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Register to vote by Oct. 6 deadline

By James Ford Jr.  
Staff Reporter

Oct. 6 is the deadline to register to vote online in Washington state. A voter registration drive will be happening that day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union near the Bookstore. Registering to vote allows you to vote in the Nov. 4 elections, which include voting for state legislators and three initiatives.

To register to vote, you must have a valid Washington state license or identification card, or tribal identification card.

Other qualifications for regist- ery are: You must be a United States citizen, a legal resident of Washington state, be 18 years or older on election day, not be under the authority of the De- partment of Corrections, not be disqualified for voting due to a court order, and not be in cus- tody of the prison system.

This drive will also assist why being registered to vote is important and how one can change an election.

“Your votes do make a dif- ference, sometimes elections are won or lost by one vote,” said Shari Song, a candidate for state Senate in District 30 in a recent visit to campus.

State and local government students will be running the drive; they will have flyers and signs promoting registration.

In addition, there will be lap- tops on hand for people to reg- ister online.

Highline student Bryce Sizer- more, who is participating in the voter registration drive, said it’s important for people to reg- ister and vote.

History seminars reach from past to present

By Tiffany Thompson  
Staff Reporter


The History Seminar is a lecture presented at Highline, which can earn you one credit toward your history fulfillment, if you enroll in the class.

Oct. 31: Green Week Speaker Nov. 7: Tim Vagen - Working toward the fountain of youth.


Money class Oct. 7

Beginning on Oct. 7, students can get help with their finances and learn money management skills. Classes are every Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Childcare is provided on-site and transportation is available.

Bicycles stolen

Two bicycles were reported stolen Oct. 24. The Public Safety Office no- ticed that many people are not properly locking up their bicycles, and reminds stu- dents to lock up their bicycles.

A phone was stolen on Building 6 on Sept. 29. A student set it down and looked away; when he looked back it was gone.

Public Safety advises stu- dents to keep their phones and other valuables out of plain view.

Get an escort

Ever felt unsafe on cam- pus? Use the Public Safety’s Escort Program. Give them a call at 206-592-3218 and they can put you from class to class and even to your vehicle.

Also remember to report any suspicious activity to the Public Safety Office at Building 6 or by calling 206-592-3218.
Better economy means less students

By Maren Parker
Staff Reporter

Though the number of Running Start students and International students has increased compared to last year's numbers, the total number of enrolled students has decreased.

According to data collected by Kelsey Anderson, Highline's Data Specialist for Enrollment Services, last year on the first Thursday of fall quarter there were 1,108 Running Start students and 289 International students. On that same Thursday this year, the number of Running Start students was 1,167 and the number of International students was 506.

In contrast to this however, the State full-time credit equivalency was at 4449.66 on that Thursday last year and the Basic Skills full-time credit equivalency was 524.04. While this year at that time the State full-time equivalency was recorded as 4052.38 and the Basic Skills full-time equivalency was 396.11, this indicates that Highline is losing standard college students while gaining those of high school age as well as students from out of the country.

Anderson said that “Historically, enrollment decreases when the economy is doing well and vice versa.” Due to the statistics just mentioned, one can assume that the economy is getting better, but more research would be needed to confirm.

In the area of Demographics, a preliminary report of last year’s final percentages has been acquired by Emily Coates, the College’s Manager of Institutional Research, and is as follows: 28% White/Caucasian, 20% Asian, 20% Hispanic/Latino, 17% African/American, 13% Other/Foreign National/Multi-racial, 1% Native American or Alaska Native, and 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. This year’s numbers will not be completed until the end of Spring quarter. One can, however, compare last years to the 2012-2013 numbers that are posted on the Highline website. They are 32% White/Caucasian, 21% Asian, 20% Hispanic/Latino, 19% African American, 6% Other/Foreign National/Multiracial, 1% Native American or Alaska Native, and 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

The amount of students on any given campus has an effect on many things including class sizes, admittance into desired classes, parking, noise levels and activity on campus.

When asked about his experience with population on campus, Jared Lowry, a student at Highline said “I like the number of people on campus. It’s always nice to hear a buzz of activity, even if I can’t understand half the languages...I feel that we have quite a few people on campus all the time for a community college and I think that that, combined with the fact that we have quite a diverse campus, makes it an interesting community.”

“Class sizes are perfect,” said Allison Sawyer, a Running Start student on campus.

“There are enough students to make a class, and the classes are small enough to make learning somewhat personal and individual”

On the issue of parking, Miranda Mortensen said “It’s difficult if I don’t get here before 8. Luckily I have an 8 o’clock class because after that it’s always packed.”

Enrollment numbers are staying steady with only a few ups and downs and the students seem to be happy with Highline’s population for the time being.

Lowes’s feels for students, will still tow

Despite warnings, the number of students who continue to park at Lowe’s grows everyday.

Students say they know their cars can be towed, but there is no other choice for parking.

“I paid for my parking pass but feel there never is a space. What am I to do? My class starts in five minutes,” said Highline student Svetlana, who declined to give her last name.

Some students don’t take Lowe’s threats seriously.

“I am not afraid they will tow,” said Highline student Spencer, who also declined to give a last name.

While Lowe’s assistant manager Jim Harris empathizes with students, it will not change his mind about towing if students continue to illegally park in the hardware store’s lot.

“I was a student there one time, years ago, I remember it was hard to park there,” he said.

“We are part of the community and we like being part of it, but we get abused,” said Harris.

Lowes’s customers have expressed their annoyance of not finding parking at Lowe’s because of Highline drivers in previous years.

Abuse is what prompted the hardware chain to start towing student cars to make more space for their customers.

“We are watching to see who is parking so we know who to tow,” Harris said.

No complaints have been reported from the customers yet, but as soon as the first complaint comes, towing begins.

“We will tow and it could be any day,” said Harris.

“What is the college going to do about parking?” Svetlana asked.

Highline “empathizes with students,” said Jim Baylor, director of Public Safety and Emergency Management.

But the college cannot do any thing about Lowe’s towing and has no obligation to intervene.

Students should know about the hardware chain’s towing policy since it’s been in the Thunderword and Lowe’s has signs on their lot, Baylor said.

“Every college and university has this problem,” said Baylor. Students may have to explore new transportation options.

The college’s encouraging them to use the Metro transit and carpooling.

Although there has been no substantial decrease in the number of students attending Highline, the number of students in obtaining parking permits has dropped.

“Parking is too expensive and there is never a space” Spencer said.

Although permits allow students to park on campus parking lots, it does not guarantee them a spot.

Staff reporters Andie Munkh-Erdene and Naseem Tiwari contributed to this story.

Highline comes out with LBTQIA events

By Cristina Acuna
Staff Reporter

Highline will celebrate the queer community this month by hosting a series of events aimed at spreading awareness and providing support.

October is LGBTQIA History Month, and Multicultural Affairs will participate in the tented BTLQIA Task Force, Women’s Programs, the Inter-Cultural Center, the Counseling Department, and the Education Department to host workshops, film viewings, and forums throughout the month.

“History month aims to bring the issues faced by this marginalized people to light,” said Multicultural Affairs Leadership Advisor Barbara Talington.

One of these issues happens to be domestic and dating violence, which is why Multicultural Affairs paired up with the Women’s Program.

“The LGBTQIA community is impacted greatly by domestic violence,” Talington said. “Transgender women are targeted victims of violence in general society and they are attacked more percentage wise.”

We are part of the queer community in the discussion of domestic violence will help fight it, she said.

In addition to building awareness, it is a big part of Multicultural Affairs to make campus inclusive,” Talington said. “We want queer students to know that they are part of this community.”

The events held will be: Parenting a Transgender Child on Oct. 6; Start Your Year With Self-care on Oct. 7; Anti-Gay Bullying in our Community on Oct. 8; National Coming Out Day Reception and Paralegal Impact of BTLQIA Concerns on Oct 9; Movie Screening of Milk on Oct 14; Movie Screening of Inlaws and Outlaws on Oct 21; Domestic Violence Clothes Line Project on Oct 21 and 22; Dawn Domestic Violence 101 on Oct 22; and Just Chat “Gender & Sexuality” on Oct. 28.

“At Highline we value everyone and want everyone to be themselves,” Talington said.

For more information contact Multicultural Affairs or the Women’s Programs.
Police need to connect with the community

Local police need to make a better effort to be closer to the community.

Recently in Ferguson, Missouri an unarmed, Afri-

American student named Michael Brown was fa-

tally shot. The incident provoked days of public pro-

test, as community members protested what they saw

as unfair treatment of African-Americans by the largel-

ly white police department.

In response to the incident, King County Council-

man Dave Upthegrove convened a community forum

to talk about whether Ferguson could happen here.

More than 200 King County people showed up for

the forum, and the majority seemed to say that Fergu-

son is already happening here, as people of color face

harassment from police.

In the midst of all this, King County Sheriff John

Urquhart offered a partial answer. Urquhart said that

police officers, usually in their patrol cars, don’t get as

much chance to meet the people they are assigned to

serve and protect.

Police are in cars so they can get where they need to

be in a hurry. That won’t ever completely change.

However, if police can find a way to return to neigh-

borhoods, on bicycles or on foot, they may seem less dis-

tant and more like a part of the community. They can

meet folks face-to-face, maybe even learn names, and

learn who belongs in a neighborhood and maybe who

doesn’t.

Protecting is their job, but if the community doesn’t

feel safe and is scared of the protectors, there’s no point.

The local police department is made up of regular

people who live normal lives.

Just like there are good and bad civilians in the world,

there are good and bad cops.

We can’t let reports of a few bad decisions made by

local police set our view of the entire law enforcement.

Unlike Ferguson, police in our area aren’t shooting un-

armed teenagers.

Police departments also need to be aggressive in di-

versifying their staffs, so that officers more closely re-

semble the communities they serve. People in all walks

of life need to see themselves represented, so that they

understand that society’s institutions include them as well.

Police enforce the law, but they aren’t the law.

The little power they do have, does not give them the

right to abuse it.

In order for the community to feel comfortable, the

police need to become familiar with the neighborhoods

they are watching over.

They have to meet the people they expect to trust them.

‘Trust is earned, and right now the police hasn’t

earned it.

The community has to do its part as well.

Stop committing crimes and acting in a way that re-

quires police assistance.

We need the local police, and they need us.

Together, we can change our community and the

world.

It’s that time of year again.

With important initiatives

coming up on the ballot this

November, now is more impor-

tant of a time than ever for stu-

dents to utilize their voice.

That’s why on Oct. 6, High-

line will be holding a voter reg-

istration drive to help of-age

students register to vote.

It seems like the only time

we ever think about voting is
during election season. But

what many fail to realize is the

importance of one single vote,

year-round.

First and foremost, voting gives you the opportunity to

have a voice and make a change.

The candidates and initiatives you vote for help to drive and

shape our ever-evolving society.

On the upcoming ballot, there are two initiatives that will greatly impact the people.

Initiative 1351 and 591/594.

Initiative 1351 is an act relating to lowering class sizes and increasing school staff for grades K-12 to provide all students with the opportunity for a quality education, while Initiatives 591 and 594 grapple with the idea of background checks becoming required for gun purchases.

A common myth among

voters is that their vote doesn’t count.

The truth is, legislature

with less funding, and less op-

position.

That’s why it’s important to vote for what you support, no matter what you predict the outcome of the race may be.

According to civicyouth.

org, young adults make up 21% of the eligible voting popula-

tion. Unfortunately, only 41% of those young people actually

voted in the 2012 presidential election.

The sad truth is that young people are just not voting. With young adults making up such a high percentage of the vot-

ing population, we could have a huge say on what happens in our community.

According to Senate Candi-

date Mark Milius, tuition for higher education schools has tripled in the last 15 years.

If we come together to make ourselves heard, we have the po-

tential to change the issues that directly affect us.

The only way to give yourself a voice, however, is to register to vote. It’s a short and simple process that opens up an end-

less amount of opportunities for you to have a lasting effect on society.

Kayla Dickson is the arts edi-

tor of the Thunderword, and she

really wants you to vote.
Burien Actors Theatre heats up new season with ‘Sterno’

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

Burien Actors Theatre pays tribute to its newly repaired and remodeled stage, with its production of Out of Sterno running through Oct. 19.

“Out of Sterno opens Burien Actors Theatre’s 35th season,” said Eric Dickman, artistic director of the company. “Since this show follows the fire at the theater on Dec. 10, and subsequent repairs, you can’t say we don’t have a sense of humor.”

Out of Sterno is a comedy, as well as a modern fable. According to the play synopsis, the story is based around Dotty, a naive young woman completely brainwashed by her overbearing and abusive husband. But after receiving a mysterious phone call, Dotty finds her life flipped upside-down and discovers the world may be more tawdry than she had originally believed.

This production is composed of only four actors: Adam Hegg, Stephanie Spohrer, Maria Zook, and Conner Kinzer. Such a small cast can leave the audience into the show,” said. “We’re hoping to suck the audience’s experience for Kinzer who appears as eight different characters, including women,” Dickman said.

“Somehow he manages to make everyone feel welcome,” said Allan Loucks. “Allan Loucks is composing original preshow and intermission music to heighten and extend the audience’s experience of the production,” Dickman said. “We’re hoping to suck the audience into the show.”

This show is recommended for people over the age of 13 due to the use of adult language.

The show runs until Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors, and $10 for students and are available for purchase at burienlittletheatre.org or by calling the box office at 206-242-5180.

The theater is at 14501 Fourth Ave. S.W. Burien Actors Theatre is also partnering with The Mark Restaurant and Bar to offer a two-course dinner and a show special for $35 a ticket. For more information, contact The Mark at 206-241-6275.

Share your art at Open Mic sessions

By Nichole Johns
Staff Reporter

Students will share stories, essays, poems and plays at the Highline Writing Center’s first Open Mic of the year.

New and returning students, staff members, and faculty are invited to attend the event, which will happen today from 1:30 to 2:25 p.m.

“The atmosphere of clapping after a student finishes makes it welcoming for a new person to come to the front and share as well,” she said.

O’Rourke, who is also a student writer, said the goal of the event is to make sure newcomers feel welcomed and comfortable.

“Being there and having a creative mindset is what we do,” O’Rourke said. “We want to help others who are new to get ideas they have never heard.”

Open Mic is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Even if an attendee did not bring anything to share or just wants to listen, O’Rourke said there are activities that will help include them in the group, such as writing exercises.

“I have never seen anyone feel like they can’t share their work,” said O’Rourke. “Only people who want to make it un-friendly wouldn’t be welcome.”

The Writing Center is in Building 26, room 319.

The Open Mic is held every first Thursday of the month at the same time and in the same place.
`Sound of Music’ to echo down avenues of Auburn

By Kayla Dickson  
Staff Reporter

The Auburn valley comes alive in upcoming weeks, with Auburn Avenue Theater’s production of The Sound of Music.

On Oct. 3-19, Auburn Avenue Theater will take a trip down memory lane with their twist on this classic musical.

“When this production, we wanted to go with a traditional, universally loved American musical,” said Dave Cox, the director of the production. “After shows like The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Young Frankenstein, we decided that we should produce a more well known, family friendly show.”

Although the general plot may be common knowledge, Auburn Avenue takes a direction that may seem foreign to some.

“One thing about our production of The Sound of Music that is different is the attention we paid to the larger picture themes involved in this show,” Cox said. “It seems to me that many versions of this show overlook the social backdrop of 1930s Nazi Europe. The cast and I spent several rehearsals talking about how this fact of life should influence the entire world of the play.”

Not only does the cast’s knowledge of the social backdrop help enhance the messages of the show, the casting itself was based upon that premise, he said.

“The ‘Strudel’ cast of kids exactly what you’d expect looks-wise: light skin, light hair, light eyes. While the ‘Schnitzel’ cast has darker skin hair and eyes,” Cox said. “I wanted to play with the expectations of the audience to really bring the social backdrop more to the forefront.”

The cast is comprised of both new and returning actors: Karen Polsky, Joe Blottner, Katie Jones, Jessie Glancy, Justin Hopkins, Sammy Cattin, Savana Smith, and Jeff Rowdan.

Director Dave Cox isn’t shy about his support for his cast either.

“Auburn Community Players is comprised of talented volunteer actors who are passionate about bringing quality, live theater to Auburn,” Cox said.

The show runs at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays Oct. 3-19.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for seniors and when bought in advance, and $18-20 at the door. For more information or to pre order tickets, call 253-931-3043 or go online at brownpapertickets.com/event/754154.

Friday movies are fini

By Naseem Tirhi  
Staff Reporter

The curtain has come down on Highline’s Movie Friday’s due to lack of participation.

Produced by International Student Programs, Movie Fridays has been a Highline feature since 2008, sharing movies of different genres and handing out free popcorn. It focused on giving international students a chance to connect and share an experience together in which they could discuss the topics and themes of the movies they watched.

Nearly every week, students and faculty would choose modern favorites such as Frozen or Harry Potter, as well as educational and event-based films such as The 11th Hour or If These Halls Could Talk.

Tommy Kim, the adviser for Movie Fridays, said that as more classes ended their week on Thursdays, the decrease in students on campus every Friday meant fewer students attending the showings.

Kim said he believes Movie Fridays succeeded in bringing international students together for a night of leisure and discussion but, “failed really getting the campus involved.”

As of now there are no plans to bring Movie Fridays back in the foreseeable future. Kim said the promoters “just ran out of steam, especially after the popcorn machine broke.”

The lack of students and popcorn is “somehow seems symbolic,” said Kim.

As the credits roll on the Friday event, students will have to find another way to get their weekly cinema fix.

Zombie Fest

By Andie Munkh-Erdene  
THUNDERARTS

Hoard of walking dead stagger into Normandy Park

By Kayla Dickson  
Staff Reporter

Deteriorating and disfigured people flooded the Normandy Park Towne Center Sept. 26, when the city hosted its third annual Zombie Fest.

“The festival was a huge success,” said Mayor Susan West. “It was a great opportunity to reach our community, and have fun doing it.”

There were plenty of fun and free activities to do at the event, such as playing in a pumpkin patch, getting your face painted, and participating in a zombie zumba-thon.

“It’s so funny to see everyone all dressed up and dancing,” said Normandy Park resident DeLores Regis. “It makes these zombies look a little less scary.”

Scary zombie costumes were definitely not an uncommon sight. Especially since there was a booth dedicated to transforming average attendees into rotting monsters.

“We keep seeing people with serious prosthetics and lots of gore,” said Ted Redmond, brought his 4 year-old son to the festival. “My son keeps pointing to their faces and saying ‘Ow, daddy!’ It’s so funny.”

Zombie Fest wasn’t just a blast for the attendees either; many vendors also found themselves having a good time.

“This is probably one of the coolest projects I’ve ever done,” said artist Mark Brill about his caricature booth. “I get to draw pictures of people from all walks of life, as zombies. It’s not something that I’ve ever had the opportunity to do before, so that was neat.”

There were many other interesting vendor booths at the event as well such as the Mt. Rainier Pool, Optimal Health Spine and Wellness Clinic, and Murphy’s ATA Martial Arts.

The festival wasn’t all about fun and games however. There was a much more important agenda involved.

“We were hoping to raise emergency and disaster preparedness in our community,” said Mayor West. “We managed to pass out all of our first-aid kits and hundreds of flyers with tips on staying prepared.”

“This year’s festival may be over, but preparations are already being made for next year.

“We are excited to announce that Zombie Fest will be coming back for a fourth year,” West said. “We’re still working everything out, but it’s going to be bigger and better than ever.”
By Charles Prater  
Staff Reporter

It was a hard fought game from kickoff to the remaining last few seconds in the game that ended in 2-0 defeat. Coming in to the game the Lady T-Birds, 8-1-1, were undefeated going up against Peninsula, 8-1-0. Neither team was certainly going to give in. Just tried to prepare them for a playoff intensity type game, told them it’s the two time defending champs so they had something to prove,” said Highline Coach Tom Moore. “We were going to have to be on our game.”

For the majority of the game, they certainly were. Coming out of halftime with the game tied at 0-0 it was a defensive first half. But with three out of the top six scorers in the league on the Highline squad in Madison Gale, Jessi Beverlin, and Paige Surber, it was only going to be a matter of time before points were scored.

Most of the second half was spent on Highline’s side of the field, but it was evident that both teams were just as determined as they were in the first half.

“We just talked a little bit about attacking the backline a little bit more we didn’t really get any balls behind until the second half and normally were really good at that from the very beginning. It just took us a long time to get going,” Coach Moore said. “Like I said because both teams are so athletic it’s just less time then they’re all used to playing. They weren’t able to move the ball around like they used too and we didn’t either,” he said. It wasn’t until the 46-minute mark that things started to turn. After a foul in the penalty box by Highline, Peninsula was awarded a penalty kick that was missed by goalkeeper Amber Nielsen that gave Peninsula a 1-0 lead in the game.

The T-Birds were affected by the score after such a hard fought game, but shook it off and retaliated with an attempt on Peninsula goal by Paige Surber. For the majority of the game, the ladies had put in the energy that the ladies had put in. It wasn’t until the 62-minute mark that things started to turn. After a foul in the penalty area, Moore said, “We just talked a little bit more about attacking the backline a little bit more we didn’t really get any balls behind until the second half and normally were really good at that from the very beginning. It just took us a long time to get going.”

“The difference between our team this year and the team last year is our players have equal all-around skills. There are no specialists like last year when there were mid-dles that didn’t do anything else,” said Highline Head Coach Chris Littleman. Earlier last month on Sept.19-20, the Lady T-Birds placed second in the Highline Crossover Tournament that they hosted. They defeated Skagit Valley, Wenatchee Valley, and Linn-Benton. In their last match they were defeated by Spokane. “It went well. The whole goal was to improve and get better, play some teams we haven’t yet played,” Littleman said. On Oct. 1 the team traveled to Centralia to play against the Trailblazers. Match results were unavailable at press time. The next home match is on Oct. 3 against Lower Columbia College which is 0-2 in league play.

Highline volleyball team split first two league games

By Madison Thayne  
Staff Reporter

Coming off of its successful non-league season, Highline’s volleyball team split its first league matches last week.

The lady T-Birds fell to Tacoma on Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. when they go on the road to Grays Harbor.

Highline defeated Whatcom 3-0 on Sept. 19, and beat Shoreline 4-0 on Sept. 20.

Highline freshmen Jessi Beverlin scored the team’s first goal at the 20 minute mark, with Nanea Tavares assisting. Bailey Allison and Hayley Doss both scored goals for Highline in the second half. Arguably one of Highline’s best games came on Sept. 24, when they delivered a 1-0 beat down to Grays Harbor. It was a game that saw four different Highline players score multiple goals and eight different Highline players register an assist.

The T-Birds will look to get back to their winning ways when they go on the road to face Lower Columbia this Friday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

Their next home game will be at Starfire Stadium against Tacoma on Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.
There was a game of soccer against undefeated Peninsula, the men’s soccer team dropped three points as they lost 2-1 on Monday night at Starfire.

The first spectacular chance came in the 15th minute for the Thunderbirds when Brandon Madsen did a great effort from Aaron Zavolekin of Peninsula.

Peninsula didn’t strike until after 16 minutes, with Micah Weller able to finish off a delicate cross. At the 53 minute mark, Alex Lewis of Highline was able to equalize the score with a great header off the free kick.

However, Peninsula responded almost immediately at the 54 minute mark when the ball took the too much of an awakend of bounces and was then headed in by Eddie Benito of Peninsula.

Highline could’ve easily been up 3-1 if it hadn’t been for a terrific save from Greyson Raffensperger at the 60 minute mark.

The tide of the game didn’t change until the game hit 75 minutes when Highline was able to keep a good amount of possession and create brilliant chances with Isidro Prado-Huerta and Yves Mugisha supplying dangerous crosses and passes to their teammates that almost lead to goal scoring opportunities.

The final great chance came from Jacob Jones who narrowly missed a header wide which was the last real chance for Highline to salvage any points from the game.

Steve Mohn, the coach of the men’s soccer team, said he was still optimistic even though they had come away with nothing in the loss.

He said, “We performed pretty well even though we didn’t come away with anything in this game,” Mohn said. “The defense played really well and we definitely had our chances.”

On Sept. 27, the Thunderbirds traveled to Shoreline where they were able to dismantle the dolphins in a 4-1 win which saw Brandon Madsen score two goals and Isidro Prado-Huerta score a goal and assist on another for the Thunderbirds.

Then, on Sept. 27, the Thunderbirds crushed Olympic with a convincing score line of 5-0. Five different Thunderbirds got on the score sheet with freshman forward Garrett Brewer starting it and Andrew Black finishing it off.

Highline will need some help from other teams but they play Peninsula one more time before the end of the year where they look poised to make the playoffs.

“We’d love to get as many home games or byes as we possibly can,” Mohn said.

Mohn said he has been very happy with how the season has started and looks forward to the rest of the season.

“We look like we are a team that can accomplish a lot and I’ve been pleased with the way we play and the effort with which we do it,” Mohn stated.

The T-Birds have a bye in their schedule this weekend. Highline’s next game will be against Tacoma on Oct. 8 at Starfire at 3 p.m.
1. U.S. STATES: Which four states within the United States are referred to as commonwealths?
2. LITERATURE: In how many of Shakespeare’s plays does the character of Sir John Falstaff appear?
3. MEDICAL TERMS: What would a patient with alopecia be lacking?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only continent that has no desert region?
5. LANGUAGE: From which two words is the term “cyborg” derived?
6. MYTHOLOGY: What is a harpy?
7. TELEVISION: What was the name of the concierge in “Gilmore Girls”?
8. MOVIES: What horror movie series featured the character Mike Myers?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Comedian/actor John Candy was born in what country?
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What groundbreaking female comedian said, “I hate housework! You make the beds, you do the dishes and six months later you have to start all over again?”

Answers
1. Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
2. Three
3. Hair (baldness)
4. Europe
5. A female monster in the form of a bird with a human face
6. A changing situation calls for a change in plans. Although you might prefer the schedule you had already worked up, you could do better by agreeing to make the needed adjustments.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)
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Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
That once seemingly rock-solid proposition you favored might be hiding some serious flaws. Take time to check it more carefully and question anything that seems out of kilter.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
Finish up those lingering tasks so that you can then arrange to spend some time in quiet reflection. This will go a long way in restoring both your physical and spiritual energies.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
A family situation could heat up and boil over unless you deal with it as soon as possible. Try to persuade other family members to work with you to help cool things down.

Leo (July 23 to August 22)
Cheer up, Kitty Cat! That low feeling will begin to ebb by midweek, and you should be back in the social swirl in time for the weekend. A long-postponed deal could be starting up again.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)
Going too fast and too far on too little knowledge could be risky. Best to slow down and check for any gaps in your information. It’s what you don’t know that could hurt you.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)
Trying to make peace among quarreling family members, friends or colleagues can be tough. Expect some resistance, maybe even some expressions of resentment. But stay with it.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)
Changing your mind doesn’t have to be a problem once you realize that you might have good and sufficient cause to do so. Make your explanations clear and complete. Good luck.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)
An unkept promise can be irksome and easily raise the Archer’s ire. But instead of getting into a confrontation, take time to check why someone you relied on came up short.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)
A new workplace distraction creates an unnecessary delay. The sooner you deal with it, the better for all concerned. A personal matter also should be attended to as soon as possible.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)
Once again, the Aquarian’s gift for applying both practical and creative methods to resolve a situation makes all the difference. Personal relationships thrive during the weekend.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)
A relationship appears to be losing its once-strong appeal for reasons that might be different from what you think. An open and honest talk could lead to some surprising revelations.

Born This Week: Your life is bound by your belief that character counts more than anything else.

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Apple-raisin snack cake
will make you want more

By Angela Shell Medeiras and Gina Harlow

The origins of mole -- that famous Mexican sauce that is really a stew -- are as deep, complex and rich as the spicy, sweet, nutty multilayered mixture itself. It’s rumored that the Spaniards gave mole its name when they mistook the Aztecs refer to the stew as a “moll.” Another story goes that in the 17th century, Dominican sisters in Puebla scrambled to put a meal together for the visiting archbishop. They used the ingredients they had on hand, such as dried chilies, chocolate and stale bread, to make a sauce for turkey.

Mole can be any or all of these ingredients. The often-intimidating concoction represents a delicious and gorgeous pinnacle of the many cultures that influenced Mexican cuisine, with many pieces of it coming together in one glorious sauce that has many incarnations.

One debated aspect of mole lore is just where in Mexico it originated, and of course, who makes it the best. The fact is mole is served all over Mexico, and takes on different characteristics depending on where in the country it is made and, ultimately, the taste preferences of the cook preparing it.

Mole is most common in Puebla, relating back to the story of the nuns. But Oaxaca is not to be outdone. It’s also the home of complex, distinctive mole. And while there are countless mole variations, there is agreement among most Mexican cooks that there are seven notable recipes. These recipes represent the different colors and tastes of the foundation of every mole, which are chilies. It’s also agreed that the traditional Mexican mole is a special occasion dish, as it takes time and care to create.

Mole Negro is probably the most famous recipe. The almost-black, spicy sauce is what most people have tasted if they’ve eaten dishes from interior Mexico. Like the Mexican cooks for centuries, you can make your unique rendition of this fascinating dish that celebrates the ingredients of this colorful country. Mole also can be purchased ready-made as a paste or powder, or in jars or cans, but the homemade is best.

MEXICAN MOLE ENCILADAS WITH SAUCE
For the Mexican Mole Sauce:
3 tablespoons Ancho chile powder
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/4 cup peanuts or pine nuts
1/2 medium onion, cut into small chunks
1 clove garlic
1 can vegetable broth or water
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 ounce bittersweet chocolate, broken into small pieces
1. Lightly toast chili powder and cumin in dry skillet. Mix toasted spices with the peanuts, onions and garlic in a food processor or blender. Add enough vegetable broth or water to make a thick paste. Set aside.
2. Heat vegetable oil in saucepan. Add the tomato sauce, the processed onion-peanut-sauce mixture and the remainder of the vegetable broth or water. Add sugar and cloves. When mixture is heated through, add chocolate.
3. Simmer for 20 minutes or longer. Thin with a small amount of water if desired. Set aside for topping enchiladas.
To prepare the Cheese Enchiladas:
1. tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup green onions, sliced
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
3 tomatoes, peeled, washed and diced
4 ounces canned green chilies, chopped
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 cup vegetable broth
12 large whole-wheat tortillas
1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup queso fresco or ricotta cheese
8 ounces Monterrey Jack cheese, shredded, plus more for sprinkling
1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a large pan, cook the green onions, garlic and tomatoes in the oil until tender. Add the green chilies, the cilantro and the oregano. Continue cooking until the sauce comes to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and continue cooking for 8 to 10 minutes. Pour the sauce into a blender container. Cover and blend on high speed until smooth. Return to saucepan and stir in cheese. Cook over medium heat about 15 minutes.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes until cheese is melted and filling is hot.

Apple chutney livens up pork chops

A crisp autumn evening is the perfect time to enjoy these sweet-and-sour apple pork chops. Accompanied by roasted potatoes, this dish becomes a comforting cool-weather meal.

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2 cups all-purpose flour
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Apple-raisin snack cake

By Angela Shell Medeiras and Gina Harlow

One apple, two apples, three apples all baked, perfect for fall! Bite into this snack cake, and you’ll be writing poems of thanks, too!

3 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon apple pie spice
1/2 cup sugar, or equivalent in egg substitute
3/4 cup unsweetened apple juice
2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce, juice and eggs. Add sugar substitute, flour, baking powder and apple pie spice. Mix well to combine. Fold in apples and raisins. Spread batter into prepared baking dish.
3. Bake for 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

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Seahurst bonfire fetes restored beachfront

By Oliver Perry
Staff Reporter

A bonfire to herald the restoration of Burien’s Seahurst Park will light up the night this Friday, Oct. 3.

The City of Burien invites the community to bring its flashlights and camp chairs and enjoy the restored beach.

S’mores, storytelling, singing and activities hosted by the Environmental Science Center will be the order of the evening as the city celebrates completion of the $92.2 million effort to restore the Seahurst Beach to its natural state.

The park went under an almost identical restoration on the south side that ended in 2005.

Both projects involved of armored seawalls that were originally built in the 1970s to help with erosion of the beachfront.

The most recent restoration removed 1,800 feet of concrete seawalls along the northern beach and put a more natural habitat in its place. Along with the restored beachfront the city constructed new picnic facilities for families and a new playground for the kids.

The entire restoration project was conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers, which oversaw the work done by a private contractor.

The bonfire is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 1600 SW Seahurst Drive and is a free event (s’mores supplies included).

Rhododendron Garden hosts fall foliage festival Oct. 18-25

By A. Kharitonova
Staff Reporter

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way is calling all nature lovers to its annual Fall Foliage Festival and plant sale.

The festival is free for the week-long event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 18-25.

“We’re more than just rhododendrons,” program manager Katie Swickard said. “Many people think of us as a place to visit in the spring, but we also want them to know that we’re a great place to visit in the fall.”

Swickard describes the non-profit garden organization as a world authority on rhododendrons. Including more than 700 species rhododendrons from around the world, the 50-year-old garden specializes in conservation, cultivation, and distribution.

The festival’s opening day sale on Oct. 18 includes a wide selection of rhododendron, fern, and companion plant species. Displays and discounts from the Tacoma Orchid Society will also be present.

Swickard said she is also looking forward to plant selections made by award-winning horticulturist and plant explorer Dan Higley.

For plant photography enthusiasts, registration for an Oct. 18 class can be arranged by phone.

Special focus days include: Wag Fest on Oct. 19. Dogs are welcome and owners are encouraged to dress their pets in costumes for a Howl-o-ween walk. Swickard also recommends attending the 1 p.m. F.L.D.O Drill Team performance, where trained canines perform tricks and march in formation.

Bonsai Day on Oct. 24 includes a demonstration and tour hosted by members of the nearby Pacific Bonsai Museum.

Ferns will be featured Oct. 25, giving visitors a detailed walk through the garden’s Victorian fern stumpery.

Visitors on any day of the week can enjoy fall foliage tours, personal assistance in plant selection, and daily sales.

Swickard said she is excited to fuse the garden’s educational and recreational aspects into the festival’s events.

At 2525 S. 336th St., Federal Way on the Weyerhaeuser campus, the garden is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Sundays. General admission is $8 for adults, $5 for seniors, and free for children under 12 years.

For more information and directions, call 253-838-4646, ext. 140, or visit the website at https://rhodygarden.org.

MaST staff keeps eye on napping seal pups

By Bryan Braungardt
Staff Reporter

Beginning each August and running through mid-October, native harbor seal pups are naturally weaned from their mothers and must begin to fend for themselves.

It can be exhausting.

As the pups seek a bit of shelter to recharge their batteries, they often beach themselves along the Puget Sound shoreline. There the pups are often spotted by well-intentioned humans convinced that they are saving a stranded animal. Desperate for help, the rescuers start calling Highline’s Marine and Science Technology Center at Redondo Beach and eventually reach Jamie M. Woodward.

Woodward is with America-corps and works as the MAST Center’s Marine Mammal Strand Team coordinator. This year she has recorded about 20 calls about beached seal pups from the shoreline stretching for Tacoma to West Seattle.

“About 70 percent of my calls are [for] seal pups,” Woodward said.

She springs into action, having the beach around the pups cordoned off with yellow plastic tape and posted with signs imploring the public to not attempt to interact with the mammals.

The MAST Center’s primary purpose is to host instruction of Highline’s Marine Biology and Oceanography classes, but its staff also has taken on a greater role. Up until last year the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, used to take care of every stranded, resting, or injured animal that washed up on any beach in 10 a.m. on a state. That function has since stopped as there has been no money or the manpower to deal with all the calls.

With every dead seal that washes up on the shoreline we use all of the remains for examination, and labs,” MAST Manager Rus Higley said.

The pelts, bones, even fibers go under the microscope for teaching purposes.

“Seal populations are better than ever, and if a call comes in about a harbor seal versus a gray whale, the gray whale is higher up on the totem pole of importance,” Woodward said.

But as far as rescue calls go, “only one has been a human-related incident with a seal,” she said.

Sometimes Mother Nature just takes its course and a pup will actually be in distress, Woodward said.

“Some of them make it and some of them don’t,” she said.

“Natural selection is the common denominator when it comes to them making it. Either its diseases, bad genes, injuries, its just Mother Nature doing her job,” Woodward said.

When the MAST is not staffed, people need to report a beached marine mammal to contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at 1-866-767-6141. Signs are posted outside the MAST Center with information about resting seal pups.

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they had before the recession be-

gan, forcing them to make cuts to

some of their programs and to

raise tuition costs. In 2015, fund-
ing could be cut again unless the

state can come up with more rev-

enue.

Laura McDowell, director of

communications for the Wash-

ington State Board for Commu-

nication and Technical Colleges, said

the current budget is far lower than

where it was just five years ago.

“When adjusted for infla-

tion,” McDowell said, “the 2013-15 state bud-

tate budget spends 23 percent less each year for

community and technical col-

leges than in 2008.”

McDowell said next year could be bad too, unless the

state can come up with more revenue.

“The state faces a large budget shortfall because largely because of the Supreme Court’s McCleary ruling requiring the state to start paying for reforms to K-12 edu-

cation,” she said.

The McCleary decision calls for an additional $1.2 to $2 bil-

lion to be invested in K-12 educa-

tion over the next two years. The

Office of Financial Management

said state revenue is expected to

grow by $2.5 billion, but most of that is toward K-12.

Funding for K-12 education is constitutionally protected in

Washington, which means ad-

ditional funds will have to come from a part of the budget that is not

protected – a part like higher education, state parks, or the pris-

on system.

“Ultimately, these decisions rest in the hands of the Legis-

lature and the governor,” McDow-

ell said.

Dr. Lisa Skari, vice president for institutional advancement, said any budget cuts shouldn’t affect Highline’s new four-year degree program, but that the Col-

lege remains committed to them.

“Our programs … fill a need for advanced degrees demanded by

employers, yet not readily available in our state,” she said.

Skari said these programs are not likely to be affected by budget cuts, but that Highline is concerned about what next year’s budget will look like.

“The college is always con-

cerned when we are asked by the state to think about what we would do if we got a cut, and often, the planning exercises are worst case scenario. That said, any cut hurts, and we will con-

tinue to monitor the situation,” she said.

While Highline and CWU continue to adapt to the needs of their students, city leaders in Federal Way are still hoping for funding to open a new four-year school in their city.

City councilmembers and Democratic-candidate for the 30th Legislative District Senate position Shari Song remain firm in their conviction that a new school in Federal Way will open up greater opportunities for high-
er education, and improve the lo-

cal economy.

But State Rep. Linda Koch-

mar, R-Federal Way, said funding for a new school could be hard to come by. “I do not believe the state could fund a four-year col-

lege at this time,” Kochmar said.

“Higher education is a very im-

portant priority, but unfortunately, will take second place to consti-

tutional mandates, such as fund-

ing basic education and the Mc-

Cleary decision,” she said.

State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-

Kent, who sits on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, also said a new school may not be the right move just now.

“At this time, our state bud-

get has no capacity to invest significant funds into an entirely new public college or university anywhere, including in Federal Way,” she said. She also said students in Federal Way already have three colleges nearby – Highline, Green River, and the UW-Tacoma campus.

Sen. Keiser said the McCleary decision will be a tough decision to establish next year’s budget, and that without additional rev-

enue, “we will have to cut other budget priorities to comply with the court’s demand.”

She also said that while there is currently no funding for a new school, “she commends the efforts,” she said, “but it takes time, often years, to line up sufficient community support and the fund-

ing necessary to undertake a re-

ally large project such as a new campus. But vision is important too, so I don’t fault them for look-

ing ahead.”

Song’s campaign manager, Alex Hendrickson, said they ex-

pect it will take several years to bring their plans to fruition, but that Song “is exactly the type of leader who would put in the work to make this project a reality.”

Highline invited to show it cares with aid donations

By Sam McCullough

Staff Reporter

Highline Cares is collect-

ing donations for English-lang-

uage learners, refugees and

immigrants. Started by Sheelan Sh-

amdeen in 2009, Highline Cares is

an organization that hopes to pro-

vide general aid for the im-

igrant community in King County,

especially those who are students.

Shamdeen, who works in Adult Basic Education, said that her efforts to help began when she noticed that there

were a lot of immigrant stu-

dents in need of basic things to

live. “First, I started asking my family and friends to help me buy things for our students, but it got out of hand because they were a lot of new students who came to Seattle,” Sham-

deen said.

“So, I thought of doing this to help many AB/ESL immi-

grants and refugees,” she said.

According to the 2012 Unit-

ed States Census, 21 percent of

people who live in King Coun-

ty are refugees or immigrants.

Highline Cares makes it easy for everyone to help this significant part of the popu-

lation by collecting clothing of all sizes, kitchenware, and other household items.

However, they ask that no one bring furniture because many students receiving dona-

tions do not have a way of tak-

ing large items, such as furni-

ture, home.

“I want to thank you and all Highline College’s facilitates and staff for donating things to our students,” Shamdeen said.

Donations can be brought to

Building 2 today, Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student reimbursement is not something required by law, unlike the reimbursement for employees.

“The student reimburse-

ment is a way for Highline to go above and beyond in the requirements of providing alter-

tnative transportation incen-

tives to the community,” said Fender.

Highline will also be hold-

ing a Mini Transportation Fair during Green Week in Novem-

ber, she said.

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“I’m the type of guy who is embedded in the community,” he said.

“Transportation, safety, education, they all go hand in hand,” said Baruso.

“We need to protect and keep investments so that Fed-

eral Way is the economic cen-

ter of the district,” said Rep. Freeman.

“A thing we need to recog-

nize is we need to encourage business,” said Milosci.