Legislature eyes transit, taxes, Boeing

By Sam Hong
Staff Reporter

Republican resistance to the gas tax increase could hold up the Boeing package that will be voted on in a special session by legislators starting today in Olympia.

“If we are compliant, we will do some version of this package by next week,” said Senator Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

Speaking on campus on Wednesday, Sen. Keiser said the special session will deal with tax breaks for The Boeing Co. and with a transportation funding package.

Governor Jay Inslee called the special session earlier this week to vote on those two items. The Boeing package includes some transportation improvements, funding for workforce training, and tax incentives.

Boeing officials negotiated with state officials to hammer out a deal that would help keep production of the planned 777-X jetliner in the Puget Sound region.

The deal also depends on a vote by the Machinists Union on a contract next week.

“The Boeing Co. is exacting its pound of flesh,” Sen. Keiser said.

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Smith says Congress must see past politics

By Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporter

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Student assaulted in latest on-campus crime incident

By Ryan Johnston
Staff Reporter

A male student was assaulted on Oct. 29 in the continuing stream of criminal incidents on campus.

On Oct. 29 around 7:30 p.m., at the bus stop near Building 1, five or six black male juveniles wearing dark clothes and hoodies assaulted a male student, attempting to steal his phone.

They failed and fled south. The student didn’t sustain any injuries, but didn’t report the incident to Campus Security until Oct. 31.

“We’ve classified this as an attempted theft,” said Doug Jenkins, public information officer for the Des Moines Police Department.

This is just the latest in an ongoing, nearly weekly series of assaults on or near campus.

On Oct. 24, a woman was approached from behind and had a knife held to her throat on South 236th Street.

“The detective is still having problems contacting her,” Jenkins said. “If she’s not returning the calls, they’ll inactivate the case.”

Cell phone thefts are also common, and while they started out as simple snatch-and-grabs, they have escalated to assault.

In early October, three men repeatedly kicked a female student before stealing her phone. In late August, an armed man robbed two students of their cell phones at gunpoint.

The phones can be sold through electronic kiosks with little personal information required, and they can bring as much as $300 for a phone.

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By Ben Knapp
Staff Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to support Highline families in need during this holiday season.

“We are partnering with Women’s Programs, which always helps us out with identifying needy families on campus who could use the food donations,” said Phi Theta Kappa adviser Teri Balkenende.

There are bins (barrels) around campus where people can donate non-perishable food items are located in Buildings 6, 8, 25, 29 and 30.

The drive will last until Friday, Nov. 22, when the food will be collected, sorted into bags, and brought over to the Women’s Programs where they will make sure the food gets delivered to families.

Examples of non-perishable food items to send include:
- Jello, puddings.
- Dry stuffing mix.
- Dry beans, peas, rice.
- Baking items: sugar, flour, pancake flour, cake mix, oil, frosting, sweetened condensed milk.
- Toiletries and paper items: soap, shampoo, Kleenex.
- Milk: canned, powdered, evaporated.
- Beverages: pop, coffee, tea, cocoa, juices, powdered drinks.
- Condiments: syrup, mayo/mustard/ketchup, salad dressing, spices, jams/jelly, gravy.
- Snack items: crackers, cookies, popcorn, candy, nuts.
- Canned meat and seafood.
- Fruit (canned and dried) and pie filling.
- Cereal.

Food drive to help during holidays

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“It’s a problem because it undermines Congress,” Smith said.

“There’s the joke that conservatives say the federal government has bad, then they’re elected and prove it,” he added.

“[Republican]s want to make the government look bad.”

Smith also said that the White House could play a more pivotal role in the legislative process.

“The president is in a tough position, [but] I believe he should engage more with Congress,” he said. “[He should] recognize the importance of Congress and work with them.”

Summit focuses on community needs

Two-day conference on equity begins here starting tomorrow

By Rennie Wallin
Staff Reporter

Attendees at the two-day Equity Summit at Highline that begins Friday will discuss what services the community needs.

Some of the goals for attendees to get out of the Equity Summit are to develop key strategies to achieve healthy communities; create a structure for the community, officials, and philanthropists to problem solve together; and connect people who are working on similar things that will help equitable development.

Equitable development is an approach to creating a community that is healthy, prospering, and has opportunity for all citizens.

“I see a healthy community where everyone feels safe,” said Mia Gregerson, the deputy mayor of SeaTac and one of the organizers of the Equity Summit.

“It matters what lens is being used,” Gregerson said of examining public services.

For example, if you walked, opposed to driving from place to place, you would want nice sidewalks. However, if you drove from place to place you would want nice roads as opposed to nice sidewalks.

“There are different and needs access to different services,” Gregerson said.

“We hope to gather a lot of diverse people so that we can see what types of services the community wants,” Gregerson said.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, there will be is continental breakfast,然后 community break out sessions.

Organizer encourage you to register for the event so they can get an idea of approximately how many attendees there will be.

You can register at eventbrite.com/event?/482805991?ref=esitebregn.
Students, faculty and staff are required to smoke in the designated smoking areas on campus. These areas are not hidden away somewhere, in fact they’re in the same shape as covered bus stops throughout different parts of campus. Not to mention the large type signs that read “designated smoking area.”

Despite these attempts to create a space where people who smoke can get their daily nicotine fix, far too many of them light up in non-smoking areas. Three weeks ago, Highline VicePresident for Administration Larry Yok sent an email to students, faculty and staff regarding the policy on electronic cigarettes. As it turns out, these devices are also required to be used in designated smoking areas on Highline’s campus. Now the excuse of smoking electronic cigarettes outside of these designated areas because “they’re not real cigarettes” is officially invalid.

But students who use these are also found smoking throughout campus in the non-smoking areas, sometimes directly outside of classrooms or in extreme cases inside.

Many people who smoke actually use the smoking areas properly. Unfortunately though there are also many who don’t. If these students want to prevent Highline from becoming a completely smoke-free campus, then they must smoke responsibly in the designated areas. When they smoke outside of classrooms or in other non-smoking areas, it causes others to secondhand smoke.

This could potentially be a health hazard for people who may have an allergic reaction to the smoke or who have asthma. Not to mention cigarettes are fire hazards, not necessarily now that it’s winter, but definitely in spring and summer.

Properly disposing cigarettes also helps Highline remain a clean campus, maybe even making the jobs of our custodial staff that much easier. If the rules regarding Highline’s smoking policy continue to be neglected there may eventually be consequences that affect the students, staff and faculty who smoke.

So please, do everyone a favor and take your cigarettes outside of classrooms or in extreme cases inside. Remember common courtesy is something we must all remember to take into account. However, I feel that I am one of the few people who still practices common courtesy in my everyday life.

For one thing, I will always do my best to hold the door open for people. It doesn’t matter if they’re a man, woman or child, I will always be at least somewhat interested in helping somebody hold the door open for people.

But it rarely happens. It would seem as though the idea of common courtesy is taking a sabbatical for my generation.

Too many times I have seen people in distress, from dropping their books to having their hands full with small children and strollers, and not being asked if they need assistance. I’m not saying we need to be too personal and ask if they’d like us to hold their child for them, but if you see somebody who is clearly in need of another hand, go out of your way to help them.

On my first day at Highline, I was walking to class in a hurry to avoid being late. Unfortunately for me it had rained the day before so the ground was slick and there are multiple metal utility hole covers on Highline’s campus. And of course I decided to walk over this cover with my traction impaired Converse resulting in me slipping in front of a large group of people right on my rear.

A few people laughed of course, but nobody stopped to ask me if I was all right, despite the fact they looked directly at me.

I was mortified and disappointed in my peers. Courtesy is remembering that there’s a person inside every one of us, and simply saying something nice as opposed to rude remarks can make a difference in someone’s life. But it’s not just happening to me, I see it everywhere.

People will be rushing to class and a person in front of them will just continue to walk through the doorway instead of stopping for a second to hold the door open. This then causes others to awkwardly attempt to grab the door mid-swing. I’m not saying we need to go back to the times of chivalry, where only men were expected to be courteous, and only to women.

We live in the 21st century after all, and times have changed drastically.

This is however not an excuse to forget the importance of common courtesy. Everyone must do their part to help out others. I know it’s an old cliché that we are all tired of hearing, but treating people the way we want to be treated really does make a difference.

Some people have to learn through observation though, which means that to help our fellow individuals we have to step up to the plate and set an example.

This includes holding the door open for others, getting up for elderly and disabled people on the bus so they may sit, helping someone pick up their things if they drop them, letting somebody else go first in line at the grocery if they have less items than you, and the simple yet constantly forgotten concept of cleaning up after yourself.

Courtesy takes presence of mind and remembering to think about others instead of just ourselves.
Exhibit offers modern day hope

By Maria Tejeda
Staff Reporter

The Hope in Hard Times exhibit in downtown Burien, explores the Great Depression era and how it compares to the struggles that are still present in today’s society.

Sponsored by the Highline Historical Society, the exhibit is at 216 SW 153rd St., Burien. It will showcase artifacts from the Great Depression including: strike posters, old clothing, old radios, old toys and games, and famous photography from the era.

At the exhibit one can pledge money that will fund a new building for the exhibit.

“It will be good to see these stories from the Great Depression era and I hope that this will give [people] inspiration to get through the hard times we are facing today,” said Barbara McMichael, program coordinator of the Highline Historical Society.

The exhibit also offers a workshop called “It’s About Time-Let’s Talk About It.” The workshop topics will include: how to preserve family treasures, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.; business succession, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.; tracing your family tree, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.; and how to care for elderly parents and adults with disabilities, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The exhibit also offers a visit to local buildings built by the Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression. Buildings they built in the 1930s include the Ranger’s Cabin, which was restored this year in honor of the centennial of the Washington State Parks, and the Des Moines Field House, still in use by the city.

The exhibit is open from Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; until Jan. 4, 2014. The exhibit will be open until Jan. 4, 2014. For more information visit www.wahopeinhardtimes.net or by phone at 206-682-1770.

Local band waits for member’s return

By Nichole Johns
Staff Reporter

FT Mane is a two-person band until their guitarist comes back from Indiana to start playing shows.

Highline students Pierce Jacobs and Justin Hemby are waiting for the return of Scott Fish from the Hoosier state. He said his father would beat him up on him every day because of his drinking, and his mother was never there for him.

He turned to football, but he never found it to be just more damage to the people around him and himself. Just before teen jail at age 18, I picked up the guitar and started teaching myself power chords and scales. Instead of letting out feelings with more abuse in foot- ball, I could do it through guitar and really let it out,” said Jacobs.

Hemby started playing the drums at age 6 and continues to stick with it.

“THERE’s no certain days of the week they play, just whenever they feel the need to jam. And with practice comes the song writing for FT Mane.

In the garage with egg cartons on the wall and coloring equipment as the set up, Jacobs comes up with riffs to start out and Hemby follows that up with double pedal kicks, and together that forms a song for them.

“Just playing a lot builds good musician chemistry,” said Hendy.

There are no certain days of the week they play, just whenever they feel the need to jam. And with practice comes the song writing for FT Mane.

“We don’t want to be seen as a two-person band. We could play at shows now but we’re not a full band,” said Jacobs.

“For more info FT Mane go to www.facebook.com/pages/FT Mane or www.unsigned.com/ fromtheasheswa.
Fall Chorale promises diversity and passion in upcoming concert

By Nichole Johns
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Fall Chorale has deeper voices and new talent. I attended the chorale and had an all-women’s ensemble because so few men auditioned.

Now the group is evenly distributed with an equal amount of men and women. Along with more males in the group, Chorale Director Dr. Sandra Glover has a number of fresh new females faces as well.

“The difference between last year and this: All but two student singers are new to Chorale. Most have music introductory classes. I had friends from the first day,” said Bailey Williams.

Luke Hagen, one of the new student faces in the chorale brings some of that strength.

“I have been singing since I was in elementary school. In high school at Mt. Rainier, I sang in Jazz Choir and performed in the school musicals. I sang in the Highline CC choir during the years of 1980-1982 with Director Gordon Voiles,” said Hagen.

With years of experience Hagen has to offer, Highline, she has also brought her son, Luke Hagen.

“Luke is my youngest. He takes piano and voice from Jenny Shotwell in Federal Way. Luke also studies ballroom dance with Pacific Ballroom Dance in Auburn. Luke is an Eagle Scout, is studying to be a pharmacist and runs cross country,” said Hagen.

“Because he is so busy, I had to bribe him to sing in the choir. I offered him a ride home every day if he would sing. It was an hour in choir or two hours on the bus,” she said.

Kathy and Luke Hagen bring their experience to the group but the class is what helps make it easy.

“The other choir members are so warm and inviting, I felt immediately welcomed, like I had friends from the first day,” said Hagen.

The fall chorale is ready to bring the diversity and passion for their next show but also be guests to the Des Moines Band of 1900, a community concert band.

Dr. Glover was asked by Phillip Wikerson from the Band of 1900 to assist them with their concert. The band 1900 and Highline’s fall Chorale will be playing at Grace Lutheran Church Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m.

This is a community concert and the Chorale will be there to represent Highline to the community.

The group is also still looking for new members for next quarter. For more information contact Dr. Glover at sglover@highline.edu.

Don’t stop believing in yourself

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Some kids say things such as, policemen, firefighters, or teachers.

Then there are those kids who’s dreams are within the arts and entertainment field.

Ever since I can remember, communicating has always been my thing.

So it seemed only right to explore the world of broadcast journalism.

After I finish school I want to start my own talk show.

I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard that my goal was “unattainable”; from my peers and even some of my teachers.

I know that being a talk show host may be far out of reach for some, but that doesn’t mean it’s impossible.

The Bailey Update

Bailey Williams

Having big dreams shouldn’t be a burden placed on people to make them feel like they can’t accomplish them.

We should be praising those who have big dreams instead of shooting them down because they are determined to do what others may see as improbable.

But this isn’t just with big dreams. No matter how small a dream is, it is important.

Don’t ever let someone tell you that your dream isn’t worth it.

Don’t give up because the road seems tough.

Keep trying and never stop believing in yourself because nothing is impossible.

Make goals, follow your heart, and do what makes you happy.

No dream is too big.

Keep pushing through and take time to celebrate your victories.

Bailey Williams is the too flamboyant-for-your-mother arts editor of the Thunderword.

Local jazz band concert today

Today, the Music Department is presenting a concert by a Seattle-based jazz group, Hardcoretet. The concert is in Building 7, from 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m. This event is free and open to everyone who enjoys jazz or wants to learn more about it. To listen to their music visit, hardcoretetmusic.com.
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Highline wrestling hopes to pin down a victorious season

By Ryan Macri
Staff Reporter

Highline’s wrestling team hopes to bounce back from a disappointing year last previously. Highline had its worst year in the history of their wrestling program in 2012-13. Injuries, grades, and poor recruiting were key contributors to last year, said Brad Luvaas, the assistant coach of the wrestling team.

“Grades and injuries are some obstacles we face during the season,” Luvaas said.

Last year players received scholarships based on how they placed in state tournaments during their high school careers, but this year Luvaas and Head Coach Scott Nor- ton required players to come work out before Highline before they were offered any kind of scholarships.

Highline is ranked 22nd in the country as of now.

Highline only has about 1.3 full ride scholarships they can hand out, compared to North- ern Idaho, which is a national powerhouse, who has about 16.

“Winning the academic national championship, having five all-Americans, and having 10 national qualifiers,” are the goals for this season, said Luvaas.

The starting lineup is always up for grabs. The lineup can change at the coach’s discretion. There are also challenge matches once a month during practice where players can compete for that No. 1 spot, Luvaas said.

Highline started their new season placing fourth in the Lassen Invitational on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Las Vegas. Sac- ramento City College ended up winning the invitational over Fresno City College with an overall score of 161 to 141.5.

Beau Gore, at 165 pounds, led the team by winning his weight class, and Tyler Cormi, at 197 pounds, finished runner up in his weight class.

Three other wrestlers made it to the semifinals: Josh Smith at 141 pounds, Josh Romero at 157 pounds, and heavyweight Henry Smith.

Romero and Henry both placed fourth, and Smith placed third. Smith injured his shoulder during the match but was able to battle through it.

Highline’s next meet is the Mike Clock Open tournament on Sunday, Nov. 10 in Forest Grove, Ore.
1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does Hungary border?  
2. HISTORY: In what year did the United States establish diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China?  
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the coming-of-age novel A Tree Grows in Brooklyn?  
4. BIOLOGY: How long does it take a red blood cell to circulate around the human body?  
5. DISCOVERIES: Who was the first to explain correctly how the circulatory system works?  
6. GENERAL TRIVIA: What are the names of Santa’s reindeer?  
7. MUSIC: What was the theme song of An Officer and a Gentleman?  
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the silkworm’s sole source of food?  
9. ANATOMY: Where are the triceps muscles located?  
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the oldest president elected to office?  

**Answers**

1. Seven (Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria)  
2. 1979  
3. Betty Smith  
4. 20 to 60 seconds  
5. William Harvey  
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Mushrooms, fungi, and lichen are all vastly more important than people realize, an expert said last Saturday at the Highline MaST Center in Redondo. Kim Traverse has been mushrooming for 40 years and is a member of and volunteer for the Puget Sound Mycological Society, one of the largest mycological societies in North America. Mushrooms can be very tasty and nutritious, but most are just bland and extremely toxic, which is why identifying them is crucial, Traverse said.

Some mushrooms look very similar to each other but are not related, while others look extremely different but are cousins, Traverse said.

“The similarities and differences in appearance of many fungi can hide actual affinities,” he said. Mushrooms are not plants, they are not even closely related to plants. Fungi are in their own kingdom: eumycota,” he said. “Fungi are more closely related to animals than they are to plants.”

Since mushrooms can’t make their own food, they have to get it from living plants either as a parasite, a symbiotic relationship or by decomposing dead material such as dead animals and other fungi, Traverse said.

These kinds of relationships are crucial to ecosystems, Traverse said; nearly 90 percent of all land plants have a symbiotic relationship with a fungus due to codependence of each. An example of that is lichen, the outcome of thousands of fungi forming a relationship with algae, Traverse said.

“Lichen can be used to monitor air pollution. They are very sensitive,” he said.

Traverse said despite how dangerous some fungi are, mushrooms are still fun.

“They are so fun to pay attention to that after nearly 40 years of collecting, identifying and often eating mushrooms I feel like I have barely scratched their surface,” Traverse said.

The best times to go mushroom hunting in Washington are spring and fall, Traverse said.

The next Science on the Sound event will be on Dec. 7.

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tax bill, which is currently set to expire in 2024. The bill before the Legislature would extend the lower rate to 2040. Sen. Keiser said that there seems to be little debate over the Boeing breaks, but that some rural Republicans in the state Senate aren’t convinced that additional support for west-side mass transit, such as King County Metro, is needed.

“It is unfortunate that our friends across the aisle don’t understand transit,” she said of the Republicans, who have a one-vote working majority in the Senate.

“This is a difficult piece, a very big piece,” she said. The transportation package would be paid for by a 10-cent increase in the state gasoline tax, phased in over three years. The Republicans are opposed to the gas tax increase, she said.

The next Science on the Sound event will be on Dec. 7.

There will be a graduation ceremony with the crew at the MaST center in honor of Isis, just like they do for every octopus that they have October through June, said Higley.

“If you would like to visit Isis, the MaST center is at 28203 Redondo Beach Drive S, Des Moines. The MaST center is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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is substantial,” and that Joe Van represents a different demographic and that is a big deal while Pam Fernald, the incumbent, opposes Prop. 1.

City Council candidate, Kathryn Campbell is leading by 54-46 percent against incumbent Rick Forschler for council position No. 2 in SeaTac.

“I’m happy, but speechless,” Campbell said about the results “I’m hopeful and grateful, but I’m reserving excitement for right now.”

Campbell said Prop. 1 passing is a good first step.

The residents of King County Water District No. 5 re-elected incumbent commissioner John Rosentangle, who died this past August.

Jim Langston and David Gilkey ran as write-in candidates, but only earned 27 percent of the vote.

Gilkey said he was not surprised by the results. With only one candidate on the ballot, it is tempting to attribute him as a write-in, he said.

“I did well within the time restraints,” he said.

The water district commission will appoint a replacement and Gilkey said he would see what happens with the appointment before running again.

“It’s a small district at a major crossroad and with my experience and history I’m interested in serving again,” said Gilkey.

Incumbent Kent mayor Suzanne Cooke was not surprised by the outcome of the election.

Cooke said in the upcoming year the city budget is the top priority. They had to borrow from an internal fund, which they are paying back quicker then projected. With the end of the campaign, Cooke said she would spend some time with her mother.

Federal Way might elect a new mayor. Jim Ferrell is leading 55-45 percent against incumbent Skip Priest. Neither candidate could be reached for comment on Wednesday.

City Council candidate Martin Moore was “humbled by the resounding decision voters made” in electing him into the Federal Way City Council, defeating incumbent Diana Noble-Gulliford, 56-44 percent.

“It took a community of individuals to make it happen,” Moore said.

He said he would hold a listening session to gather public opinion before being appointed in January.

During his term, Moore said he would work on economic issues because “I grew up in Federal Way and I want to give people ... a reason to come back,” he said.

His other focuses will be the Performing Arts and Convention Center, and making parks more Americans with Disabilities Act accessible. Moore has been on the parks and recreation commission for six years and he said he wants to bring at least one or two pieces of equipment for those with disabilities to enjoy, especially the kids.

With the campaign over, Moore said he would like to hug his 2-year-old niece and hang out with his nephew because they make him smile.

In Federal Way, Katie Maloney will maintain her seat on the Federal Way City Council with a 67-33 percent lead against candidate John Fairbanks.

“I’m pleased with the percentage so far,” Burbidge said.

Burbidge said her main focus would be the downtown economic development.

Burbidge said “We need to invest in our downtown without increasing taxes.” A healthy downtown attracts other businesses, she said.

Kent Mayor Suzanne Cooke (right) shares a smile with her mother as she learns of her re-election Tuesday night.