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Cristina Acuna/THUNDERWORD

A student helps sort backpacks for the Weekend Backpack Program, before they are taken to classrooms at Madrona Elementary School in SeaTac.

## Program packs a punch at poverty

By **Cristina Acuna**  
Staff Reporter

Gerry Clift is one of two parents at Madrona Elementary School in charge of directing a cheerful group of student helpers on delivering 127 backpacks full of food to the students who will take the food home with them over the weekend.

This is how the Des Moines Food Bank's Weekend Backpack Program feeds needy

elementary school children in the surrounding area.

Although Washington state pays the highest minimum wage in the nation, the 2010 Census showed that the percentage of population under poverty in King County was at 12.2 percent, a 2.5 increase since 2009. And the poverty percentage is higher among minorities: 24.7 percent of African Americans, 19.9 percent of Hispanics, and 10.1 percent of Asians.

"Families are living on food stamps, and the homeless population has jumped dramatically," said Kathy Allen, family support liaison at Madrona Elementary School. "You have to meet the hunger needs of children."

In southwest King County, the population under poverty ranges from 10.4 percent

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## Students host bake sale to help needy kids

By **Kiya Dameron**  
Staff Reporter

The young boy had taken a tumble on his bicycle.

The apartment manager asked if he was OK. The boy said yes.

"Let's go see your mom," said the manager. The boy repeated that he was OK.

The manager wasn't sure, so he took the boy to the family's apartment unit.

"Go get your mom."

The boy came back shortly.

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"She's asleep."

After a few more questions, the manager determined that the boy's mother hadn't been home for several days. "What have you been eating?" The boy held up a backpack.

That backpack, and stories like this one, have led people in the community to support a program run through the Des

Moines Area Food Bank that feeds low-income children on the weekends.

Some Highline students have joined the effort, through a program they are calling Change for Change.

They will be discussing the program at a forum at 10 a.m. on Nov. 25 in Building 7, followed by a bake sale on Dec. 2 in Building 8.

This is the third consecutive year in which Highline students have raised money for the program, which provides backpacks

full of easy-to-prepare food for students who qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches at four elementary schools in Des Moines and SeaTac.

Some 70 percent of students in the Highline School District qualify for free- and reduced-price lunches.

School district and food bank officials began to figure out that those meals were often all the food students got to eat during the week.

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## Daylight robbery worries campus

By **Ryan Johnston**  
and **Sam Hong**  
Staff Reporters

Three men robbed a woman at gunpoint on the south edge of campus on Monday in the latest crime on or near campus.

The incident provoked an outcry of concern via email from faculty and staff.

In Monday's incident, three male juveniles approached a woman from behind on Nov. 18 at the bus stop facing South 240th

Street at around 9:20

a.m. One held a gun

to the back

of her head

and told

her to look

down.

She gave

them her

phone and

purse before they ran across

the street into the nearby

neighborhood.

The woman came to Cam-

pus Security afterward, and

they made her feel safe before

notifying the Des Moines Po-

lice Department, said Jim

Baylor, director of Campus

Security.

"This case was assigned to

the same detective as all the

other ones," said Sgt. Doug

Jenkins, public information

officer for the Des Moines

Police Department.

Jenkins said that this was

another case of an individual

being taken advantage of be-

cause they were too lost in

their phone.

"I don't want to dimin-

ish the victim, [but] it was a

crime of opportunity," he said.

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## Two vehicles stolen from parking lot

Two vehicles were stolen from the North Parking Lot and an attempt on a third was made on Nov. 18 between 9 in the morning and 7:30 at night.

The first victim parked his vehicle at 9 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m. to find his ignition sitting on the floor of his vehicle.

The second victim parked at 11:30 a.m. and returned at 1:45 p.m. to notice his vehicle was gone.

The last victim parked at 4:40 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m. to a missing vehicle.

All the targeted vehicles were Hondas and Des Moines Police is investigating.

## Child left alone in running car

Someone reported a child alone in a running vehicle in the East Parking Lot around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Security officers responded at the same time the parent returned to the vehicle. The parent said they were just dropping something off and Security advised them not to leave a child alone in a vehicle.

A person dropping kids off at

The Child Care Center in Building 0 was confronted by a man around 8 a.m. on Nov. 13.

A male in his 30s walked by and grabbed his own privates then walked away.

## Cell phone stolen by juvenile

A cell phone was stolen from Building 29 on Nov. 15 at 3 p.m.

The owner placed the phone down and a male juvenile grabbed the phone and ran off.

## Male walks into women's restroom

A female student filed a complaint after using the restroom in Building 17 on Nov. 18.

She said a male came out of one of the stalls and joined a group of males and females outside the restroom who were laughing.

She said she didn't think it was voyeurism, and the group might have dared him to do it.

## Graffiti on campus

There were two instances of graffiti on Nov. 14 and Nov. 18.

Graffiti was found in a men's restroom in Building 5 and more was found in an elevator in Building 26.

- **Compiled by Sam Hong**

# Black Hawk soars again through History Seminar

By **Eric K. Helgeson**  
Staff Reporter

Almost every general that attacked the Native Americans later became President of the United States, a Highline anthropologist said here last week.

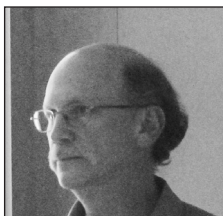
Dr. Lonnie Somer, who teaches anthropology at Highline and frequently presents History Seminars, was the host.

He considered this particular presentation a sequel to his first seminar on another Native American leader named Tecumseh.

Black Hawk, whose native name was Makataimesheki-akiak (Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak), was a warrior and later a leader of a tribe of Sauk Indians who went to war with the United States in 1832.

He talked about the various treaties in which the Americans either kept breaking or used loopholes to steal land from the Native Americans.

The war started when Black Hawk crossed into lands that



Dr. Somer



were ceded to the United States and supposedly resettle them.

Somer said Black Hawk received terrible advice from his advisers White Cloud and Neopope.

"It would be exactly like Karl Rove and Donald Rumsfeld saying 'Yeah in just a few months, we can have a photo-op with Mission Accomplished right over your head, it would be great!'"

Dr. Somer said two generals in the U.S. Army, William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor were later elected president after their conflicts with the Native Americans. They also did not have particularly long terms.

Another future president who was in the conflict was a young Abraham Lincoln, who served as a captain in the Illinois militia. While he did not see actual combat, he did assist in the burial of the dead in the aftermath of two battles.

The war ended after two disastrous battles at Wisconsin Heights and Bad Axe, in which most of Black Hawk's people were killed by both the U.S. Army and the local militias.

Black Hawk was eventually captured and sent to a military prison. He was later summoned to Washington D.C. by President Andrew Jackson, and later was given a tour of the East Coast and became a big celebrity.

Afterwards, he was given permission to go back to his people and he died shortly after writing his autobiography.

Dr. Somer said that one village that was briefly occupied by Black Hawk was discovered in Illinois in the late 1950s, but before the site could be fully excavated, the owner of the land sold it and a highway was put in. It wasn't until half a century later that the Illinois Department of Archeology hired an expert on Native American artifacts to go over what was left of the items that were excavated.

Next week's seminar will be titled European Witchcraft Trials and will be hosted by Teri Balkenende in Building 3, room 102 at 1:30 p.m.



## News Briefs

## Apply for winter leadership retreat

The Center for Leadership and Service has opened applications for their annual winter leadership retreat.

The retreat is meant to help better students' understanding of leadership, including what constitutes a leader, and recognize how leadership qualities grow and strengthen the student community.

To attend the retreat, students must submit an application that can be seen at [cls.highline.edu/retreat.php](http://cls.highline.edu/retreat.php) by Nov. 25 by 5 p.m.

The retreat is from Dec. 16 to Dec. 17 at the YMCA Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor.

Any additional questions can be sent to Iesha Valencia, assistant director for the Center for Leadership and Service, at [ivaencia@highline.edu](mailto:ivaencia@highline.edu).

## Workshop talks picking colleges

The Transfer Center is trying to help students pick what universities they want to attend.

The "How to Select a Four-Year College or University" workshop will teach students

methods to choose a college that is right for them.

The workshop will be on Nov. 21 in Building 6, room 164, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

## Workshops cover critical reading

Faculty and staff can meet twice before the end of the quarter for the workshop, "Faculty and Staff Learning Community on

Reading Apprenticeship."

The workshop will discuss ways to increase the effectiveness of their teaching by focusing on the Reading Apprenticeship framework.

The RA framework is meant to help instructors teach their students critical reading skills.

The first workshop will be on Nov. 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Building 19, room 101.

## Event discusses choosing a career

The Inter-Cultural Center continues its series of events with the second "Counseling Wisdom Series" of the quarter, co-sponsored by the Counseling Series.

The event will discuss the importance of money and personal drive that motivates people to follow a certain career path.

The event will be on Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to noon in Build-

ing 8, room 204.

Any additional questions can be sent to the Inter-Cultural Center at [icc@highline.edu](mailto:icc@highline.edu).

## Carpool spaces open in the afternoon

People with any campus parking permit may park in the carpool spaces in the East Parking Lot after 4 p.m.

Parking before 4 p.m. will still require a carpool permit.

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# Physics show electrifies full house

**By Ben Knapp**  
Staff Reporter

A powerful force was felt during last week's Science Seminar.

Hosting Highline's sixth Nearly Annual Physics Show, Engineering Professor Rich Bankhead and Science Professor Greg Reinemer demonstrated various experiments last Friday.

The Physics Show began with a race. A soup race.

Using a table tilted at a downward angle, the cans of soup were held in place at a starting gate constructed at the top of the table.

Contestants included chicken broth, tomato soup, and a hollowed-out soup can.

When released, the chicken broth made it down the table the fastest.

"For an object to be the fastest, there has to be less energy in rotation. The rolling speed is a function of the geometric distribution of mass and since the chicken broth is more liquefied, there is mass in the center of the can that doesn't rotate, creating an 80 percent free fall," said Reinemer.

Reinemer then went on to demonstrate a new gravitational experiment.

He attached four strings to

each corner of a checkerboard and placed a wine glass filled with water in the center of the board.

To demonstrate centripetal force, Reinemer began to whirl the checkerboard around in a circle vertically to the ground, much like a jump rope, while the wine glass remained standing upright without spilling a single drop.

"The acceleration in the curved pathway helps create a force directed toward the center of curvature of the path to keep the filled glass upright," said Bankhead.

For their next experiment, Bankhead brought out the Van de Graaff generator and chose a young woman to volunteer from the audience.

After placing her hand on the spherical generator, one could see the static electricity travel throughout her hair, making it stick straight up as if it were from a cartoon.

"The charge on the sphere is going up her arm and all the way throughout her body. When the charge reaches the hair, it separates more, creating this visual effect," said Bankhead.

For the final experiment of the show, Reinemer and Bank-



**Ben Knapp/THUNDERWORD**  
*The Physics Show demonstrates the power of static electricity in a hair-raising experiment. Highline professors Rich Bankhead and Greg Reinemer wowed a capacity crowd with multiple experiments.*

head brought out an 8-foot tube to serve as a cannon that would launch a ping-pong ball out of it using nothing but compressed air.

They started up the generator and covered up any opening that could potentially leak any of the compressed air.

After the cannon was ready, they released the cap on the

end of the cannon, sending the ping-pong ball flying out along with a tremendous boom.

"The ball leaving the cannon is travelling at roughly 400-500 miles per hour," said Bankhead.

The force of acceleration caused the ball and the cap to shatter into fragments.

The next seminar will be on Friday, Nov. 22 on the topic of

"From Concept to Marketing - Developing, Manufacturing, and Marketing an Idea: One inventor's journey," presented by James Peet, a local inventor and Geography professor at Highline.

This week's one-hour seminar will be held in Building 3, room 102 and begins at 2:20 p.m. The seminar is free and open to the public.

## New safety director wants changes in campus security plan

**By Sam Hong**  
Staff Reporter

Jim Baylor wants to bring the philosophy of community policing to Highline.

Baylor, the new Highline director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management has been at his new position since the beginning of November.

Originally from Austin, Texas, he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University.

"My dad wanted me to go into business administration," but he wasn't really interested in it, and Sam Houston State had just started a criminal justice program that he decided to take, Baylor said.

Baylor also received a master's degree with dual majors in psychology and sociology from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

Baylor started out working for a crime prevention association for the energy and construction industry and moved on to become an instructor at a regional police academy.

He then taught and was also the Police Operations Commander at Rice University in Houston for 18 years before becoming the Chief of Campus Security at Wharton County Junior College.

The move from Rice to Wharton County was a big change, said Baylor.

"It prepared me for this job. It took me out of a private college into a public state college," Baylor said.

It also took him out of an "armed mentality at Rice into an unarmed one at Wharton," he added.

Rice University has armed university police officers while Wharton had unarmed security officers. Baylor's move to the Northwest happened by chance.

"My wife and I wanted to retire to the Northwest," said Baylor.

He said he saw the job offer and it was similar to what he was doing at Wharton County.

"You could say it fell in our lap and the timing was right," Baylor said.

Officer safety and strategic training for officers are some changes Baylor said he hopes to implement at Highline.

Baylor also said he wants to "not necessarily change but enhance communication with the student body."

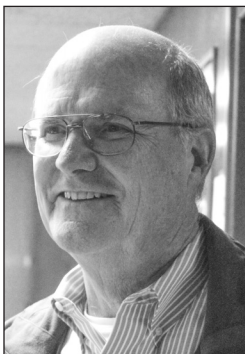
The issue of students not reporting incidents right away has come up in the Security Office. Baylor said he wants to change that and make officers more approachable and the Security Office more accessible.

Baylor said some people might be hesitant about approaching security and police officers and in some cultures the police can't be trusted.

The more barriers you have between the Security Office and students, the harder it will be for everyone, Baylor said.

As the Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management, Baylor said his current project is updating the emergency action plan, which explains what to do during armed intruders, bomb threats, fires, volcanic ash and other emergency procedures.

He also added that he wants to make the emergency action plan more accessible to students so they can be familiar with what to do in these incidents.



*Baylor*

## Gender inequalities featured in new/old class

**By Rennie Wallin**  
Staff Reporter

Highline's Women & Society class has been reborn.

This Winter Quarter Highline will be offering Diversity and Globalism 210: Women & Society, which has not been offered for several years since there was no teacher to teach it, said Rosemary Adang, a professor at Highline and the person teaching this class. This is because both teachers who have previously taught it, Adang and Teri Bakenende, have not had enough time to teach it recently.

The class has been brought back because Adang finally has the time to teach it and because women have different experiences in life compared to men.

"We need to be looking at women's issues," Adang said.

"Women as a group have a different experience from men and often deal with inequality," Adang said.

The United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women shows the inequalities of rights, opportunity, and education that women all around the world face, Adang said.

The main purpose of this

class is to educate students on what these inequalities are and ways to address the inequalities, she added.

"It's an introduction to women's studies," Adang said.

"We look at the status of women historically and currently," Adang said.

"It crosses lines of all different subjects," she said.

Its good for all degrees and its relevant for just about anything, Adang said.

It is a five-credit class that counts toward social science area one and diversity and globalism.

There are currently five students signed up, 33 spots left for students to register, and there are no prerequisites.

For Winter Quarter the class runs from 11 a.m. till 12:03 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It is a hybrid class, which is a class that's partially done in person and partially done online.

The class has a \$37.70 instructional technology fee. Its location is still to be determined and its item number is 1072.

For more information about the class you can email Adang at radang@highline.edu or call her at 206-592-3822.



# Don't be afraid to seek help for holiday blues

The holidays are known for the radiance of cheer, but it is also a season of stress and anxiety.

From trying to find the perfect gift for that special someone to trying to plan a four course meal, stress turns this otherwise cheerful season into a bleak one.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

On top of it all students are having to deal with studying for upcoming finals as the quarter comes to a close, and rushing to enroll in the classes they want before they fill up for the next quarter.

Many establishments are increasing work hours for the busiest time of the year, making it even more difficult for students to find time to study for finals and plan for the holidays.

The stress continues to build as students try to find a way to juggle all of these responsibilities.

Not everyone has a welcoming home and family to go to this holiday season, or they may be going through some personal hardships that limit their celebrating.

Everyone has to find their own way to make it work.

They should know that there is help out there if they need someone to listen or provide some guidance.

People should not be afraid of counseling.

Far too often it is portrayed as a solution for only "crazy" people with mental illnesses and other psychological abnormalities.

But this couldn't be further from the truth.

Counseling is an opportunity where people of all ages and health statuses may express what they keep hidden.

It's where a safe space may be created through confidentiality and helpful advice from an experienced professional.

It is a luxury that Highline students have access to for free.

For this reason alone, they should be taking advantage of this opportunity.

Counseling doesn't only have to revolve around personal topics, it can range from educational to career counseling.

If students are having difficulties deciding what to major in, or what their next steps should be for their educational career, Highline's counselors have many different tools to help them.

Counselors are able to help guide students toward a path that best suits their needs and will help them achieve their goals and ambitions.

Students may go as many times as needed throughout the school year, and request to see specific counselors.

So please, if you're feeling overwhelmed and need to just take some pressure off, don't be afraid to consider the idea of going to a counseling session.

It will do more good than bad for the most important person, yourself.

The counseling office is in the upper level of Building 6.

Students may call to make an appointment 206-592-3353, office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

## Have something to say?

Have something you want to say to the student body?

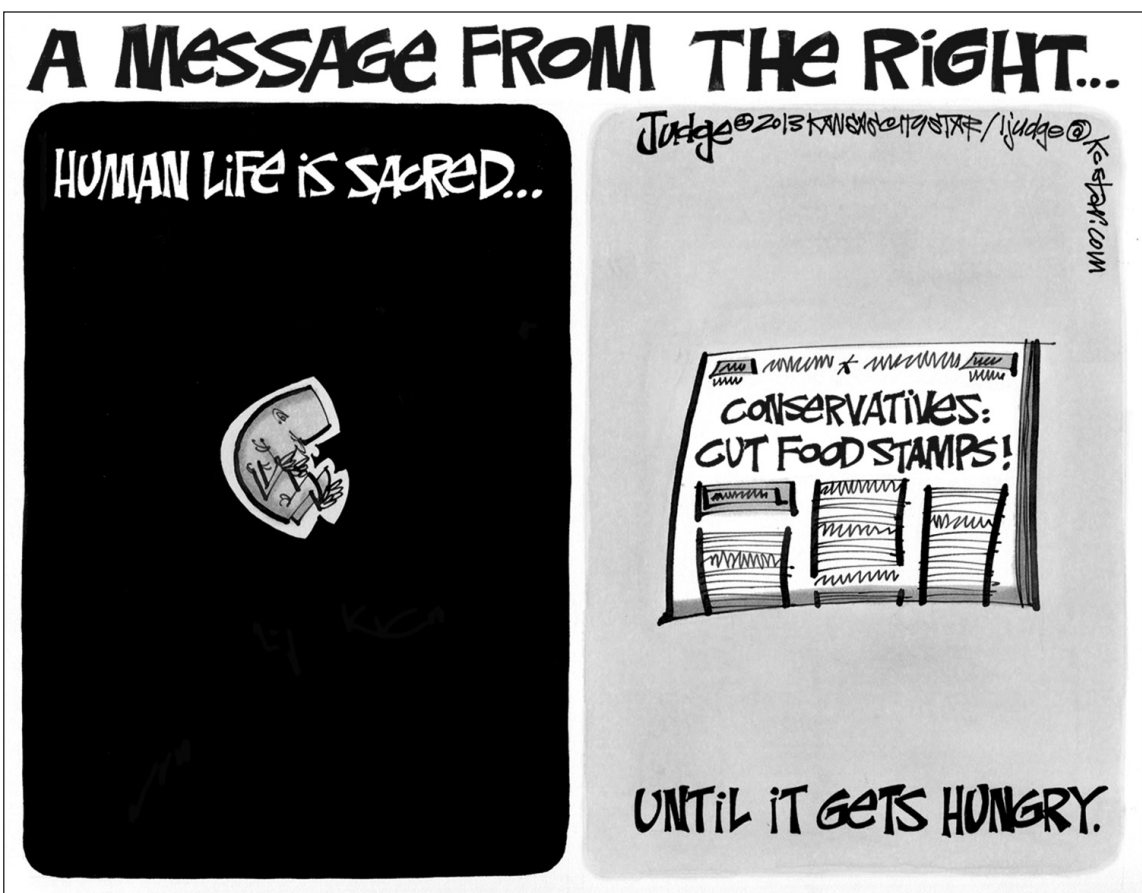
The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them.

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.

Submissions will be published in the next issue of the paper.

Write to us!



# Are the voices in my head distracting you?

Whether we want to admit it, we all have voices in our head.

All right usually it's just one and it's some sort of rendition of our own voice we usually call it a conscience.

This voice is constantly telling us right from wrong and what sort of decisions we should or should not be making.

But sometimes I like to imagine what it would be like to have multiple voices in my head at once.

What would they say in different situations?

If I was in an extreme case, like somebody was pointing a gun to my head, I feel like my inner Tina Turner would tell me to grab ahold of that barrel and break out into *Proud Mary*.

She would tell me to whip out my dance moves and belt at the top of my lungs, so that not only would people come find me in this life or death situation, but also – who doesn't love an audience?

A sane person would never do this, but I might.

Or if I were walking through Highline's campus and somebody decided to come up behind me and attempt to steal



## Commentary

Ipek Saday

my phone, there would be a very Morgan Freeman-esque voice that would say to give them hell.

But then Julie Andrews would remind me in that luxurious English accent that two wrongs don't make a right.

She would whisk me through melodic lessons to help me learn from my mistakes.

Morgan Freeman would retort with "the best way to guarantee a loss is to quit."

Julie Andrews' anger would skyrocket as she reminds Freeman, "I've got a good right

hook."

Then out of nowhere, they break out into vengeful songs.

Meanwhile, I'm just standing there looking at the perpetrator as if I'm still trying to decide what to do – which I am, because the two parts of my conscience are arguing it out, in two part harmony.

As this lyrical argument gets closer and closer to the climax and the aggressor says something that I cannot fathom over the sweltering crescendo of their voices, I find myself instantly still.

The two most important voices, who are supposed to be my inner guidance in situations like this, aren't paying attention.

Which leaves me completely vulnerable and dumbfounded.

Then, out of nowhere the singing ceases.

I no longer hear insanely long vibratos and operatic voices.

Only one voice is clear now, a sweet southern drawl.

Robin Wright, as Jenny, says "Run Ipek, run."

- Ipek Saday is the recently released into society opinions editor for the Thunderword.

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## Just try it — you may end up liking the arts

I thought I'd be bored.  
I mean come on, jazz music is for old people.

Music with no words is not my cup of tea.

But, boy was I wrong.

Hardcoretet put on a free live concert and anyone who missed out surely made a mistake.

The cohesiveness of the band mixed with the upbeat tempo of the music electrified the whole room.

My doubts about jazz music were all proven wrong when I finally seized the moment and just went for it.

If I had let the opportunity pass I would have never realized how much I enjoyed that concert.



The Bailey Update

**Bailey Williams**

I need to stop living in a box and open up my mind to all the things the art world includes— things such as live theater, concerts, art galleries, exhibits, film, and literature.

We've all had to read a book for class and dreaded every single bit of it.

Initially, when I was told I had to read the *Lord of the Flies*, I think I almost dug my eyes out of the sockets.

However, after reading the book it became one of my all time favorites.

I learned once again, to not judge a book by its cover both literally and figuratively.

Don't judge something because you think you might not like it.

Try new things because you never know what you may love.

One day I'll have to go to the opera or the ballet, because I now know that I won't know if I will enjoy it until I'm actually there.

Bailey Williams is the too-spicy-for-sriracha arts editor for the Thunderword.

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Michele Greenwood Bettinger/Renton Civic Theatre  
Michele Greenwood Bettinger, who plays Aunt Dottie, and Aaron Buckner, who plays Nephew Aaron, in Aunt Dottie's Sing-a-Long Cabaret posed for photos in the Renton River Days parade last July.

## Aunt Dottie says it's time to sing and dance

**By Bailey Williams**  
Staff Reporter

If you're ready to sing or even if you're not, Aunt Dottie has an opportunity for you.

Local actor Michele Greenwood Bettinger and local pianist Aaron Buckner come together as Aunt Dottie and Nephew Aaron, to perform their latest showing of Aunt Dottie's Sing-a-Long Cabaret at the Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S. 3rd St., on Sunday Nov. 24 at 3 p.m.

This show is filled with improvisation, singing, dancing and all around fun, said Bettinger.

This show was thought up five years ago when Bettinger was having a hard time finding work.

"I loved entertaining people with an alter ego, but I wasn't getting a lot of work. A friend of mine said 'Michele, you should just make your own work,'" Bettinger said.

"I met Aaron doing a show and said 'Hey, wanna do our own show?' and he said yes," she said. "We have a potential of over 100 songs that we can do in any show."

Typically there are around 25 songs performed in each show, said Bettinger. "We sing a range of old standards like *The Lady is a Tramp* to Elvis, like *Jailhouse Rock* to



Michele Greenwood Bettinger

disco, like *I Will Survive*, to one-hit wonder songs like *Kung Fu Fighting*. We also sing current tunes, too," she said.

The audience is welcome to make requests of songs they want to hear, said Bettinger.

One can expect a lot of wackiness and silliness when you walk into Aunt Dottie's Cabaret.

"People are encouraged to sing," she said. "Sometimes people get scared when they hear it's a sing-a-long, but it's not forced."

If sitting down and enjoying the music is more comfortable for an audience member, then that is perfectly fine, Bettinger said.

Over the last five years Bettinger and Buckner have performed 60 shows and Bettinger said she is just proud that she "actually did it."

"So many people have ideas. And it's really hard and really scary," she said. "Before the first show I was on the floor crying because I was so scared."

But the fear did not stop Bettinger from following through with her mission of spreading "Peace, love, and rock and roll," through theater.

A portion of the proceeds from the show will go to the Champions Foundation.

The Champions Foundation helps in the local community and the fight against human trafficking.

"I'm really proud that we've been able to give back in our own little way," Bettinger said.

Along with giving back to the community Aunt Dottie and Nephew Aaron will be giving away prizes on the night of the show.

Some of the prizes include autographed pictures, pins, coupons, and just anything that inspires Aunt Dottie, said Bettinger.

Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Tickets will be available at the door or can be reserved by calling the Renton Civic box office at 425-226-5529 and leaving a message.

For any further information visit [auntdottie.com](http://auntdottie.com) or [facebook.com/auntdottie](http://facebook.com/auntdottie).



- A free showing of *Old Boy*, presented by Movie Fridays, will be on Nov. 27, at 12:30 in Building 29 room 104.

- The Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street Tacoma, presents the annual Gather event on Friday Nov. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This event is free for all college students with an active college ID. There will be free non-alcoholic beverages and food, two student DJs, and a no host bar for students older than 21. For more information visit [facebook.com/GatherEvent2013](http://facebook.com/GatherEvent2013).

- Join Aunt Dottie and Nephew Aaron in their fifth anniversary show on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. The show is at the Renton Civic Theatre, 507 S 3rd St. This show is a sing-a-long with comedy, music, and prizes. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. To purchase tickets for the show call 425-226-5529 or email at [boxoffice@rentoncivictheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@rentoncivictheatre.org).

- Join the 5th Avenue Theatre, 1308 5th Avenue, in their production of the classic tale, *Oliver*, by Charles Dickens. The show opens Nov. 29 through Dec. 31. Tickets range from \$20-\$70. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [5thavenue.org/show/Oliver](http://5thavenue.org/show/Oliver).

- Amelia Earhart Exhibit is at the Museum of Flight, 9404 East Marginal Way S. Seattle, displaying the world's only 1935 Lockheed Electra airliner like Earhart's. "In Search of Amelia Earhart" will be on exhibit until April 28, 2014 with free admission to the Museum. Admission is adults \$18, seniors (65+) \$15, youths (5-17) \$10, children (4 and under) free, active military \$15, adult groups \$15, Senior Groups \$13 and Youth Groups \$8. Groups are 10 or more paid visitors in one transaction. For more information visit the Museum of Flight at [museumofflight.org](http://museumofflight.org).

- The classic Ebenezer Scrooge story is back for the holidays. A *Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will be showing at the Allen Theatre, 700 Union Street. The show runs from Nov. 29 to Dec. 29. Tickets range from \$22-\$65. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [actheatre.org/tickets/onstage/achristmascarol](http://actheatre.org/tickets/onstage/achristmascarol).

- The Burien Actor's Theatre presents *Coney Island Christmas* a holiday comedy by Donald Margulies. A Jewish girl is picked for her school's Christmas Pageant, but the differences of religion and family politics complicate things. The show runs Nov. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. Also on Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m.

- Humanities Washington presents a pop-up exhibit called Hope in Hard Times: Washington. This exhibit showcases the triumph of Americans in the 1930s. The exhibit runs until Jan. 4, 2014. It is open noon to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Thursdays it is open noon to 8 p.m. The exhibit is at 216 SW 153rd Street. Admission is free, but non-perishable items for the food bank are suggested.



## Squid-A-Rama makes a big splash



Rebecca Starkey/THUNDERWORD

A child, above, observes the MaST Center's current resident octopus, Isis, as part of the center's Squid-A-Rama celebration last Saturday. Around 200 people gathered at the event, which featured an art contest, hot chocolate, clam chowder, wooden squid souvenirs and arts and crafts. A member of the Des Moines Arts Commission created a squid coloring book as a souvenir. The attendees learned about how to preserve the Puget Sound for the squid and other sea creatures. Along with that, a camera was placed into the water to view a school of squid swimming by. The art contest included Highline student Cally Somer, who won first place for her piece *The Beholder*, right.



## New film class focuses on chick flicks

By Nichole Johns  
Staff Reporter

Film Studies 112 is now titled "Chick Flicks with Professor Rich" and emphasizes the roles of women in film.

The term "flicks" refers to films that explore the hopes and dreams of women, but Susan Rich said, the class will go beyond that.

Some popular ladies that Rich will be discussing include Mae West, Tilda Swinton, Audrey Hepburn and Charlize Theron.

She will take movies such as *She Done Him Wrong* and analyze how Mae West is portrayed on and off camera.

**'Guys are welcome [too].'**

- Susan Rich

"Most of the class time will be [spent] watching movies but also to get students to discover women filmmakers who continually inspire and intoxicate students," said Rich.

The class will be looking at women not just from America but from different countries so that it adds to student's diversity and globalism credit, she said.

This film class is also good if students are interested in film, history of cinema and want to be better critical thinkers, Rich said.

"Guys are welcome [too], I have had guys take the class and like it," said Rich.

Class begins Winter Quarter and is Monday through Thursday at 12:10-1:13 p.m.

## Glass museum offers hot fun at Gather

By Bailey Williams  
Staff Reporter

Students can enjoy a free night of dancing, art galleries, snacks, and glassblowing this Friday at the Museum of Glass.

The second annual Gather event is on Nov. 22 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. The museum is at 1801 Dock St. in Tacoma and the event is for college students with an active college or university ID.

However, you're allowed a plus one. "Everything's free except the no-host bar for students over 21," said Melanie Aamidor, a volunteer at the

Museum of Glass.

This is the second event and last year there were around 350 people in attendance, said Aamidor.

"Last year we got students up and dancing, and it was a bunch of fun," she said. "We're hoping that happens again. We want it to be as good or even better."

There will be an information desk to learn about internships at the Museum.

The Museum of Glass is a non-profit and a lot of the people who work there are volunteers, Aamidor said.

Building a strong relationship

with the community and the students is the goal of Gather, she said.

"We want to maintain a relationship with the students and continue interacting with them through the Facebook page," Aamidor said. "The museum is free to students on Sundays, and we would love to see more students there."

Overall, the goal is to "bridge the gap" of communication with students, she said.

For more information about Gather visit [facebook.com/gather-event2013](https://facebook.com/gather-event2013).



The Hot Shop Team, at the Museum of Glass, demonstrates how to blow glass.



## Men's soccer season ends in semifinals

**By Justin Kemp**  
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer season came to an end with a heartbreaking loss in the semifinals to Clark last Saturday afternoon.

After a strong start to the NWAACC playoffs with first round win against Columbia Basin, 2-0 on Nov. 6, and second round win against Skagit Valley 2-0 on Nov. 9, the Thunderbirds fell just short of making the finals with a 2-1 loss to Southern Division Champion Clark in the semifinals.

It was a cold and windy day at Starfire in Tukwila when the Thunderbirds and Penguins took the field.

From the opening whistle, overly aggressive contact seemed to be fair game in the first half with the refs letting several likely penalties go unnoticed.

However, when the second half kicked off the refs started cracking down with six yellow cards being handed out, two for Highline and four for Clark.

Highline managed to get the edge early with a goal from Jordan Cohen in the 19th minute.

Cohen managed to find the back of the net with a lobbed kick over the head of a Clark



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD

Highline player Jordan Cohen attempts to escape from two Clark players.

defender and past the goal-keeper from about 20 yards out.

"As soon as I kicked it I knew it was going in," said Cohen. "I felt like it was deserved after all the hard work we put in."

This spectacular goal managed to give the Thunderbirds the swing in momentum as well as getting the crowd on their side.

"We truly believed we were

going to win the whole time," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost.

Unfortunately for the Thunderbirds it was in the fourth minute of stoppage time that those beliefs were proven false.

As time ran out and stoppage time came into effect, a full five minutes were allowed by the refs.

During these five minutes, Clark was given four free kicks.

On the final kick Highline goalkeeper Nick Rosato was met by a mob of Clark defenders who managed to dislodge the ball and knock Rosato to the ground, sending the ball to the ground where it was then deflected off the leg of Clark player Abdiel Morfin, and just barely rolled across the goal line.

"Right before the free kick Clark moved all their guys so they were crowding the goal so

I did not have as much room to make a play on the ball," said Rosato.

"When the ball came I had no momentum to go get it, it was knocked from my hands and I was hit in the ear so I don't really remember what happened after that."

As the teams got a short break to prepare for overtime, the tension and anticipation filling the stadium was running so thick it could be felt.

"I told the guys to keep their heads up," said Prenovost.

However, that was easier said than done.

"We weren't ready to flip the switch because we were in the mode of trying to kill the clock, not score another goal," said Rosato.

As overtime began it didn't take long for Clark to find its rhythm. In only eight minutes, Bernardino Ayala-Jimenez of Clark scored the sudden-death goal, which gave Clark the 2-1 victory and a berth into the finals on Nov. 17.

As the Thunderbirds licked their wounds from a heartbreaking loss, their division rivals Peninsula matched up against Clark in the finals on Nov. 17.

Peninsula came away with a 1-0 victory and its second straight NWAACC title.

## Highline coaches, athletes win fall honors

Several Highline coaches and players earned end-of-the-season awards from the NWAACC for fall sports.

Highline athletics has been awarded with three coaches of the year.

Lady T-Birds soccer Head Coach Tom Moore was named as the West Region coach of the year.

Highline closed its season with a first-round playoff loss to Columbia Basin, ending in a 11-3-2 league record and 14-4-3 overall record this season.

"I'm glad the team was recognized for its success not only by the three all-stars chosen, but through this award as well. It reminds me that we are doing something right with these teams and the athletics program," said Head Coach Tom Moore.

Highline female soccer players Jessi Beverlin, Emily Hanna and Kacee Malmanger were also named All-stars this season.

"I'm very proud of everyone who played this year, and it is an excellent tribute to Emily, Kacee, and Jessi for all the hard work and effort they have dem-

onstrated toward the program and themselves throughout this year," said Moore.

Highline Head Coach Jason Prenovost was named the men's West Region soccer coach of the year.

Prenovost led Highline into the semi-playoffs against Clark where they lost 2-1.

Highline ended its season with a 9-4-0 league record and 15-7-1 overall record this season.

Men's soccer team All-star players were Scottie Inthoulay, Vincent Nguyen, Cole Madden and Jacob Thoreson.

Volleyball Head Coach Chris Littleman was chosen as West Region volleyball coach of the

year.

Littleman led Highline volleyball to the NWAACC West Division championship and a berth in the NWAACC tournament. Volleyball All-star players have not yet been named.

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Scoreboard

Volleyball		
West Division		
	League	Season
	W L	W L
Highline	13-1	21-10
Tacoma	12-2	31-11
L. Columbia	7-7	13-22
Pierce	7-7	14-17
Clark	7-7	20-17
Centralia	6-8	8-16
Green River	4-10	14-18
Grays Harbor	0-14	8-24
North Division		
	W L	W L
Olympic	11-1	41-4
Bellevue	11-1	27-5
Shoreline	8-4	21-13
Everett	5-7	6-19
Edmonds	3-9	7-23
Skagit Valley	2-10	6-23
Whatcom	2-10	3-26
East Division		
Blue Mountain	14-0	37-5
Spokane	11-2	31-13
Walla Walla	9-4	25-13
Columbia Basin	5-8	3-26
Big Bend	5-9	11-23
Yakima Valley	4-9	9-17
Treasure Valley	4-10	12-18
Wenatchee	2-12	7-26
South Division		
Mt. Hood	10-0	4-6
Clackamas	7-3	30-12
Linn-Benton	7-3	30-12
Chemeketa	3-7	17-22
SW Oregon	3-7	10-17
Umpqua	0-10	7-33

Men's Basketball

West Division		
	League	Season
	W L	W L
Clark	0-0	1-0
Highline	0-0	1-0
Grays Harbor	0-0	0-1
S. Puget Sound	0-0	0-1
Centralia	0-0	0-0
Green River	0-0	0-0
L. Columbia	0-0	0-0
Pierce	0-0	0-0
Tacoma	0-0	0-0
North Division		
	W L	W L
Everett	0-0	1-0
Shoreline	0-0	1-0
Bellevue	0-0	1-1
Olympic	0-0	0-1
Edmonds	0-0	0-1
Peninsula	0-0	0-0
Skagit Valley	0-0	0-0
Whatcom	0-0	0-0
East Division		
Spokane	0-0	1-0
Yakima Valley	0-0	1-0
Wenatchee Valley	0-0	1-1
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-1
Columbia Basin	0-0	0-1
Big Bend	0-0	0-0
Treasure Valley	0-0	0-0
Walla Walla	0-0	0-0
South Division		
Clackamas	0-0	1-0
Lane	0-0	1-0
Mt. Hood	0-0	1-0
Portland	0-0	2-0
SW Oregon	0-0	1-0
Umpqua	0-0	1-0
Chemeketa	0-0	1-1
Linn-Benton	0-0	0-0

# Highline begins season with win

By Jay Doull  
Staff Reporter

How hard the Highline men's basketball team works this season will help determine their success, their coach said. "Our biggest obstacle this year will be figuring out how hard we want to consistently work. That will directly correlate to our success. We have a lot of potential," said Head Coach Che Dawson.

The team recently started their season with a win over Olympic by a score of 102-57. Before the season started, Highline played a few scheduled scrimmages to help tune up for the season.

The most recent scrimmage was at home against Wenatchee on Nov. 10, winning by an unofficial score of 91-73. League play for the Thunderbirds begins Jan. 2 at Pierce. Last season Highline finished in sixth place in the West Division with a record of 6-10, missing the playoffs.

This year's team consists of 12 freshman and four sophomores with one player redshirting from each grade. The redshirted players will sit out one year of competition to extend their college eligibility but they are able to practice with the team. Even though the players



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD  
Highline assistant coach Dave Denny runs a drill during practice with players Doug McDaniel, Jimmy Keum and Xavier Johnson. McDaniel, Keum and Johnson all play as guards.

come from different walks of life, half of them come from within Washington. The players from Washington are 6'8" forward Joseph Stroud from Rainier Beach, 6'2" guard Daryon James from Thomas Jefferson, 6'2" guard Jalen McGruder from Garfield, 6'6" forward Isom Brown from Curtis, 6'5" forward Martel Taylor-Barone from Kent-Meridian, 6'3" guard Jimmy Keum from Lindbergh, 5'10" guard Harold Lee from Auburn and 6'8" forward Ryan Swanstrom from Mountlake Terrace. A couple players come from just outside of Washington, including 5'9" guard Madison

McCaffrey from Century, Ore. and 6'6" forward Ben Tucakovic from Boise, Idaho. There are also three guards from Alaska, 5'9" AJ Banks, 6'1" Keeandre Rowland, and 6'2" Xavier Johnson. A couple players are from Texas, 6'3" guard Doug McDaniel and 6'3" guard Brenton McBride. The team has one international player, 6'6" forward Brinsley Walker from Lakenheath, England. The sophomores are Banks, Stroud, Swanstrom and Walker. The latter three return from last year's team. "We should have great versatility. So far the guys have done

a nice job of being coachable and putting the team ahead of themselves. That needs to continue," said Coach Dawson. "This year's team has a lot of qualities that we didn't have last year. We are more talented, skilled, experienced, mature and unselfish," he said. In any case, "When you aren't as good as you should be, which has been the case the last couple of years, nobody is your rival, and everybody is your rival," said Coach Dawson. The Thunderbirds play an away game against Clackamas on Nov. 22 and then will be at home to host the Alumni game on Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Pavilion.

# Lady T-Birds prepare for hoop season

By Bayonne Beninger  
Staff Reporter

The Highline's women's basketball team has a lot of new parts to add to the machine during this upcoming season. The Lady T-Birds begin the 2013- 2014 season by playing Whatcom on Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Highline sees Clark, Lower Columbia and Centrailia as strong competitors in the NWAACC West Division. Highline finished fifth place in the West Division with a 9-7 league record and 15-12 season record last year, but didn't make the NWAACC tournament. "We have been putting a big focus on defense thus far in the practice. It has paid off in the scrimmages we have had. Although our offense now needs to become a bigger focus," said Head Coach Amber Rowe Mosely. Mosely is being aided by assistant coaches Karen Nadeau and Kevin Strozier. According to the NWAACC, sophomore guard/forwards Victoria Elleby, Lanae Adams and Sienna Pollard are all players to watch for Highline this year.

For the 2013 season the Highline women's basketball team has 10 freshmen and three sophomores on the roster. "With so many new players, we needed to tackle the basics first. We have also placed a strong emphasis on team ego instead of personal ego," said Mosely. The Highline roster includes four guards; 5'10" Jada Piper from Thomas Jef-



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD  
Point guard Kayla Ivy takes a pass in practice for the Highline women last week.

erson, 5'8" Calli Remitz from Enumclaw, 5'3" Maddy Maley from Auburn Mountainview and 5'3" Shiccia Harris-Grant from West.

The roster also includes two forwards: 5'10" Alana Christy from Christian Faith and 5'10" Kendall Watts from Kiona-Benton, five guard forwards; 4'10" Lanae Adams from Prarie, 5'11" Sienna Pollard from Auburn, 5'9" Allie Weathersby from Glacier Peak and 6' Ionna Price from Bellarmine Preparatory. Highline also has two point guards: 5'5" Kayla Ivy from Franklin and 5'3" Jordan Armstrong from Renton on this years roster. Mosely predicts Highline's strongest competitors in the West Division will be Centralia, Clark and Lower Columbia, who finished first, second and third in the West Division last year. "In order to be more successful than we have been in recent years, we need to buy in and place the team first," said Mosely. When Highline competed against Whatcom last season the Lady T-Birds beat them 65-61. Whatcom finished last season in third place in the North Division with a 11-3 league record and an 18-10 season record.



# Highline wrestlers pin down victory over Pacific

**By Ryan Macri**  
Staff Reporter

Edwin Torres got Highline the win in overtime against Pacific University in the T-Birds' first dual meet of the season.

Torres is a heavyweight and wrestled Aaron Beadle and won by decision, 3-1, in overtime.

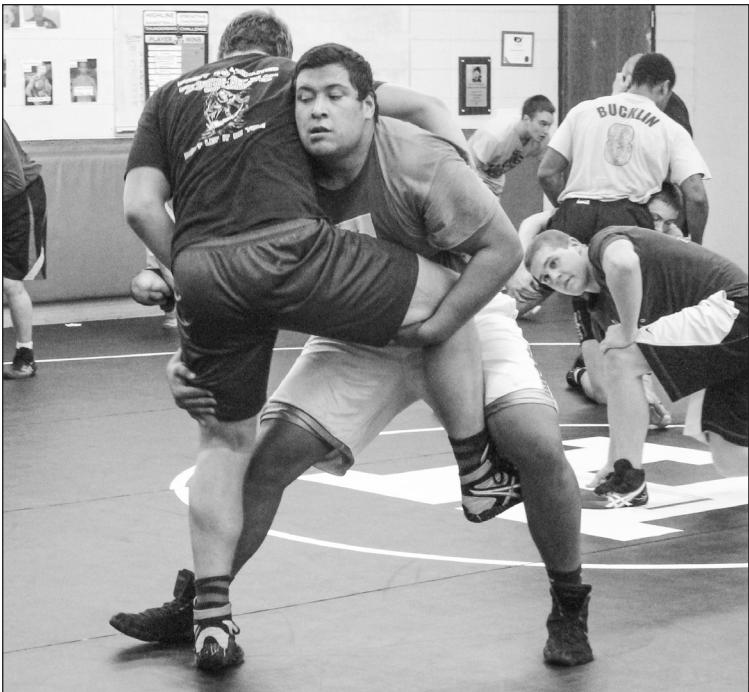
Highline won with an overall team score of 18-17. The match took place in Forest Grove, Ore. last Friday. Pacific is a four-year, Division III school.

Highline had three of its starters out: Josh Romero at 149 pounds, Anton Yates at 184, and heavyweight Michael Henry.

"The lineup should be back to the way it usually is [for the next meet]," said Brad Luvaas, Highline assistant coach.

Against Pacific, Highline's Alex Herrera at 125 pounds won by pin against Daylin Ruggerio, earning Highline six points.

Pacific's Eric Harder at 133 pounds won by decision against Konner Hopkins, 9-6, giving Pacific three points making the



Bayonne Beninger/THUNDERWORD  
*Heavyweight Edwin Torres, who gave Highline a win in its first dual meet last weekend, practices earlier this week.*

score 6-3.

Pacific's Shawn Speer at 141 won by decision against Eric Garcia, 8-7, earning Pacific three points and tying the score at 6-6.

Pacific's Ryan Baxter at 149 pounds won by decision against Josh Smith, 6-1, giving the host school the lead, 9-6.

"We wrestled well, but 141 and 149 could have wrestled better," Luvaas said. "We were

better at almost every weight class and we should have had more points."

Highline's John Hedge at 157 pounds won by decision against Devan Silva, 6-3, and tied up the overall score at 9-9.

Pacific's Bruce Balcita at 165 pounds won by major decision against Beau Gore, 11-3, giving Pacific a 13-9 lead.

Highline's Elias Mason at 174 pounds won by decision against Michael Tyner, 5-2, pulling Highline within one point of Pacific with a score of 13-12.

Pacific's Caleb Malychewski won by major decision against Zack Brickford, 11-2, giving Pacific a 17-12 advantage.

"We should have won almost every match," said Luvaas. "The only match I could see us losing was at 184 pounds. Caleb Malychewski [of Pacific] is a national qualifier and their team captain. [Brickford] wrestled well for wrestling a national qualifier."

Tyler Cormier at 197 pounds won by decision, 10-4, against

Chris Harlin, giving Highline a chance to win going into the last match putting the score at 17-15, which led to Torres winning in overtime.

"Tyler Cormier had a chance to pin his opponent and probably should have," Luvaas said.

Highline's next meet is on Nov. 23, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, against North Idaho College. North Idaho is ranked No. 2 in the NJCAA, and will be competing for their 14th national championship this year.

North Idaho is a national powerhouse; they always compete for national championships and they have a very good program, Luvaas said.

"I think our kids have to wrestle very well to win," said Luvaas.

Correction: Last week's issue of the Thunderword had Jason Gray from Highline placing first for the 157 pound weight class. Meet officials from Pacific University apparently had an old roster.

# Highline among several volleyball favorites

**By Joel Jessen**  
Staff Reporter

Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood have dominated the last three years of the NWAACC championship, but coaches around the league say that this year is anybody's shot.

After an impressive, hard-fought season, the Lady T-Birds emerged as champions of the Western-Division, with a record of 13-1. Despite these impressive numbers, Highline is still in for a challenge.

"Everyone is 0-0 at NWAACC and it doesn't matter what your record is before," said Highline Head Coach Chris Littleman.

In a tournament of winners, the ones that separate themselves from the pack are the ones that have more than a winning record, coaches say.

"The competition at NWAACCs is always high no matter what seed you go in at," said Olympic College Head Coach Beth Donnelly.

"I think it's the atmosphere and the pressure these ladies feel. Some kids thrive on it and those are the teams that do well."

Experience at high-level competitions does give a bit of an edge, added Donnelly, and those are the teams that are expected to do well.



Littleman

## T-Birds close season with wins

**By Joel Jessen**  
Staff Reporter

The Lady T-Birds swept two more teams to finish the regular season as first in the West-Division with a record of 13-1 and a high seed in the NWAACC tournament.

Highline gutted the Gators and ripped the Raiders in two dominating victories last week.

Highline clean swept the match against the Green River Gators with a score of 25-20, 25-5, 25-17.

Green River trailed by only one kill in the first set and put up a good fight against Highline. The deterioration of game play came in the form of handling errors with the Gators making more than double that of the T-Birds.

Highline set out to make a statement in the second set by not allowing Green River to see a two digit score. A big factor in this one sided set was the T-Bird's rock solid defense combined with their usual double-digit kill count. By the end of the set, the Gators were able to answer with only one kill of their own.

Highline's strong victory against Green River was summed up very clearly by Head Coach Chris Littleman.

"We were just way better. Our play proved it," he said.

Highline maintained momentum as they

went into the final game of the season against the Pierce College Raiders with a win of 25-15, 25-16, 25-22.

Peirce stayed in the game each set, but the Lady T-Birds just played better volleyball.

"We are making sure we are doing it right each time. We know how we want to play and what we need to do in each situation," said Littleman.

Notable mentions of the regular season are sophomores Mikaela Ballou, who ended the season with 206 kills, and Miranda Griesser, who finished with 385 set assists.

Coach Littleman is pleased with the progress his team has made this season.

"We are making less errors and we are being smarter," he said. "We know we don't have to kill the ball on each play if we don't have the advantage. We can keep it in play instead and when we have the chance to go for a point, we take it."

With the regular season finished and the playoffs starting this week, the Lady T-Birds are making the most out of every practice session.

"We just want to make it second nature. Each person has a job on every play and every situation. The jobs may vary, but we want to make sure we are doing it right," Littleman said.

The Lady T-Birds next match up will be the first round of the NWAACC tournament today at 4:30 p.m. against Yakima Valley.

women also went in to the tournament as the No. 1 seed out of the West Division. After a win against Everett, the Lady T-Birds were kicked down to the loser bracket after a loss to Spokane, who went on to take second in that tournament.

Another victory over the low seeded Valley team kept Highline in the tournament long enough to face their western division rival, Tacoma. Although it was a close match, Highline lost to the Titans, which brought their season to an end.

While this year's champions can't be decided based on the season so far, every team entering has victory on its mind.

"I can't comment on who will take it all, but I hope to see Blue Mountain and Olympic in the final. ... It would be a great match no matter who comes out on top," said Donnelly.

The Lady T-Birds are no different and say that they have one of the best chances of winning the tournament since they last won in 1990.

"We have played all the top seeds in this year and lost close each time. They have not played us since being at full strength," said Littleman.

The NWAACCs are a double elimination tournament and will begin today at 9 a.m. and will last until the final match on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m.



Donnelly

"Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood are definitely up there....I think BM and MH will be a little more mentally comfortable in the setting as their programs are used to being successful at NWAACCs," she said.

Highline draws its confidence from a combination of experience and youth, a mix that coaches and players agree makes this team more dangerous than teams in the past.

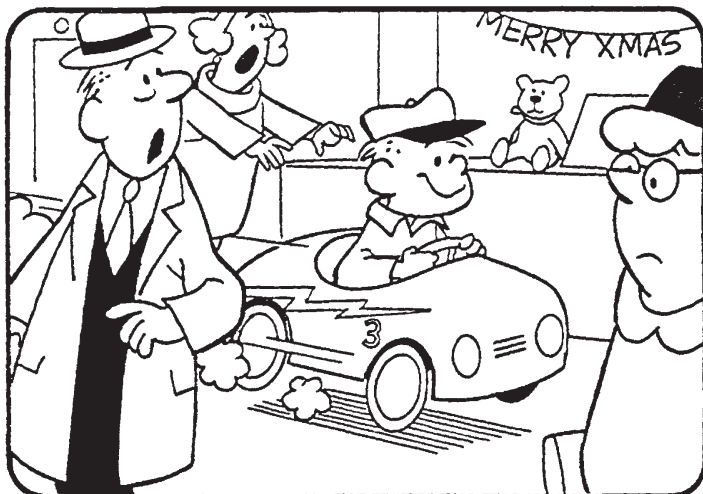
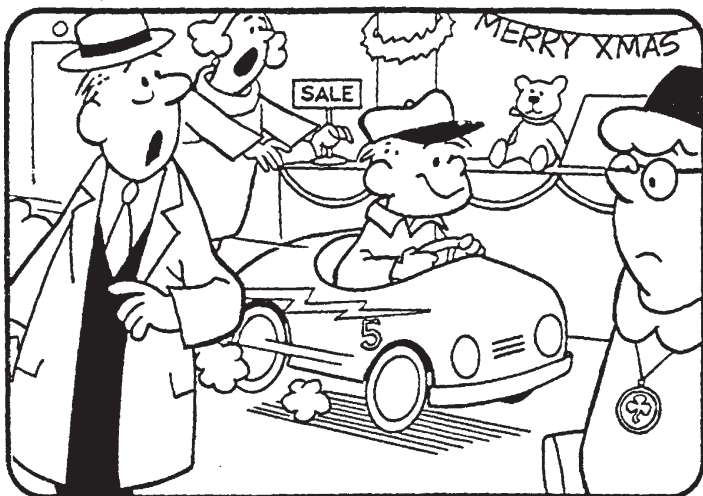
"We are stronger than in

years past. We have a nice mix of sophomores who have been there [NWAACCs] before and a strong group of freshmen who have all played in big matches," Littleman said.

Last season, the Highline



BY  
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## 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many member states belong to the United Nations in 2013?

3. LANGUAGE: What is a pugilist?

6. TELEVISION: What was the name of the spaceship on *Lost in Space*?

## 7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the 19th century novel *The Pathfinder*?

8. EXPLORERS: What was the name of Sir Fran-

# King Crossword

1 Greet the villain  
4 Amusement park attraction  
8 Sail holder  
12 Grecian vessel  
13 Jealousy  
14 Malaria symptom  
15 Long. crosser  
16 Too rare  
18 Swell  
20 "CSI" evidence  
21 Complaint  
24 2012 TV series about a Broadway show

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laundry  
problem  
57 Similar (to)  
58 Playground  
game  
59 St. Louis  
landmark  
60 Calendar  
abbr.  
61 Commotion

1	Socket insert	25	Alkali
2	Exam format		neutralizer
3	Aware of	26	“Get lost!”
4	AP competi-	27	— Kong
	tor	28	Works with
5	Hostel	29	Barbershop
6	Netflix		call
	offering	30	Antelope’s
7	Kept tabs on		playmate
8	Butterfly or	31	Verdi opera

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9 Bovary  
10 Past  
11 Early riser?  
12 Golf gadget  
13 Hosp.  
14 staffers  
15 Honest  
16 politician  
17 Birthright  
18 barterer  
19 Flowerless  
20 plants  
21 Alkali  
22 neutralizer  
23 “Get lost!”  
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25 Works with  
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27 call  
28 Antelope’s  
29 playmate  
30 Verdi opera  
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35 Part  
38 "The Iceman  
—"  
40 Shaft of light  
42 Standard  
45 Opening  
day?  
47 Hayworth or  
Moreno  
48 Thorough-  
fare  
49 "Les  
Miserables"  
author  
50 N.A. nation  
51 Neither mate  
52 Happy  
companion?  
53 White House  
nickname  
54 Pinch

## 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. Trademark	___ R ___	Weak tasting	___ L ___
2. Rearrange	___ G ___	Tropical forest	___ N ___
3. Bowler's best score	___ K ___	Attempt	___ V ___
4. Cabbage garden	___ T ___	Scorch	___ R ___
5. Mildewed	___ U ___	"Play ___ For Me"	___ I ___
6. Jim Henson's frog	K ___	Recluse	H ___
7. Complain	___ P ___	Greasy dirt	___ M ___
8. Upside down smile	F ___	Royal headwear	C ___
9. Coldness	___ L ___	Youngster	___ D ___
10. Say over and over	___ P ___	Use the microwave	___ H ___

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cis Drake's ship, which he sailed around the world?

9. SLOGANS: What company uses the slogan “Imagination at Work”?

10. MATH: How many faces does a cube have?

## Answers

1. The almond-shaped brain portion is known as a “fear center” that tells us whether to fight, flee or be afraid.
2. 193
3. A boxer
4. Ottawa

5. Fauntleroy
6. Jupiter 2
7. James Fenimore Cooper
8. The Golden Hind
9. General Electric
10. Six

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# Poverty

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in Des Moines to 26 percent in SeaTac.

“A lot of schools will serve breakfast in class to every student,” said Allen.

But sometimes breakfast and lunch is all these kids get to eat during the day, which is why the backpack program provides kids with food that should last them over the weekend.

“The Madrona Weekend Backpacks are distributed to 127 families,” she said. “Those 127 backpacks feed roughly 349 children from ages 1 to 18. Of those 349 children, 199 attend Madrona. All classrooms have students who receive backpacks. Some teachers received more than others.”

According to the Des Moines Food Bank website, “Hungry children suffer from health problems such as unwanted weight loss, fatigue, headaches and frequent colds. They are more likely to be ill and absent from school and typically cannot concentrate or do as well as others when they are at school.”

With the help of the Des Moines Area Food Bank, Madrona, Lakeside, Bow Lake, and Parkside elementary schools provide children with ready-to-eat and microwaveable foods to take home every Friday, including pudding cups, canned soup, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, Spaghetti Os, real fruit juice boxes, protein bars, cracker sandwiches, single-serving cereal, instant oatmeal packages, tuna, raisins, applesauce, Top Ramen and granola bars.

Joy Champion, teacher at Madrona, has personal reasons for participating in the program.

“My husband grew up on [Federal] housing and they struggled for money,” said Champion. “If he’d had this program, he would’ve thrived.”

Champion also said that this is truly a community effort and, without it, kids in



Cristina Acuna/THUNDERWORD  
*Volunteers from the Des Moines Area Food Bank deliver backpacks full of food to SeaTac’s Madrona Elementary School for distribution.*

the area would suffer.

Although the hourly minimum wage in the state is \$9.19, an MIT study states that the living wage in King County should be much higher: \$20.53 an hour for a single parent with one child, \$24.76 for a single parent with three children, \$19.63 for two parents and two children and \$24.14 for two parents and three children.

“You can just make rent and electricity [living on the current minimum wage],” Champion said. “Some of these families can’t apply for state help.”

Madrona Elementary School has 97 percent of their students on free and reduced meals. This means that out of their 629 children, 610 of them meet the need-based eligibility to qualify for this program.

“In some of our really down-and-out families, the kids even tried to sell the items,” said Champion. “Though we discourage that behavior, we can’t say it doesn’t happen.”

With contributions from the City of SeaTac, United Way and the local Rotary Clubs, the program has reached success in spite of obstacles.

“Time is scarce,” Allen said. “Joy and I are the only faculty who oversee the entire process in a tight schedule, and we do our best to have the backpacks out on time.”

Allen and Champion said another obstacle they overcame in regards to the program was a dispute with the bus drivers, who were overwhelmed by the number of extra backpacks coming home with students on a weekly basis.

“We got a new [Transportation] director from Eastern Washington,” said Champion. “Scott [Logan] has totally supported the program. There have been no complains after he joined.”

To get into the Backpack Program, students need to qualify for free/reduced lunch and fill out the Weekend Backpack Referral form, which asks for information that remains confidential but helps allocate funds: Parents’ name, address, names and birthdays of children living in the household, and whether the family benefits from other food bank or government programs.

The form is available in both English and Spanish.

“There is a need to build awareness about different programs that families can have access to,” said Champion. “Some families have no idea of the extra support available to them, and they continue to work just to pay for daycare.”

Currently, Gerry Clift and one other parent help students sort the backpacks and deliver them to classrooms. But more volunteers are needed, and donations are welcomed.

New backpacks can be donated directly to the four schools or the Des Moines food bank, while checks can be mailed to PO Box 98788 Des Moines, WA 98198 and online at [www.myfoodbank.org/backpackprogram](http://www.myfoodbank.org/backpackprogram).

## Puzzle Answers

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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### Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

- Brand, Bland
- Juggle, Jungle
- Strike, Strive
- Patch, Parch
- Musty, Misty
- Kermit, Hermit
- Gripe, Grime
- Frown, Crown
- Chill, Child
- Repeat, Reheat

# King County wants residents’ opinions

By Ryan Johnston  
Staff Reporter

King County government wants to know what citizens think, and is employing several methods to engage with the public.

“Collectively, we want to know the [overarching] priorities of the public. King County serves people who live here, and needs to know that their needs are being met,” said Meagan Eliot, project manager for the public engagement effort.

One part of the engagement effort was the creation of onekingcounty.info, a crowdsourced website that lets people start and join discussions based on the topics, “Challenges You Face,” “Big Ideas,” “Feedback,” “Great Place to Live,” and “About You.”

The website has approximately 11,000 hits in total for all five topics, “Challenges You Face” having the highest at around 5,000 hits.

“All of the information goes to all county officials,” she said.

The data will provide feedback to officials in various services in King County so they have an idea of what needs fixing, she added.

“We have at most 250 people

having their voices heard, [and] we wanted to represent more people,” Eliot said. “We thought it would be good to reach out to people that don’t normally participate [in local politics].”

The other half of the effort has consisted of a variety of workshops, focus groups, and surveys.

The survey took place last spring. The opinions of more than 1,000 residents were sampled.

“We asked about overall satisfaction in King County... the value from tax dollars, general satisfaction questions, things like that,” said Lynn Argento, performance analyst for King County.

“Overall, residents have a positive feeling about King County,” she said. “Our satisfaction improved whereas Pierce County’s decreased. We rated fairly strongly on service delivery.”

“We held six public workshops with sparse attendance,” Eliot said. Five out of seven focus groups have been conducted, and another residential survey will also take place.

The engagement effort will last until Nov. 30. The website will still be up for an additional three months, Eliot said.

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# Robbery

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Crime on or near campus has been a weekly event throughout Fall Quarter.

Fourteen incidents of cell phone theft and robbery have occurred on campus since Aug. 29.

One other incident has been an armed robbery, and two incidents have involved assault.

One abduction attempt near campus was also reported.

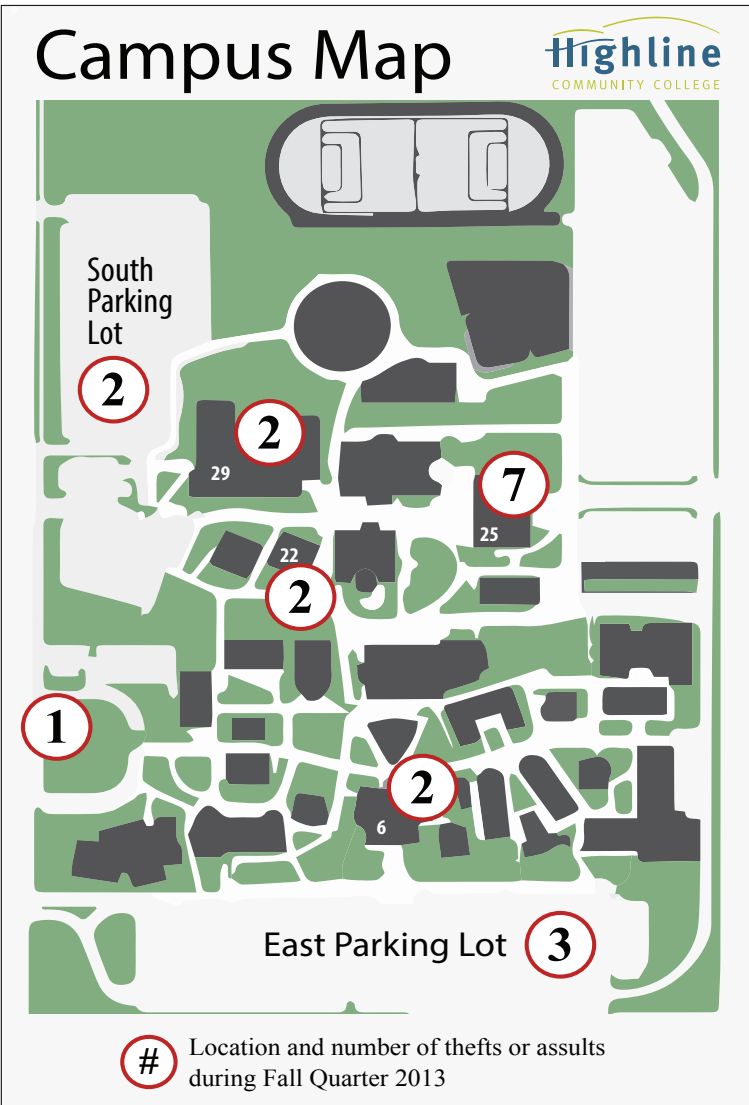
Faculty and staff say that something must be done, as they talked back and forth via campuswide emails on Wednesday following Campus Security's report of the incident.

Mark Proudlock, an instructor for Life, Ocean and General Sciences, sent an email to the all staff and faculty.

"What is the solution to all of these students and staff being terrorized? Notices are constantly being sent out that inform everyone of the situation," he said. "[However], I have yet to see more guards patrolling the grounds, or an active police presence on campus. Are we safe? Are our students safe?"

Although several staff and faculty members responded to the email, they generally declined to comment to the Thunderword.

Others didn't respond to re-



Aaron Fields/THUNDERWORD

quests for interviews.

Dr. Jack Bermingham, president of the college, responded to staff and faculty concerns.

"I take note of your concerns expressed in today's email messages and in earlier discussions. I assure you that the Campus Safety and Security Department

together with the Des Moines Police Department are working on strategies to reinforce a safe campus environment," he said

**'I assure you that the Campus Safety and Security Department together with the Des Moines Police Department are working on strategies to reinforce a safe campus environment.'**

– Dr. Jack Bermingham, Highline president

in a campuswide email.

Some of the strategies included modifying patrol patterns to target higher risk areas more frequently, monitoring non-students, reviewing video surveillance, and increasing the regularity of Des Moines Police patrols.

"We believe ongoing collaborations with local law enforcement agencies will decrease the crime we are experiencing," Dr. Bermingham said.

Campus Security was thankful for the increase in campus communication.

"I like [the responses] when they are to the point and written without opinions," said Richard Noyer, supervisor for Campus Security.

If faculty or staff have any suggestions relating to crime on campus, they should talk directly to the Campus Security office.

Recently, Campus Security has started mapping out where

crimes happen because it was an online suggestion, Noyer said. Campus Security's office is in Building 1, and they can be reached at 206-592-3218.

Highline's Health and Safety Committee, which includes faculty and staff, met with Campus Security on Tuesday to discuss ideas that could make the campus safer.

Meanwhile, students have also voiced their opinions on ratemyprofessors.com.

The most recent rating, which was posted on Nov. 5, says that Highline is "in an area where there's lots of crime."

Another rating, posted on April 22, warns readers not to park close to Pacific Highway South at risk of having their car broken into.

A rating from Nov. 20, 2012, reads "Dangerous campus... horrible security. Carry pepper spray."

These ratings can be seen at ratemyprofessors.com.

# Bake Sale

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The backpacks contain six child-friendly meals. Students check out the backpacks on Friday and return them the following Monday.

"If you can't eat, you can't concentrate. If you can't concentrate, you can't learn. If you can't learn, you will always be poor," said said LaTonya Brisbane, one of the students involved in this year's drive.

"They deliver these backpacks to students that are from low-income families and who are on the free-and reduced-lunch program, and they give these students backpacks over the weekend for food," she said.

"We have a bake sale, so everyone who wants to contribute is able to make any type of dessert that's non-dairy," said Brisbane.

Change for Change raised \$1,100 in its first year and \$1,200 last year.

"So now we're looking to raise more than that," said Brisbane.

The Changes for Change bake sale is on Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union where home-baked goods will be for sale, or your can just make a donation. Donations of home-baked goods also are welcome.

The forum on Nov. 25 will feature students and community representatives to talk about the backpack program and the impact of hunger and poverty on the community.



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