

Governor plans no college cuts

By **Michael Glenn**
Staff Reporter

The governor's office is not planning on cutting higher education in next year's budget, despite requests to state agencies that made it look like cuts were coming.

Earlier this summer, the Office of Financial Management sent a request to all state agencies to submit a budget proposal reflecting a 15 percent cut in funding across the board. The presidents of Washington's six public universities responded by sending a letter to Governor Jay Inslee, urging the governor not to cut funding.

"...we must point out that a 15 percent reduction in funding would not only completely undo recent progress but would also put our state back on the path of historic state disinvestment in public higher education. It would also limit student access to our colleges and universities through reduced enrollments, increased tuition, or a combination of both..." the letter said.

But Ralph Thomas, communications director for the Office of Financial Management, said the governor is not planning to cut funding; he was simply doing his job.

Thomas said the governor's office is required by law to create a budget proposal that is based on current revenue.

That is what prompted the request for proposals showing a 15 percent cut to current budgets.

"We are required by law to produce a 'book one' budget with no new revenue," he said.

He said the book one budget is only the first step, and once it's done, the governor can then propose a "book two" budget, which will more closely resemble what next year's biennial budget could look like.

Thomas said it's "too soon to say right

now what cuts will be made" in next year's budget, but that "no one is proposing cuts at this time."

Every two years, the state legislature passes a biennial budget, establishing how much funding is available to each of the state's agencies. One of those agencies oversees the state's public universities, community colleges, and technical colleges, all of which are primarily funded by the state and by student tuition and fees.

Since 2009, colleges and universities have been operating with fewer funds than

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Don't raise tuition, say legislative candidates

By **April Pacheco**
Staff Reporter

Six legislative candidates for Federal Way said they would favor freezing college tuition for the next two years at a forum yesterday.

College tuition is currently at \$1,333 per quarter, having risen at nearly four times the rate of inflation over the last 40 years.

The candidates at the forum at the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce luncheon included state Rep. Linda Kochmar, R-30th District, and her Democrat challenger Greg Baruso; State Rep. Roger Freeman, D-30th District, and his Republican opponent, Jack Dovey; and Republican Mark Miloscia and Democrat Shari Song, who are vying for an open state Senate

seat in the district.

"Tuition for college students is very unmanageable," candidate Shari Song said, "I've seen some of my son's friends graduate with \$60,000 debt. This is not an issue that just effects college students."

Keeping the current tuition rate the same for the next two years shouldn't mean cutting the school budget as well, said Mark Miloscia.

"We have to fully fund education. It's not just working with what we have but at seeing ways to get revenue," he said.

Rep. Freeman raised a sign that said yes to show he fully supports freezing college tuition.

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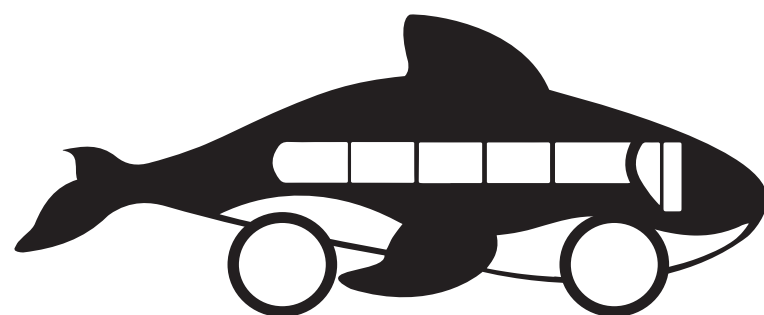
Rhododendron garden shines on



RHODODENDRON GARDEN PHOTO

Program manager Katie Swickard stands with the bleeding hearts and Rhododendron williamsianum. See story on page 11.

College ups efforts to make bus commute cheaper



By **April Pacheco**
Staff Reporter

Highline wants to make commuting by bus to class this quarter easier and more efficient for you with an Orca card.

The college is able to do this by subsidizing the price of an

Orca card, which works like a debit card. It's swiped every time you get off and on any King County Metro Transit bus or Lightrail. An Orca card can be tracked and reloaded with money online.

Until recently information about this resource was not easy

to find.

"We could definitely work to advertise this extra incentive to students more throughout the year," Highline Executive Assistant Francesca Fender said.

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Student calls 911 over parking

A student called 9-1-1 over a lack of parking on campus last week.

The student used one of the blue emergency phones found in every parking lot, apparently to complain about an inability to find a parking spot on Sept. 23.

“The blue lamp phones go directly to the Valley Communications Dispatch Center,” said Jim Baylor, director of Public Safety and Emergency Management.

The phones should be used only in case of emergency, Baylor said.

3-car collision injures none

Three cars collided as one attempted to leav campus in an incident on Sept. 29.

Upon leaving the lot the vehicle was hit from both sides. No one was injured.

Public Safety officials remind drivers that there are two exits of the East lot, one that leads out to South 240 Street and the other that leads down to the North parking lot.

Campus security busts two for pot

A student and a former student were caught smoking marijuana next to Building 26 on Sept. 26.

The former student was escorted off campus and the student sent to judicial affairs.

A person has also been seen trying to sell drugs on campus on Sept. 24. When approached by Public Safety the suspect ran off.

Bicycles stolen

Two bicycles were reported stolen on campus on Sept. 24. The Public Safety Office noticed that many people are not properly locking up their bicycles, and reminds students to lock up their bicycles.

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

Public Safety advises students to keep their phones and other valuables out of plain view.

Get an escort

Ever felt unsafe on campus? Use the Public Safety’s Escort Program. Give them a call at 206-592-3218 and they can get 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.

— compiled by Asi Sualoa

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 initaitives.

To register to vote, you must have a valid Washington state

license or identification card, or tribal identification card.

Other qualifications for registry 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 Department of Corrections, not be disqualified for voting due to a court order, and not be in custody of the prison system.

This drive will also stress why being registered to vote is important and how one vote 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 laptops on hand for people to register online.

Highline student Bryce Sizemore, who is participating in the voter registration drive, said it’s important for people to register and vote.

“Members of the state legislature have the ability to lower tuition for students or make it higher,” he said. “Who you vote for determines this.”

“If you don’t vote, you don’t have a voice in these matters,” said Sizemore.

Another Highline student who asked not to be identified had this to say about the registration drive and why it is important, “ The big push is on education, present students have relevant experience about what students needs are,” said the student.

History seminars reach from past to present

By **Tiffany Thompson**
Staff Reporter

The History Seminar is kicking off this quarter with information covering things on the Great Ice-age of Missoula floods to King Arthur.

The line-up includes Sam Alkhalili, “The Phoenicians,” Oct. 8; Dr. Eric Baer, “Deluge: The Great Ice-Age Missoula Floods,” Oct. 15; Dr. Ben Gonzalez, “Immigration Pol-

icy in the US,” Oct. 22; Aaron Moehlig, “Parkinson’s Disease,” Oct. 29; Dr. Emmanuel Chiabi, “The United Staes in World War II,” Nov. 5; Jules James, “Seaplanes on Lake Union, 1914-1935,” Nov. 12; and Dr. Teri Balkenende, “King Arthur,” Nov. 19.

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.

Highline has been offering history seminars since Fall 2009.

The seminars are hosted every Wendnesday at 1:30 p.m. to 2:35 p.m., in Building 3, room 102.

“Highline used to offer this course every quarter, until it became hard to fill the guest speaker spot,” said Dr. Tim McMannon, History professor and seminar organizer.

History Seminars will run in

Fall and Spring Quarters this year.

The turnout for an event can be from 20 people to 60. Even if you aren’t enrolled in a history course, you can attend a seminar. Dr. McMannaon has been in charge of this program for five years.

In this quarter’s series, Dr. McMannon said he is very excited about Jules James and his presentation about Seaplanes on Lake Union.



News Briefs

Science Seminar begins Oct. 3

Dr. Eric Baer leads off the seven-sections scheduled with a presentation about earthquakes titled When the Earth Moves, what will you do? at 1:30 p.m. in Building 3, room 102 on Oct. 3.

The schedule includes:

Oct. 10: Joy Strohmaier - Ebola, morbidity and mortality

Oct. 24: Rus Higley - Octopuses, are they smarter than a fifth grader?

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

Nov. 14: Gregory Reinemer (physics) Acquiring a telescope using the Galileo method(with a Newtonian twist)

Nov. 21: Erik Scott (mathematics)The Second Unknown Dimension.

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.

Space is limited, so register at cfrancis@ywcaworks.org.

Open House for Academic Sucess

Academic Success Centers

are hosting an open house on Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free food will be served and students will be able to learn more about what these centers have to offer.

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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 489 International students. On that same Thursday this year, the number of Running Start students was 1,167 and the number of International students was 500.

In contrast to this however the State full-time credit equivalency was at 4449.46 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%



Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD

Lines begin overflowing as students rush to finish last minute business at the registrar's office in Bldg. 6.

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 Nation/Multi-racial, 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 Lowery, 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 for 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.

Lowe'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 that 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 stu-

dents 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.

Lowe'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 anything 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 Tirhi 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 is working with the LGBTQIA 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 Talkington.

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," Talkington said. "Transgender women are targeted victims of violence in general society and they are attacked more percentage wise."

Incorporating 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," Talkington 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 LGBTQIA 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," Talkington 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, African-American student named Michael Brown was fatally shot. The incident provoked days of public protest, as community members protested what they saw as unfair treatment of African-Americans by the largely white police department.

In response to the incident, King County Councilman 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 Ferguson 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 neighborhoods, on bicycles or on foot, they may seem less distant 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 unarmed teenagers.

Police departments also need to be aggressive in diversifying their staffs, so that officers more closely resemble 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 requires police assistance.

We need the local police, and they need us.

Together, we can change our community and the world.



Utililize your voice and vote!

It's that time of year again. With important initiatives coming up on the ballot this November, now is more important of a time than ever for students to utilize their voice.

That's why on Oct. 6, Highline will be holding a voter registration 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



Commentary
Kayla Dickson

doesn't end with the win or the loss of an election.

In politics, one of the most important concepts is margin of victory. The margin of victory is the amount of votes that the winner of the race wins by.

If the race is really close, and the winner won just by a small number of votes the loser will likely end up with more funding, as well as more serious competition from the opposing party if it returns to the ballot.

Conversely, if the winner won by a landslide, and the loser received minimal votes in comparison, it's likely that the loser will return to the ballot

with less funding, and less opposition.

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

According to Senate Candidate Mark Miloschia, tuition for higher education schools has tripled in the last 15 years.

If we come together to make ourselves heard, we have the potential 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 endless amount of opportunities for you to have a lasting effect on society.

Kayla Dickson is the arts editor of the Thunderword, and she really wants you to vote.

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- Explore your inner Andrew Lloyd-Webber with Burien Actors Theatre's upcoming Bill and Peggy Hunt Playwrights Festival. The theater will be hosting a playwriting contest for local writers who would like to submit their original plays. They will be accepting both full-length, and one-act plays. The winners of the contest will get to see their play produced on stage, as well as receive a small financial prize. All submissions are due by Oct. 22. For more information, visit burienactorstheater.com.
- The Burien Arts Gallery will be opening a new art exhibit Oct. 3. This exhibit, running until Nov. 2, will feature unique visual art from Claire Putney and Kristie Smith. The Burien Arts Gallery is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, from noon-6 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Located at 826 S.W. 152nd St., the gallery is holding a meet and greet for Claire and Kristie at the Gallery on Friday, Oct. 3., from 4 – 9 p.m.
- Make sure to check out the third Northwest LoopFest coming to Seattle on Oct. 9 and 10. Hosted at The Royal Room at 5000 Rainier Ave. S. in Seattle. Loopfest is a free event that features live-looping artists from around the world. With genres ranging from mainstream to jazz, funk, classical, noise, ambient, experimental and more, there are plenty of different styles to please even the pickiest of listeners. The venue opens at 6 p.m. and is open to everyone 10 and older.
- Get some fresh air for a good cause on Oct. 11 during the Puget Sound Heart and Stroke Walk. This four-mile, non-competitive walk through Seattle Center will bring together over 100 of the top companies and hospitals in the Puget Sound area, while raising money for charity and educating the public on CPR protocol. The free festival begins at 7:30 a.m. with the walk starting promptly at 9 a.m. To register for the walk, or for more information, visit pugetsoundheartwalk.kintera.org.
- Support your local filmmakers at the upcoming Tacoma Film Festival. Over 100 assorted films will be screened for audience members Oct 9-16. They will also be featuring live discussions between filmmakers as well as question and answer forums for attendees. The festival will be held at 606 S. Fawcett Ave. in Tacoma. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$6 for students, seniors, and those with military ID. For tickets or more information, visit tacomafilmfestival.com



Burien Actors Theatre photo

Stephanie Spohrer and Adam Hegg in a scene from Burien Actors Theatre's production of *Out of Sterno*.

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 actors with a heavy load on their shoulders.

"*Out of Sterno* is a tour de force for Kinzer who appears as eight different characters, in-

cluding women," Dickman said. "Somehow he manages to make each and every one unique and original."

Aside from the actors pulling their weight for the show, *Out of Sterno* will also feature original musical compositions from award-winning composer 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 organizers say that attendees will be able to listen, share, or give feedback on people's creative ideas.

Writing consultant and leader of the Open Mic Committee, Tess O'Rourke, said that the Open Mic was made for anyone who enjoys expressing and

sharing their work with others.

"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 everybody 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 to 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 319i.

The Open Mic is held every first Thursday of the month at the same time and in the same place.

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‘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.
“With 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 students and seniors 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 alike “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.



Andie Munkh-Erdene/THUNDERWORD

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Hoards 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.
“I keep seeing people with serious prosthetics and lots of gore,” said Ted Redmand, 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.”

Lady T-Birds suffer first loss

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 the 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



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Highline freshmen Ani Miller-Wells looks to score against Peninsula.

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 Sur-

bur at the 55-minute mark that was blocked. The Peninsula goalie played a good game not allowing a goal the entire game.

The offensive intensity from Highline was amped up as they kept the pressure on the Peninsula defense for a good length of time, but a good offensive play on the ball by a Peninsula player led to another score at the 69-minute mark, extending Peninsula's lead to 2-0.

"Us giving up a penalty kick in the beginning of the second half just killed us and took a lot of the wind out of us. We battled back and had some really good chances and then we gave up another one that we shouldn't have," Moore said. "But you know in these types of games that's what happens someone's going to take advantage of those mistakes and they did a good job," Moore said. "We had opportunities to at least tie the game."

Even while trailing 2-0, the T-Birds were determined to get this a game back.

That showed again with the energy that the ladies had put into getting the ball onto Peninsula's side of the field.

With less than 10 minutes remaining, the T-Birds made a final attempt to score.

With the ball, Nanea Tavares ran past a defender and delivered a beautiful pass between three defenders to fellow Lady T-Bird Jessi Beverlin that just missed the net.

But even after the miss, this

did not damper the T-Birds mood. With three minutes remaining yells of "Let's finish the game" and "let's get it going" echoed throughout the field by the Highline players.

"It's been like that all season, there hasn't been a game were they've stepped off the gas before the end so I didn't expect anything different," Moore said about his player's effort and attitude.

Despite this being the first loss for the Lady T-Birds, they've had an amazing season to date, delivering shutouts in eight of the 12 games they've played.

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 min 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 14-0 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.

Highline volleyball team split first two league games

By Madison Thayne
Staff Reporter

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

The lady T-Birds fell to Tacoma on Sept.26 after beating Grays Harbor in the league opener.

On Sept. 26 the players faced off against the Tacoma Titans in their second league match and were defeated 25-22, 25-13 and 25-14.

"In the first game we fought hard, but after that we just slowly fell apart", "we have a new team, so our chemistry is off and on a lot" said sophomore setter Alexandra Toth.

The Titans proved to be a

hardy team. Highline's record is 1-1 in league and 16-6 in non-league.

Their last home game on Sept. 24 was a tough fight, suffering from the first game loss 23-25, the players fought hard to take the second game 25-18, then fell through in the third game 22-25.

Their momentum carried on into the fourth game 25-17. The final game was very tense for the audience and players but the team pulled through 15-13.

"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 middles that couldn'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 Trailbaizers.

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.



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Highline Freshmen Kayla Andersen skies for the kill against Grays Harbor.

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Scoreboard

MEN'S SOCCER			
Team	League	Season	
	W-L-T	Pts	W-L-T
West Division			
Peninsula	7-0-0	21	9-0-0
Highline	5-1-2	17	5-2-3
Bellevue	4-4-0	12	6-4-0
Tacoma	2-5-0	6	5-6-0
Olympic	0-6-1	1	2-7-2
South Division			
Clark	4-0-3	15	7-1-3
Chemeketa	1-4-1	4	1-6-1
Pierce	1-5-1	4	1-7-1
SW Oregon	0-7-0	0	3-7-0
S. Puget Sound	0-7-0	0	0-9-0
North Division			
Whatcom	4-1-1	13	6-1-1
Edmonds	4-2-0	12	4-5-1
Skagit Valley	2-4-0	6	4-4-0
Everett	1-4-1	4	2-4-2
Shoreline	1-3-1	4	2-5-1
East Division			
North Idaho	7-0-1	22	9-0-1
Wenatchee	6-1-1	19	7-1-2
Spokane	5-3-0	15	7-5-0
Walla Walla	5-3-0	15	6-4-2
Columbia Basin	3-1-4	13	6-6-1
Treasure Valley	3-4-1	10	6-6-1
WOMEN'S SOCCER			
Team	League	Season	
	W-L-T	Pts	W-L-T
West Division			
Highline	8-1-1	25	10-1-1
Peninsula	8-1-0	24	10-1-0
Bellevue	3-2-5	14	4-2-6
Tacoma	3-5-2	11	4-8-2
Olympic	3-5-1	1-	6-5-1
Grays Harbor	0-9-0	0	1-9-1
L. Columbia	0-9-0	0	1-9-1
South Division			
Lane	4-2-2	14	4-2-2
Chemeketa	3-3-2	11	4-4-2
Pierce	3-4-1	1-	3-5-2
Clark	2-3-3	9	3-5-3
SW Oregon	1-5-2	5	2-7-2
Clackamas	1-6-1	4	1-8-1
North Division			
Everett	7-1-0	21	9-2-0
Shoreline	5-2-1	16	6-4-1
Edmonds	4-3-1	13	6-3-1
Whatcom	4-3-1	13	4-5-1
Green River	3-5-0	9	5-5-0
Skagit Valley	2-4-2	8	3-5-2
East Division			
Treasure Valley	9-1-0	27	11-0-1
Spokane	8-1-1	25	11-2-1
North Idaho	3-1-6	15	4-1-6
Columbia Basin	3-2-4	13	3-4-4
Walla Walla	2-3-5	11	2-5-5
Yakima Valley	3-5-1	10	4-6-1
Wenatchee	1-6-2	5	1-8-2
VOLLEYBALL			
Team	League	Season	
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
West Division			
Tacoma	2-0	15-1	
Pierce	2-0	8-7	
Green River	2-0	13-12	
Highline	1-1	16-6	
Clark	1-1	4-14	
Grays Harbor	0-2	2-12	
Lower Columbia	0-2	2-12	
Centralia	0-2	0-8	
South Division			
Clackamas	2-0	17-7	
Mt. Hood	2-0	9-14	
Chemeketa	11-0	12-5	

T-Birds fall to Peninsula

By Nathan Brewster
Advanced Reporter

In a critical game 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’s sumptuous header was denied by a great effort from Aaron Zavolokin of Peninsula.

Peninsula didn’t strike until after 16 minutes, with Micah Weller able to finish off a delectable 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 most awkward of bounces and was then headed in by Eddie Benito of Peninsula.

Peninsula 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 with the loss.

“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.”



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The Highline men’s soccer, from left, Jacob Jones, Isidro Prado-Huerta, and Italo Mota takes on Peninsula on Monday.

The loss dropped Highline to 5-1-2 in the league and 5-2-3 overall.

“We have a good few days off but our guys are still hungry and our goal is still to win the division,” Mohn said.

Highline had a good stretch of good games before this game getting two wins and a draw.

On Sept. 19, Highline went to Whatcom County and was able to dig out a draw, with Brandon Madsen able to supply an early goal.

One day later, 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 shceudle this weekend. Highline’s next game will be against Tacoma on Oct. 8 at Starfire at 3 p.m.

Highline cross country team moves up in preview meet

By Christopher Sharpe
Staff Reporter

Freshman runner En-delkachew Abebew secured 10th place in the NWAC pre-view cross country meet last Saturday, helping to place Highline sixth out of the eight teams.

Abebew toured the course in 24:56. Spokane took first, with its fastest runner, Daniel Schofield, tying for the win with Clark’s James Breen, in a time of 24:28.

Among Highline’s runners Colton Maddy finished 16th, in 25:24; Hunter Printz, 37th, in 26:54; Joey Walker, 45th, in 27:17; Aleks Biteman, 46th, in 27:36; and David Huff, 52nd, in 28:11.

The Thunderbirds’ only female runner was injured, and did not compete. Coaches have said they have room for more runners for both the men’s and women’s teams.

Highline Assistant Coach Dannielle Whitcomb said she was pleased with the results,

considering this was the team’s first 8-kilometer race.

“We had two guys place in the top 20 runners,” Whitcomb said, explaining how competitive Highline’s team was.

By the time the Nov. 8 NWAC championship comes around, the Highline coach said she would like to close the nine point gap between the T-Birds and the fifth place Mt. Hood team.

Last Saturday’s course, in Battleground, in southwest Washington, was a flat, fast layout, providing plenty of corners for the runners to accelerate on.

Some coaches, including Green River’s Jacob Fullen, speculated that the course was possibly up to 400 meters short, which could explain why the advertised 8-kilometer course produced such fast times.

Next up will be the Northern Region Championships, on Oct. 25, in Everett.

Coach Whitcomb says they will prepare by “training hard, and training fast.”

Get ready to run for dogs in Burien

By Oliver Perry
Staff Reporter

And the weiner is... running in Burien’s annual Brat Trot and Bavarian Fest this weekend. Bun intended.

The 5k race on Sunday is the highlight of festivities which include bratwursts, beer gardens, awards, kid’s activities and live music. Proceeds will benefit the Highline Schools Foundation.

The festivities kick off with a Pub Crawl this Friday night, Oct. 4 for the 21 and older crowd. Participants must register online. Pre-registration is \$10 through Oct. 2 and \$15 at the door. To participate you need a team of two or more.

The crawl includes scavenger hunts and prizes throughout the night.

The Brat Trot is Sunday, Oct. 5. The 5k begins at 1 p.m. and a shorter mile-long race begins at 2 p.m. Both races start at the corner of 10th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 152nd in Olde Burien.

Along with admission to

the race, participants receive a Burien Brat Trot and Bavarian Fest t-shirt and a re-usable shopping bag.

A part of the race fee also goes towards the Highline Schools Foundation so, “students in Highline Public Schools can get things they need like arts programs, athletic equipment, classroom grants, college scholarships and more,” said the race coordinator, Ashley Fosberg.

Registration is online and the Burien Brat Trot is giving all Highline students and faculty a \$5 discount.

Registration is on www.burienbrattrot.com and is \$35 per person for pre-registration through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, and \$48 thereafter.

For the mile-long race, it is \$30 for pre-registration and \$35 for late registration. To receive the \$5 Highline discount, participants must register online by the end of Thursday night, and enter the code ‘5OFF’ into the discount code field during registration.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

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- 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. Cybernetic organism
- 6. A female monster in the form of a bird with a human face
- 7. Michel
- 8. "*Halloween*"
- 9. Canada (Ontario)
- 10. Joan Rivers

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King Crossword

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- 30 Work measure
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- 1 Cravat
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Puzzle answers on Page



long-postponed deal could be starting up again.

- ARIES (March 21 to April 19) 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.
- 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

- 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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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Ole mole! Chocolate with an accent on savory

By Angela Shelf Medearis 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 misheard the Aztecs refer to the stew as a "molli." 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 that 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 those 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



Mole sauce can spice up many a recipe.

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 moles. 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 homemade is best.

MEXICAN MOLE ENCHILADAS WITH SAUCE

- For the Mexican Mole Sauce:
- 3 tablespoons Ancho chili 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-spice 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 on low heat. 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 tomatillos, 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 Monterey Jack cheese, shredded, plus more for sprinkling

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a large pan, cook the green onions, garlic and tomatillos 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 broth. Cook over medium heat about 15 minutes.
3. Dip each tortilla into sauce. Spoon about 1-1/2 tablespoons black beans, 2 tablespoons of queso fresco or ricotta cheese, and 2/3 ounce Monterey Jack onto each tortilla. Roll tortilla around filling. Place seam side down in 13-by-9-inch baking dish sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Drizzle remaining Mole Sauce over enchiladas. Sprinkle with remaining Monterey Jack cheese.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes until cheese is melted and filling is hot.



Apple-raisin snack cake will make you want more

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

- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple juice
- 2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
- Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1 1/2 cups cored, peeled and finely diced cooking apples
- 6 tablespoons raisins

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking



by Healthy Exchanges

- dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine applesauce, apple 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.

- Each serving equals: 161 calories, 1g fat, 4g protein, 34g carb., 154mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fruit.

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.
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 4 (about 5 ounces each) 3/4-inch thick boneless pork loin chops, trimmed
 - Salt and black pepper
 - 2 large (about 1 pound) Golden Delicious apples, cored, each cut into 12 wedges
 - 1 yellow onion, sliced
 - 1/4 cup dried cranberries
 - 2 teaspoons peeled, grated fresh ginger
 - 3/4 cup apple cider or apple juice
 - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1. In nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add pork; sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Cook pork about 8 minutes or until browned on the outside and still slightly pink on the inside, turning over once. Transfer pork to platter; cover with foil to keep warm.

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2. Reduce heat to medium-low. To same skillet, add apples, onion, dried cranberries, ginger, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Cover skillet and cook mixture about 8 minutes or until apples and onion are tender and lightly browned, stirring occasionally.
 3. Remove cover and add apple cider and vinegar; heat to boiling over medium-high heat and cook until juice reduces slightly, about 2 minutes. To serve, spoon apple chutney over pork. Serves 4.
- ### Raisin Spice Bars
- You don't need a mixer to make these toothsome cookies, which are reminiscent of the New England favorite, Hermits.
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground gin-

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 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2/3 cup light (mild) molasses
 - 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 3/4 cup dark seedless raisins
1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan.
 2. In large bowl, with wooden spoon, stir flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, baking soda and salt until combined. Stir in eggs, molasses, butter and vanilla just until blended. Stir in raisins. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan.
 3. Bake until golden around edges, 18 to 22 minutes. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.
 4. When cool, cut lengthwise into 6 strips, then cut each strip crosswise into 4 pieces. Makes 24 bars.

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 \$9.2 million effort to restore the Seahurst Beach to its natural state.

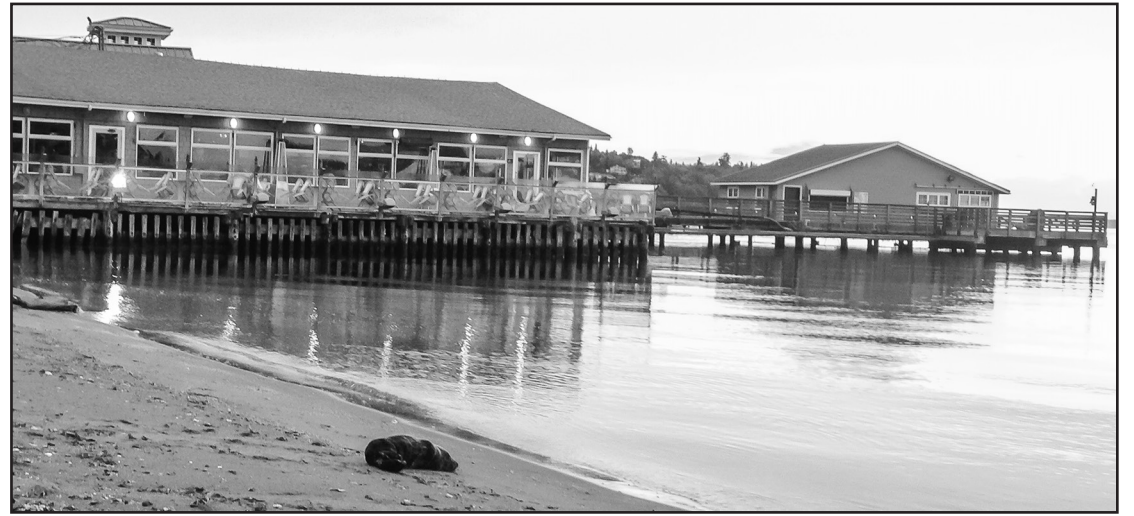
The park went under an almost identical restoration on the south side that ended in 2005.

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).



Chris Eddy photo

A recently-weaned harbor seal pup naps on the beach near Highline's MaST Center at Redondo.

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 shuteye 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 AmeriCorps and works as the MaST Center's Marine Mammal Stranding 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 the Department of Fish and Wildlife, used to take care of every stranded, resting, or injured animal that washed up on any beach in



Woodward

the 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 examinations, 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 needing to report a beached marine mammal can contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at 1-866-767-6114. Signs are posted outside the MaST Center with information about resting seal pups.

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.

Admission 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 rhodies," 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 Hinkley.

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.I.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>.

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they had before the recession began, forcing them to make cuts to some of their programs and to raise tuition costs. In 2015, funding could be cut again unless the state can come up with more revenue.

Laura McDowell, director of communications for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, said the current budget is far lower than where it was just five years ago. "When adjusted for inflation, the 2013-15 state budget spends 23 percent less each year for community and technical colleges than in 2009."

McDowell said next year could be bad too, unless the state can come up with more revenue.

"The state faces a large budget shortfall this year, largely because of the Supreme Court's McCleary ruling requiring the state to start paying for reforms to K-12 education," she said.

The McCleary decision calls for an additional \$1.2 to \$2 billion to be invested in K-12 education 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 will go toward K-12.

Funding for K-12 education is constitutionally protected in Washington, which means additional funds will have to come from a part of the budget that is not protected – a part like higher education, state parks, or the prison system.

"Ultimately, these decisions rest in the hands of the Legislature and the governor," McDowell said.

Dr. Lisa Skari, vice president for institutional advancement, said any budget cuts shouldn't affect Highline's new four-year degree programs, and that the college 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 concerned 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 continue 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 local economy.

But State Rep. Linda Kochmar, 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 college at this time," Kochmar said. "Higher education is a very important priority, but unfortunately will take second place to constitutional mandates, such as funding basic education and the McCleary decision."

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 budget has no capacity to invest significant funds into an entirely new public college or university campus 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 top priority in establishing next year's budget, and that without additional revenue, "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 by Song and the Federal Way city council to improve education in their city.

"Looking for funding is essential," she said, "but it takes time, often years, to line up sufficient community support and the funding necessary to undertake a really large project such as a new campus. But vision is important too, so I don't fault them for looking ahead."

Song's campaign manager, Alex Hendrickson, said they expect 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 collecting donations for English-language learners, refugees and immigrants.

Started by Sheelan Shamdeen in 2009, Highline Cares is an organization that hopes to provide general aid for the immigrant community in King County, especially those who are students.

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

were a lot of immigrant students 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," Shamdeen said.

"So, I thought of doing this to help many ABE/ESL immigrants and refugees," she said.

According to the 2012 United States Census, 21 percent of people who live in King County are refugees or immigrants.

Highline Cares makes it

easy for everyone to help this significant part of the population by collecting clothing of all sizes, kitchenware, and other household items.

However, they ask that no one bring furniture because many students receiving donations do not have a way of taking large items, such as furniture, home.

"I want to thank you and all Highline College's facilities 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.

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Students are eligible to receive up to 15 percent reimbursement upon their Orca Card purchase and monthly use. Student reimbursement cannot exceed \$15 per month.

Other colleges also have student Orca card reimbursements, such as Bellevue College, which offers up to 50 percent reimbursement to their stu-

dents.

Highline only offers 50 percent reimbursement to staff and faculty.

Highline is making an effort to inform students on campus about this resource, from digital signage, to website changes and event coordinating.

"So far this quarter I have set up a booth at the Student Resource Fair and created a digital signage slide advertising the student reimbursement," said Fender.

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

"The student reimbursement is a way for Highline to go above and beyond the requirements of providing alternative transportation incentives to the community," said Fender.

Highline will also be holding a Mini Transportation Fair during Green Week in November, she said.

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"We are under a Supreme Court mandate to fund education," said Rep. Freeman.

Rep. Kochmar said she supported keeping tuition the same but also raising faculty wages.

"Fully funding education also means asking for reform,"

said Rep. Kochmar. "We need to give educators a raise."

Aside from education many of the candidates emphasized the same priorities, ranging from public safety, transportation, taxes, jobs and higher wages to name a few.

"I've devoted my life to giving back to the community which is really why I'm running," said Song.

Another candidate invested in the community is Dovey.

"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 Federal Way is the economic center of the district," said Rep. Freeman.

"A thing we need to recognize is we need to encourage business," said Miloscia.

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