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## Students doubt Lowe's

By Thunderword Staff

Students are still parking in Lowe's parking lot even though the hardware giant has threatened to tow non-customers.

And some students apparently are calling the company's bluff.

"They threatened to tow everyone last year and they didn't. I've actually never heard of anyone being towed," said student Josh Esbenshade.

"I've read they will begin to tow cars for a while now and no one has been towed yet. If

they don't actually start towing I'm not going to take this issue seriously," said Highline student Dhan Chhetri.

"Lowe's may say they will tow but that has yet to be seen," he added.

"They have threatened to tow in the past but they have never actually done anything," said Highline student Donovan Rodgers.

He said without taking action, Lowe's threats hold no weight.

"I'm not going to take their threats seriously until they actually do something," Rodgers

said.

Rodgers said he has been going to Highline for several quarters and has always had difficulty parking on campus.

"Getting a parking pass can be a hassle, especially since I use a carpool pass. The office makes you go through all kinds of stuff to prove you legitimately have a passenger in your car. It's too much to deal with when I have classes to go to," he said.

Chhetri said he started parking on campus this quarter be-

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## The battle against stress

### Treatment can be effective

By Rebecca Starkey  
Staff Reporter

Many soldiers return home wounded, but some wounds are not physically visible.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affects about 5.2 million adults each year, many of whom are veterans.

However, treatment is a realistic option, says Highline's veteran's program coordinator.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 602,272 veterans currently reside in the state of Washington, an estimated 200 of whom are students at Highline.

Around 7 to 8 percent of people will experience post-traumatic stress disorder at some point in their lives, according to the Veterans Affairs department.

Post-traumatic stress disorder is an aftereffect in a person's response to a traumatic or life threatening event. Even after the danger has passed, the person may continue to think about the traumatic event, avoid people or places that remind them of it, or become irritable and startle easily.

"PTSD is a natural reaction to severe trauma," said Brian Galloway, Highline's veterans

program coordinator. "There are actual changes in a person's biochemistry that contribute to PTSD symptoms when certain 'triggers' take place."

However, this disorder is not an issue that only affects veterans.

"One myth is that it affects only military personnel and veterans," Galloway said. "In fact, any person who experiences or witnesses life-threatening events can develop PTSD."

Galloway said this does not mean people necessarily will

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## Money for the marina?



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

Boat owners must pay moorage fees at the marina, but cars park for free. Marina officials would like to institute parking fees to pay for upkeep.

## Marina paid parking proposed

By Kintasha Jackson  
Staff Reporter

Some Des Moines officials would like to be able to charge visitors to park at the city-owned marina.

Revenue shortfalls, due in part to the current economic situation, are straining the marina's budget and marina personnel have been looking for a way to remain solvent.

Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury said this is not a new idea. Patrons at the city's Redondo Beach Waterfront facilities have been asked to pay

for parking for the last 10 years. Both the Des Moines Marina and Redondo Beach facilities are under the same management.

Although this is an old idea, the Des Moines City Council is taking public opinion into consideration and there are various public meetings being held as well.

"The public is split. While a number of people have a knee-jerk opposition, others understand the need for more revenue to come into the

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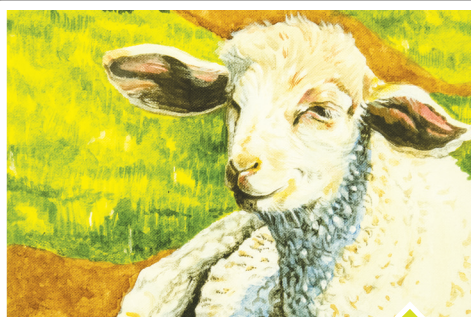
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## Package delivery alarms library

A suspicious package was reported on campus, but was cleared last Friday.

Campus Security received a call from Building 25 from the mailroom staff on Feb. 14 around 9:30 a.m.

Security asked everyone to evacuate the building. Students, staff, and faculty calmly complied.

The package came from an unknown address and was placed in a secured room.

The Des Moines Police Department was called as well as the Port of Seattle bomb squad to clear the package. They opened the package without any injuries and concluded the package was carrying a scientific calculator.

## Money stolen from unattended bag

A student reported the theft of her money on Feb. 11.

The Highline student reported \$5 in coins taken from her bag while she was attending art class in Building 26.

She said it happened while her class was having lecture sessions in the darkroom.

The students usually leave their bags unattended along the wall outside the dark room.

## Man threatens to steal wheelchair

A disabled student notified Campus Security about an off-campus event on Feb. 11.

The disabled student was waiting for the bus on Pacific Highway at around 1 p.m.

She was approached by a suspicious person threatening to take her motorized wheelchair.

The student notified King County Metro Police immediately to take further preventive action.

## Safety tip

A few simple tips can help you keep your car safe, Campus Security says:

- Hide your valuables and lock your car.
- Take your keys, even when gassing up.
- Park in well-lit or heavily trafficked areas.
- Give parking attendants the ignition key only.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Install an anti-theft Device.

Campus Security's phone number is 206-592-3218 and in case of an emergency always call 911.

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-Brenda Carrillo**

# Seattle more like region of doom than legion of boom

**By Caitlin Berge**  
Staff Reporter

The big one is coming, but no one knows when.

Dr. Eric Baer spoke on earthquakes around the world at last Friday's Science Seminar, in a presentation entitled "All Shook Up."

The Ring of Fire is the perimeter of the Pacific Ocean where a large number of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes occur. Seattle lies directly on the ring.

The Ring of Fire is a 25,000 mile string of oceanic trenches, volcanic arcs, volcanic belts and plate movements. A result of tectonic plates pushing against each other.

When these plates shift, earthquakes occur, some larger than others.

More than 90 percent of the world's earthquakes happen along the Ring of Fire.

"If you live near a deep sea trench, you ought to be con-



Dr. Eric Baer

cerned," Dr. Baer said.

Seattle lies on the Cascadian trench. That means we will experience a large earthquake in the future.

We can expect buildings collapsing, trees falling and roadways damaged. The worst place to be in this scenario is downtown in the heart of the city, he said.

But don't start worrying yet; it may not happen for another 500 years.

"We'll just have to wait and find out [when the next big quake hits us]," Dr. Baer said.

Scientists predict that this earthquake will be a magnitude 9.0. The massive destruction in the 2010 Haiti quake was only a 7.0 magnitude.

The tsunami that hit Thailand in 2004 was the effect of a magnitude 9.1 quake in the Indian ocean.

Being near the coast, Seattle is not only prone to earthquakes, but tsunamis as well. Luckily being directly on the Puget Sound, Des Moines and surrounding areas should be protected by the Olympics Mountains.

The rest of the West Coast may not be so lucky. A quake and tsunami could affect everyone from Victoria, B.C. to California.

The Washington State Emergency Management Division says you need to move inland to higher ground, anytime a quake occurs. Ideally, people should aim to be 50 feet above sea level.

Tsunamis can occur near the shore, or far offshore so it is hard to predict if a tsunami will reach you.

Just like tsunamis, earthquakes come without warning, Dr. Baer said.

Each household should create a disaster plan, including food and water for up to seven days, he said.

When a disaster happens without warning, people will likely be on their own for days - even weeks - before assistance arrives.

"You will be on your own," Dr. Baer said, "Hospitals will be unusable, roads will be damaged, and help may be unable to reach you."

This week's seminar will feature Highline science professor Stewart Moughon. Dr. Moughon will present "Some Of Us May Never Die: The rapidly advancing frontier of longevity research."

Science Seminar takes place in Building 3, room 102 at 2:20 p.m. on Feb. 21.



## News Briefs

### Conference deadline Feb. 24

Time is running short to apply for the 24th annual Students of Color Conference.

The conference will bring higher education students from all over Washington to provide the opportunity for students to work on their leadership skills as well as how to grow their personal, cultural and academic selves.

This year's theme is "I AM, Living Social Justice Through Creative Resistance."

Deadline to turn in your application and essay is Feb. 24.

More information is available at <http://multiculturalaffairs.highline.edu/SOCC.php>. You can also contact the office at [mcs@highline.edu](mailto:mcs@highline.edu) or 206-592-3296 for more information.

### Workshop on slang and idioms

The Writing Center invites everyone to their workshop today "American Slang and Idioms."

The workshop will explore the language and significance of words such as LOL, OMG, as well as understanding the use of slang words and phrases.

The workshop will be in Building 30, room 319 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

### Volunteer fair will help your resume

Expand your work experience while growing your resume by attending the Volunteer and Non-Profit Fair.

The fair is being sponsored by CWU-Des Moines Campus Student Leadership Group and Highline Student Employment.

Connect with more than 20 local organizations and groups.

The fair will be in Building 29 from noon to 3 p.m. on Feb. 26.

For more information contact Student Employment at 206-592-3350.

### Health care career fair in March

Students interested in a career in health care can now attend the Health Care Job Fair.

The career fair will be con-

joined with the Student Health Information fair that day.

More than 18 health care employers will be looking to fill job positions.

It is recommended to dress professionally, bring copies of your resume and be prepared to talk to recruiters.

The event will be in Building 8 on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 206-592-3350.

# Be a reporter (or just look like one)

**Take Journalism 101  
in Spring Quarter  
Item No. 4258  
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And earn that second writing credit while thrilling your loved ones and amazing your friends!



# Permit pot on campus, students say



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

*There is a designated cigarette-smoking area on the north side of Building 8.*

## Others just say no to weed

**By Ty Zumwalt**  
Staff Reporter

Some smokers at Highline think it's time to reconsider the marijuana policy on campus.

"Why not? It's legal in the state of Washington, why wouldn't it be here?" said Reece San Luis, a student at Highline.

"I've smelled it here at Highline before. It's obvious people are already doing it," he added.

"I've seen people smoking and smelled it," said student Michael Johnson. "I just assumed they were smoking it and no one really cared."

"The current campus standing on marijuana goes we do not allow smoking or possession on this campus," said Richard Noyer, security supervisor for Campus Safety and Security at Highline.

Washingtonians voted yes on Initiative 502 over a year ago, but it took the Washington State Liquor Control Board up until a couple months ago to put together a set of rules that everyone could follow.

Some students think it is about time Highline updates its policies.

"They should definitely let us have it on us now since it's legal," said Jason Sayer, a student.

"I don't see why we aren't allowed to possess it on campus. We can everywhere else it seems like," said Jaime Lewis, another student at Highline.

Some students may be pro-marijuana at Highline, but others aren't so much.

"I think it should stay away from campus," said Savanna Anderson, another student at Highline.

"I don't think marijuana and learning go together," she said.

"I have no problem with people smoking it in their own privacy, but when I sit down in class to a person that reeks of it, that's where it becomes a distraction," she said.

Larry Yok, vice president of Administration, also doesn't want marijuana on campus.

"Highline is not reconsidering its policy on marijuana use on campus," Yok said. "Marijuana remains a controlled substance under federal law and permitting the sale and use of marijuana at the College would jeopardize our federal funding."

The smoking of marijuana is only legal when smoking in private, according to the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

Although Highline will keep marijuana off campus, there are several smoking areas.

Students can smoke on the north side of Building 8, on the west side of Building 25, outside of Building 28 and on the south side of Building 10, near the administration parking lot.

A new smoking shelter was also recently built on the north side of Building 17.

# Building 27 gets timeout for renovations

**By Marcy Daniels**  
Staff Reporter

Building 27 will be going through major renovations during Spring and Summer Quarter.

The building is next to the Pavilion, and includes locker rooms and laundry rooms for athletics.

It also has a multi-purpose room that is used by the wrestling team and various physical education classes.

"Building 27 has been in need of upgrades for a long, long time. These renovations are necessary and will improve the facility functionally and aesthetically. I believe students, athletes, coaches, staff and faculty who use this building will be very happy with the improvements when they are completed," said Darren Smith, a Highline physical education teacher.

The men and women's locker rooms will receive upgrades,



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

*Building 27 will be going through major renovations in the upcoming months. The locker rooms, pictured above, will receive new plumbing, paint, tile floors, walls and lighting, among other things.*

including new plumbing fixtures, paint, tile floors, walls and lighting, Smith said.

"The multi-purpose room will receive a new flooring, mirrors, paint, and lighting" Smith

said, "There will also be new security doors for the whole building."

The laundry facilities and storage areas will get some upgrades including new washers, dryers, and storage lockers, Smith said.

"The building was made in the mid '60s and it needs a major renovation," said Karen Herndon, Highline project manager.

Construction should begin March 17 and end Sept. 1.

Students have been asked to remove any items they have in lockers by March 14.

"We have done our best to limit the inconvenience of shutting down this building," Smith said.

Everything will be put back together by Fall Quarter, Herndon said.

No classes are going to be cancelled.

Students enrolling in the affected classes will be notified of the changes, and no loud noises will disturb any classes during Spring and Summer Quarter, Herndon explained.



# Students, take a look in the mirror

Students need to realize that maybe they're the problem. Colleges and instructors are constantly being blamed when students fail.

But students should take a moment and rethink. Universities have been around for centuries. If they weren't working then there wouldn't be so many successful college graduates in the world.

The life of a student is a challenging one. There are so many roles they must play from employees to somebody's child and it's a huge bundle of responsibility.

On top of it all, they have to deal with trying to find a parking spot and lugging themselves up that hill to get to class on time. But they need to realize that they don't have to go through this alone, at least not when it comes to school.

There are so many resources available to students, and the one that they seem to forget about is that person who always stands at the front of the class.

Instructors are not out to get students and fail them; they're there to teach students how to learn and help them grow as people. They want their students to succeed.

Highline's instructors wouldn't be able to do their jobs if they didn't care about their students and their outcomes. However, when a student fails, the instructor is blamed.

But it's not up to the college or even the instructor to make sure these students pass, students have to take matters into their own hands.

The steps are very simple: go to class, pay attention, take notes, ask questions and turn in your assignments on time.

If a student is following these steps but still aren't doing well then they need to take advantage of the numerous tutoring opportunities Highline offers.

If anything, it's much harder for a student to fail because of all the different opportunities they have to improve their academic performance.

But instead they seem to want to just sit around and blame the world for their shortcomings, and that will not get them anywhere.

Their instructors would not be coming to school every day and attempting to share their knowledge if they had given up. Granted, it's not an easy task, but nothing in life ever is.

If all of those successful college alumni in the world hadn't showed up to class and never turned in their work, we would be living in a very different world.

Highline strives to help students get to their next destination, but this won't happen if an effort isn't being made.

So instead of sitting in class and glaring at your instructor because you're positive they are out to get you, try to actually pay attention.

Take a moment to step back and rethink your decisions, are you putting in effort and getting the results that you want? If not, then some changes need to be made and there's no time like the present.

### Have something to say?

Have something you want to say to the student body?

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

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

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

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

Write to us!

# Say what you mean, don't text what you say

Some things are better left unsaid or better yet, untexted.

In this day and age, texting can be the most convenient way of communicating.

Shoot, even my teachers send



### Commentary

### Bailey Williams

me text updates on assignments.

But are we taking things too far? I think so.

People have become lazy: "Can u pass me the remote!?"

There are so many things that I don't think should be said over text messages: "will you go out with me," saying "I love you" for the first time, "will you marry me," "it's not you it's me," or "I slept with your sister."

The list goes on and on.

But somehow these texts are still being sent regardless of the fact that they lack empathy.

People are relying too much on their thumb muscles rather than their heart muscle.

If you care about the person you're involved with, tell them.

And if you don't then you should admit it face to face.

Texting doesn't advance communications; it creates an impersonal barrier.

When you send a text message you can reply back, "That's fine, I hope you have a happy life," when your body language says, "I hate you for leading me on."

If these conversations were done in person they would be so much more real.

Because regardless of how many times you say, "I'm fine," if you're crying your eyes out the other person can obviously



tell that you're not.

I think that if you're going to admit that you hurt someone you should have to deal with that hurt smacking you in the face.

Everyone needs to stop hiding behind a cell phone and own up to his or her mistakes.

I've been dumped over text and trust me, it was as crappy as it sounds.

I read how sorry he was as I screamed and threw my phone on my bed.

At first I was angry because it was out of nowhere, but then my anger turned into sadness because I realized he thought I

was only worth a 140-character text message.

I don't think that anyone should be told mean, sad, hurtful or even good things things over text message, because we are all worth so much more.

And if you're scared to talk to someone in person, just remember to always treat others how you want to be treated.

Whether you and I are meant to be or not, lets say it to each other face to face.

*Bailey Williams is the all-up-in-your-face arts editor for the Thunderword.*

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# Hip-Hop Club breaks it down

By Kay Mansaray  
Staff Reporter

Hip-Hop dancing instruction will be a highlight of the Hip Hop Club's upcoming Spring Quarter Open Mic presentations.

Club leaders say they hope offering instruction will increase interest and participation in the annual events.

"The instructors are well prepared and excited to teach some new moves," said Donovan Smolich, president of the Hip-Hop Club at Highline.

At the Hip-Hop Club the instructors will show how to do hip-hop moves.

It will include having a hip-hop workshop that the instructors will play a role in as well as teaching it to students.

In addition to the instruc-

tors performing these moves, Smolich is hoping to have more students join.

They plan on having practices held in the evenings where it will be more available to students who cannot make it in the mornings.

With more than 100 members in the Hip-Hop Club, including men and women, they are still open to having new faces join as well as having diversity within their club.

"This club has become a success that I want other clubs to use as a motivation," Smolich said.

"We hope to start the Open Mic presentation sometime in the spring," said Smolich. For more information on clubs, contact clubteam@highline.edu, or call 206-592-3894.



Des Moines Rotary photo

*The Des Moines Rotary's annual Poverty Bay Wine Festival raises thousands of dollars for a variety of causes.*

## Turning wine into water

### Fundraiser uncorks support for water projects

By Caitlin Berge  
Staff Reporter

The wine will be flowing Feb. 28 - March 2 for the 10th Annual Poverty Bay Wine Festival at the Landmark on the Sound Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance and \$30 at the door. With purchase of a ticket, people receive 10 tokens for sampling wines of their choice.

This year people may also purchase a pass for all three days for \$50, receiving 10 wine sampling tokens per day.

Local artists Uncle Ernie, Ambience, Pearl Django and Kerry Wallingford will provide live music as you sip on wines from more than 25

Washington state wineries. Newcomers include Antolin Cellars and Martinz & Martinez Winery.

Waving Tree Winery will be returning to the festival this year. "We have been going since the beginning," a spokesman from Waving Tree said. "Ten years now."

Proceeds are used to fund the Des Moines Rotary Club's charitable activities, including college scholarships, support for the homeless, improving local parks and funding the Fourth of July fireworks show.

The club also supports international efforts, including the Solar Power H2O Project in Ghana, where solar panels were installed to power water

pumps, to move clean water to distant villages.

Ric Jacobson, the chairman of the festival, said many supporters have come to look at it as an event to kickoff spring, and discover new wineries.

Hours for the festivals are Friday, Feb 28 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 1 from noon to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 2 from noon to 5 p.m.

"We always enjoy working with the Rotary Club and always have fun pouring at the festival," the Waving Tree Winery representative said.

All attendees must be 21 and have ID. Designated driver tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

*Students learn new dance moves from Hip-Hop Club members.*

# This twerp almost made me want to twerk

It all began with a tongue.

The last place I ever expected to be was at a Miley Cyrus concert. It never had a home on my bucket list and I never would have gone by choice.

My cousin was dying to go but none of her friends were willing to go with her, so I took one for the team and said I would.

I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Sure, I knew her from back in her Hannah Montana days and, OK, I'm not going to lie I have definitely watched the *We Can't Stop* and *Wrecking Ball* music video but it wasn't by choice -- I swear.

I've never been a fan of her music or her voice, and as far as the seductive dancing and revealing costumes, it has all been done before, so that didn't phase me.

There was no way I was go-



Commentary

Ipek Saday

ing to enjoy myself, I thought; I'd rather watch a platypus and porcupine have a twerking contest.

There I would be, a tiny alternative tugboat lost in a sea of screaming and scantily clad 16-year-old girls. Nobody could prepare themselves for that.

I tried to convince myself that this was one of those times where you sacrifice your happiness for somebody else's, that sometimes we have to do crazy things for the people we love.

I told my friends and co-workers, who would give me wide eyes, that I was doing it "for the children."

The child of course being my 18 year-old cousin, but nobody had to know that tiny detail.

So there I am, standing with my cousin who is smiling so hard and beaming like a happy moonchild that I feared her eyes really were going to pop out of their sockets.

The scantily clad teenagers didn't disappoint. They were everywhere, and there were even a few moms without their kids in the audience too.

The next thing I know, digi-

tal images of Cyrus' face light up the screen at the back of the stage until a single expression opens its mouth to reveal a tongue slide.

I am not joking, she actually slid out of her own mouth.

I had to give her credit, she knew how to keep the irony going.

Anyone who has ever read about her recent transformation from Disney's sweetheart to Hollywood's newest rebel has also been bombarded with the many images of her sticking her tongue out.

The audience was screaming and singing along at the top of their lungs. Miley Cyrus was dancing with people in animal costumes and rode a giant hot dog into the sunset.

And I loved every minute of it. This wasn't a concert, con-

certs require guys with too long hair to sway back and forth while gripping their guitars. This was a show, a spectacle, a rave on stage.

The music wasn't really my cup of tea but there is no denying that she put on such an entertaining performance.

I was pulled in by the spectacular imagery and realized that I didn't have to like her music; just the fact that I was entertained by the visuals was enough for me.

The day after the concert I tried to listen to her album only to turn it off after two songs.

Like any good girl, Miley Cyrus deserves to be seen and not heard.

*Ipek Saday is a Thunderword staff reporter, and stars in her own show every day.*



## Barnyard beauties

### Professor draws on dreams of farm life

By Marcy Daniels  
Staff Reporter

Marina Megale may not own a farm of her own, but that doesn't stop her from drawing animals.

She is displaying her artwork on the fourth floor of the library. Megale teaches how to draw

with graphite, watercolor, color pencils, and how to combine techniques to create a unique style, which can be seen in her work.

She is teaching Drawing for Illustration II and Beginning Drawing this quarter, and will teach Watercolor Painting and Field Art Journaling at the M a S T Center Spring Quarter.

Her display includes a collection of realistic drawings of plants, aquatic life, and animals such as rabbits, cats, and sheep with many vibrant col-



*The pastoral perfection of farm animals led Highline professor Marina Megale to recreate their beauty and grace.*



*A goose preens its feathers in one of Megale's paintings, currently being displayed in the library gallery.*

ors, simple backgrounds, fine details, and smooth textures.

"I like drawing animals because of their personalities and intelligence, I like to draw their faces and their eyes, because in their eyes I can capture their consciousness. I find their fur and feathers, textures, colors, shapes and shadows challenging and interesting," Megale said.

"I focus on creating artwork of animals of all kinds because I want to celebrate their beauty

and grace and I want to share my appreciation of their beauty and their native habitat with other people," Megale said.

"Lately, I have been drawing and painting a series of farm animals because I am hoping to eventually have my own small self-sufficient farm and I am enjoying visualizing my future," Megale said.

"I'm a mixed media person, but color pencils are my favorite," Megale said.

For some of her work, she

likes to start with graphite then go over with watercolor or color pencil, Megale explained, "I like to use color pencil to fill in the details."

She described her work as highly detailed and representational. She said she often works from photographs.

The exhibit will be open until the end of February during library hours, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Burien theater rises from the ashes

By James Ford Jr.  
Staff Reporter

You can't shout fire in a crowded theater, but Burien Actors Theatre hopes the response to its latest play will be every bit as noisy.

*Noises Off* opens Feb. 21, the troupe's first production since a fire destroyed its performance space last fall.

In a strange turn of events, the premise of the play is about a theater troupe putting on a play after a major fire.

All bets were reneged once the theater suffered a fire in December of 2013.

The theater already had issues with the stage set up prior to the fire.

*Noises Off* set is 16 feet tall and Burien's stage was only 13 feet tall.

This reconfiguration that was supposed to happen would have meant that the theater's seating would have to be moved, because this set would have to be moved to the floor where seating usually is.

Then the fire happened and all of the theater's plans went up in smoke.

Burien Actors Theatre, under various names, has been in Burien for 34 years and the theater's coordinators wanted it to stay that way.

However, the company was not sure if the City of Burien, which is the theater's landlord, was going to rebuild the theater after the fire.

The political process began for the theater to get its space rebuilt.

BAT had to pull together with the people that loved and

respected the history of the theater, its directors said.

Hundreds of the theater's supporters sent emails to the Burien City Council, pleading with them to rebuild.

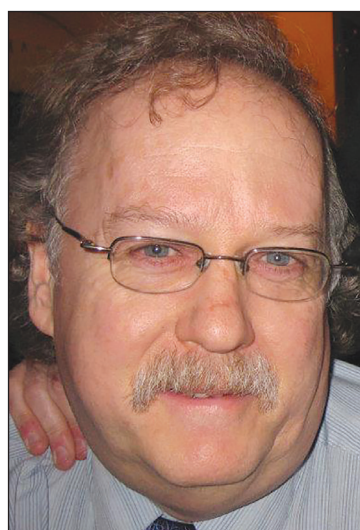
The emails were heard loud and clear by the City Council and they recently made the decision to rebuild the theater.

This news was great for the theater, but the issue of where the play was to be staged was still floating in the air like the ashes of the fire.

After weeks of negotiating with building owners, BAT was able to secure a spot at the old Staples located on 14907 4th Ave. SW, in Burien.

With this development, the show is on and the smoke has cleared.

*Noises Off* is a farce and is considered to be the "queen of



Eric Dickman

all farces," said Eric Dickman, artistic director of the theater.

Burien rarely produces a farce, but "if laughter is the best medicine, then *Noises Off* will cure your ills," Dickman said.

*Noises Off* was written by

Michael Frayn and this production is being directed by Mok Moser.

The cast includes Kevin Finney as Selsdon/Burglar; Phillip Keiman as Lloyd; Thomas Maier as Frederick/Philip; Helen Roundhill as Brooke/Vicki; Natalie Schmidt as Poppy; Jessica Stepka as Belinda/Flavia; Christian Ver as Garry/Roger; Steve West as Tim; and Rochelle Wyatt as Dotty/Mrs. Clackett.

*Noises Off* will open on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$17 for students, seniors and active military personnel.

The show starts at 2 p.m. on Sundays. On Feb. 22, tickets are two for one, and on Feb. 23 all tickets will be \$7. For tickets, go to [tickets@burienactorstheatre.org](mailto:tickets@burienactorstheatre.org) or call 206-242-5180.



# Men's basketball is tourney bound

## T-Birds look to go into playoffs with confidence

By Mariah Campbell  
Staff Reporter

Highline men's basketball has clinched a spot in the playoffs by bringing home a win against South Puget Sound last Saturday, 75-59.

"We have now come together as a team," freshman guard Brenton McBribb said.

Highline has beaten South Puget Sound twice this season. South Puget Sound is still last in the West Division and will not be going to the playoffs this year.

Freshman guard Doug McDaniel was the leading scorer for Highline, with 17 points and 7 total rebounds. Sophomore forward Joseph Stroud contributed 14 points, 14 total rebounds, and 7 blocks. Freshman guard Madison McCaffrey also had 14 points.

"We played great. [We] made a lot of mental mistakes, but all in all we had a great game," McBribb said.

Results from Wednesday's game against Green River were

unavailable at press time.

Last time Highline played Green River Highline lost by 5 points. Green River is fighting for a spot in the playoff. They are currently fifth in the West Division with a 6-8 record and a 9-14 overall record.

Highline is currently third in the West Division with a record of 10-4 and an overall record of 19-6.

Highline has one more league game left this season.

On Feb. 22 at 3 p.m., the T-Birds will be hosting their sophomore night against Clark. This will be their last league game of the season. Clark beat Highline last time they played, 94-77.

Clark has clinched the West Division championship title as well as a spot in the playoffs with a record of 14-0 and an overall record of 22-1.

Nonetheless, Highline still believes that they can beat Clark and go into the playoffs with confidence.

"Can't shouldn't be in a man's vocabulary," Harold Lee, freshman guard said on Twitter.



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

Coach Che Dawson prepares the T-Birds for their upcoming game against Clark.

# T-Birds send five wrestlers to nationals

By Ryan Macri  
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's wrestling team qualified five wres-

tlers for the NJCAA National Tournament later this month in Spokane.

The T-Birds competed at the NJCAA Western District

Championships last Saturday in Rock Springs, Wyo., placing fifth with a team score of 67.5.

The top finisher for Highline was Michael Henry, heavy-

weight, who took second.

Andres Tereza at 125 pounds, Josh Romero at 149 pounds, Elias Mason at 174 pounds, and Tyler Cormier at 197 pounds all finished fourth in their weight classes, thus qualifying for nationals.

Tereza, Mason, and Cormier are all freshman who will be competing in the national tournament for the first time.

"The only surprises were negative ones," said Brad Luvaas, assistant coach of the Thunderbirds.

"Josh Romero was robbed by horrible refereeing in his semi-finals match, and Michael Henry had a clear takedown waived off in his finals match, costing him a regional championship," he said.

"Michael Henry in my opinion has a good chance at winning the national tournament if he wrestles the way he did at regionals," he said.

"Half of the team wrestled to expectations. The other half fell well short, as my personal expectations were to have 10 national qualifiers," Luvaas said.

Clackamas Community College won the tournament with a team score of 137.5.

Clackamas has won the NJCAA Western District Cham-

pionships three of the last four years.

The tournament was close with Northwest College finishing second with a team score of 134.

North Idaho College finished third with a team score of 112, and Southwest Oregon Community College finished fourth with 89 points.

Western Wyoming finished last with a team score of 59.5.

Even though Clackamas won the tournament, Head Coach Josh Rhoden said, "We didn't wrestle as well as we should have. We lost to some guys we should have beat."

"[The national tournament] will be a lot more stressful, with larger brackets and a lot of kids that we as a team have never seen wrestle," said Luvaas.

The T-Birds will not be changing anything as they prepare for the national tournament, Luvaas said.

"We have been practicing for this tournament all year," he said.

"We will work with all of the qualifiers individually in order to fix any inconsistencies in their performances," he said.

The NJCAA National Tournament will be Feb. 27- March 1 in Spokane.



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

The T-Birds practice for the upcoming national tournament in Spokane.



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Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
West Division

Team	League	Season
	W-L	W-L
Clark	14-0	22-1
Pierce	11-3	18-6
Highline	10-4	19-6
Green River	7-7	9-14
Lower Columbia	6-8	9-14
Grays Harbor	5-9	8-15
Centralia	5-9	5-17
Tacoma	4-11	9-16
So. Puget Sound	2-13	2-21

North Division

Whatcom	10-2	17-5
Skagit Valley	10-2	17-8
Bellevue	9-3	15-10
Edmonds	7-5	15-10
Peninsula	5-7	11-10
Everett	3-9	12-14
Shoreline	2-10	6-18
Olympic	2-10	2-20

East Division

Treasure Valley	9-3	16-8
Big Bend	8-4	19-7
Columbia Basin	8-4	15-9
Spokane	7-5	17-9
Yakima Valley	5-7	14-12
Walla Walla	5-7	12-14
Wenatchee Valley	5-7	11-14
Blue Mountain	1-11	5-19

South Division

SW Oregon	9-3	18-8
Portland	8-4	19-6
Chemeketa	8-4	19-7
Mt. Hood	8-4	14-11
Clackamas	8-4	12-12
Lane	5-7	12-14
Linn-Benton	1-11	5-17
Umpqua	1-11	5-19

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
West Division

Team	League	Season
	W-L	W-L
Clark	13-1	21-3
Lower Columbia	12-2	19-6
Highline	9-5	18-8
Centraillia	9-5	13-11
Pierce	7-7	10-14
Tacoma	7-8	13-12
So. Puget Sound	5-10	7-18
Greys Harbor	1-13	3-20
Green River	1-13	3-20

North Division

Bellevue	11-1	18-7
Whatcom	10-2	14-8
Skagit Valley	9-3	18-7
Peninsula	7-5	10-12
Everett	5-7	8-17
Olympic	3-9	6-16
Shoreline	3-9	5-16
Edmonds	0-12	1-21

East Division

Columbia Basin	6-0	22-3
Walla Walla	5-1	16-7
Blue Mountain	4-2	18-7
Big Bend	3-3	16-10
Spokane	3-3	13-12
Wenatchee Valley	2-4	12-15
Yakima Valley	1-5	8-17
Treasure Valley	0-12	2-23

South Division

Umpqua	9-2	20-6
Lane	8-2	21-5
Clackamas	7-4	18-6
Chemeketa	6-4	15-10
Portland	4-6	8-14
SW Oregon	2-8	13-13
Mt. Hood	0-10	2-21

# Lady T-Birds near playoff berth

## Highline loses key player to injury

By Jimmy Keum  
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team needs just one win to clinch a spot in the playoffs.

The Lady T-Birds defeated South Puget Sound last Saturday by a score of 74-62.

Highline outrebounded South Puget Sound 53-35 and used 23 offensive rebounds for 25 second-chance points.

The team was led by Lanae Adams who scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Ionna Price also scored 18 points and added 6 rebounds.

Highline is currently tied with Centralia for third place in the NWAACC West Division with a 9-5 record (18-8 overall).

Each team has two games left in league play before the playoffs begin.

In their last meeting, Highline defeated Green River 80-52.

Highline guard/forward Victoria Elleby scored a season-high 26 points that game along with 13 rebounds.

"We know how important this game is," said 5'5" freshmen guard Kayla Ivy.

Highline can also clinch a playoff spot with a Pierce loss in one of their last two games of the season.

The Lady T-Birds understand the importance of finishing out the season on a positive note.

"We need to stay positive and work hard together," said 5'3" freshman guard Jordan Armstrong.

With 5'10" freshman guard Jada Piper out for the season with a broken pinky finger, the team will have to play together to fill her absence.

"I'm disappointed that I can't play and help the team," Piper said.

Piper is leading the team in scoring average at 13.78 points per game.

Highline has had other play-



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

The Highline Lady T-Birds practice earlier this week for upcoming games.

ers step up in Piper's absence to fill the scoring that she provided.

"We have players who can and have stepped up in her absence," said Head Coach Amber Mosley.

The Lady T-Birds understand they must continue to step up and improve with tournament play around the corner.

"We want to finish the season out strong," Ivy said.

Finishing games strong has been a problem for the Lady T-

Birds.

"We need to work on not being complacent after the first half," Ivy said.

In their most recent loss against Centralia, Highline was up eight points after the first half, but was outscored by 11 in the second half.

"Instead of keeping our foot on the gas, we get into cruise control, which can't happen," Ivy said.

"Focusing on mental mis-

takes is how we can improve," Armstrong said.

Highline will play their last league game at home this Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. against 13-1 Clark, who is currently in first place in the West region.

If the Lady T-birds win against Green River they will clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Results of the Green River game were unavailable at press time.



By Chris Richcreek

1. Name the last Big Ten baseball team before Indiana in 2013 to reach the College World Series.

2. Who was the last starting pitcher before Detroit's Max Scherzer in 2013 to start a season 11-0?

3. Name the two running backs who rushed for back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons for the Miami Dolphins.

4. In 2013, Liberty became the second men's basketball team to get a spot in the NCAA Tournament despite losing 20 games. Who was the first?

5. Three NHL goaltenders scored a goal during the 1990s. Name two of them.

6. Eight drivers have made NASCAR's "Chase for the Cup" at least seven times during its first 10 years (2004-13). Name five of them.

7. Entering 2013, how many female tennis players had won at least 10 Grand Slam singles titles?

Answers

1. Michigan, in 1984.
2. Toronto's Roger Clemens, in 1997.
3. Larry Csonka (1971-73) and Ricky Williams (2002-03).

4. Coppin State, in 2008.
5. Chris Osgood (Detroit), Martin Brodeur (New Jersey) and Damian Rhodes (Ottawa).

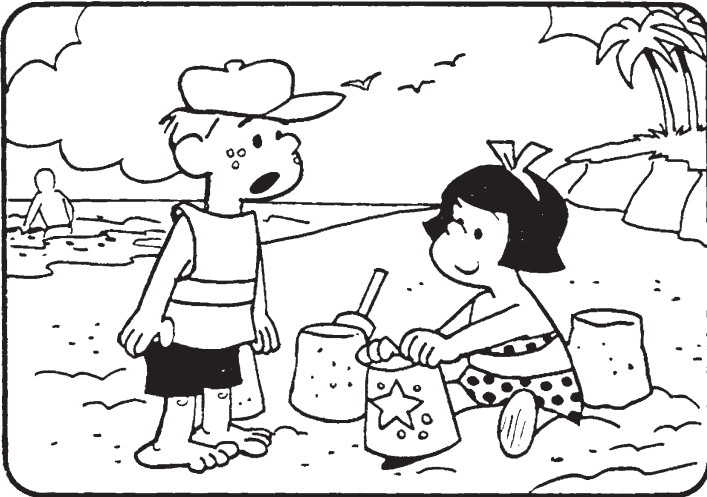
6. Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Matt Kenseth, Tony Stewart, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards, Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick.

7. Seven -- Margaret Court, Chris Evert, Steffi Graf, Billie Jean King, Helen Wills Moody, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



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

Differences: 1. Hat is reversed. 2. Shovel is missing. 3. Sailboat is missing. 4. Palm is moved. 5. Flag is missing. 6. Flag is missing.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★**

★ Moderate   ★ ★ Challenging  
★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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1. LANGUAGE: What does the word “glabrous” mean?

2. MUSIC: Which folk music group recorded the original theme song to Gilligan’s Island?

3. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare’s plays does the character of Titania appear?

4. GOVERNMENT: What are
- the five rights guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution?

5. GEOGRAPHY: Mexico is divided into how many states?

6. ENTERTAINMENT: What was the title of Elvis Presley’s first movie?

7. MEDICAL: How is dengue fever transmitted?

8. HISTORY: Which World War II general earned the nickname “The Desert Fox”?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where does the phrase “eat, drink and be merry” come from?

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Slithery squeezer

4 Gridlock sound

8 Fork option

12 Screw up

13 Jealousy

14 Therefore

15 Sign up

17 Black, in verse

18 Peanut

19 Puncturing tool

21 Pigpen

22 Fellow’s address

26 Calendar information

29 Card player’s call

30 Hasten

31 Unsigned (Abbr.)

32 Blue

33 Detective novelist Paretsky

34 “Monty Python” opener

35 Navigation gizmo

36 Waste channel

37 Nun

39 \$ dispenser

40 Ostrich’s cousin

41 Asian hostess

**DOWN**

1 “Wozzeck” composer

2 Sandwich treat

3 Jason’s ship

4 Surrounds

5 Contestant

6 Prior night

7 Increase progressively

8 Rods’ partners

9 Scepter topper

10 Past

11 Mafia title

16 “Ghosts” playwright

20 Victory

23 Melt

24 Green land

25 Caboose’s place

26 Raised platform

27 Con

28 Pitch

29 Petrol

32 Makes neat

33 Big rigs

35 Prized possession

36 Oktoberfest supply

38 Beat

39 Ford predecessor

42 Attempt

43 Queen of Olympus

44 Host

45 — Beta Kappa

46 A billion years

47 Decay

49 Oklahoma city

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## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Household task	— — — — E	Musical tone	— — — — D
2. Football consultation	— — — D — — —	Runner’s barrier	— — — R — — —
3. Find fault with	— — — M —	Trumpet sound	— — — R —
4. TV host Povich	— — — U — —	Take to the altar	— — — R — —
5. Group of sheep	— — L — — —	Dress	— — R — — —
6. Darrow or Mason	L — — — — —	Finn’s friend	S — — — — —
7. Toast topping	— — U — — —	Cookie mixture	— — A — — —
8. Wobbly	— — — K —	Protected from the sun	— — — D —
9. Shamrock	— — — V — —	Relief pitcher	— — — S — —
10. Every 24 hours	— — A — — —	Lacy napkin	— — O — — —

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10. INVENTIONS: Who invented the bathyscaphe, used for underwater exploration?

Answers

1. Hairless or smooth

2. The Wellingtons

3. A Midsummer Night’s Dream
4. Speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly and the right to petition government for redress of grievances.

5. Mexico has 31 states and one federal district

6. The title of Elvis Presley’s first movie was Love Me Tender
7. Mosquitoes

8. German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel

9. Ecclesiastes 8:15

10. Auguste Piccard

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# Lowe's

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cause of his class schedule.

"I started parking at Highline this quarter because I get here so early. If I got here later I would go back to parking at Lowe's," he said.

He said a new schedule might force him to start parking at Lowe's again.

"If I were to take later classes I would have to find parking off campus and Lowe's is the most convenient," he said.

He said there is nothing stopping him from parking at Lowe's in the future.

Other students don't want to pay for parking permits.

"I don't want to pay for the parking fee because its just too expensive and I always hear other students complaining on not even finding parking, so I park at Lowe's because I know I will find a spot," said student Dennis Del Toro.

"I'm here for 45 minutes a day and I'm taking online classes so I think it's a little ridiculous to buy a parking pass. If there was a way to do a part time parking permit which is \$25 versus like \$50 for a regular pass that would be much easier," said student Abigail Cate. "Plus it costs more to take a bus everyday in my situation and I'm only taking two credits at noon and the odds of getting a parking space on campus is nonexistent."

Part-time parking permits are available for students registered for five or less credits for a quarter. They are \$29.

Rodgers said Lowe's parking lot is the most convenient.

"In the past I've just decided it's easier to park at Lowe's and walk the extra 100 feet and not have to pay," he said.

Rodgers said parking at Lowe's is no worse than parking at the far end of Highline's parking lots.

"Parking at Lowe's isn't that bad. You have to walk across Highway 99 is all. Other than that it's just like parking in the east lot," Rodgers said.

He said he would be in for some tough decisions if Lowe's does decide to take action against people parking in their lot.

"Where else are we going to park if Lowe's won't let us park there? Highline's parking lots aren't getting any better," he said.

Other students say they are benefiting from the distance of having to park across the highway.

"I enjoy the walk," said Nicole Field.

She said it's more about saving money and getting exercise than it is about convenience.

"It would be easy for me to buy a parking pass here, but I'm parking for free over there and I get a little bonus exercise," Field said.



Sam Hong/THUNDERWORD

Many students park in Lowe's parking lot to avoid buying parking permits from Highline, however some park there to avoid the stress and hassle of parking on campus. Whatever their reasons, many students continue to use the hardware giant's lot, despite towing threats.

Field said she doesn't see the harm in parking at Lowe's.

"Every time I've parked there it's never been super full," she said.

She said students park away from customers.

"Everyone from Highline parks in the back so that people going into the store can park closer to the entrance," Field said.

"I heard about how the general manager is upset because he wants the space for the customers. Most of the students have been using the front of the parking lot to camouflage their cars so they don't get ticketed," said Javier Diaz, another student.

Field said she doesn't think Lowe's has taken a financial hit from students parking.

"I don't think we are hurting their business," she said.

She said if Lowe's started towing people she would not park there any more.

"If it came down to it I could park at Highline. I don't want to, but I would," she said.

Field said parking at Highline makes her life difficult.

"Parking here creates stress in my life," she said.

She said the difficulty of finding a spot in the morning can cause conflict among students.

"Trying to beat other people to parking spots can get super competitive. People get heated," she said.

Other students agree.

"I would park at the school but every time I get there, I see a

spot then out of nowhere someone gets it before I do, which is frustrating. So I just end up going to Lowe's," said student Nicole Maipi.

She said she has to wake up earlier when parking at Highline.

"If I know I'm going to be parking on campus I have to get up earlier. I try to make it here about a half hour early so I can have time to drive around and find a decent spot," she said.

Some students say they are worried about the prospect of Lowe's towing.

"I hope that they don't start towing because then I would not have a place to park, since the school parking gets filled up quick," said Leah Redda, a student.

"It's crazy because the school isn't helping with making sure students who actually have parking permits gets a spot and I am forced to park at Lowe's, not because I don't have a parking permit, but because I can never find a parking spot," said Brooke Williams.

"So if Lowe's is going to start towing cars, that leaves me to come to school really early just to have a spot, which baffles me," said student Kanu Abdul.

"I understand where Lowe's is coming from, but where are we the students suppose to park when everywhere else seems to be full?" said student Nicholas Jeffery.

Staff reporters Ed Hones, Kay Mansaray, and Amy Sato contributed to this story.

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# Learn how to clean up Puget Sound

By **Josué Chavez**  
Staff Reporter

Members of the Highline community who are concerned about the deterioration of the Puget Sound ecosystem have an opportunity in March to learn ways they can help.

A Citizen Action Training School supported by Puget Sound Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, will offer classes beginning March 11 in the Seattle area.

The Puget Sound ecosystem is threatened by habitat loss, shoreline development, and degraded water quality-and it is up to the people to restore and protect our environment, said coordinator Rachel Benbrook.

Another program coordinator, Leihla Scharlau, said the program strives to create a community of leaders to become productively engaged to support a healthy Sound and healthy watersheds.

Those who participate in the program will receive 50 hours of training in the form of weekday evening classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and a few Saturday field sessions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Three CATS sessions will be offered in 2014 for people living around the Puget Sound area.

In addition to the Seattle area sessions, classes for those living in Everett and Olympic Peninsula will begin in late September. There is a limit of 35 participants per session.

The training sessions will be conducted on a diverse spectrum of issues related to Puget Sound recovery and by presenters who are experts in their field, Sharlau said.

Following this comprehensive training program, participants will give back by volunteering at least 50 hours to plan and complete a service project in their community related to prevention of storm water pollution, protection/restoration of habitat, and recovery of shellfish beds, Scharlau said.

Scharlau became a coordinator for the program because she loves the marine environment. She grew up with a love for animals.

“If we don’t take care of our environment, these animals can’t survive,” Sharlau said.

Participants who were part of a previous CATS session had interesting things to say about their experience.

“I really liked learning about the Native American tribes around here, like Lummi Nation tribe, Nooksack tribe, learning about their power and how they have a strong say in the restoration efforts around these parts of the Puget Sound,” Jacob Bredl said.

“The beauty about this program is that its not just about one species or one type of habitat, its about the watersheds of the entire Puget Sound. I feel so much more informed and so grateful that I have a project that was inspired through this program that will allow me to go out and do the work I want to do,” Bruce Hostetter said.

Hostetter also said if anyone is considering joining the program, he highly recommends it because the instruction was excellent. He also said the preparation you receive to serve the needs of the environment based upon your won passions and interests is exciting.

“It gave me the tools and the pathway to find different organizations to work with and also the right way to go about affecting local politics and local projects surrounding restoration of our ecosystem,” James Berntson said.

“I liked that we had the ability to network with other people. There were people from different aspects of life here and everyone has a very different perspective,” Ken Carrasco said.

To apply for the program, go to [puget-soundcats.org](http://puget-soundcats.org) or call CATS coordinator Scharlu at 360-888-0865.

Applications for CATS Seattle sessions are due Feb. 28.

## Even Exchange

- answers
1. Chore, Chord

2. Huddle, Hurdle

3. Blame, Blare

4. Maury, Marry

5. Flock, Frock

6. Lawyer, Sawyer

7. Butter, Batter

8. Shaky, Shady

9. Clover, Closer

10. Daily, Doily

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

B	O	A		B	E	E	P		R	O	A	D
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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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# Transfer season is upon Highline

By **Derek Bird**  
Staff Reporter

Highline’s Transfer Center is open Monday to Friday for students who are looking to transfer to a college or university and seeking extra help.

They also offer resources such as college and scholarship handbooks, admissions guides on select majors and programs, computers to access information and complete online applications, catalogs and more.

Transfer Center Director Siew Lai Lilley encourages students to “start your planning early.” Some selective majors accept students only once or twice a year.

Highline student Victor Pilipchuk is transferring to UW Tacoma once he completes this last quarter and receives 90 credits. He plans to major in finance and says the hardest part of transferring is “deciding which school has the best opportunity for you.”

Students can drop by anytime during open hours to speak with an advisor assistant or a student worker.

Advisers are only in the Transfer Center during advising hours.

The Transfer Center is located on the first floor in Building 6, room 164, next to Campus Security.

Visit the center or the website at [www.transfercenter.highline.edu](http://www.transfercenter.highline.edu) for the hours. Hours vary from day to day.

For students applying for UW Tacoma, half-hour individual advising appointments are Monday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You can meet with an adviser from the UWT Admissions Office

to go over planning and any other questions you may have.

Make sure you bring your transcript for an unofficial review.

Students must sign up before meeting with the UWT adviser. To reserve an appointment, sign up in the Transfer Center before the event.

An adviser from PLU’s School of Business will be on campus today at 9 a.m. to meet with students individually to help plan your business major and answer any questions you may have.

Appointments are half an hour long and you must sign up

prior to meeting with the adviser.

To sign up, email [transfer@highline.edu](mailto:transfer@highline.edu) or stop by The Transfer Center

St. Martin’s University will be on campus next week Feb. 25 in Highline’s Student Union, Building 8, first floor.

Students can ask questions about admissions, applications, deadlines, financial aid/scholarships, majors and more.

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# Marina

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marina to help maintain it,” said Mayor Dave Kaplan.

Harbormaster Dusenbury would like to see this take effect and so would the Mayor. Although there is some support for the city to enforce a pay for parking initiative at the Marina, Mayor Kaplan said, “I think it is highly unlikely that this proposal would pass.”

Dusenbury said it’s “a matter of equity” and is the product of difficult economic times. The idea is to “spread the burden” to keep the marina in good condition, Dusenbury said.

In addition to this, Mayor Kaplan said, “If it were adopted, the benefit to the city is that those who use the marina would help pay for its maintenance.”

Currently people who reside in the City of Des Moines do not pay anything toward the marina, but it is open for public use anyway. Kaplan said boat owners



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Charging for parking at the marina could fund maintenance and operation costs.

are the only ones who actually make payments toward the marina. No tax money from residents of Des Moines goes into maintaining the marina or keep-

ing it open for operation.

On the opposing side, Councilmember Jeanette Burrage is against the idea of paying for parking at the marina. She said

she would rather see funding from the state in the form of sales tax equalization rather than paid parking at the marina and is more concerned with getting

better parking up the hill on 7th Avenue and Marine View Drive.

“To put paid parking in the marina now will make those other places more crowded, which would likely hurt the businesses there,” said Burrage.

Parking fees at the Marina are expected to bring in revenues of approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 annually. Revenues would go toward capital improvements, such as building repairs, putting in a public restroom and keeping the marina up to acceptable standards.

Residents of the marina boats would not be charged for parking and would be given permits.

Normal pay-to-park procedures would be in place. A parking attendant would come around and check to make sure people have paid, and if they failed to do so a citation would be issued.

This issue will have to go through a vote of the Des Moines City Council in order to go into effect, but the measure has not been formally proposed.

# PTSD

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develop the disorder, but they can.

“Not everyone reacts to severe trauma the same way,” Galloway said.

Galloway says that for people with post-traumatic stress disorder, treatment is a realistic option.

Galloway said that although symptoms of the disorder are distressing, it does not have to be a permanent part of your identity.

“You are a person with PTSD; it doesn’t define you,” Galloway said. “Many people have overcome PTSD and recovered.”

Highline’s Counseling Center is a resource available to students experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, whether they are veterans or not, Galloway said.

The Counseling Center is located on the upper level of Building 6, in the Student Development Center and is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Galloway said the Veterans Services Office can help with referrals, however if they are reluctant to go to the Counseling Center, student veterans can also be referred to Veteran Affairs or to community providers who specialize in counseling for the disorder.

Various myths and stereotypes surround the disorder, which veterans in particular must deal with continually.

“Myth always develop when the facts and the reality aren’t known or properly understood,” Galloway said.

Common myths surrounding

the disorder include thinking people living with the disorder are weak or dangerous, that treatment is a waste of time, or that the disorder is not even real.

“[Myths] can be dispelled by learning what PTSD really is, how it can be treated, and hearing the stories of those who’ve done that successfully,” he said.

Galloway said that one of the biggest things someone can do to support someone with the disorder is to listen.

“Just listen,” Galloway said. “Be willing to actively listen and don’t try to re-write the story.”

Galloway said that part of this process is also being prepared for anything.

“Be prepared emotionally ahead of time for what you might hear, and don’t add to the person’s struggles by your own emotional reaction,” Galloway said. “If you’re not ready to listen, don’t. That could do more

harm than good.”

If you or a person you know are experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, Highline provides

counseling services and veterans can pursue advice on how to begin the process of treatment with Veteran Services, located on the

lower floor of Building 6, open Monday through Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment on Friday.



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