits in the Honors course options - 5 credits from Humanities, 5 credits from Social Science, 5 credits from Science/Math, and 2 credits from Honors 299.

"I want to note that students can decide their level of participation in the Honors Program. For instance, a student could opt to just take Honors 100 or to do Honors Options in a couple courses," Clinton said.

"That coursework would be honored on the transcript and

would still be of benefit to the student even if they don't fulfill all requirements to graduate as an Honors Scholar," Clinton said.

Clinton said that she has some ideas for the program, such as looking into ways to better support prof-tech students.

"I believe in the power of the program and I want to help students achieve their goals and help them figure out where they want to go and what they want to do," Clinton said.

"The campus community is great about sharing their ideas and I really want to focus on strengthening the relationships between the Honors program and other programs on campus. I want the Honors Program to be more connected on campus because I think it's important to help students in all academic programs and support all students," Clinton said.

A student who completes the Honors Scholar Program will receive a merit tuition scholarship for the final quarter at HCC, will be recognized at graduation, and will receive a certificate designating him/her as an "Honors Scholar."

For more information about the program and how to join visit [honors.highline.edu/index.php](http://honors.highline.edu/index.php) or contact Clinton at [jclinton@highline.edu](mailto:jclinton@highline.edu).

## Campus travels through history with seminars

**Eric Helgeson**  
Staff Reporter

This fall's History Seminars will take participants from ancient Native American caves all the way to the medieval witch-hunts of Europe.

The seminars are a weekly series of one-hour presentations by various historians that are based on well known to obscure historical events and people.

Dr. Tim McMannon, who organizes these seminars, described the continuing popularity of the presentations:

"I think there are two reasons. First, the presenters pick topics that are usually a little out of the mainstream; they aren't the textbook or classroom kinds of stories. Second, I think people naturally want to know something about history. The study of history might not be that interesting to everyone [so history classes aren't always popular], but most people like to hear about the connections between things, how things came to be the way they are [or were], and so on."

This week's seminar featured cave paintings and other pieces of art by the Taino Indian tribe.

Dr. Jennifer Jones who visited the Dominican Republic, hosted the first seminar.

Dr. McMannon said that this particular type of native culture is important for people to understand.

The seminars are every Wednesday in Building 3, room 102 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Next week's seminar will be on Oct. 9 and will be hosted by Bill Woodward titled Coming Home: Baseball's America. Others will be:

Inlaws & Outlaws on Oct. 11.

Mexican Revolution on Oct. 16.

History of Nursing Education on Oct. 23.

A Brief History of Marriage in America on Oct. 24.

Duwamish River (Green Week) on Oct. 30.

Internment Cases on Oct. 6.

The Black Hawk War and the Archaeology of Black Hawk's Village on Oct. 13.

European Witchcraft Trials on Oct. 2.

## Program aims to stop domestic violence

**By Maria Tejada**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's annual T-shirt Clothesline Project to promote awareness of domestic violence runs Oct. 15-16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Building 6.

Students and staff will design t-shirt expressing how they feel about domestic violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the goal is to help people become educated and find solutions for getting out of an unhealthy relationships, said Jean Munro Women's Program Coordinator and Advisor.

There are several signs that could indicate that someone might be in an abusive relationship, Munro said.

Some of these signs can include humiliation caused

by a partner, constantly being asked where one is going, excessive jealousy, physical abuse, and promises that he will change.

"One of the most common forms of domestic violence is killing you with kindness," said Munro.

Examples include excessive texting, calling constantly, and always wanting to be around you wherever you go, said Munro.

These so-called acts of kindness can be confusing because most people mistake it as affection, she said.

Another way Highline raises awareness for domestic violence is by having a Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop.

The workshop will go over more signs of domestic violence, identifying signs of being in an unhealthy relationship, and to determine your next step. This will occur on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in Building 8.

Highline also wants to raise awareness of domestic violence in LGBT relationships.

Panelists will be discussing personal experience, local resources for dealing with domestic violence, and how law enforcement has changed around this issue. This will be located in Building 8, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information about Domestic Violence Awareness, you can visit Women's Program in Building 6.

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# New security director to focus on campus safety

By Ryan Johnston  
Staff Reporter

A new director of Campus Security is scheduled for appointment in October.

“It’s a position we cut in 2006,” said Larry Yok, vice president of Administrative Services. “[But] our campus safety issues need more office time.”

Because of the recent increase in criminal activity on and near campus, and to comply with the Clery Act, crime analysis, emergency management planning and office management need more attention, Yok said.

“There are no plans to increase the patrol staff or the office staff because the staffing levels appear to be adequate to meet current requirements,” Yok said.

The Clery Act states that colleges must disclose information about criminal activity on and around a college’s campus.

It is named after Jeanne Clery, a Lehigh University student who was murdered in her dorm in 1986. It was signed into federal law in 1990.



Campus Security officer writes parking violation tickets.

Erika Wigren/THUNDERWORD

Yok also wanted to reassure current Campus Security officials.

“No one will lose a job,” Yok said.

Richard Noyer, who acted as the director of Campus Security since 2006, will change positions to supervisor of

Campus Security.

Campus Security will get a say in choosing the new head.

“Representatives of Campus Security will meet with the final candidates,” Yok said.

Nine applicants for a new director of Campus Security were under review starting last week.

Campus Security will interview the final three.

The campus community will not participate in the application process.

“The Campus Safety staff are involved in the search process because it is my practice to have employees in the work unit meet the candidates who may be their supervisor so that they can share their opinions with me,” Yok said.

Because the head will need time to adjust to security issues on campus, it will likely take at least six to nine months before the director implements any significant changes to Campus Security, Yok said.

However, Noyer said changes could be made sooner, predicting at least three or four months after coming in.

# Club includes all with name change

By Nichole Johns  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s PRISM Club, which stood for People Respecting Individuals and Sexual Minorities, has changed its name to the Queer Straight Alliance.

In an effort to be inclusive, the club once included the terms Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex. However, Alliance organizers have now adopted the simpler name to send a message.

“We wanted a new fresh start, diversity, and college clubs relating to LGBTQIA,” said Jeremiah Fortner, president.



Fortner

The Alliance’s message is to make every student, even straight students, feel welcome when joining the group and to help them understand what Queer Straight Alliance is about.

Queer Straight Alliance members also felt that since there was a new quarter coming up it would be the perfect timing to change their name.

“People who are considered “different” will never win their struggle

until others step forward and join them,” said Dr. Bob Baugher, a new adviser to the group.

The meetings for Queer Straight Alliance are every Wednesday, 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Building 21, room 203.

Alliance sponsored events include:

Oct. 3 - Two Spirit: Gender Non-conformity in Native American Culture; Oct. 8 - Latin and LGBT: A HCC student perspective; Oct. 11 - film screening: “Inlaws and Outlaws;” Oct. 15 - “Queeraoke;” Oct. 17 - The Silenced Violence: Domestic Violence in LGBT relationships; Oct. 23 - Pinay Sa Seattle: Remembering Danny Vega; and Oct. 29 - Counseling Wisdom series.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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5	7	2	8	4	1	3	9	6
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## Even Exchange Answers

- 1. Barney, Barley
- 2. Story, Store
- 3. Folly, Filly
- 4. Austin, Dustin
- 5. Degree, Decree
- 6. Trail, Train
- 7. Stave, Suave
- 8. Miser, Miner
- 9. Lodger, Dodger
- 10. Pleat, Plead

## King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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# Voter registration coming to a close, register on campus Oct. 7

By Sam Hong  
Staff Reporter

The deadline to register to vote online is Oct. 7.

This also happens to be the last day to update your address, ensuring that your ballot arrives at the right place. All voting in the state of Washington is now by mail.

A group of Highline students will be conducting a voter registration drive on the second floor of the Student Union, Building 8, on Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington for at least 30 days and at least 18 years old by Nov. 5, the date of the election, you are eligible to register to vote. And all you will need is a driver's license to register.

People can register online at <https://wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/MyVoteOLVR.aspx>. Students at the on-campus voter-registration drive will have computers available to help people register.



Mayor Dave Kaplan of Des Moines says local elections are important because it covers everything from roads to building permits. "It effects people on a day to day basis," Kaplan said.

This year's ballot will contain numerous local government positions as well as a couple statewide initiatives, one of which would require the labeling of food that contains genetically engineered organisms.

Local races include city council positions in Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Auburn, SeaTac, Tukwila, Normandy Park and Burien, plus mayoral races in Kent and Federal Way.

Additionally, King County Council District No. 5, which includes much of the college's service area, is up for grabs. Elections also are being held for local sewer, water and fire protection districts as well.

Deputy Director of Elections Shane Hamlin from the Office of the Secretary of State also said that every election is important.

Hamlin also recommends that voters check their address to ensure they are current so that they will receive a ballot. As people frequently move, ballots tend to get sent to the wrong address.

"Approximately 15 percent of the population moves every year," Hamlin said.

Being a 100 percent vote by mail state, Washington does not have any physical polling sites. Therefore the only way to vote is by official ballot mailed to your address.

If you miss your chance to register this upcoming Monday you have until Oct. 28 to register in person at one of the country elections departments, which you can find at [myvote.wa.gov](http://myvote.wa.gov).

# Budget

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support classified staff regaining their full salaries, funding for full and part-time faculty increments, and the restoration of a few important faculty and staff positions," Dr. Bermingham said.

Cathy Cartwright, Highline's budget director, said that the current operating budget is just under \$40 million.

Last year's budget was about \$38 million.

"With the much appreciated support of the Legislature and local resources, there were no reductions required in the current budget. We were actually able to fund a couple of the college's highest priority projects," Cartwright said.

The budget includes project contracts and grants and a large portion goes to instruction.

When broken down, the budget is divided into seven sections – 52 percent for instruction, 8 percent for instruction support, 4 percent for the library, 8 percent for student services, 13 percent for general administration, 3 percent for institutional advancement, and 12 percent for plant operation and maintenance.

Cartwright said that the funding for Highline's bud-



Cartwright

get comes from two places.

"A p - p r o x i - mately 54 percent comes from our state allocation and 46 percent comes from local support which includes tuition, fees and special contracts," Cartwright said.

The Legislature's support will help Highline in many ways, Cartwright said, but there could be revisions in the budget during the '13-'14 fiscal year.

"The Legislature has increased their support of the college over where our funding was at the end of last year. We typically receive revisions to our allocation throughout the year as resources become available so the current year funding is not fully known yet," Cartwright said.

"Highline is also using more local resources than ever before, which is partially funded through our Running Start and International Student Programs," said Cartwright.

International Student Programs brings in more money for the college because international students are required to pay full tuition to attend Highline.

In addition, the college receives money from local school districts that have students enrolled in Running Start at Highline.

# Obamacare

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than 30 can qualify for catastrophic plans that will lower their premiums, Marquis said.

Individuals who already have health insurance through their jobs don't have to do anything. People without coverage who don't get some by Jan. 1 could be penalized.

Penalties can be as high as \$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child. Other penalty rates include up to \$285 per family or 1 percent of household income, whichever is greater.

People who may be exempt from the requirement include:

- Low income households, recognized Indian tribes, people with religious objections to buying insurance, people living outside the United States, those uninsured for less than three months, those whose employer-based health plan is unaffordable, and those enrolled in a health care sharing ministry.

Marquis warned consumers to watch out for potential fraud in insurance coverage. "One thing is to make sure you're in the right site, for their posers out there such as insurance agents trying to get business," she said.

Participants who want coverage by Jan. 1, 2014 will "want to make sure you apply for health care by Dec. 15 and make sure if you have a medical condition, have a doctor, or take specific medication, that the it's covered by the health care insurance provider," he said.

Marquis said "all students need to sign up for [health care] and take full advantage of its services."

# Metro

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"It wouldn't appear as though the RapidRide A line will get any cuts," Ogershok said. The reductions to service could lead to a larger number of riders for RapidRide as a whole.

The cancelled routes would account for about a third of the total number of routes, and the reduced routes would account for an additional 40 percent of routes.

"Metro receives its main funding from sales tax, grants, and fare boxes," Ogershok said. Sales tax funds roughly 54 percent of Metro's income (\$346.8 million), fares pay 23 percent (\$146 million), and grants fund another 9 percent (\$58.7 million). The remaining income comes from capital programs and a small collection of other miscellaneous sources (\$88 million).

King County's Department of Transportation has seen funding decline by a third since 2009.

Concerning the Metro route cuts, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Governor Jay Inslee called a press conference on Sept. 3 to discuss the necessity of a plan to fund transportation.

"I've called for the passage of a comprehensive transportation package to ensure Washington State's ongoing economic vitality," Gov. Inslee said.

"But instead of moving forward with a comprehensive package... the Legislature ultimately adjourned without any vote in the Senate at all."

"I'm prepared to call a special session as early as November to get this job done," Gov. Inslee said.

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# Students have the opportunity to save lives

**By Bayonne Beninger**  
Staff Reporter

The Puget Sound Blood Center hopes that Highline students will step up to the platelet once again on Oct. 9.

The Fall Quarter blood drive will be Wednesday Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mt. Constance/Mt. Olympus room.

The event is co-sponsored by the Highline Student Nursing Club.

“The Puget Sound Blood center is hoping to make a goal of registering 70 donors on Oct. 9. Please help us make or exceed this goal,” said Maggie Xitco, donor recruitment representative at the blood center.

“We have the potential to save over 200 lives,” said Xitco.

The Puget Sound Blood Center works with the community and serves more than 70 hospitals and clinics from Vancouver to Bellingham.

Closer to home, Harborview Medical Center, the only level-one trauma and burn center in Washington, is



Highline students will be able to participate in the Puget Sound blood drive on Oct. 9.

File photo

served by the blood center. Patients with leukemia, cancer, burns, hemophilia and traumatic injuries depend on the blood center and the 250,000 volunteer donors to maintain a safe blood supply for all in Western Washington.

“Donating blood is a safe and easy process which gives you the chance to change lives,” Xitco said.

“A brand new, sterile, disposable needle is used for each blood donation,” Xitco said.

As long as you are 16 years old with a parent signature you are eligible to donate blood.

“In fact high school and college students make up 25 percent of our blood supply,” said Xitco.

The whole process takes between 45-60 minutes but the actual donating only lasts 10-15 minutes.

The majority of the time is spent filling out a medical questionnaire and enjoying juice and cookies when you’re finished.

Last year alone, donors from Highline donated enough blood to help save the lives of over 270 patients.

Potential donors who wish to register to donate in advance, may do so at the blood centers website, [psbc.org/programs/blood.htm](http://psbc.org/programs/blood.htm).

“Most people feel nervousness about donating blood, but most also say they are sorry they waited so long,” Xitco said.

“Overcoming your fear to save lives can feel amazing and empowering. It’s a momentary discomfort that can provide a lifetime of difference for the patients who need the blood,” Xitco said.

# Campus security reorganizes parking pass procedure

**By Rennie Wallin**  
Staff Reporter

A new parking permit pickup process is saving lots of time for people who drive to Highline, college officials say.

Previously in order to obtain a parking permit at Highline you had to go to Building 6; then you would need to go wait in a long line in order to pay the cashier and obtain a receipt.

Afterwards, you had to fill out a parking registration form and if it was your first time you also had to fill the left side of the form which is about vehicle information.

Then you had to go wait in another line at Campus Security.

The lines could take 40 minutes, said Jennifer Amato, assistant to the vice president of administration.

However, this fall Campus Security introduced a new parking permit pickup system.

You can now fill out the parking registration form online at [parking.highline.edu/?page=permit](http://parking.highline.edu/?page=permit).

Since the Highline database already has your name, phone number, and address,

it automatically fills out that part of the form online.

You only need to fill out the vehicle information part of the form and then pay, which is all done online.

Then you go to Campus Security office and tell them your student ID number and show them your drivers license or some form of ID and they give you your parking permit.

“Now if they have paid and registered online customers can get their permit in one to

two minutes instead of 40,” said Amato.

This quarter Campus Security is located in Building 2, because their office that is normally located in Building 6 is being remodeled.

The amount you pay is different for each type of permit.

If you’re a Highline Student taking 1-5 credits a parking permit costs \$29.

If you’re taking 6 or more credits it costs \$46.

## HELP WANTED

The Thunderword has a number of openings for Fall Quarter.

- Sports Editor
- Graphics Editor
- Advertising sales rep

These are paid, on-campus positions for students currently enrolled in at least six credits at Highline.

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